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1. The MVD exercises no real control over the Soviet Army although it does exercise indirect control through Military Counterintelligence (3rd Directorate of the MVD).¹
2. Relations between Army and MVD personnel have always been bad. The former contend that the latter know nothing about military matters. Army officers, however, have always had a general fear of the MVD, for a regimental counterintelligence officer is able to call the regimental commander at any time and ask him to report immediately. The same is true at the division level. There are usually one or two counterintelligence officers to a regiment.
3. At the end of 1953, even some officials of the MVD had begun to realize that the MVD was losing more and more prestige each day and that the Army had become more powerful than the MVD.

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. By military counterintelligence source probably means the countersubversive network of informers in all armed services units. This net is directed by the 3rd Directorate of the MVD.

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