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11. KOREA. North Korean Air Force still concerned with security: The high priority assigned to the political security of North Korean Air Force personnel is revealed in a 17 January message from the Air Academy at Yenohi to a sub-unit at Tungwha, both in Manchuria. The message stated that "the purification of your officers, NCO's and privates will be started." (SUEDE AS CM IN 4354, 18 Jan 52)

Comment: A high degree of concern for political security has been apparent in the North Korean Air Force for some time. While this newest "purification" may be only routine, it may forecast a future move of the NKAF training program into North Korea--and thus into deserting range.

12. North Korean antiaircraft unit defends Uiju airfield: A 20 January North Korean message reported to the "first company" that enemy aircraft appeared in the Uiju area (on the Manchurian border) on 19 and 20 January and requested that this information be forwarded to the "artillery command." (SUEDE AS CM IN 5245, 21 Jan 52)

Comment: This message suggests by inference that a North Korean antiaircraft unit of smaller than company size is located at Uiju and reports to a central antiaircraft artillery command. Uiju airfield has been used as an operational jet base and is known to be under North Korean control.

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