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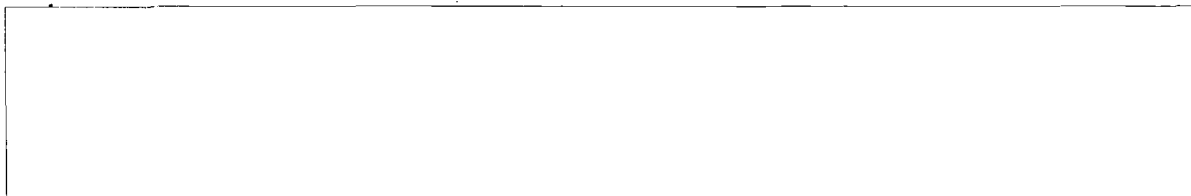
7. Delayed Communist reaction to UN amphibious feint reported: The North Korean 22nd Brigade on coastal security northeast of Hamhung on 21 October informed a subordinate element that "the American 1st Cavalry Division. . . departed on 9 October from the beaches of Hokkaido, Japan, and it is said that the American Special Task Force warships will start the attack at 0600 hours, 16 October." The message cited the number of parachute flares dropped in the brigade's zone of responsibility and the increased UN air activity, and stated that "it is assumed that it is for an attack." (CANOE IL [ ] T-1568, 22 Oct 52)

Comment: The time delay in reporting this major UN action may reveal communications difficulties on the part of the North Korean East Coast Defense Command. A number of intercepted messages during the feint revealed the enemy's alarm and indicated that land line communications had been destroyed.

Significantly, the Communist air defense GCI net in Manchuria was completely silent during the operation, possibly indicating that the enemy air force was standing by to intervene if a landing took place.

8. Chinese artillery division well supplied with food and petroleum products: Two 21 October messages passed over the net of the Chinese Communist 1st Artillery Division reveal that the division had 110,500 pounds of "white wheat flour" and 31,625 pounds of nonstaple rations to be delivered to its various units. It was also reported that there was enough gasoline and oil to "be used until the end of November." (CANOE L [ ] T-1528 and L [ ] T-1529, 22 Oct 52)

Comment: The enemy capability for adequately supplying front line troops appears undiminished. The Far East Command believes that the Communist forces can logistically support the present scale of combat indefinitely.



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