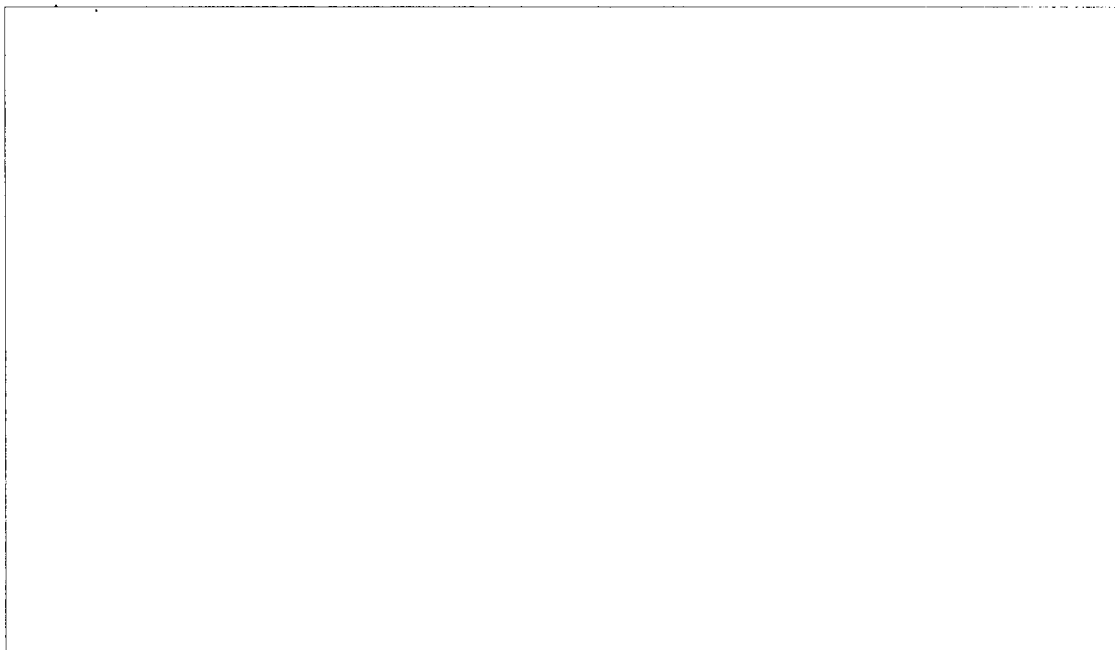


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left South China on 22 January, entered Korea in early February.

Traffic analysis strongly suggests that in early January an unidentified Chinese Communist Army arrived in Korea and was apparently attached to the 9th Army group. Advanced elements of the 45th Army, which apparently left South China on 22 January, entered Korea in early February.

Comment: Since September there have been indications that six armies have entered Korea and four have withdrawn. On the basis of communications intelligence, it is believed that a major rotation between two separate army groups in Korea and two in East and South China is under way. Only one of the armies formerly in Korea, however, has as yet appeared in communications activity in South China.

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