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8. North Korean V Corps moves northward through Wonsan: According to a preliminary field translation, elements of the North Korean V Corps -- recently relieved from combat in the eastern sector -- have moved northward through the Wonsan area. The chief of the Corps' security department reported that "the headquarters of the Corps (has arrived ?) at Yongtongni (near Yonghung) . . . the 32nd Division (will stay there?), the 6th division (will arrive) 25th and the 12th division by 26th."

Analyzing this move, the field speculates that "the 5th Corps will assume a coastal defense mission while reorganizing and recuperating."  
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Comment: The North Korean V Corps was badly hurt in the battle for "Heartbreak Ridge." Its withdrawal from the combat zone considerably diminishes Communist strength in the eastern sector. While the field's speculation on the Corps' eventual coastal defense mission may prove correct, there is insufficient evidence at this time to accept this.

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