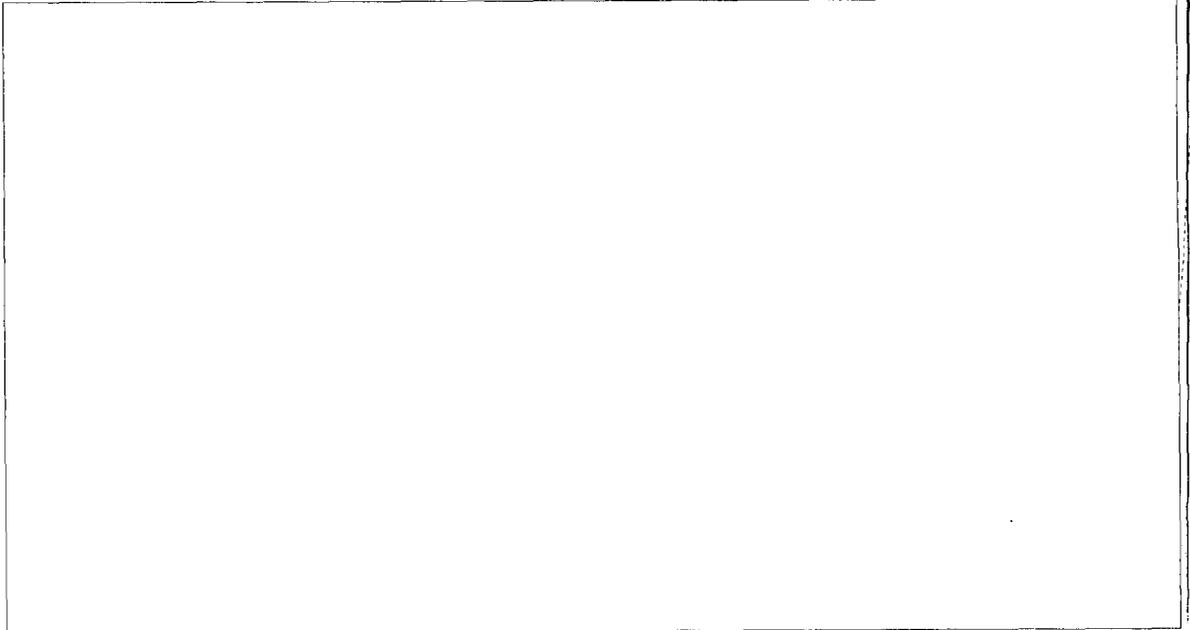


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2. Summer uniforms ordered for North Korean units in forward areas:

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A message dated 22 April sent from the North Korean Advance Headquarters to Supreme Command Headquarters states that a total of 130,000 officers' and enlisted men's summer uniforms will be needed by all the corps and attached units under the command of Advance Headquarters.

Comment: It is possible that the figure 130,000 may represent the strength expected to be in forward areas in the near future. At present five of the eight North Korean Army Corps are believed subordinate to Advance Headquarters. Five North Korean Army Corps at full strength would total about 150,000 officers and men. None of the corps in the forward areas is believed to be at full strength.

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3. Chinese Communist - North Korean air potential:

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[redacted] the enemy's recent intensification of his defensive air effort along the Sino-Soviet border may be due to the increased pilot proficiency of Chinese and North Korean trainees. [redacted] from 150 to 200 Chinese can now be considered as qualified jet pilots. (No estimate on North Korean jet pilots is given.) It notes that the future large scale commitment of enemy air forces is suggested by the enemy's continued patient effort to maintain operational airfields in North Korea. The estimate concludes that the "enemy definitely retains the capability of expanding his (defensive) effort over a considerably broader area, of switching to the offensive and of conducting limited airborne operations. Moreover, a sudden change in operational policy could be made without warning and at any time he so chooses".

Comment: The increased number of Soviet-type jet fighter and light bomber aircraft operating within Manchuria, the recent evidence of joint Chinese-Korean air operations and the continued efforts to maintain air facilities in North Korea indicate Communist intentions to utilize his air force in the near future. [redacted]

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[redacted] a Chinese pilot led a flight of 24 MIG jet aircraft in a training flight on 24 April.

On 18 April [redacted] estimated that there are approximately 700 enemy aircraft now operating in the Manchuria-Korea area. Of these, approximately 115 are conventional-engined fighter and ground attack planes operated by North Korean pilots. Of the other 585 aircraft, about 220 are believed to be jet fighters; some of these are operated by Chinese and others by Soviet pilots (the number of each is not known).