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9. Manchurian-based bombers trained to attack surface craft: "Water-level bombing" was given as the mission of a flight of three TU-2 light bombers from Harbin on 18 December. (SUEDE Air Force Roundup 263, 0347Z, 20 Dec 51)

Comment: The TU-2 can carry two torpedoes and could be employed against UN naval vessels in Korean waters. Bomber strength and training activity in Manchuria has increased significantly in recent months, but, except for an attack on a UN-held island off North Korea, the Communists have not yet committed these aircraft to combat.

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