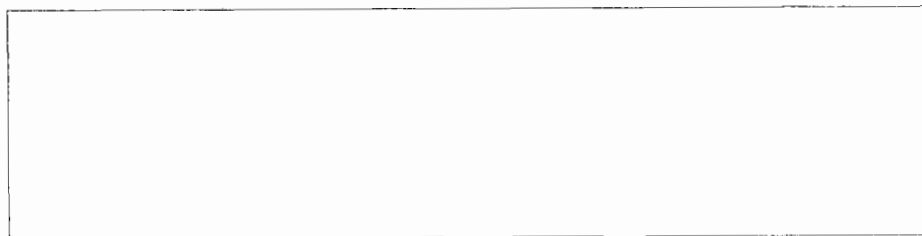


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1. Chinese Communist tactical unit disturbed at UN's Panmunjom walkout: An unidentified Chinese Communist tactical unit, probably an element of the 21st Rocket Launcher Division, sent a message on 7 June that "Today at the Panmunjom negotiations, the enemy's attitude was bad. They very much have the intention of attacking us. . . Make preparations at the front and also continuously report the situation at the front." (SUEDE 501st Comm Recon Grp Korea, []-1388, 9 June 52)

Comment: The 21st Rocket Launcher Regiment is not known to have units located near Panmunjom. It is possible that the Communist command in Korea interpreted the 7 June three-day recess declaration of the UN negotiators as an ultimatum and, acting accordingly, alerted their front line troops for a possible offensive.

The seriousness with which the Communists view the UN walkout is further evidenced by the 9 June open letter to General Clark from Kim Il-sung and Peng Teh-huai accusing the UN of "unilateral breaking off of the conference." The Communist leader's message urges that "if your side still has sincerity for the armistice negotiations you should order your delegates to return to Panmunjom. . ."

2. Recently relieved Chinese artillery division may be attached to 38th Army: An unidentified Chinese Communist artillery division, probably the 2nd, on 6 June stated in a message that "the 29th regiment's switch-board has already been connected with division. Can communicate from tonight with the 38th Army. . ."

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Another message of 6 June from an element of this same artillery division noted that "the soldiers are at the 28th Regiment's command post which is in the area around Kóng-Nam-Jwa-ri," near Yangdok on the transpeninsular supply route. (SUEDE 501st Comm Recon Grp Korea, K-3633 and K-3635, 8 June 52)

Comment: The 2nd Chinese Communist Artillery Division; relieved from combat in western Korea in late April, has not been located since then. It is possible that elements of this division may now be attached to the 38th Army.

[redacted] have placed the 38th Chinese Communist Army in west central Korea in immediate combat reserve following a move southward from an area near Pyongyang.

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