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1. Chinese schedule attack for 4 November in central Korea:US Army Korea
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A Chinese armored company in reserve in central Korea reported on 1 November that some of its tanks had been ordered forward and that the "assault departure is at 1730 hours on the 4th of November." The apparent mission of this unit is to give direct fire support for attacking Chinese infantry.

Comment: The early October series of heavy limited-objective attacks by the Communists was similarly indicated by the forward movement of Chinese armored elements. There is no indication that this attack will be more severe than those which have occurred in the past two months.

2. Relief of Chinese armies decreases immediate capability in Korea:[redacted] [redacted] on 3
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[redacted] November that the relief of two front-line Chinese Communist armies, the 12th and the 68th, in east central Korea in the past week has decreased the enemy's immediate capabilities.

Strong centrally located reserves are still available for early commitment, however, as the relieved armies remain in close proximity to the front.

Comment: In addition to these substantial reserves, recent intercepts of Chinese military communications suggest that the Chinese 42nd Army has moved forward into an immediate reserve position in western Korea, and that elements of the 66th Army possibly have returned to Korea and are in immediate reserve in the eastern sector.

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