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1. North Korea and Soviet authorities are planning to construct a new railroad connecting Kyongwon (130-10, 42-50) with Voroshilov (131-54, 43-37), via Hunchun (130-22, 42-52) and Tung Hsing Chen (東興鎮), near the Soviet-Manchuria border. Two surveys have been made of the proposed route, but no actual construction plans or date for beginning the work have been announced.
2. The first survey of the route was made [redacted] by the Soviet commander of the North Korean Railway, and North Korean railway officials. The group inspected the Hongui (洪儀) Railway Station in Kyongwon County and a wooden bridge built across the river after the arrival of Soviet troops. They also examined the line 93 kilometers long between Hunchun and Tung Hsing Chen which had been constructed by the Manchukuo Ministry of Communications. 50X1-HUM
3. [redacted] Soviet authorities made a second survey from Voroshilov to the Soviet-Manchurian border via Barabash (131-29, 43-12). Workers engaged in the project who later returned to Korea stated that forests were cleared along the proposed right-of-way. 50X1-HUM

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