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3. KOREA. Chinese unit in Korea reports UN bacteria drop: An unidentified Chinese Communist unit on 26 February reported that "yesterday it was discovered that in our bivouac area there was a real flood of bacteria and germs scattered from a

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plane by the enemy. Please supply us immediately with an issue of DDT that we may combat the menace, stop the spread of this plague, and eliminate all bacteria." (SUEDE 501st Comm Recon Group Korea, K-1221, 3 Mar 52)

Comment: Reports such as this from enemy field units provide the Communists with the "proof" which they apparently require to support a propaganda campaign. This is the second instance during the current BW scare that a Communist field unit has actually reported the discovery of UN bacteriological agents.

4. Kaesong guard force criticized: The assistant regimental commander of the North Korean 82nd Regiment, charged with the security of Kaesong, was notified on 29 February by an unidentified senior that "the spirit of your unit from the highest rank to the lowest has decayed. It has been forgotten that our comrades at the front lines are fighting to the death." This message was apparently inspired by a financial misappropriation which resulted in the 82nd's supply officer being sent to the provost marshal. (SUEDE 501st Comm Recon Group Korea, 15RSM/7253, 1 Mar 52)

Comment: The North Korean 82nd Regiment has been in the Kaesong area almost since the start of the truce talks. Its only combat during this period has been limited to minor patrols.

5. North Koreans will hold critique on abortive Yang-do operation: A major North Korean coastal security station informed a subordinate station on 29 February that "the training documents pertaining to the operation at Yang-do must be brought by you when you come up to Pyongyang for the instruction meeting." (SUEDE 501st Comm Recon Group Korea, 15RSM/7194, 1 Mar 52)

Comment: The disastrous North Korean attempt to capture Yang Island off the coast near Chongjin in northeastern Korea was conducted by elements of the newly identified 63rd Independent Infantry Regiment. FECOM reports suggest that the assault unit which attempted to take the island against ROK marines suffered nearly 100 percent casualties.

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6. Air defense communications between Sariwon and Pyongyang being organized: A 29 February message from North Korean Air Headquarters in Sinuiju instructed an air unit near Pyongyang to make a topographic survey to establish "the direct line to connect Pyongyang and the radar station in Sariwon." (SUEDE 501st Comm Recon Group Korea, 15RSM/7224, 1 Mar 52)

Comment: This intelligence, in addition to indicating that land lines linking Pyongyang and Sariwon will be laid, suggests that the radar station at Sariwon is subordinate to the North Korean Air Force.

7. North Korean Air Force expands its operations: During a two-week period in mid-February, 142 aircraft communicating in Korean, Russian and Chinese were active on the Korean-operated GCI net in North Korea. Operations to date on the net have been mainly limited to training and observation. However, aircraft controlled by the Korean ground system have made one possible contact with a UN plane, and Korean ground operators have tracked UN aircraft on three occasions.

In addition, there is evidence that some North Korean aircraft are performing reconnaissance missions and protecting their airfields.

The US Air Force concludes that "allied" aircraft are probably active in the training phase of the North Korean GCI net, and that some North Korean air units are now participating in combat. (SUEDE USAFSS Brooks AFB, ODD-2-20694, 1 Mar 52)

8. CHINA. Possibly 38 more MIG-15's to move from Shanghai to Korean border: Possibly 38 MIG-15's of the Chinese Communist 12th Division were scheduled to leave Shanghai on 4 March on a northbound flight. The US Air Force points out that this brings the Division's strength to at least 49 MIG-15's, including 11 which left Shanghai for Takushan, near the Korean border, in February. (SUEDE Air Force Roundup 45, 2133Z, 4 Mar 52)

Comment: The strength of Chinese MIG divisions is usually about 50 planes. This is the first evidence that the 12th Division has a full complement. The transfer of

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the 12th Division will raise the number of Chinese jet divisions at the Korean border to three, although one of them--the 14th--is believed scheduled to transfer to China Proper soon.

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