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5. Chinese Communists continue to reflect fear of UN offensive: On 24 September a unit of the Chinese Communist 21st Rocket Launcher Division located in Hwanghae Province stated that according to advice from higher headquarters combat preparations "are still urgent" and that the regiment would "be prepared at all times to go into combat and cooperate with friendly troops to destroy the enemy." The message then mentions selecting advantageous defensive positions and reporting on reconnaissance activities.

A North Korean message on 27 September stated that the UN "had invaded Wonsan port and fired against the coast area" and that "we can expect an enemy landing." (CANOE L [] T-735, 24 Sept 52 and N [] T-926, 27 Sept 52)

6. Another Communist artillery unit to receive winter clothing: An element of the Chinese Communist 27th Artillery Regiment stated on 21 September that it had received a message from its division headquarters that the "winter clothing transportation problem is very serious." It stated that the assistant battalion commander would go to Antung to "take charge of receiving. . .the clothing, to avoid any loss which would affect our winter combat ability." (CANOE L [] T-717, 23 Sept 52)

Comment: It is probable that this transportation problem is a local condition and may be due to the recent transfer of the unit. UN air reconnaissance reveals that, despite concentrated air attacks, Communist transportation facilities have recently reached a high degree of effectiveness.

7. Convoy discipline in Chinese Communist unit criticized: On 25 September the transportation office of the Chinese Communist 26th Artillery Regiment was informed that an educational program would be initiated "to avoid further interference. . .and confused thinking resulting in the destruction of transportation facilities." The originator then gave a long list of instructions on what measures are to be taken when UN planes attack moving convoys. It was stated that enemy flares are not to be feared and that vehicles should be dispersed at the first sign of an air attack. (CANOE I [] T-857, 25 Sept 52)

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Comment: This is an unusual example of poor camouflage technique and discipline in Chinese Communist artillery units. Both UN air and ground reconnaissance have found that the Chinese are usually quick to conceal their vehicles and artillery positions.

8. Communist units in Korea collecting large amounts of fodder: On 22 September an unidentified regiment of the North Korean 7th Division stated that it had already cut 10 tons of "fodder and dry grass." The originator then queried as to how many tons other units of the 7th Division had collected. (CANOE IL [] T-979, 25 Sept 52)

Comment: This is one of many recent messages concerning the stockpiling of large amounts of dry grass, probably for animal fodder.

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