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2. FBI insists that if given the requested ammunition he can hold Mukden against a force of 500,000 Communists, although he has admitted that there is a shortage of food in Mukden.

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Note: On the basis of several inspections of the city's defense positions, it is felt that KWL's claim is probably true. It is believed that these defenses are adequate to withstand any offensive the Communists can bring to bear against them from without. However, without the use of the five American-equipped divisions (40, 50, 14, 22 and 51) the fall of the city is believed certain, although the date of its loss cannot be predicted. Among unknown factors which make a precise estimate of the situation impossible are: the extent of the Chinese Communist Fifth column in the city, and the extent to which civilians will continue to prefer starvation under Nationalist control to the possibility of food supplies under Communist control.)

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3. The G-3 Section of WMI's headquarters has proposed the launching of several counterattacks in the Mukden area, utilizing the New 1 Army. This proposal has been disapproved by Gen. WMI and Gen. CHAO Chia-hsiang, WMI's Chief of Staff, without a statement of the reasons for disapproval. Personnel of the G-3 Section feel that the situation contains serious aspects of which they are unaware, and that they are being wasted when they are urgently needed.

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