

COUNTRY Korea

SUBJECT Progress of Construction Work on the
Hongui-USSR Railway Line

DATE DISTR 24 NOV 50

NO. OF PAGES 1

PLACE
ACQUIRED [REDACTED] 25X1NO. OF ENCLS. 1
(LISTED BELOW)DATE OF
INFO. [REDACTED]SUPPLEMENT TO
REPORT NO. 25X1

RETURN TO CIA LIBRARY

THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS INFORMATION AFFECTING THE NATIONAL DEFENSE
OF THE UNITED STATES WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE ESPIONAGE ACT 50
U.S.C. 91 AND 92, AS AMENDED. ITS TRANSMISSION OR THE REVELATION
OF ITS CONTENTS IN ANY MANNER TO AN UNAUTHORIZED PERSON IS PRO-
HIBITED BY LAW. REPRODUCTION OF THIS FORM IS PROHIBITED.

THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION

25X1

1. Construction of connecting railway line between Hongui-dong (130-31, 42-27) railway station, Korea, via Yonghyon-dong (130-40, 42-26), Korea, to an undetermined location in the USSR, was begun in July 1949 with completion scheduled for May 1950. The completion date was later changed to July 1950.
2. As of 6 July 1950, the roadbed was completed on five of six construction divisions to the Tumen River, and track had been laid for six kilometers from Hongui-dong. The railway gauge is standard 4' 8 1/2". Gasoline-powered locomotives were operating over the completed track, hauling construction materials.
3. The construction included a roadbed with an average height of four meters, composed of yellow dirt from the surrounding fields, a wooden bridge over Huk-chi (Black Pond) (130-36, 42-26), and a bridge of undetermined construction over the Tumen River. The Huk-chi bridge was built as a temporary structure, and three concrete piers for a permanent bridge had been completed by 6 July. The length of the bridge is 50 meters. A highway parallels the railway and crosses Huk-chi on a wooden bridge.
4. There was a rumor in Hongui-dong of an agreement between the USSR and North Korean governments that the USSR would supply the technical personnel for the construction job, while North Korea would supply the materials and labor. In early July there were 800 regular laborers and 3,000 conscripted laborers from surrounding farms employed on the project.

25X1
25X1

[REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] further details on the construction
of this railway line.

Encl. 1 map

CONFIDENTIAL

CLASSIFICATION ~~SECRET~~

STATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAVY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NSRB	DISTRIBUTION	COMNAVPHIL	COMNAVTH
ARMY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AIR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FBI	CINCPAC	LEAF	CINCPACFLT

This document is hereby regraded to
CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with the
letter of 16 October 1979 from the
Director of Central Intelligence to the
Archivist of the United States.

Next Review Date: 2008

Document No. 203

No Change in Class

☒ Declassified

Class. Changed To: TS S S

Auth: HR 70-2

Date: 28 June 76

25X1