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3. Chinese unit in Korea reveals scope of its farming activities: On 29 September the Chinese Communist 21st Artillery Regiment, in a report for division headquarters, mentioned its acreage under cultivation and the probable amount of food to be produced. The regiment was farming approximately 45 acres and expected to produce 1,650 pounds of cabbage, 650 pounds of melons, and some 800 pounds of peppers, eggplants and tomatoes. (CANOE L, [] T976, 11 Oct 52)

Comment: Previous messages have alluded to Chinese Communist units engaging in agricultural pursuits, but this is the first intercept to give definite production figures for a particular unit.

4. Five Manchurian airfields have improved communications facilities: Communications analysis reveals that five airfields in Manchuria now have very high frequency (VHF) control facilities. All of these fields are tied into the Soviet GCI net at Shenyang and Anshan. (CANOE AF Roundup 197, 10 Oct 52)

Comment: The use of VHF facilities in Manchuria and Korea is a recent development. To date only Soviet-manned aircraft have been reported using this equipment.

5. Chinese Communist air division transfer noted: Aircraft of the Chinese Communist 9th Air Division were reported to be moving from Tunhua to another Manchurian airfield on 7 October. Their destination was either Kaiyuan or Lalin airfield. (CANOE CHICOMSUM 1174, AP-414, 10 Oct 52)

Comment: The reason for this transfer is unknown. Tunhua has recently become an intermediate base for Soviet aircraft flying between Dairen and Soviet Russia.



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