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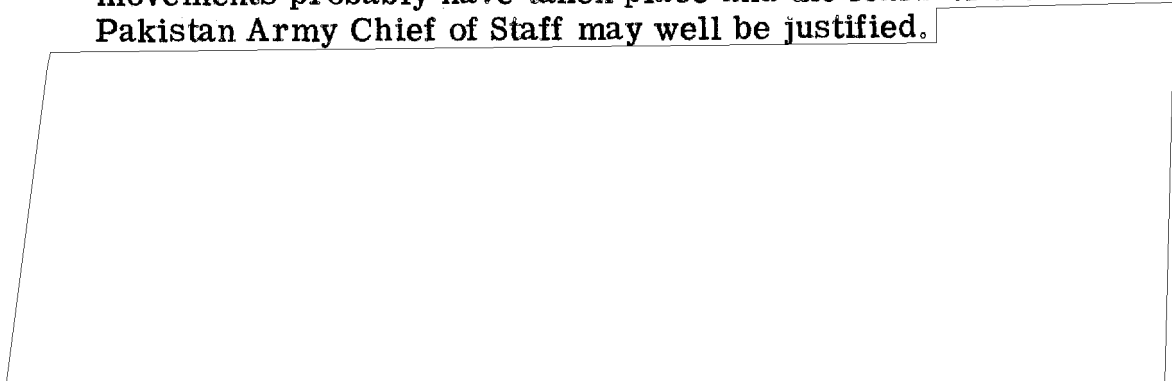
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- 1. INDIA: India reportedly reinforcing Punjab border forces--  
According to US Consulate Lahore, US Military Attache Meyers has been informed by Pakistan Army headquarters that a steady buildup of Indian Army troops and supplies along the East Punjab border opposite Lahore has been taking place since 5 March 1950. Meyers reports that the Pakistan Army Chief of Staff interprets these military moves as part of a plan to provoke Pakistan into taking the military initiative and feels that, failing in this, the "next step" for India would be to declare the present Kashmir cease-fire line final and dismiss the UN observers there.



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(CIA Comment: CIA believes the reported troop movements probably have taken place and the fears of the Pakistan Army Chief of Staff may well be justified.



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