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[redacted] the enemy has been able substantially to increase the operational strength of all its armies. This increase is attributed to greater troop efficiency replacement, a decided decrease in casualties since November 1951, and the addition of organic artillery to each CCF army.

Chinese armies which have been on the line for more than seven months are still carried at a strength of 29,000 men, the number accepted last October. However, the armies which have been recently committed reflect the new strength of 36,000 men. In addition, the remaining Chinese Communist armies in the rear area are in the process of regrouping and being brought up to the new operational strength. [redacted]

11. North Korea expands railway security organization: The fact that the enemy places great importance on the continued serviceability of his rail line is reflected in the organization of three North Korean railroad security brigades totalling some 26,000 men. Although the exact area of responsibility of these brigades, subordinate to the North Korean RR "Recovery" Bureau 585th Army Unit, is unknown, it is believed that the first brigade is responsible for rail lines in the west, the second for the east coast and the third for areas along the Manchurian border. [redacted]

Comment: The RR "Recovery" Bureau, probably consisting of personnel unfit for active military duty, is carried under the civilian Ministry of RR Security. The principal duties of these units are probably security and maintenance.

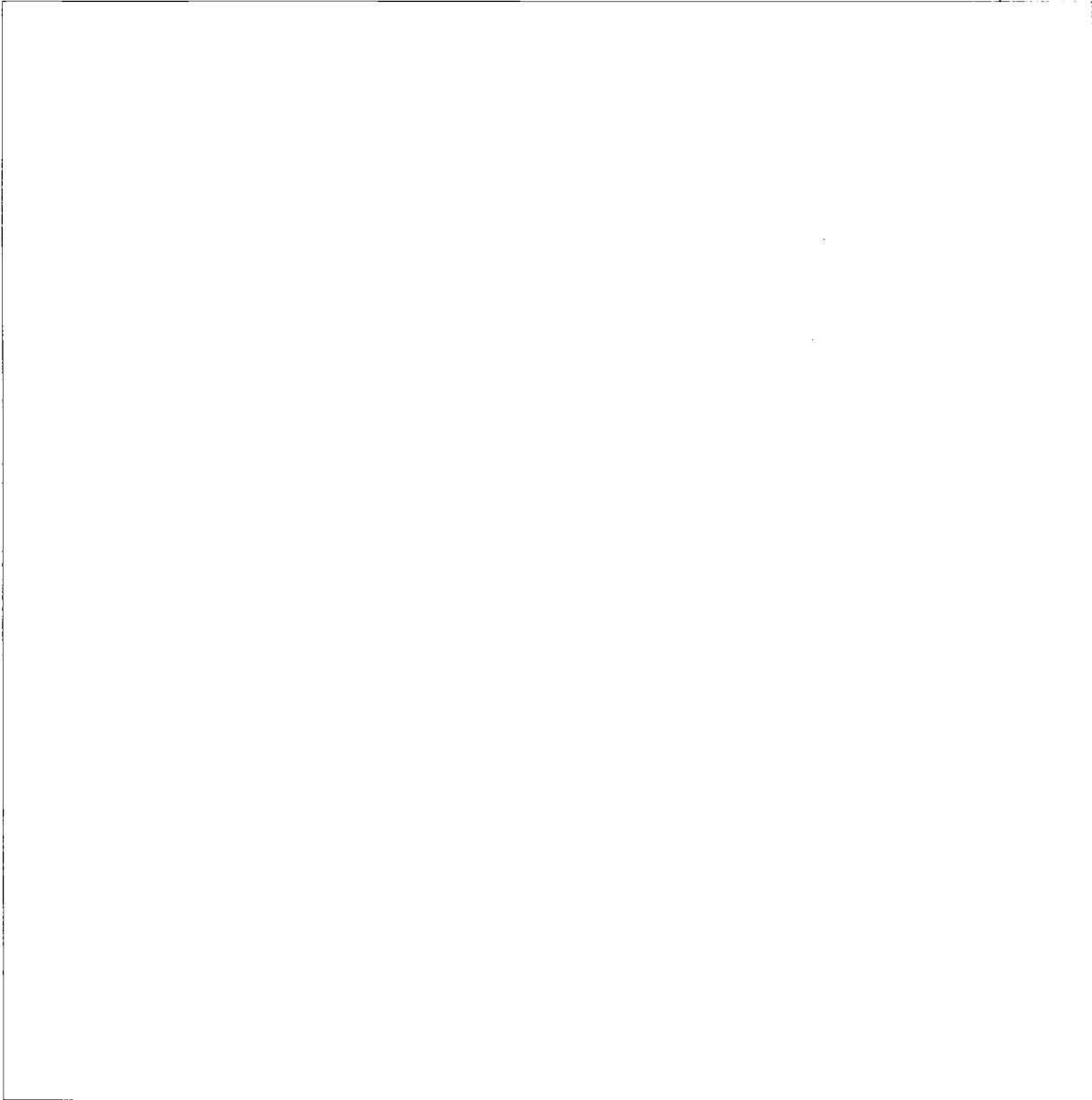
12. Peiping allegedly planning major military move in late July: [redacted] the Peiping regime will make a major move in the near future, and that preparations are to be completed in late July. [redacted]

Comment: [redacted] Peiping had been ordered by Moscow to be ready for world war by autumn. [redacted]

[redacted] the USSR and Communist China are to reach a "final decision" on the Korean cease-fire talks before 20 July. There is no reliable evidence, however,

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that the Chinese Communists are planning a military venture
in any direction during July.



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