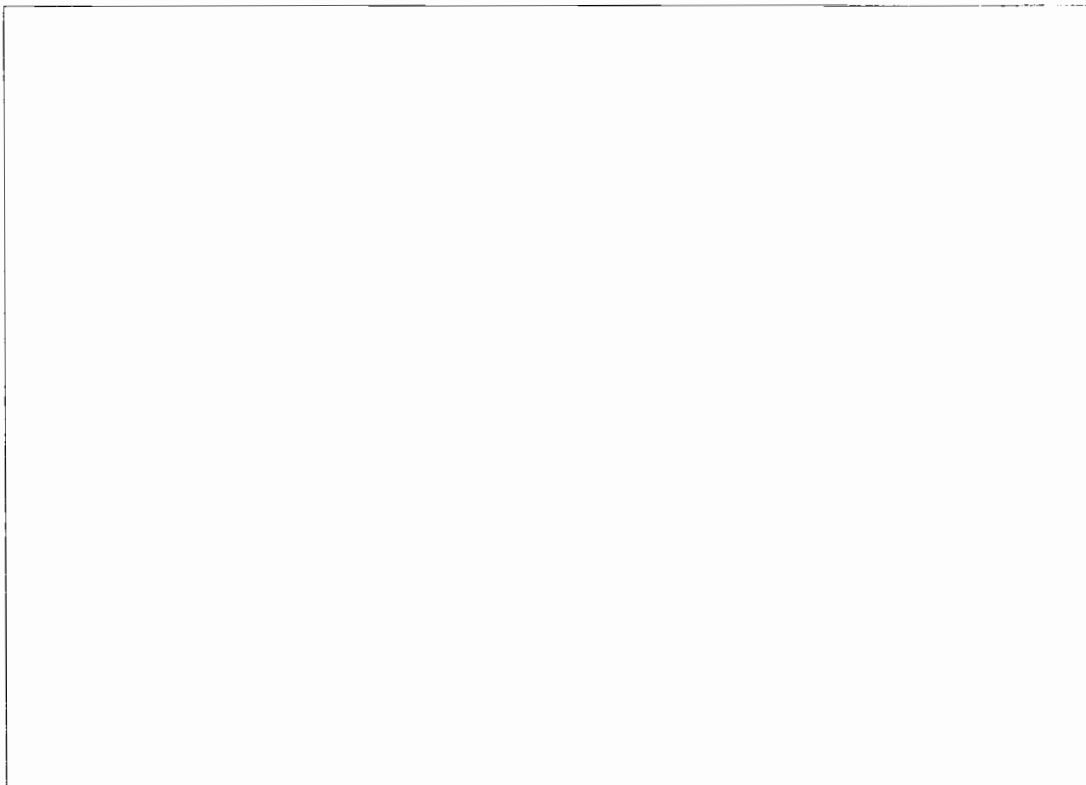


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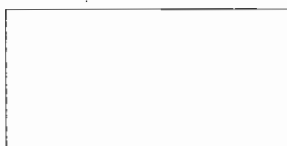
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2. USSR apparently intends to keep its fighter units in Manchuria:



Intercepted messages indicate that the Soviet Union intends for the time being to maintain in Manchuria the fighter aircraft and supporting ground elements which participated in the Korean war. Virtually all Soviet GCI and radar facilities appear to have been withdrawn from North Korea since the 27 July cease fire, but the nine and possibly eleven Soviet fighter regiments still based in southeast Manchuria have been extremely active in advanced flight training, with emphasis on intercept and ground support practice.

Comment: The continued activity of Soviet fighter elements in southeast Manchuria is further evidence of Communist efforts to maintain a state of combat readiness.

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