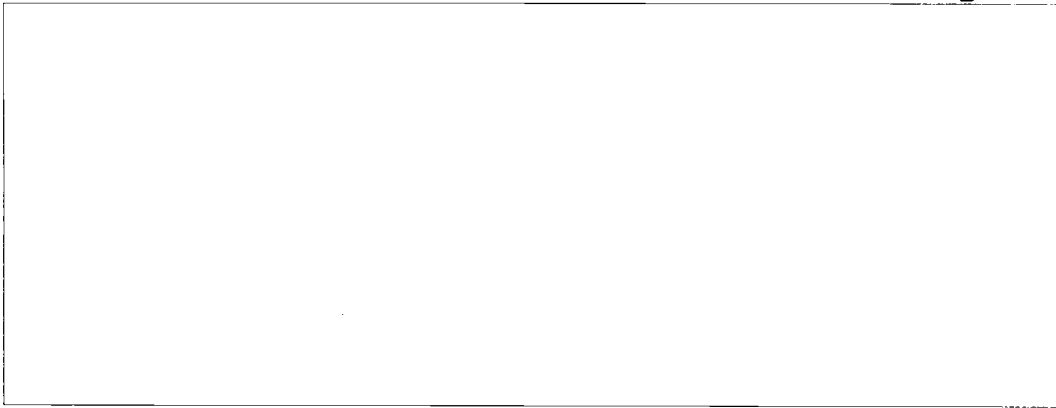


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4. Chinese Communists reportedly planning a February offensive:



The Chinese Communists will launch a coordinated air-ground attack during February, 

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[redacted]
[redacted] the enemy will employ regular air force units in strength as opposed to "the irregular air units now active."

The objectives of this offensive are to capture Seoul and to demonstrate to Asian countries that the Communists hold the initiative in Asia.

Comment: During recent months the Communists have strengthened both their air and ground forces in Korea and Manchuria and have greatly improved their supply position. [redacted] has predicted an offensive in mid-February, there have been no indications so far that the enemy plans a major offensive in the near future.

Communist air units presently operating over Korea consist of regular Chinese air divisions and Soviet units of unidentified subordination. They cannot be described as "irregulars."

Recent reinforcements in the Korea-Manchuria area have included approximately 100 IL-28 twin-jet light bombers, [redacted]
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