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1. By the summer of 1951 the Chinese Communists had occupied the Hsisha (西沙), Chungsha (中沙) and Nansha (南沙) Island groups in the Paracel Islands with a small number of public security troops. Radio and weather stations had been established on three of the islands, and construction of military defense works had begun in the area.
2. The Communists intend to use the Nansha island group as a base for expansion southward. As of early September this island group was serving as a point of contact with the Philippine Communists, to whom the Chinese Communists will supply weapons.

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