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5 Sep 51  
CIB4. Enemy achieves greatest offensive potential of Korean war:[redacted]  
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[redacted] the Communist forces capable of the following coordinated effort: (a) an attack toward Seoul from the north with five to seven Chinese Communist armies, supported by one North Korean and probably one Chinese Communist tank division; (b) another attack toward Seoul from the northeast with two Chinese Communist armies; and (c) secondary attacks with three North Korean corps on the east flank or one on the West. The enemy is believed to have stockpiled, well forward, enough supplies to support a general offensive for more than three weeks. He is also believed capable of readying about 715 combat aircraft (including over 400 jet fighters) based in Manchuria in support of a ground offensive, which could be spear-headed by an attack of 2000 airborne troops.

Comment: The enemy's recent extensive strengthening of armored, artillery, air and anti-aircraft units, his expanded vehicle park, and his large-scale stockpiling in forward areas indicate that he is now capable of launching his most powerful offensive of the war. The

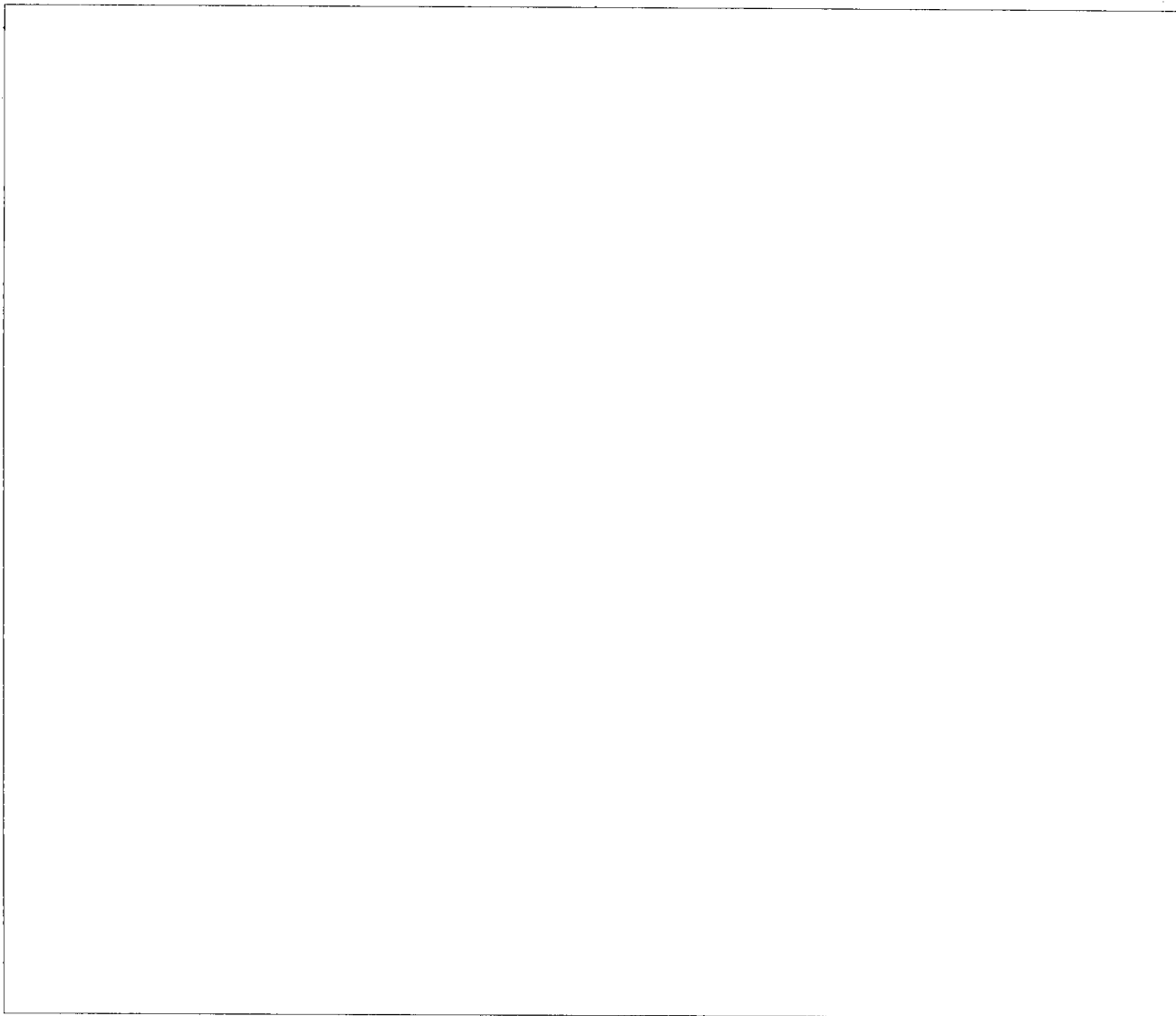
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pattern of enemy communications over the weekend indicated an advanced state of readiness, and was suggestive of patterns which have preceded previous offensives.



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