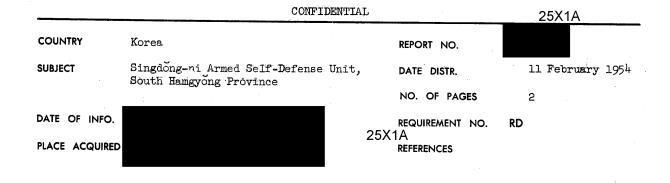
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INFORMATION REPORT

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- 1. In early July 1953 the headquarters of the Sindong-ni (N 39-41, E 127-29) (CU-7093) Armed Self-Defense Unit in South Hamgyomg Province was at CU-697931, approximately 400 meters north of Sindong-ni in a semi-underground house. This house belonged to the chief of the Unit, CHANG Hong-chae (1728/1738/0961). The unit was equipped with only one Soviet-made Mossin-Nagant rifle, which had been given to it by the Sinsang-myon Police Station in P'ach'unjang (N 39-39, E 127-25) (CU-6490).
- 2. The Unit was responsible for guarding the coast in the Sindong-ni area. Two of the members, one of whom was armed with the Unit's only fifle, manned a sentry box, which was constructed with logs and camouflaged with sand, on the beach at CU-705926, about 400 meters east of Sindong-ni. These guards were checked twice a night at irregular hours by CHANG Hong-chae. In the event of an enemy attack, one of the guards was to report to CHANG at his home. During the day two unarmed members of the Sindong-ni Democratic Youth Association manned the sentry box.
- 3. Members of the Self-Defense Unit included the following:
 - a. CHANG Hong-chae, aged 30, chief of the Unit, a primary school graduate, farmer, and zealous Korean Latter Party (KLP) member.
 - b. SIN To-yon (3947/6670/8673), aged 31, assistant chief of the Unit, a primary school graduate, and zealous KLP member.
 - c. CH'OE Chong-son (1508/6945/0810), aged 37, a fisherman.
 - d. HAN Tal-un (7281/6671/6663), aged 32, chairman of the Sindong-ni Peasants' League, and a KLP member.

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- e. KIM Ch'ang-kwon (6855/2490/2938), aged 18, a member of the Democratic Youth Association.
- f. KIM In-kak (6855/0086/3778), aged 43, a farmer and KLP member.
- g. KIM Kye-yul (6855/0796/1774), aged 30, a farmer and KLP member.
- h. KIM Pong-sik (6855/7685/2784), aged 41, a farmer and KLP member.
- i. MIN Ch'ang-sik (7036/2490/2784), aged 41, a fisherman.
- j. PAK Ki-pok (2613/1015/2798), aged 49, a farmer and KLP member.
- k. SONG Chae-yon (1345/0961/8673), aged 30, a farmer and KLP member.
- 1. SONG Chi-yon (1345/5268/8673), aged 34, a farmer.
- m. YI Kyong-pok (2621/1987/2798), aged 40, a farmer and KLP member.

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