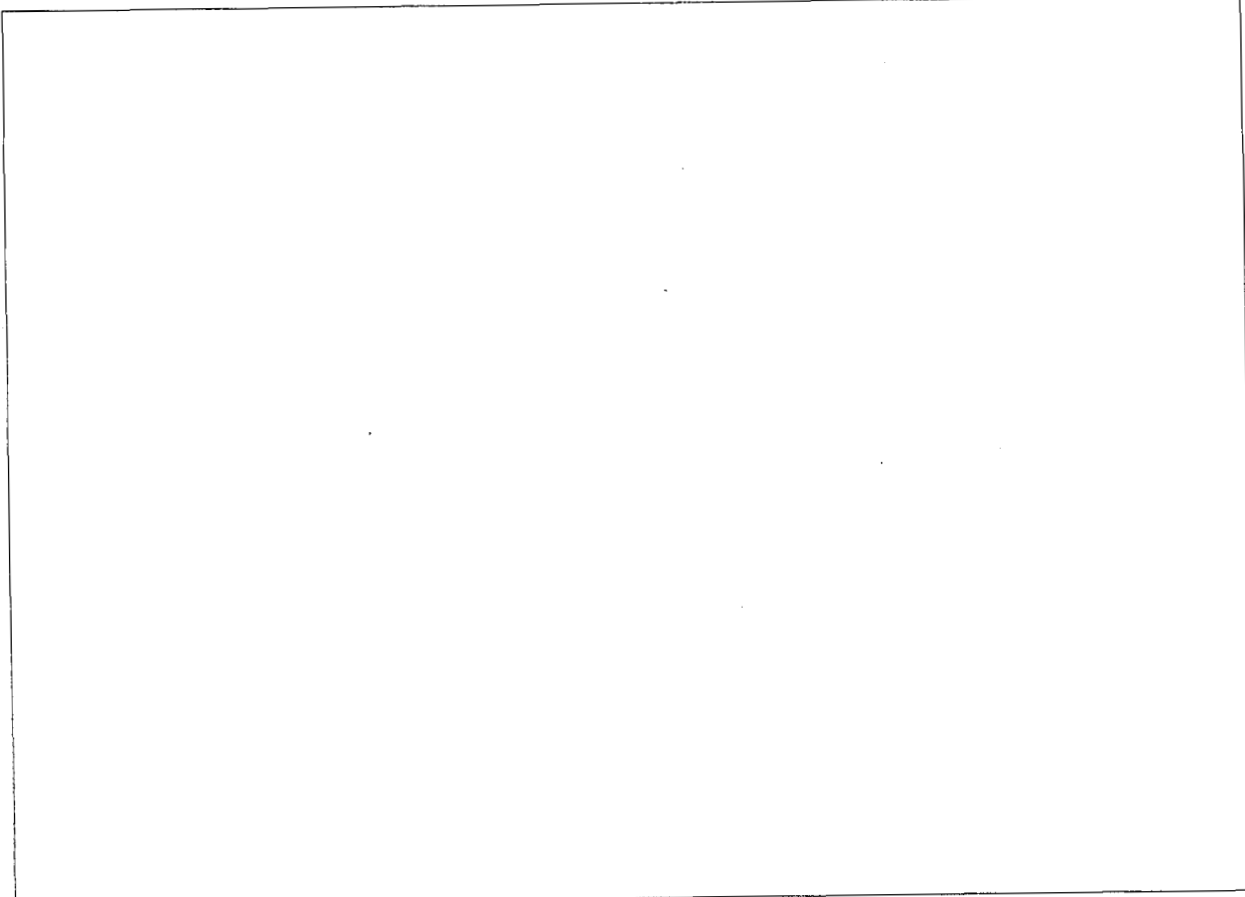


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"B" KOREA. Enemy Possibly Extending Jet Operations. Recent enemy jet fighter operations support [redacted] estimate that the enemy is capable of extending his air defensive operations to cover all of Communist-held North Korea. Not only has the last week produced several air engagements in the Pyongyang area involving moderate to large-size enemy groups, but also evidence of possible enemy use of large external fuel tanks was observed. Large silver tanks were observed to have been dropped by enemy jets in their first pass at UN F-51's attacking Kangdong airfield northeast of Pvonkvanz.

[redacted] the MIG-15 was believed capable of a combat radius of more than 400 nautical miles if large tanks (approximately 150 gallons) were used. The above sighting, if confirmed, would be the first visual support of this potential capability. (The combat radius of the MIG-15 with 33 gallon external wing tanks is estimated to be about 250 nautical miles.) ([redacted] 17 July 51).

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