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Radio Pyongyang Broadcast Joint USSR-North Korea Communique 21 March announcing consummation economic, cultural agreement between the countries; agreement provides increased circulation commodities during 1949-1950; stipulates payment terms for goods exchanged; grants North Korea credits for purchase commodities not covered by agreement; provides economic aid, technical assistance for North Korea; arranges future conferences to strengthen cultural, economic, artistic ties.

Comment: Reports from North Korea indicate political, economic, cultural advisers remained North Korea when Soviets terminated occupation; Soviet technicians currently occupy key positions North Korean industry; military advisers attached Peoples Army units of battalion size and larger. Agreement apparently designed to legalize, increase ties already existing between North Korea, USSR.

Military:

(B) Major changes in Command, organization, equipment and strength: Rerad USAFIK ZGBI 214, 26 March 49 pertaining President Rhee's instructions for Chough Byung Ok to request additional United States arms, equipment for South Korea.

Comment: Rhee possibly confident of attaining objective through Washington lobbyists. If requests denied, Rhee may issue scare-statements to influence favorable action; equipment for increasing Army to authorized strength 100,000; Navy to strength 10,000 possibly desired.

Rerad USAFIK ZGBI 214, 26 March 49 containing report that North Korean Peoples Army limited to 50,000 troops unless additional economic aid received from USSR.

Comment: Food production North Korea reportedly low and levies for supporting armed forces heavy. However, Communists apparently have attempted to minimize drain on

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North Korean economy since Peoples Army troops billeted primarily at former Japanese military installations; Manchurian grains obtained to supplement North Korean produce; bulk arms, ammunition received from Soviets; uniform cloth imported from USSR. Recent reports indicate increased Soviet aid to North Korea; Soviet freighters unloaded military supplies North Korean ports January 49; pact providing increased Soviet economic aid, technical assistance signed March 49. Peoples Army reportedly undergoing expansion, reorganization with some indications that activation 4th Division planned. Program to establish reserve force possibly initiated North Korea. Limitation Peoples Army strength because of lack Soviet aid appears doubtful; if strength pegged at 50,000 this figure possibly represents Communist estimates of standing Army necessary to accomplish desired objectives.

(C) Troop movements and concentrations, incidents and operations: Rerad USAFIK ZGBI 214, 26 March 49 pertaining courtmartial of dissidents South Korea.

Comment: Implementation of program started slowly but gradually gained momentum; less than 100 dissidents remain unapprehended. Seriousness of Government attitude toward dissidents indicated by harsh court sentences.

Rerad USAFIK ZGBI 214, 26 March 49 pertaining rebel activity South Korea.

Comment: Rebels meeting continued successes in latest tactics of ambushing Government reinforcements. About 250 rebels located South Cholla, South Kyongsang provinces; majority in Western Sector South Kyongsang province. Communists apparently implementing well organized plans in South Cholla province since about 60 percent serious disturbances on Korean mainland during January-February occurred in that province.

Rerad USAFIK ZGBI 214, 26 March 49 pertaining operational plans of combat Command.

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Comment: Combat Command should eliminate dissidents near future since unit numerically superior, better equipped. Liaison planes will facilitate Army locating dissidents rugged mountainous regions. Korean mainland probably will be comparatively free of disorders if dissidents South Cholla, South Kyongsang provinces eliminated.

Pak Il Won former member South Korean Labor Party (SKLP) assassinated Seoul 29 March; shot while enroute to election Headquarters Chang Taik Sang, former Foreign Minister. Pak formerly Chief Detectives Seoul; while occupying position released pamphlet entitled "Criticism of SKLP". Assassin believed member SKLP; one suspect arrested.

Comment: Pak was second anti-Communist killed in period two weeks. Mrs Ethel Underwood, United States missionary killed 17 March while holding non-Communist gathering in home. Appears that South Korean Communists have launched campaign to eliminate opposition leaders.

Aircraft carrier reported Najin (4210-13015) North Korea 22 December 48 by city resident; at initial interrogation source stated he observed superstructure, funnel, broken flight deck, three bomm boats. Upon reinterrogation he emphasized differences in elevations of forward and after parts flight deck; stated ship had tripod mast, pointed bow; recalled several single engine aircraft lined up fore deck facing aft.

Comment: Report unconfirmed and omission significant facts during initial interrogation indicates statements of doubtful veracity; broken deck would restrict flight operations; bow shape does not conform to standard flight structure. Although source did not identify cranes or catapults, vessel possibly aircraft tender. However, if planes actually observed on deck considered more likely vessel was coastal aircraft transport or stationary training ship.

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Philippines:

Political:

(C) Reaction to important events: In probe of charges against newly elected Senate President Cuenco, most volatile group seeking ouster is Liberal Party group from Cebu, Cuencos native province. Group seeks to prove Cuenco used "strong arm" methods in political career including threats of bodily harm and death, and took advantage senatorial position in several business enterprises. Group has requested results of previous investigation concerning surplus property transaction, Immigration Bureau quota racket, details 1948 USSR cement transactions and violation of double compensation ruling.

Open breach exists in Manila Liberal Party between Manila Mayor Manuel De La Fuente, pro-Quirino, and former Mayor, presently Racing Commissioner, Valeriano E (middle initial) Fugoso, pro-Avelino.

Probable parties in presidential campaign include: (1) Quirino Faction Liberal Party. (2) Avelino Faction Liberal Party. (3) Nationalista and Coalesced Minorities Party. (4) New "Peoples Army" recently formed by Antonio Quirino, brother of President.

Military:

(A) Contemplated changes in policy: Proposed merger Army (HNDP) and Constabulary (PC) continuing meet strong opposition from National Defense Secretary Ruperto Kangleon and presidential advisor on peace and order, former Brigadier General Guillermo Francisco, wartime head of Japanese controlled PC. Congressional opinion, though not crystallized, is generally in favor merger. Principal proponent Congressman Ramon Magsaysay, Chairman House National Defense Committee.

Two batteries FA and 8 PC and Army companies commenced
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"Operation SMASH" against dissidents Candaba swamp area Nueva Ecija and Bulacan provinces, scene of increased Hukbalahap (Huk) activity past two weeks.

Concerned over Nueva Ecija situation, Governor Juan Chioso announced he will reactivate civilian guard organization, disbanded several months ago on orders Secretary Interior.

(C) Incidents and operations: Police constabulary reports, tentatively confirmed by customs service, secret service, and Department Interior, state undetermined number Chinese Communists illegally landed on shores Quezon province. Simultaneously, police constabulary units in combat Nueva Ecija reported engaging Huk band composed of Chinese. Peasants in Candaba swamp area are reportedly being told that Huks are receiving aid from Russia through China Communists and will be able to start large scale offensive in few months.

Philippine constabulary endeavoring oust Security Control Section Director, Captain Jose M (middle initial) Tinio, G 2, HNDF, due lack cooperation in providing refugee girls to Philippine constabulary Visaya (Samar) Zone Headquarters dance.

Source comment: Tinio competent and probably best director available from Philippine agencies. Altercation will only hamper Security Control Section efforts.

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Political:

(A) Important changes or contemplated changes in Government and domestic and foreign policies: Okinawa Assembly proposed the following recommendations for Military Government consideration. (1) To elect chairman and vice chairman from Assembly members; (2) To meet once each

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month; (3) To call special meetings at demand of one quarter or more of members; (4) Members to decide length of session; (5) Each member to have a voice; (6) Military Government officer to attend all sessions; (7) To set up public works, finance, education committees within Assembly; (8) To establish an administrative office for Assembly; (9) To grant members expense allowance while in attendance. Numbers 1, 3 and 6 were disapproved by Military Government; 2, 5, 7, 8 were approved; 4 and 9 were approved but subject to discretion of Governor. Reliable sources indicate Peoples Party has been split into three factions: Progressive, Conservative, and Radical.

Air: (Reported by FEAF):

Japan:

Subversive:

Communist activities Tachikawa Air Force Base being stepped up by infiltration of young Japanese Communist Party members into positions on base; house to house membership campaign has been reported and subversive literature circulated.

An IFF was stolen from an unguarded USAF C-47 at Haneda Air Force Base, Tokyo, 24 March 1949.

The Communist supported Labor Unions at Ashiya Air Force Base have started membership drive. Two Japanese nationals were discovered copying air installation office files at Itazuke Air Force Base.

Okinawa:

Subversive:

Tension mounting between white and colored troops at Naha Air Force Base. Double standards and discrimination is

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charged by colored troops. Investigation in progress.

Marianas-Bonins:

Two hangars and one warehouse destroyed by fire,
21 March 1949 at Isley field, Saipan.

Philippines:

(C) Operations and incidents: Ballistic tests conducted by Philippine constabulary on weapons confiscated from Mabalacat Police Department positively identified 5 weapons which were used in ambush of USAF truck 12 March, which resulted in death of one United States airman and three Filipino girls, and wounding of five Filipino civilians. 14 suspects now include the Mayor and Chief of Police of Mabalacat, a Barrio Pampanga province near Clark Air Force Base.

Subversive:

Fuel line to number one generator on AACS radio range site at Clark Air Force Base was cut on 27 March 1949. Range continued operational by using number two generator.

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Subject is Joint Army-Air WEEKA number 27.

Japan:

Political:

(A) Important changes or contemplated changes in government: Premier Yoshida presented his policy speech before both houses of Diet 4 April. Speech well received by Diet, enjoyed usual poor press following day. He was followed by Director-General Aoki of the economic stabilization board and Finance Minister Ikeda, who explained economic and financial policies in governments 1949-1950 budget, submitted to budget committee 4 April. Sessions of 5, 6 and 7 April devoted to interpellations of Yoshidas speech by each opposition party speaking in turn. Communist Secretary-General Tokuda declared Yoshida was "Worst traitor in history" and charged him with selling out Japans natural resources and government monopolies to foreigners. Further extention of current Diet session, scheduled to end 21 April, by about 14 days is anticipated if present session is to consider group of bills providing for reorganization administrative branches government. Revolt inside Democratic-Liberal party has subsided. Party has 17 of 30 seats in new examination committee.

Economic:

(A) Economic changes: Currency continues to contract, stood at 310 billion yen 2 April.

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Korea:

Political:

(A) Important changes or contemplated changes in government, domestic and foreign policies: Rerad USAFIK ZGBI 223, 3 April 49 pertaining UNCOK plan to study withdrawal occupation troops.

Comment: President Rhee probably views action unfavorably in view assemblymen by-passing him to gain objective with UNCOK: Rhee speech contributed to defeat same issue in assembly 7 February. Commission has made little progress in achieving assigned objectives: apparently petition requesting withdrawal occupation troops made favorable impression on some commission members.

Rerad USAFIK ZGBI 223, 3 April 49 pertaining assembly discussion of dissipated 1948 budget fund.

Comment: Heavy program before assembly could be expedited if assemblymen would concentrate on government affairs instead of petty bickering with executive branch.

Rerad USAFIK ZGBI 223, 3 April 49 pertaining arrival Miguel Angil Magana, El Salvador's delegate to UNCOK.

Comment: Mister Magana arrived Seoul 26 March; former consul general, New York City; completes 7-nation United Nations commission.

Rerad USAFIK ZGBI 223, 3 April 49 pertaining arrest Yang Ju Sam under provisions national traitor law.

Comment: Apparently arrest made to embarrass Rhee; action is example of internal friction prevalent between legislative and executive branches government indicates readiness assemblymen to use authority to

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further own ambitions. Trials of collaborators and enforcement sentences probably will determine effectiveness of law; will present opportunity to determine whether person will escape punishment by "proving" repentance, as law stipulates.

Military:

(B) Major changes in command, organization, equipment and strength, Rerad USAFIK ZGBI 223, 3 April 49 pertaining increased strength national police.

Comment: Figure of 55285 represents substantial gain of 6024 in one week. Ultimate strength planned by Korean government not revealed but current figures represent increase 20,285 over authorized strength of 35,000 police which United States will support under initial United States-Korean agreement.

Rerad USAFIK ZGBI 223, 3 April 49 pertaining formation South Korean cavalry regiment.

Comment: Regiment located Seoul (3734-12700); current strength 823. Cavalry well suited for patrolling along 38 parallel; extensive training probably be required to develop efficient cavalry units.

(C) Troop movements and concentrations, incidents and operations, Rerad USAFIK ZGBI 223, 3 April 49 pertaining rebel activity South Korea.

Comment: Increased tempo of government action may result elimination dissidents near future; rebels meeting limited success ambushing armed forces.

Rerad USAFIK ZGBI 223, 3 April 49 containing reports of Chinese Communist troops North Korea.

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Comment: Reports unconfirmed, fragmentary but indicate undetermined number Koreans who formerly served with Chinese Communist forces have arrived North Korea; these troops possibly being utilized to augment peoples army.

Rerad USAFIK ZGBI 223, 3 April 49 which refers to tanks observed Pyongyang (3901-12544) rail yards.

Comment: unidentified peoples army tank unit approximately regimental size reportedly located Pyongyang-Mirim-Ni (3902-12550) area; previous reports indicated unit equipped 30-60 tanks. Shipment Soviet tanks to Pyongyang indicates peoples army receiving additional armored equipment from east coast ports or areas north-eastern Korea. Enlargement armored force possibly part current expansion program peoples army. Soviet advisers, technicians apparently instructing peoples army troops in employment, maintenance armored equipment.

Unidentified battalion peoples army reported Chaeryong (3824-12538) North Korea January 49; strength 700; equipment consisted approximately 12- $\frac{1}{2}$ ton trucks, 112 and $\frac{1}{2}$ ton trucks, 8 artillery pieces, 1 Soviet tank. Peoples army cavalry troop with approximately 150 MDF, 80 mounts observed Haeju (3802-12542) 5 February. Unidentified cavalry unit located Chorwon (3814-12712) February 49; strength 300 men; equipment included 200 mounts, 80 horsedrawn carts.

Comment: above reports unconfirmed but peoples army possibly activating cavalry units southern provinces where military training areas exist. Peoples army officials reportedly purchased undetermined number Japanese army mounts January 48; rugged terrain Korea adapted horse cavalry operations. First regiment, first division and its second battalion located Chaeryong; artillery pieces possibly belong to units of first division artillery

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regiment or units new independent mixed brigade; report of tank in Chaeryong projects possibility peoples army attaching or assigning tank troops to infantry units.

Philippines:

Political:

(C) Reaction to important events: Investigation immigration quota racket nearing close, Judge Felipe Natividad, chief investigator, received three letters threatening death, bodily harm and political persecution if uncensored results investigation released to public. Despite reliable reports to effect that members Quirino, Avelino, and Perez families involved, press statement by Natividad indicates only senate officials concerned; flatly states no officials of executive department involved.

Military:

(C) Troop movements and concentrations, incidents and operations, Hukbalahap (HUK) activity during last week March showed major increase with principal police constabulary (PC)-HUK clashes in Nueva Ecija, Bulacan and Tarlac. In eight sporadic raids in Nueva Ecija dissident units devoted efforts to ambushing PC and civilian guard units. Nueva Ecija governor Juan Chioco urgently requested additional PC troops and reactivation wartime guerrilla units and additional civilian guard units in view of "crisis". Brigadier General Alberto Ramos PC chief, ordered one additional company PC to Nueva Ecija but recommended guerrilla and additional civilian guard units not be reactivated in face of only minor skirmishes.

Unsubstantiated reports of doubtful reliability appeared in local press to effect Huk supreme Luis Taruc taken to China in submarine manned by Chinese Communists. Several reports from the scenes of PC-Huk clashes allege

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Taruc in command dissident offensive operations.

In letter to press 25 March allegedly written by Taruc, appeal made to Filipino people to oppose any moves Philippine government enter Pacific alliance pact.

In measure calculated offset increasing reports unidentified submarine activity off Luzon coast, particularly vicinity Quezon province, customs patrol, Philippine naval patrol, Philippine air force and PC coordinating efforts detect, identify, and arrest all unauthorized craft entering Philippine water.

RYCOM:

Political:

(A) Important changes in domestic policy: Okinawa assembly met with governor and civil administration officials bringing to close recent strife between them.

Air: (reported by FEAF):

Philippines:

Subversive:

Two dissident groups who raided Bario Baliti in vicinity Clark Air Base 29 March 49 searching for foodstuffs received no opposition from either Philippine constabulary or local civilian guards.

"Top-O-Clark" Club on Clark Air Force Base destroyed by fire 2345, 29 March 49.

Comment: This is tenth officially recorded fire at Clark Air Force Base since 1 January 49 and seventh of unknown origin.

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Japan:

Political: (A) Important changes or contemplated changes in government:

Budget passed Lower House unchanged 16th April, despite spirited protests from opposition, spearheaded by Communists, which was overwhelmed by governments majority, 231 to 113. House of Councillors passed budget without incident 20th April. Lower House voted 19th April to discipline 1 Communist member for remarks made just before budget passage. Lower House Steering Committee approved extension of session until 16th May. Agenda will include 57 bills already submitted, of which 30 have passed; 121 already approved by Cabinet, but not yet submitted and additional 40 not yet approved by Cabinet. Election of Suzuki Mosaburo, Left Wing Leader, as Secretary-General of Social-Democratic Party indicates veer toward left, even though Katayama Tetsu remains as Partys Chairman. Third National convention of powerful Japan farmers union 22 April, first in more than two years, likely to be marked by bitter struggle between Left and Right Wing factions.

Economic: (A) Economic changes:

Currency issue steady around 307 billion yen. Rice deliveries were 104.7 percent of national quota 10th April.

(C) Labor: Koreans plan mass rally 25th April in

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Kobe commemorating first anniversary of school incident.
Communists holding preparatory meetings for May Day labor
celebrations.

Korea:

Political: (A) Important changes or contemplated
changes in government, domestic and foreign policies:

Rerad USAFIK ZGBI 260, 16th April 49 pertaining
President Rhee's support of Great Korean Nationalist Party.

Comment: Apparently Rhee taking active interest
in party; Probably sees opportunity to further split
Democratic Nationalist Party. Rhee's actions follow his
tactics of supporting some new parties to prevent them from
consolidating against him. Doubtful if he supports Great
Korean Nationalist Party policy.

Rerad USAFIK ZGBI 260, 16th April 49 pertaining Rhee's
visit Cheju Island and statement that elections will be held
10th May.

Comment: Successful election 2 Cheju Island delegates
to National Assembly will complete 200-men assembly for
first time in republic's existence. Apparently Rhee believes
rebel activity on island will be sufficiently controlled by
10th May for elections. His appearance on island may instill
confidence in natives, who traditionally oppose orders, edicts,
and proclamations from mainland.

(C) Reactions to important events: General
election local government officials North Korea reportedly
scheduled for 30th June.

Comment: General election for members provincial,
county, municipal Peoples Committees held 30th March 49;
Radio Pyongyang stated 99 percent eligible voters cast ballots,
all party candidates elected. Forthcoming election expected
to be publicized highly as Democratic expression of people.

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1-slate Communist party ticket almost certain to prevail.

Economic: (A) Proposed or actual economic changes or reforms: Rerad USAFIK ZGBI 260, 16th April 49 pertaining increased power production.

Comment: United States and Korean efforts to improve kilowatt production reflected in continued increase power output. Minister Commerce and Industry, Louise Yim, received large appropriation from National Assembly for rehabilitation Yongwol coal mine, but only slight increase production resulted. Doubtful if power goal will be attained near future, but recent power increase indicates serious situation will be alleviated.

Military: (C) Troop movements and concentrations, incidents and operations:

Rerad USAFIK ZBBI 260, 16 Apr 49 pertaining surveillance suspected Leftists.

Comment: Continued surveillance probably will be effective in curbing Communist activities. New suspects probably will be added as interrogations continue. Believed present list contains some duplications.

Rerad USAFICK ZGBI 260, 16th April 49 pertaining decreased rebel activity South Korea.

Comment: Death of rebel leaders and increased efficiency government forces may temporarily eliminate rebel activity. However, rebels may intensify program of terrorism and destruction because of improved foraging and living conditions with approaching warm weather.

North Korean border constabulary unit located Haeju (3802-12542); Strength 53 man; Mission is interrogation North Korean refugees caught attempting cross 38th parallel.

Comment: Units Counter Intelligence activities are further development in North Korean system of rigid travel controls; Will strengthen border security and assist

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in discouraging migration North Koreans to South Korea.

Rerad USAFIK ZGBI 260, 16th April 49 pertaining location Third Battalion, First Regiment, First Division Peoples Army Cheryong (3824-12538).

Comment: This information, plus March 49 reports 2 Artillery Battalions observed vicinity Chaeryong, indicates further consolidation units 38th parallel area; Projects possibility of plans for combined arms training. Movement Third Battalion Cheryong regarded as part overall reposition Peoples Army Units from northern area.

Subversive: (A) Unrest in North Korea:

On 11th February 49, middle school students North Korean East Coast cities distributed handbills supporting Republic Korea and advocating overthrow North Korean puppet government. Police arrested undetermined number students. Adverse criticism of police resulted.

Comment: Report unconfirmed but indicates dissatisfied elements North Korea becoming more bold, aggressive. Previous report stated wide-spread demonstrations held North Korea 12 December 48 celebrating United Nations endorsement South Korean Government. Reports supplement long series indicating North Koreans dissatisfied with conditions prevailing under Communist regime. However, little evidence available to support claims of widespread resistance; No indications North Korean underground has arms, organization, leadership necessary to overthrow present government.

Philippines:

Political: (B) Important Domestic speeches:

Occupation president Jose P (middle initial) Laurel and former Justice Claro M Recto continue to announce their availability as presidential candidates on Nationalista ticket.

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(C) Reactions to important events: Letter to press 10th April, reportedly from Huk Supremo Luis Taruc, refuted reports that Huks receiving outside aid, particularly from USSR; Termed such reports "wholesale lies"; Also stated that arms and aid used by Quirino administration to "shoot down peasants and destroy homes" were supplied by "American Imperialist"

Military: (A) Changes or contemplated changes in policy:

Reference proposed merger Police Constabulary (PC) with national defence forces (NDF): In off-record conversation 12th April former NDF Chief Staff, Major General Jalandoni stated that Major General Castaneda seeking merger for personal laurels only: That when he (Jalandoni) approached Castaneda with similar plan during his tenure as NDF Chief Staff when Castaneda was PC Chief, latter steadfastly refused consider such move. Jalandoni states he believes no action reference merger will be taken until after elections in November. Brigadier General Duque, Deputy Chief Staff NDF, is privately against merger, although he states merger would advance himself and Castaneda 1 grade.

In press conference 11th April, Brigadier General Ramos, PC Chief, stated that attraction policy toward dissidents, not guilty overt unlawful acts, would be renewed. Ramos stated his belief that Huk program could not be curtailed for the next 10 years, but stressed that PC capable of handling dissident situation. Remarks of Ramos, President Quirino and other top officials indicate they believe dissident problem increasing. They expect rainy season will be time of further dissident depredations

Philippine veterans groups vexed over alleged statement United States Secretary Royall to effect guerrilla recognition program definitely closed. Guerrilla leaders framing protest to be submitted to President Quirino with request he transmit it personally to President Truman.

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Colonel Manuel T, Filipino Guerrilla Veterans Legion Commander, and sponsor of the block-Pamintuan Mission presently in the United States, was incensed over story in face of weekend message from block that mission successful in pressing United States Congress into enactment Filipino Veterans legislation Continued repercussions this subject anticipated.

MARBO:

Political: (A) Important change in domestic policy:

Bill to abolish superior court of Guam being pushed for two thirds majority vote in order pass it over Governors veto

Air: (Reported by FEAF):

Japan:

Gymnasium at Misawa Air Force Base was completely destroyed by fire 15th April 49.

Subversive: Communist Party using the curtailed construction program and consequent reduction personnel on Misawa Air Force Base as propaganda, stating that reduction in personnel is an indication of Americas fascism and a reflection of the real attitude toward Japan.

Guam: At present time there are no indications of uprisings or racial disturbances as result Farnsworth case.

Note: 260 is not identified in SMC.

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Subject is Joint Army-Air WEEKA number 30.

Japan:

Political:

(A) Important changes or contemplated changes in government: Cabinet has approved 189 bills and sent 135 of these to Diet, which has passed 36 and has 99 on agenda. Government plans to submit all important legislation by 30th April leaving time for Diet to clean up all work by end of session 16th May. Bills covering administrative retrenchment program expected to arouse much opposition, but no serious difficulties anticipated because of democratic-liberal majority. Powerful Japan farmers union definitely split into two separate factions after national convention ending 24th April, with Kurōda Hisao, head of Labor-Farmer Party, as head of left wing unification conference faction and Nomizo Katsu, former minister without portfolio, Chairman of Right Wing Independence Establishment League. Ono Banboku, former Secretary-General of Democratic-Liberal Party, sentenced to 10 months in jail and Shigemasa Masayuki, former vice-Minister of Agriculture, sentenced to 3 years in connection with Showa Denko scandal. Both men heavily fined, have appealed to higher court.

Economic:

(A) Economic changes: Currency issue undergoing normal month-end increase with 310 billion yen outstanding on 25th April.

(C) Labor: Representatives of 44 of nations leading

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labor unions have formed joint campaign committee to make plans for coming May Day celebrations. Committee will attempt to unite Labor Front for rally. Sponsors estimate heavy attendance in Tokyo.

Korea:

Political:

(A) Important changes or contemplated changes in government: Rerad USAFIK ZGBI 289, 23rd April 49 pertaining proposed United Nations commission trip to Cheju Island, South Cholla Province.

Comment: Two areas on itinerary are principal scenes civil unrest South Korea. Commission not as active in inspecting country as was 1948 temporary commission. Observing conditions in troubled provinces may increase commission insight into intensity rebel activity.

Rerad USAFIK ZGBI 289, 23rd April 49 pertaining to appointment 8-man committee to investigate charge of Malfeasance against Louise Yim, Minister Commerce and Industry.

Comment: Apparently assembly intends to push investigation; may lead to Yim's impeachment. Doubtful if Ministers Friendship with President Rhee will protect her position if sufficient evidence is discovered by investigating committee.

(C) Reaction to important events: Rerad ECA Mission Korea, number 433 April 23rd, pertaining reaction President Rhee's 18th April statement concerning United States withdrawal.

Comment: Mixed emotions evident although reports indicate majority people apparently support Rhee's statement. Possible Rhee gained some support from Moderates and extreme Rightists through statement. Announcement may contribute toward unifying people South Korea and promoting Nationalism.

Economic:

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(A) Proposed or actual economic changes or reforms:
Rerad USAFIK ZGBI 289, 23rd April 49 pertaining assembly
passage emergency grain measure.

Comment: Assembly disregard for ECA aid agreement
provision that United States can stop food shipments if
inadequate indigenous foodstuffs collected indicates positive
attitude of legislators that United States will continue aid
regardless of assembly action. Lack of planning and fore-
sight by assemblymen may inflict hardships on people through
high food prices, depleted stocks. Believed bills backers
probably can garner sufficient votes to override presidential
veto.

Military:

(C) Troop movements and concentrations, incidents
and operations: Rerad USAFIK ZG BI 289, 23rd April 49 per-
taining arrest 8 members South Korean Labor Party.

Comment: Republics security forces meeting with
marked success apprehending important party officials.
Reduction number of civil disturbances may be direct result
of government drive to arrest party leaders.

Rerad USAFIK ZGBI 289, 23rd April 49 referring to
unidentified Peoples Army artillery unit Namchonjom (3820-
12644) North Korea.

Comment: Unidentified Peoples Army unit with 700 men,
8-76 millimeter guns engaged combat exercises Haeju (3802-
12542) January 49. Unidentified unit first division, with
13-76 millimeter guns, observed Sinwonni (3812-12544) 20th
February. Artillery battalion participated combat exercises
Chaeryong (3824-12538) area 5th March 49. Reports indicate
units first division artillery regiment have moved from
Pyongyang (3901-12544) to 38 parallel areas. Sufficient
evidence not available to determine whether move permanent
or for training purposes. Participation artillery units in
combat exercises projects possibility combined arms teams being

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formed border areas.

Rerad USAFIK ZGBI 289, 23rd April 49 pertaining conference political defense department officials Pyongyang (3901-12544).

Comment: Discussion of methods for increasing efficiency surveillance system tends to substantiate reports of growing unrest North Korea. Communist officials probably will attempt counteract disloyalty to puppet regime by increased number surveillance personnel and harsh disciplinary measures against disloyal elements.

North Korean delegation headed by Premier Kim Il Sung returned Pyongyang (3901-12544) from Moscow 7th April; accompanied by TF Shtikov. Soviet Ambassador North Korea: large crowd welcomed delegation Pyongyang Airfield. Kim announced consummation economic, cultural pact between North Korea, USSR; praised Soviet Union; exhorted people to intensify efforts to drive United States troops from Korea.

Comment: Ten year pact provides for increased trade between signatories; arranges future meeting for strengthening cultural, scientific ties; grants economic aid, technical assistance to North Korea. Promises of Soviet aid may result in increased boldness North Koreans in demanding withdrawal United States Troops from Korea. Future military, political strategy for Korea probably discussed Moscow Conference although not mentioned in pact.

Philippines:

Political:

(A) Important changes in domestic policies: Despite daily depredations by dissidents, President Quirino, in reviewing one year of administration, categorically announced peace and order problem resolved. Assertion met with heated refutations many quarters, particularly from Central Luzon. Quirino announced inauguration of "Leaflets and not bullets"

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campaign to attract the "Few remaining dissidents to the governments side".

Source comment: Such a campaign, if carried out without continued constabulary anti-Hukbalahap (Huk) operations, would be political suicide. Some observers believe this reflects increasing juvenility in Quirino approach to important domestic problems, prejudiced his reelection hopes.

Release of partial list persons figuring in immigration quota racket included 22 of 24 senators and 90 of 98 congressmen. Senators, with few exceptions, claim no knowledge of their participation. Public opinion demanding release "uncensored" lists and hinting that original list included members executive department. Suspended Immigration Commissioner Engracio Fabre remains non-committal, privately promises further revelations "at appropriate time". Fabre, if exonerated, may run for congress under sponsorship widow late President Quezon.

Measure presented senate recently would appropriate 10 million pesos (5 million United States dollars) for establishment, maintenance civil defense organization for research in, minimizing effects atomic and bacteriological warfare believed imminent as indicated by Atlantic Pact and China situation.

Printers strike continues with Huk Supremo Luis Taruc and Congress Labor Organizations (CLO) National Secretary Alfredo B (middle initial) Saulo Lauding strikers in press for self assertion and Taruc promising eventual freedom from "Serfdom". One (FNU) Miller, coordinating with CLO-Philippine Communist party leaders, checking on CLO disposition monetary aid furnished them by United States CIO.

Military:

(A) Change in policy: Colonels Pelagio Cruz and Claro Lizardo, Commanding Philippine Air Force and Philippine Ground Forces, respectively promoted to Brigadier Generals.

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(B) Important domestic speeches and reaction thereto: Matsuko Seihc, present appointed Director Public Works Okinawan Civil Administration, seeking to save post in possible future elections. Usually reliable informant reports that Matsuko gaining local strength. Also reported if Matsuko elected he will seek Hakasone Genwa, Communist member of Okinawa assembly and Chairman of Democratic Alliance, as his vice-Director. Democratic Alliance expected to actively support Matsuko. In mayors election Yonabaru, Okinawa, Uehara Binahan defeated Unehara Hangei by margin 189 votes; 2,818 out of 3,150 registered voters cast ballots.

Comment: Such interest in election is not anticipated in the event of selection of governing bodies for a large area. Poor communications is primarily responsible for lack of political interest beyond village boundaries.

Second joint meeting democratic alliance and socialist party held at Naha, 22nd April; expected parties will petition military government to abolish 1948 income tax and to establish constitutional assembly for purpose of electing governor and assembly.

Economic:

(A) Economic reforms: Current taxation problem continues main topic of concern among populace. Food conditions on Ie Shima investigated by military government who found reported conditions exaggerated. Situation same as other sections; people requested relief due to rise in prices and lack of employment due to air force evacuation in February.

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(B) Foreign economic development: Chinese IBT Mei Ling raided by Guam Customs officials, large quantities taxable merchandise seized. Crew members arrested for fraud and illegal entry, unmanifested cargo. Second raid at Santa Rita, Guam resulted in arrest two base employees for smuggling. Foregoing is part of new effort end smuggling many products into Guam.

Air: (reported by FEAF):

Okinawa:

Okinawa relief and rehabilitation foundation, incorporated of Hawaii suspected of espionage. Communist organization newspaper obtaining detailed accounts military civilian activities from civilians. Report from Miyako (24 degrees 46 minutes north-125 degrees 20 minutes east) indicates approximately 40 Chinese or Formosan families settled on Irimote Island (24 degrees 20 minutes north-123 degrees 50 minutes east). Some are believed armed. Fast boat observed in vicinity, but military government has no boat fast enough to overtake. Irimote in vicinity Miyako where classified air force installations are underway.

Subversive:

Japan:

Field maintenance building 15-E of 35th Motor Vehicle Squadron, Johnson Air Force Base, damaged by fire 22nd April 1949. \$50 to \$75 damage to building estimated. Everything destroyed inside office including furniture, radio, office records, and technical orders. Cause undetermined.

Guam:

Indications Soviet espionage ring seeking unit headquarters on Guam. Such activity associated with narcotic ring operating here. Navy aware of situation.

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Indication Philippine Congress Labor Organization attempting infiltrate Guam, investigation underway.

Naval intelligence reported 900 sticks of dynamite and 2000 electric caps stolen from naval communications service between 21st and 22nd April. All agencies Guam alerted.

Farnsworth trial postponed several days; however, possibility racial trouble remains slight; situation calm.

21st April Guam customs officials apprehended two smugglers of Chinese Nationality, attempting to dispose merchandise on island without proper customs processing.

Subversive:

B-29 type aircraft, number 486399 on routine flight was fired upon by small arms fire of undetermined caliber while approaching north Guam Air Force Base for landing at 1500 and 1510 hours, 24th April, approximately one and one half miles northwest of airbase. Investigation continuing. Projectile was found in aircraft and is being analyzed to determine caliber. Approximate area from which shot was fired has been located and search being conducted for weapons and any other information. No recommendations.

Miscellaneous:

Fight between colored airmen and marines started in the "Blue Flame Beer Parlour" approximately 2200 hours, 25th April, junction of routes one and seven. Cause unknown. One Guamanian policeman badly beaten and his gun taken. 13 Airmen involved. No indications of violence or overall disturbances. Investigation initiated by CIC.

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Japan:

Political:

(A) Important changes or contemplated changes in government: Diet in short recess, no plenary sessions expected until 6th May. Renewed rumors of entry of Unukai Ken, titular president of democratic party and head of pro-coalition faction, into Yoshida cabinet some time after present session ends 16th May.

Economic:

(A) Economic changes: Normal month-end rise brings currency to 315 billion yen 30th April. Tax collection program for fiscal year 1948-49 exceeds budget goal by approximately 20 billion yen as of 30 April 49. Further collections may yield another 10 billion.

(C) Labor: Although more than one million laborers took part in May Day celebrations throughout the nation there was no disorder whatever. Central labor relations board hopeful of averting second round of coal miners trike scheduled for 7th May, as miners union seems inclined to accept mediation offers.

South Korea:

Political:

(A) Important changes or contemplated changes in government, and in domestic and foreign policies:

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Rerad USAFIK ZGBI 309, 29th April 49 pertaining President Rhees attempt to revive his national society for acceleration Korean independence.

Comment: Presidents orders for government officials to support political scheme probably will arouse wrath of assemblymen; will possibly lead to assembly investigation. Doubtful if great Korean youth corps can materially aid Rhees federation since youth corps groups in constant dissension and wish to regain former influences. Rhees political machine has partially disintegrated despite his efforts to keep it intact. President probably realizes present status of his supporting parties; apparently making early concentrated effort to remedy situation.

Rerad USAFIK ZGBI 309, 29th April 49 pertaining Rhees return of local administration bill to assembly.

Comment: Bill becoming political football with Rhee outmaneuvering assembly. President politically astute in continuing to return bill to assembly requesting slight modification without actually vetoing measure. Rhee may follow similar procedure with future objectionable bills, thus achieving veto benefits without publicly committing himself. Laws implementation probably would seriously impair his provincial machine.

Rerad USAFIK ~~ZGBI~~ 1309, 29th April 49 pertaining report that South Korean government officials will ask US troops to remain Korea and request increase US arms and equipment.

Comment: President Rhee possibly behind-scene director of plans; he has been extremely reluctant in past for US troops to withdraw. Threat to publicly request retention US troops possibly could be used as bargaining agent in US-Korean negotiations for additional military equipment. Considering Rhees past actions, he is adept at driving hard bargain to gain desires. Despite President's 18th April public announcement that republics armed forces reaching point of securing nations

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integrity, Rhee fully capable reversing public stand on issue. Rhee's failure to support withdrawal could result in embarrassing complications. Whether Rhee publicly approves or disapproves withdrawal, he probably will accuse US of abandoning republic to Communists if his regime suffers military or political reversals.

Rerad USAFIK ZGEL309, 29 April 49 pertaining launching student National Defense Corps on national basis.

Comment: semi-military training of all two hundred thousand South Korean middle school students will provide republic with large reserve manpower trained in basic military subjects with groundwork laid for future intensive training.

North Korea:

Economic:

(A) Proposed or actual economic changes or reforms: Rerad USAFIK ZGEL309, 29 April 49 which refers North Korean premier's speech on cultural and economic pact with USSR.

Comment: Cultural, economic pact, signed Moscow 17 March, highly publicized through Soviet and North Korean propaganda media. Soviets apparently attempting to create impression of aid program similar US program South Korea. Credit of 212 million rubles constitutes minor economic aid compared to monetary assistance received South Korea. North Koreans probably will be taxed heavily for repayment obligations. Reports of increased number Soviet technicians, advisers sent North Korea indicated Soviets attempting improve economy by strict control of nationalized industry with minimum drain on USSR. Cultural economic pact ratified by North Korean presidium 27th April.

Military:

(B) Major changes in command, organization, equipment and strength: Rerad USAFIK ZGEL309, 29th April 49

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referring North Korean request for Soviet military support to equip 60,000 regular troops and 80,000 reserves.

Comment: Report unconfirmed and predication of request on South Korean attempts to overthrow North Korean government by attacks 38th parallel appears unsound. Current strength peoples army estimated 60-64 thousand. Above report vague as to whether materiel desired to fill current equipment shortages peoples army or for equipping additional force 60 thousand regular troops. Possible that current strength peoples army less than 60 thousand and equipment desired to raise strength to this figure; previous report stated strength pegged at 50 thousand troops and suggested that troops in excess this figure composed reserve force. Civilian organizations known as self guards possibly to be incorporated into reserve. Statement that peoples army will join Soviet bloc in event war indicated Korean-USSR military alliance under consideration.

(C) Troop movements, concentrations, incidents and operations: Rerad USAFIK ZGBI 309, 29th April 49 which refers to desertions North Korean Armed Forces.

Comment: Total 110 officers, enlisted men have deserted North Korean Armed Forces since 15 May 48. Predominant reasons stated for desertions were dissatisfaction with Communist policy and regulations governing peoples army.

Soviet hospital established Chorwon (3814-12712) North Korea since official termination Soviet occupation; commanded by Major; Soviet staff consists 5 doctors and 5 nurses.

Comment: Report received Jan 49 stated 1 or 2 Soviet doctors or nurses assigned each provincial, county, city hospital North Korea; claimed medical personnel would remain North Korea indefinitely. Limited Soviet medical assistance appears logical in view program of providing technical, economic and cultural aid North Korea.

Philippines:

Political:

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(A) Important changes or contemplated changes in government: In decision 28th April 49, house investigating committee probing validity impeachment charges against President Quirino, declared proceedings out of order because charges lacked "factual and legal basis."

Source Comment: This will force Avelino followers to bring case before house for floor debate. Pro-Avelino group regards committees action "Greatest whitewash of year."

Military:

(C) Incidents: Rerad Amembassy Manila number 259, 30 April 49 referring to ambushing of Mrs Quezon and party. Subsequent reports list following casualties: Killed were Mrs Aurora Quezon, Miss Aurora Quezon (infant) and Phillip Buencamino III, wife, daughter and son-in-law respectively of late President Manuel Luis Quezon; Mayor Ponciano Bernado, Quezon City; Captain Primitivo San Agustin, Deputy Chief MIS, HNDF; 2 other Philippine notable; 3 Philippine Lieutenants; and 2 EM. Wounded included former HNDF Chief Staff, Major General Rafael Jalandoni. No known casualties to dissidents. Party had secured assurance from constabulary provincial headquarters Nueva Ecija that no known danger existed along road where ambush occurred.

News of Mrs Quezon's murder stunned populace; will furnish additional publicity ammunition to critics Quirino administration. Quirino reaction not yet public but will probably be carefully worded and reassuring in manner. Unofficial release indicated Quirino will claim ambushers not Huks. Anticipated that Huks will issue press release denying participation. Repercussions just beginning; tempers running high among government officials and private citizens. Movement underway to demand government instituted total war against dissidents. Huk situation worsening; activity during week confined to scattered raids, ambushes Pampanga, Bulacan, Nueva Ecija.

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Political:

(B) Important domestic speeches and reaction thereto: Joint meetings of 3 political parties Okinawa held 1st May Ernie Pyle Theater, Caha. Attendance 2500. Principal speakers were Nakasone Genwa and Kuwae Choko of Democratic Alliance, Senaga Kamejiro and Arakaki Kokichi of Peoples Party, Ogimi Chotoku and Wahaneshima Shinei of Socialist Party. All spoke on election of governor and assembly by people, adoption constitution, abolition income tax for 1948, and methods increase amount food distributed. Posters distributed throughout Okinawa announcing this and other meetings to be held 2nd May in Itoman, 4th May in Ishikawa, and 6th May in Nago. Inamine Ichiro, vice president League of Okinawans in Japan, departed for inspection southern Ryukyus 29th April.

Air: (Reported by FEAF):

Philippines:

19th April 1949 Filipino civilians believed from Mabalacat, Pampanga, PI discovered vicinity radio range station Clark Air Force Base. Military police were dispatched to area. Several Filipinos hid in tall grass surrounding area range station buildings. Military police fired several bursts harassing fire, attempting to frighten Filipinos from hiding. At approximately 1900 hours, 19th April 1949 small arms fire directed towards radio range station buildings. Firing allegedly by Mabalacat police. Several shots hit roofs of buildings.

Clark Air Force Base informer stated labor and Marine Battalion is secret military organization within accredited international labor and marine union of Philippines (ILMUP). Salazar, Jacinto L (Filipino) is listed as president of ILMUP, also listed as Commanding Officer with rank of Colonel in labor and marine battalion. The ILMUP membership card is pink, while labor and marine battalion "credential" is light blue in color. Secretary of ILMUP is reportedly driving force behind labor and marine battalion; Secretary admits close

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affiliation with Huks and has often threatened battalion members with retribution from Huks if they do not stay in line with battalions policies.

Air Force officers this command reported possible submarine sighting Tuesday 26th April 1949 in San Pedro Bay near Tacloban Island. Informants, one with 4 years active naval service, reported that their attention was drawn to moving object described as cylindrical about 4 feet tall and wake caused by same object. Harbor visibility unlimited. The wake was kept in sight approximately 15 minutes at which time night fell and wake disappeared into darkness. Wake described on course approximately 300 degrees and 12 to 20 feet in length, estimated speed 20 knots. Object and wake did not deviate or porpoise while on course. Lights from small off shore native boats possibly fishing craft appeared to converge at point where wake was last observed. This is first reliable info on possible submarine sighting that this command has received. Previous reports were Filipino observations by unreliable persons and no definite confirmations were ever received.

Decision made to dump at sea remaining 30,000 bombs, mostly 500 and 1,000 pound sizes, at Batangas. Several factors influenced decision; principal one being hostility local population, including officials, to further demilitarization operations.

It is proposed to cancel contract with John Lo Trading Company effective 15 May 1949.

Ammunition movement to permanent storage in tunnel Corregidor progressing slowly. The last 600 tons from Rosario Depot is at San Fernando, La Union, awaiting water transport by PNF.

North Korea:

Approximately 25 YAK type aircraft and 2 IL-2 type aircraft observed recently at Pyongyang Airfield (39 02N-125 04E)

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These aircraft bore insignia of a blue circle with white field and contained a red star. These aircraft reportedly are assigned North Korean Air Force as fighter aircraft.

Approximately 50 North Korean peoples army troops and no Soviet troops were observed on field. Five tank trucks observed.

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To: Dept of the Army Wash DC for CSGID

Info: Dept of Air Force

Nr: C 50046 JOINT WEEKA 32 14 May 49

Subject is JOINT Army-Air WPEKA Number 32.

Japan: Political:

(A) Important changes or contemplated changes in government: Since bills covering part of administrative retrenchment program involving large personnel cuts in government have not yet been sent to Diet some further extension of session, perhaps for five days, may become necessary, although government will try to avoid it. Meeting between leaders of Democratic-Liberal party and Inukai faction of Democrats on 9 May indicates increasing possibility of latter group joining government forces. Extensive political realignment predicted after session ends. New political council, formed by Peoples Cooperative party and other small groups, now has 33 Lower House seats, and may seek union with anti-coalition faction of Democrats.

Economic:

(C) Labor: Regional groups of coal miners striking, with national coal miners strike threatened for 14 and 15 May.

South Korea: Political:

(A) Important changes or contemplated changes in government, domestic and foreign policies: Rerad USAFIK ZGBI 329, 7 May 49 pertaining Chang Taik Sangs candidacy for National Assembly from Cheju Island.

Comment: Chang apparently desperate secure Assembly

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seat. Law stipulating provincial residency for candidates probably would eliminate indiscriminate electioneering by ambitious politicians.

Rerad. USAFIK ZGBI 329, 7th May 49 pertaining Rhees return from good will trip southern provinces.

Comment: Apparently President attempting increase his popularity with people in strife torn localities. Reports indicate government officials actually attempted to discover true state conditions and corrective measures may be initiated.

President Rhee stated 7th May he "wants United States to sit down immediately and state its policies and plans, in respect to Korea's immediate future".

Comment: Appears Rhee attempting force United States publicly commit itself in regard Korean policy. Although no motive advanced for statement, possible Rhee not satisfied with United States-Korean negotiations in regard arriving at mutually satisfactory date for withdrawal United States troops from Korea.

Rerad USAFIK ZGBI 329, 7th May 49 pertaining President Rhees rightist society advocating delay in withdrawal United States troops.

Comment: Possible President instigating plot to cause people to demand retention United States troops. Then, under guise of heeding peoples wishes, Rhee may retract 18th April statement that "Republics armed forces are approaching point of securing nations integrity", and request retention United States troops.

Rerad USAFIK ZGBI 329, 7th May 49 pertaining to border incidents near Kaesong (3758-12634).

Comment: Important reasons possibly underlying incidents merit close scrutiny. No indication can yet be found

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that incidents were inspired by persons or agencies within South Korea which might wish to foster unrest as an argument for retention of United States forces here, but investigation is continuing, especially in Kaesong area. No incidents can yet be found where South Korean forces crossed into North Korea to start an incident but this possibility is by no means ruled out.

Rerad USAFIK ZGBI 329, 7th May 49 pertaining government suspension of Seoul newspaper.

Comment: Suspension leading south Korean newspaper indication that Korean Republic has not fully grasped democratic precepts free press. Tactics similar strong-arm methods characteristic of totalitarian states. Constitutional guarantee freedom of press ineffective since stringent restrictions allowed by law. Freedom of speech, assembly, and association are threatened if flaunting of citizens rights continue.

Military:

(C) Troop movements and concentration, incidents and operations: Rerad USAFIK ZGBI 329, 7th May 49 pertaining rumor that South Korea Government officials plan invasion North Korea.

Comment: Although information concerning invasion North Korea unconfirmed, some South Korean officials possibly feel their terms of office will be limited should United States tactical forces be withdrawn.

Rerad USAFIK ZGBI 329, 7th May 49 pertaining defection elements Eighth Korean Army Regiment to North Korea.

Comment: Korean Army plans reconstitute Eighth Regiment; move it from border station; replace it with Seventh Regiment.

North Korea:

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Military:

(B) Major changes in command, organization, equipment and strength: Rehabilitation North Korean Peoples Army Arsenal at Kan-Ri (3910-12540) reportedly completed 21st March 49. However, operation of plant not started as of 29th March.

Comment: Previous information stated anticipated completion date for arsenal 30th April 49. During Soviet occupation North Korea, all munitions from USSR sent to arsenal where they were processed for distribution Soviet units throughout North Korea. With departure Soviet occupation forces, there is reason to believe installation has become possibly most important supply point for Peoples Army.

Rerad USAFIK ZGBI 329, 7th May 49 which refers Soviet military aid to North Korea.

Comment: This information significant since, if true, it envisages considerably larger, speedier and appreciably better equipped North Korean armed forces than exist at present. However, dissemination such information possibly propaganda designed to bolster North Korean home front morale and as deterrent to South Korean military operations against North Korea.

(C) Troop movements, concentrations, incidents and operations: North Korean Aviation Society provides partially trained aviation students for Peoples Army Air Force. Societys strength approximately 178,000, distributed throughout North Korea. Personnel trained at five airfields including Pyongyang (3901-12544) and Hamhung(3954-12732). Subordinate agency of the society provides advanced training for selected aviation engineers at Hamhung. Two parachute jump towers Pyongyang used for familiarization training during period 1st September 48 to 10th December 48 but no jumps from aircraft observed; class of 302 students included 50 Peoples Army Air Force troops and 50 from security forces.

Comment: Report is of low evaluation; reliable United
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States observers in Pyongyang during period concerned observed no parachute training of North Korean troops. However, training possibly being conducted now. Doubtful aviation society furnishes technical training of much value for prospective Air Force personnel. Main purpose organization appears stimulate interest in aviation, bring training program up to date.

Philippines:

Political:

(B) Important domestic speeches: Liberal Party divided into two factions, pro-Avelino and pro-Quirino supporters. Each faction attempting expel the other from Liberal Party. Quirino planning to run Defense Secretary Ruperto Kangleon, Interior Secretary Sotero Baluyut, Public Works Secretary Ricardo Nepomuceno and Health Secretary Antonio Villaramo on Quirino ticket in November 49 elections. Action Senate President Mariano Jesus Cuenco probably will be Quirino's running mate. Rumored that United Nations delegate Carlos P Romulo will be drafted by pro-Avelino wing as either presidential or vice presidential candidate.

In address at ceremonies held on Philippine Air Force Day, 2nd May, Quirino advocated inauguration of Pacific Union and warned that "To aspire to defend our country with our own strength is futile". Quirino announced he would recommend Congress pass legislation creating armed force of 300,000 men.

(C) Reactions to important events: Hukbalahap (Huk) leader Luis Taruc, reportedly issued statements to press 29th April concerning Quezon ambush. Possibility exists that these releases were composed jointly by Congress of Labor Organizations vice-president, Cipriano Cid, and the executive secretary Phillipne Communist Party, Mariano Balgos.

Comment: Speculation as to whereabouts of Taruc continues. He went into hiding 15th August 48, when Philippine Constabulary opened all out offensive against Huks. Subsequently, Taruc reported deceased or located in various provinces

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Philippines and in Russia.

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Military:

(C) Operations: RYCOM G2 with Military Government Party and CIC personnel are enroute Yonaguni Jima aboard United States destroyer to investigate Formosan Chinese infiltration Yaeyama Islands.

Military Government Public Safety Department in conjunction with Okinawa civilian police impounded generators and sound equipment held illegally by owners of Ernie Pyle Theater, Naha. Takara Hajime, owner manager of theater and Naha branch manager of Uruma Shimpo newspaper was arrested and charged with illegally possessing and receiving stolen property. Military Government and police also impounded generators and other equipment held illegally by Uruma Shimpo newspaper company. Ikeniyagusuku Shei, editor in chief of Uruma Shimpo, member of Standing Committee Peoples Party, known Communist sympathizer and personal friend of Inamine Ichiro, vice-president of Okinawan League in Japan, was arrested and charged with illegal possession and receiving stolen United States property. Senaga Kamejiro, president of Uruma Shimpo, leader of Peoples Party, and member of Okinawa Assembly will also be arrested on same charges upon returning Naha. Ryukyuan property custodian impounded all equipment of Uruma Shimpo pending an inventory.

Inamine Ichiro, vice president Okinawan League, departed Miyako for inspection tour of Yaeyama 9th May.

Air: (reported by FEAF):

Japan:

Fire in motor pool tire battery shop Misawa Air Force Base damaged roof and part interior structure. Damage estimated \$3,000.

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Korea:

Four low evaluation reports received recently dealing with North Korean Army Air Regiment at Pyongyanghai Field indicate presence of 13 to 32 obsolescent aircraft and from 30 to 70 personnel including Russian instructors and approximately 23 additional trainers. As pilots become proficient and air regiment takes shape USSR reported contemplating shipment bombers and fighters to North Korea. With this accomplished activation bases at Chinnampo Sinuiju, Hamhung, Haeje, Oagim-Ni and augmentation regiment to air brigade of 1560 personnel anticipated by 1st October 49.

Comment: Although this does not constitute formidable air force as stands, it definitely outclasses South Korean air arm. Higher aircraft count, condition aircraft, and presence Soviet instructors probable. Aircraft believed Soviet trainers, old Japanese fighters and one United States liaison type defected. Present personnel strength estimated 800. Increase to 1560 prior October 1949 feasible in view number aviation groups engages ground training. Soviet release bomber and fighter aircraft North Korea unlikely near future due to deficit of training and efficiency, quite probable within 12 months. Bases on On-Jong-Ni (Chinnampo), Sinue Ju, and Hamhung in good condition. Haeju and Mirim-Ni both sod. All can handle B-25 type but not much heavier.

Philippines:

Captain Eofilo Lorenzana suspended indefinitely from Philippine Air Force for leading two trainers on "buzzing" operation over Clark Air Force Base 23rd April. Formal verbal agreement existed between Commanding Officer Philippine Air Force and Commanding General 18th Fighter Wing whereby each would use all means to prevent such incidents. Occurrence beneficial inasmuch as 18th Wing subjected to full alert.

Major Luis Villa Real, assistant to Secretary National Defense, states national defense strategy based on premise

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Philippines will have to shoulder own defense burden. Present plans are to create ground force sufficiently strong to quell internal uprising and a fighter wing to repel air attacks. Villa Real states he foresaw increased activities by dissident elements which may rise to tempo of internal uprising.

Philippine Air Force celebrated first Air Force Day 2nd May at Basa Field, Florida Blanca, with baccalaureate services for 27 graduating aviation cadets and student officers.

Twenty planes from Philippine Air Lines, Philippine Air Force, and United States Air Force thoroughly combed Lamon Bay, Camarines Norte Quezon Province, Laguana, Rizal, the Islands of Alabat, Balesin, Cabalete, to the Polillo and Calagua groups for missing C-47 Philippine airliner PI-C 98. Aircraft was last heard from 7th May 1616 hours 25 minutes after departure from Daet Comarines Norte Airfield. Nine passengers and crew of four aboard.

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To: Dept of the Army Wash DC for CSGID
Info: USAF
Nr: C 50184 WEEKA 33 20 May 49
Subject is JOINT Army-Air WEEKA number 33.

Japan:

Political: (A) Important changes or contemplated changes in government: Diet session, now extended until 23 May, has not yet considered bills involving large personnel cuts in connection with administrative retrenchment program. Bills revising current labor laws forced through Lower House on 14 May by government's large majority. Some cabinet reshuffle possible after session ends when administrative reorganization of Commerce and Communication Ministries takes place. Inukai faction of Democratic Party seen nearer merger with Democratic-Liberals, while anti-coalition faction continues make advances to new political council with view to amalgamation. Impending political developments cause Premier Yoshida postpone speaking tour scheduled for 29 May. Three major stock exchanges reopened 14 May, have been closed since August 45.

Economic: (A) Economic changes: Coal production loss during first 10-day period of May estimated at 200700 tons as result of work stoppages. Output only 71.4 % of quota for period. Currency in circulation 304 billion yen as of 14 May. Wheat and barley crops estimated near average but less than last year. Condition of white potato crops generally poor.

(C) Labor: Nations coal mines remained idle 14 and 15 May as 430000 miners of National Federation of Coal Miners Union refused to go to pits. Efforts by the Central Labor Relations Board to settle this dispute failed

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when Coal Operators League agreed to unions demand of 15% wage increase if mine efficiency was raised 15%. No settlement yet reached.

South Korea:

Political: (A) Important changes or contemplated changes in government, domestic and foreign policies; Rerad USAFIK ZGBI 352, 13 May 49 pertaining contemplated aid requests to United States, by Rhee-led all-Korean Federation of Patriotic Organizations.

Comment: President Rhee and followers apparently exploited national holiday by initiating well planned scheme to influence favorable public opinion on issues designed strengthen, protect administration. Rhee's tacit sanction of requests may lend considerable support to scheme, and forewarn him of United States and world opinion on issues prior to possible official requests by Korean Government on same matters. All issues involved appear stemmed directly from Governments executive branch. Federations request that United States maintain Korea's security until Soviet troops withdraw North Korea coincides with Rhee's 7 February 49 speech before National Assembly when he stated "neutral sources have not confirmed reports Soviet troops departed North Korea". Rhee and Federation possibly referring to fact that United Nations Commission on Korea has not verified withdrawal Soviet forces, ignoring fact that USSR has not aided Commissions efforts verify withdrawal.

Rerad USAFIK ZGBI 352, 13 May 49 pertaining 10 May election Cheju Island.

Comment: Chang Taik Sang unable garner sufficient votes for National Assembly seat. Election native sons reemphasizes Cheju natives reluctance accept Korean Mainland leaders. Doubtful Chang's defeat will discourage him from future attempts regain government position. Election 2 candidates to National Assembly completes authorized 200-man assembly first time Republic's history.

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Military: (A) Changes in policy: Rerad USAFIK ZGBI 352, 13 May 49 pertaining Defense Ministers directive authorizing death sentence for 38 parallel violations by unit commanders.

Comment: Rigid enforcement directive by Defense Minister probable; should contribute to stability border situation. Directive apparently designed restrain trigger-happy South Korean commanders; severity of punishment authorized should preclude indiscreet actions which might precipitate North-South war. Issuance of order suggests Korean Republic officials apprehensive of combat capabilities Armed forces in event border clashes lead to war.

(B) Major changes in Command, Organization, Equipment and Strength: Rerad USAFIK ZGBI 352, 13 May 49 pertaining dissolution Chiri San Task Force.

Comment: Apparently Korean Army believes Task Force has completed mission neutralizing Rebel activities eastern half South Cholla Province. Estimated only 40 active Rebels of original 350 remain; divided into small groups 4 to 10 men dispersed southern provinces Korean mainland. Body of Rebel Chieftain Kim Chi Hwei, former lieutenant Korean Constabulary, identified by associates, wife. Dissolving Task Force will permit return units to parent organizations for intensified training, interrupted by Chiri San operation.

North Korea:

Military: (B) Major changes in Command, Organization Equipment and Strength: Rerad USAFIK ZGBI 352, 13 May 49, pertaining reported plans for Peoples Army expansion, incorporation Koreans serving with Chinese Communist Forces.

Comment: Questionable whether present logistical status North Korea would permit such extensive increase in strength. While quite likely some Koreans released from duty with Chinese Communist Forces being incorporated in

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Peoples Army, North Korean authorities may be exploiting stories of Peoples Army expansion for possible adverse effect on South Korean morale. Possibility that above report originated by South Korean officials as part of argument for retention United States troops should not be overlooked. (See CINCPAC WEEKA C 50046, 13 May 49).

Rerad USAFIK ZGBI 352, 12 May 49 pertaining plans for expansion Independent Mixed Brigade to division.

Comment: Previous unconfirmed reports stated Independent Mixed Brigade redesignated 4 Division. Expansion Brigade to division size quite probable, particularly if above information concerning incorporation Koreans from Chinese Communist Forces is accurate. Influx such Korean veterans would considerably improve potential combat efficiency present organization.

(C) Troop movements and concentrations, incidents and operations: Soviet Guerrilla Liaison Office established Chongjin (4146-17949) late 1948 now dispatches Soviet guerrilla tactics specialists to various operations centers including Kwachon (3805-12740), Inje (3804-12810), and Yanggu (3806-12800). Approximately 300 these specialists in civilian clothing arrived Chorwon (3814-12712) 5 February 49; assigned areas along 38 parallel.

Comment: These are first reports received concerning possible establishment Soviet Guerrilla Liaison Office Chongjin. Training guerrillas in mountainous areas near 38 parallel, prior to entry South Korea logical. Doubtful 300 Soviet advisers needed for such work.

Philippines:

Political: (A) Important changes or contemplated changes in government: Liberal Party (Avelino Wing) held convention 12 May. Former Senate President Jose Avelino nominated presidential candidate with Senator Vincente Francisco as running mate. Party platform to be promulgated

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soon, will include renouncing wasteful extravagance of present (Quirino) administration, with strong appeal to labor class.

In Quirino faction there are indications acting Senate President Mariano Jesus Cuenco will run for vice president on Quirino ticket.

Source comment: Quirino being taken to task by both minority and Avelino Group for alleged waste of peoples money, failure to balance National Budget with resultant deficit, and failure of peace and order program. President steadily losing ground in re-election maneuverings, but major money interests still backing him.

(C) Reactions to important events: Hukbalahap (Huk) raids continue, despite Philippine Constabulary (PC) opposition. To date, no indications that dissidents moving to proximities of United States Army Installations. Continued Huk activity undermining public confidence in PC and local police forces.

Sentiment growing among staff officers, Headquarters National Defense Forces (ENDF), regarding the "deplorable lavishness" of Chief of Staff, Major General Mariano Castaneda. Castaneda assigned 6 Philippine Army vehicles and 5 horses. He spent 3000 pesos (1500 United States dollars) refurbishing office upon succeeding General Jalandoni. Resentment has resulted from Castaneda's large expenditures from limited National Defense Force budget.

Source Comment: Castaneda has always been Beau Brummel of ENDF and PC. Heretofore his military acumen has proven worth price. However, with National Defense Secretary Ruperto Kangleon looking for opportunity oust him, quiet investigation with view toward his relief may soon be initiated.

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Political (C) Reactions to important events:

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Arrest of Senaga Kamejairo (President of Uruma Shimpo Newspaper, leader Peoples Party and member Okinawa Assembly) for illegal possession of and receiving stolen United States property has caused public speculation as to reason for police action. Political leaders reported reluctant speak in public since Senagas arrest.

Air: (Reported by FFAF):

Japan: At 0930, 13 May 49, officer in nose B-17 from 3rd Rescue Squadron briefly sighted object in water approximately 10 inches diameter extending 3 to 4 feet out of water leaving wake in calm sea. When plane turned to take better look, he lost sight of object. There were two pole shaped objects protruding from water 3 or 4 feet to either side. At distance of approximately one mile from object there were 5 fishing boats, one stationary and four moving toward land. Position at time of sighting 40 degrees 58 minutes north-141 degrees 33 minutes east.

Navys comment: Sighting now evaluated by COMNAVFE as doubtful submarine contact.

Subversive: Six guide lines supporting ADCC antennas located behind Air Defense Control Center, Itazuke Air Force Base on mound 20 feet above ground level severed recently. Two of seven antennas discovered down when receiving set failed. Only damage caused by incident was to director element of one antenna. Investigation underway.

North Korea:

Recent reports indicate existence of a North Korean Air Force.

Comment: FFAF now accepting existence North Korean Air Force consisting some 36 Japanese fighters and trainers, Soviet trainers and approximately 800 personnel. Organization commanded by Korean Colonel Wang Yon with headquarters Pyongyang. Some 70 Korean pilots who saw World War II service

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with Chinese and Japanese Air Forces constitute flying personnel. Extensive ground and glider training being carried out by North Korean Aviation Society. Indications parachute training Pyongyang. Some Koreans may be receiving flight training in USSR.

Philippines:

The crashed C-47 PAL Airliner PIC-93 has been reported as found off the coast of Perez on Alabat Island, Philippine Islands. Tentative finding of the CAA is to the effect that a mysterious explosion in the tail section caused the crash. PAL officials have reserved the right to inspect all personal baggage of passengers to assure that no firearms, explosives, or ammunition are carried aboard plane in future.

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To: Dept of Army for CSGID
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Japan:
Political:

(A) Important changes or contemplated changes in government: budget still in lower house budget committee, may reach floor of lower house by 15th April. Communist Diet members using usual obstructionist tactics in budget committee to delay budget passing. No serious difficulties expected as governments majority appears unshakeable. Chief Justice Mibuchi expected to resign because of protracted illness. No extension of session requested but believed probable. Political interest centers in national convention of Social-Democratic Party scheduled for 14th April, During which final showdown is expected between left and right wings.

Economic:

(A) Economic changes: Currency issue rises to 310 billion yen 9 April after hitting low of 308 billion yen 7th April.

Korea:

Political:

(A) Important changes or contemplated changes in Government, domestic and foreign policies: Rerad USAFIK ZGBI 233, 10th April 49 pertaining Prime Minister Lee Bum Suks resignation submitted to President Rhee.

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Rerad USAFIK ZGBI 233, 10th April 49 pertaining
United Nations Commissions letter to North Korean Government.

Comment:

Apparently commission pessimistic toward obtaining
USSR cooperation for entry North Korea. President Rhee
probably opposes action fearing de facto recognition North
Korean regime. Sudden decrease propaganda attacks on
commission by radios Pyongyang and Moscow indicates
possible softening Communist policy toward commission.

Rerad USAFIK ZGBI: 233, 10th April 49 pertaining
Louise Yims alleged misappropriation government funds.

Comment:

Yim under assembly fire for various reasons since
appointed minister commerce, Industry August 48. Rhees
request that Yims activities be investigated indicates he
suspected irregularities. Public opinion and seriousness of
charge possibly will result Yims dismissal despite long
friendship with president.

Military:

(B) Major changes in command, organization,
equipment and strength: Rerad USAFIK ZGBI 233, 10th April
49 pertaining activation Marine Corps.

Comment:

Law on organization national armed forces passed by
National Assembly 15th November 48 does not provide
Marine Corps. Activation ambitious undertaking for
country economically weak as Korea. Action will further
drain republics budget and places approximately 126,450 men,
including national police, under arms. Republic continues

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expansion armed forces despite inability to equip them without outside aid. However, Rhee appears confident obtaining arms through Chough Byung Ok, recently named Korean Representative United Nations; Chough instructed to request additional arms, equipment from United States.

(C) Troop movements and concentrations, incidents and operation: Rerad USAFIK ZG3I 233, 10th April 49 pertaining decreased rebel activity.

Comment:

Government has met marked success eliminating rebels throughout South Korea, especially South Cholla, South Kyongsang provinces and Cheju Island. Continued government successes may result in period of comparative peace, quiet Korea.

Rerad USAFIK ZG3I 233, 10th April 49 referring independent underground organizations North Korea.

Comment:

Previous reports indicate disaffected elements North Korea include farmers, laborers, policemen, military personnel. Civilian morale believed generally low result regimentation, food levies, high taxes, nationalization industry, property appropriations. However, recent Chinese Communist military successes and Soviet withdrawal North Korea probably have increased Communist prestige, bolstered North Korea morale. Dissident activities severely hampered by North Korean surveillance agencies and harsh disciplinary measures administered suspected dissidents; unconfirmed report stated 50,000 disaffected North Koreans sent to labor camps Siberia, Sakhalin, Manchuria autumn 1948. Total 102 deserters armed forces known to have entered South Korea since 15th May 48; reports indicate disaffection armed forces declined recent months; screening procedures, careful

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selection inductees effective in eliminating disloyal troops. No current evidence dissident elements sufficiently organized or equipped to seriously threaten stability North Korean police state. However, cells of disaffection may continue growth until conditions permit centralized organization and effective dissident activities.

Approximately 300 Soviet troops stationed Kyomipo (3844-12538) North Korea February 49; serving as advisers Peoples Army troops in area.

Comment:

Soviet advisers reportedly remained with Peoples Army units battalion size and larger after official termination Soviet occupation North Korea. Peoples Army troops observed Kyomipo possibly assigned independent mixed Brigade Chinnampo (3844-12524); number Soviet advisers appears exaggerated.

Unidentified Artillery Battalion First Division Peoples Army located Chaeryong (3824-12538) March 49; strength approximately 700; equipped with 12 Soviet 76 millimeter guns, 4 trucks United States manufacture.

Comment:

Available information indicates Peoples Army Artillery Battalion strength 295; equipped with 8-76 millimeter guns, 4-122 millimeter Howitzers. Unidentified Peoples Army unit with 8 Soviet 76 millimeter guns, 23 trucks United States manufacture reported Chaeryong January 49; engaged in combat training, field firing. Reports indicate elements First Division Artillery Regiment stationed Pyongyang (3901-12544) have been transferred Chaeryong or dispatched to area for training exercises.

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Philippines:

Military:

(C) Incidents: Unknown number natives Quezon Province seeking haven on Mindoro Island allegedly to escape new foreign element which they believe to be Chinese Communists infiltrating eastern coast Luzon and terrorizing local inhabitants.

Bomb explosion occurred 1310 hours, 13 April 49, in bomb storage area Clark Field Air Base, midway between 20 Station Hospital and Bambam River. Grass fire, under control as of 1430 hours 13 April, caused 1 of 16 bomb bays to explode. Known casualties: 1 USAF Sergeant wounded, 1 Filipino civilian killed, 23 Filipino civilians wounded. Explosion blew out windows and doors in barracks area approximately 2 miles from detonation site. 20 Station Hospital, approximately 1 mile from detonation area, evacuated. Drake Utah Grove cement plant demolished.

Psychological:

(A) Press trends: Move to impeach Quirino, and immigration reciprocity bill passed by house in retaliation Australian non-Asiatic policy, topped domestic news during week 3-12 April

RYCOM:

Miscellaneous:

(A) Subversive: CIC investigation of Okinawan representatives of Kosei Kai (Hawaiian Relief and Rehabilitation Foundation), revealed connection with Uruma Shimpo newspaper which is receiving copies of organization publication "Kosei Okinawa" from Hawaii. Nisei female DAC communicates with Kosei Kai Headquarters in Hawaii by

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amateur radio.

Air: (Reported by FEAF):

Japan:

The all Japan occupation forces labor union is attempting to learn how the reorganization of the 315th Air Division will affect the Japanese employed on each Air Force Base.

Philippines:

During week ending 10th April there were 21 outgoing flights and 24 incoming flights at Manila International Airport. Chinese composed approximately 75% of traveling personnel.

Barrio Balibago, Angeles, immediately adjacent to Clark Air Force Base, was raided by unknown number Huks 7th April without opposition by any government force. Mayor of Angeles is apprehensive of a Huk strike against his village at any time. It is estimated that there are approximately 150 well armed Huks bivouaced about 3 miles south of Clark Air Force Base.

Guam:

The bomb sight vault on North Guam Air Force Base was partially destroyed by fire 10 April. No bomb sights were destroyed.

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WEEKA Number 73, period 14 May to 21 May 49.

Current

1. President Rhee returned the Land Reform Bill, which had been passed by the National Assembly on 27 April, to the legislative body suggesting a number of minor amendments, purely technical in character. (B-2).

Comment: The President was consistent in character in returning the Land Reform Bill, since he previously had blocked the only other major piece of legislation, the local Government reform bill, passed by the Assembly during its extended session.

2. The special Executive Committee of Kim Koo's Korean Independence Party held a 3-day meeting in Seoul. Reports which have leaked from the conference indicate that the party which has consistently sought North-South rapprochement through joint meetings and compromise is now preparing to abandon that theme and adopt a strictly nationalistic platform in support of the present Government. (B-2)

3. First sentence for a pro-Japanese national traitor was given in the trials which have been underway since 28 March. The defendant, an elderly, unimportant baron during the Japanese regime, was sentenced to 2½ years imprisonment and most of his real estate was attached by the Government.

4. Seoul city police arrested Lee Moon Won and Chai Tai Eyoo, National Assembly member who have been identified for several months with the group of some 60 young, more progressive members of the legislature, who have led anti-Government movements in the Assembly. They were charged with having attended a South Korean Labor Party meeting in March at which time they promised to support certain Communist planks including withdrawal of US troops from Korea, unification of

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North and South, release of political prisoners, the holding of another general election and the establishment of a supreme peoples committee in South Korea. (C-2)

Comment: Rumors in political circles infer that the president has been planning the arrest of several of his Assembly critics on charges that they are Communist supporters. A few arrests likely would have a salutary affect on the legislators and would hasten the trend toward authoritarianism by Rhee in his Government.

Military

1. Strength: Korean Army-71,086, Korean Coast Guard-5435, National Police-50500.

2. A general order published by Korean Army Headquarters, redesignated all former brigades as divisions. These divisions will have the same numerical designation as did the brigades. No changes in T/O and E have been made. (B-1).

3. Major General Chai Byongiduk, former Chief of Staff, Department of National Defense, assumed command of the Korean Army on 13th May. The position of chief of staff, DND, has been abolished and General Chai replaced Major General Lee Ung Jun, who has reportedly resigned from his position as Commanding General of the Army. (C-2)

4. During this period twelve parallel incidents were reported. With one exception all were of a minor nature. One clash which took place at Paekchon (934-1695), lasted 2 days and involved some 200 men on each side. For details see P/Rs 1116, 1117 and 1118, dated 16, 18 and 20 May. (C-3).

Mobilization potential:

1. The weekly ECA economic summary for the period ending 14 May indicated that rice prices in Korea were continued their climb and were averaging more than 900 won per small mal throughout the provinces, going as high as 1120 won in Pusan.

Power production suffered a 5% drop during the period, largely because of failure on the part of the Government to make timely allocations to industry to keep pace with the increased power potential.

At the same time it was reported that recommendations had been made to the Korean Government that a coal-mining development program be undertaken which would culminate in 1953.

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If successful, the plan would result in a sufficient amount of coal to meet most domestic power and industrial requirements.(B-2)

Comment: Late press reports in Seoul indicated that rice prices have gone beyond the 1000-won mark in that city for the first time.

Subversive

Reports reflect a slight decrease in rebel activities. Both rebel actions and police-army actions against rebels remained scattered over the southern and eastern portions of South Korea. For details see P/R's 1116, 1117 and 1118, dated 16, 18 and 20 May.

Part 2-North Korea

Current

1. Radio Pyongyang promptly reported the desertion of the flagship from South Korea on 12 May and told of the warm welcome extended the deserter crew by the North Koreans. The ship brought with it all its arms and equipment and the crew pledged allegiance to the North Korean ex Government. (Radio intercept).

2. Information received at this office on 18 May reveals that the Soviet merchant ship "Narva" after unloading an unknown cargo at Hungnam (1050-1910) was directed to proceed to Wonuan (1040-1830) and pick up a cargo of 2700 tons of cement destined for Sakhalin. (B-2)

Comment: The cement probably is destined for the reported airfields constructed by the Soviets on Sakhalin. In addition it has been rumored that a land (possibly a concrete road) transportation link between eastern Siberia and the West Coast of Sakhalin is being constructed.

Military

1. Reported desertions from the North Korean Armed Forces for the period 24 April through 14 May consisted of

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2 Sergeants and 1 Private from the security forces. (B-2).

Comment: Reasons for desertion were dislike of the Soviet system in North Korea and the better treatment afforded members of the North Korean Labor Party over non-members. According to one of the deserters 60% of the security forces are party members.

2. North Korean authorities are reportedly showing concern over the high percentage of anti-Communists serving with the Peoples Army. To forestall any manifestation of disloyalty by this personnel a large number of agents and counter-intelligence personnel are being assigned from the Ministry of Internal Affairs to the Peoples Army. (F-6).

In partial corroboration of the above report a deserter states that counter-intelligence within a Peoples Army battalion is performed by a representative of the political defense department; normally a Captain. In turn, this officer plants secret informants, selected enlisted men and officers, throughout the unit. Expression of personal opinion or criticism of the present regime is precluded through fear that soldier may be conversing with one of these secret informants. (F-6).

Comment: Surveillance as indicated above together with the continued inculcation of Communist doctrine, strict discipline, extra rations and special privileges are the primary mediums through which the present Government maintains a firm hold on the officers and men of the Peoples Army. For more details see P/R 1117.

3. Several fragmentary reports state that the uniforms of the soldiers in the Peoples Army are badly worn, ragged, patched and generally in poor condition. (F-1).

A Peoples Army deserter attributes the poor present condition of uniforms to the 1948 issue which consisted of uniforms made from a quilted cloth manufactured in North

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Korea. In contrast the 1947 issue was made of cloth imported from the USSR. Source further reports that according to existing directives the Summer uniform is issued once a year, the Winter uniform every 2 years, and shoes every 10 months. Prescribed issue periods, however, are not closely adhered to. (F-2).

Comment: A shipment of cloth did arrive from the USSR sometime early in 1947 and by May of the same year both Winter and Summer uniforms were issued. However, although arriving from the USSR American observers at the time were in complete agreement that the wool cloth used in the manufacture of the Winter uniforms was of German origin. In addition the shoes issued at the time were of leather and, like the cloth, of Germany manufacture.

First reports of a change over to a quilted or padded material were received by this office in January 49 (see P/R 1028). Substitution of canvas and rubber shoes for the more hardy leather footwear was reported in early November 49.

3. A Naval Academy is located at the former Japanese Naval Base had been severely damaged by bombing in 1949, but since April 48 repair and reconstruction of the buildings has been in progress. The Naval Academy began to move to Najin from Wonsan in July 48 and completed the move by 6 September.

The reported equipment of the academy is one 30 meter warship, 4 transport boats 20-45 ton, and 3 patrol boats. The terms of instruction is 3 years with graduates eligible to become Naval Junior Lieutenants. (F-6).

Comment: The first indication of a Naval School in Najin was reported in WEEKA 52 while in WEEKA 60 a Naval Academy was reported to be located in Pangjin (1280-2190).

ALUSNA comment: There is still no indication of the transfer to Janin of the YMs type ships which were stationed

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with the Coast Guard Staff School at Wonsan.

Mobilization Potential

1. The National Gunpowder Factory at Hungcam (1050-1910) is presently operating at only 5/12 the capacity due to lack of raw materials, and is apparently engaged in manufacturing industrial explosives only. The daily production is 27,000 sticks of dynamite of which an unknown percentage is shipped to the USSR while the balance is used for mining operations in North Korea. (F-6).

2. Munition warehouses, totaling 21-story concrete plastered wall-grey tile roof buildings each approximately 97 feet long and 33 feet wide, reportedly for the use of the 2nd Rifle Division, Peoples Army are under construction 700 yards south of the railway station in Nanam (1240-2150). Scheduled completion date is August 49. (F-6).

Comment: This is the first report of munition warehouses being constructed in the locality. While this report ties the warehouses to a specific Army unit the nature of construction indicates a permanent ammunition dump is in the making.

Psychological

Speeches by members of units of the South Korean Army as well as the flagship which deserted to the north, and reporting of the advance of the Communist Army in China pushed all other propaganda into the background during the period. The speeches of the deserters criticized the South Korean Army, the Syngman Rhee Government, American Army advisors; and called upon members of the South Korean security forces to desert. Propaganda line of China pointed out that the Communists were winning despite the aid and sympathy the United States had given to the Nationalists. The South Korean Labor Party has asked for a meeting with the North Korean Labor Party to try to effect unification, and the meeting

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Japan:

Political.

(A) Important changes or contemplated changes in government: Third and fourth extensions of session, third for two days and fourth for six days, will keep Diet open until 31st May. Fairly large agenda still remains, particularly in House of Councillors. As result of fist fight in lower house 19th May, one Democratic-Liberal suspended for seven days, one Communist for 30 days. Similar disturbance in Councillors in midnight session 23rd May caused by efforts of opposition to delay passage of necessary legislation.

Economic:

(A) Economic changes: Currency issue now stands at 301 billion yen as of 24th May after reaching low of 297 billion on the 20th May. Third round of coal mine walkouts drops coal production to 69.7 percent of quota for second 10 day period of May.

South Korea:

Political:

(A) Important changes or contemplated changes in government: Rerad USAFIK ZGBI 69, 20th May 49 pertaining return of Land Reform Bill to National Assembly.

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Comment: Appears president Rhee intends follow procedure he established with government reform bill by returning objectionable measures to National Assembly thus obtaining veto benefits without exercising veto authority. Possible legislators will again become enmeshed in lengthy discussions on measure, with other pertinent bills being neglected. Implementation of bill would contribute to winning farmers over to government and counteract North Korean propaganda against south Korean land reform program.

Economic:

(A) Proposed or actual economic changes; Rerad USAFIK ZGBI 269, 20th May 49 pertaining rise in rice prices.

Comment: Grain shortages may be noted in cities before completion summer grain collections. Assembly's failure to implement rationing system and rigidly enforce grain collection program believed responsible for price rise. United States officials previously warned Korean Government high prices and food shortages would result if collection indigenous foodstuffs halted or impeded. Government's lack of foresight may increase inflation, cause hardships for people. Government possibly will request additional aid if food situation becomes critical.

Military:

(B) Major changes in command; Rerad USAFIK ZGBI 269, 20th May 49 pertaining abolishment position Chief of General Staff and appointment new Chief of Staff.

Comment: Abolition position Chief of General Staff will enable Minister of National Defense to confer directly with army's Chief of Staff; permit reassignment excess officers to field duty. Rumored rift between President Rhee and Major General Chae Byong Duk apparently groundless in view of latter's appointment as Chief of Staff.

(C) Troop movements and concentrations, incidents and
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operations: Five Communists in Korean Navy attempted seize control navys yard mine sweeper "Tong Yong" 1000 hours, 21st May. Former Japanese YMS anchored Pusan Harbor when one officer, three enlisted men from nearby "Kang Kyung" boarded vessel and were met by officer aboard "Tong Yong". Engines "Tong Yong" started, vessel got underway. Navy personnel ashore became suspicious, sent another vessel in pursuit. One Communist aboard the "Tong Yong" committed suicide, other four were captured. Vessel apprehended before it could leave harbor.

Comment: Apparently contemplated defection as well planned scheme involving elements "Tong Yong" and "Kang Kyung". Communists may have infiltrated Pusan Naval Base in considerable strength, since "Kang Kyung" normally based Pusan and "Kang Wha", which defected 10th May, also based there (see USAFIK ZGBI 352, 13th May 49). "Tong Yong" home port Inchon. Not revealed whether Communists captured by loyal forces aboard "Tong Yong" or by vessel sent in pursuit. Attempted defection another example Communist practice of having officers of Republics Armed Forces investigate wholesale defections.

North Korea:

Military:

(C) Troop movements and concentrations, incidents and operations: Rerad USAFIK ZGBI 269, 20th May 49 pertaining North Korean authorities concern over high percentage anti-Communists in Peoples Army.

Comment: Peoples Army expansion believed currently in progress, presents North Korean regime with increased security problems, logical that increased surveillance would be instituted. Radio Pyongyang recently has been emphasizing governments decision provide additional benefits members armed forces and their dependents. This decision

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probably motivated by desire to ameliorate hardships experienced by armed forces, improve morale, discourage disloyal activities. Peoples Army members have been receiving special privileges; provision additional benefits should slightly strengthen authorities grip on loyalty of armed forces. Since motivation desertions from armed forces appears primarily political (see next paragraph), this action will not be completely effective.

Rerad USAFIK ZGBI 269, 20th May 49 pertaining desertion from North Korean Armed Forces.

Comment: Analysis of reports indicates 113 officers and men deserted armed forces during period 15th May 48 to 14th May 49. Reasons stated for desertions during past several months primarily political. Although total number known desertions comparatively small, fact that 113 escaped in spite of stringent security measures strongly indicate substantial opposition to North Korean regime exists in armed forces.

Philippines:

Political:

(A) Important changes or contemplated changes in government: Current congressional session abruptly terminated (senate, midnight, 18th May; house, 0018 hours, 19th May). Presidential peuce and order discretionary fund slashed from pesos 4 million (2 million United States dollars) to pesos 1,500,000 (750,000 United States dollars). End congressional session expected touch off pre-election fever for presidential and congressional races in November. Avelino liberal group held convention 12 May, started series campaign tours 20th May. Quirino liberal group to hold convention near future. Much discord whether Jose Yulo, wealthy visayan, or Cebu governor Manuel Cuenco will be Quirino running mate; Yulo favored. Father of Governor Cuenco senator Mariano Jesus

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Cuenco, acting senate president, will probably be offered permanent senate presidency to cement pro-Quirino foothold in Visayas. Quirino senatorial lineup not firm, anticipate will include several cabinet members.

Top leftist and Communist party labor leaders who will seek election in November include Philippine Communist party (PKP member Cipriano Cid, senate; PKP member and congress labor organization (CLO) president Amado V Hernandez, house; CLO Vice President Alfredo B Saulo, house; Philippine Government Employees Association President Baltayar Cuyugan senate; and PKP Vice President Guillermo Capadocia, house,

(C) Reactions to important events: Malacanan source state, Quezon ambush investigation bringing to light falsehoods in stories by former Headquarters National Defense Force Chief of Staff Major General Rafael Jalandoni and other survivors.

Military:

(A) Changes or contemplated changes in policy: Philippine Central Intelligence Agency scheduled to commence operations 1st July 49, under Colonel Augustin G Gabriel, G-2 Headquarters National Defense Forces. Congress recommended pesos 300 000 (150,000 United States dollars) allotment for operational needs.

Air: (Reported by FEAS):

Philippine:

Major Bartolome Cabangbant, Deputy Administrator Civil Aeronautics Administration resigned because of administration tendency to make aviation "political football". This protest resignation expected to be signal for mass retirement top technical men in key CAA position. Partial paralyzation

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of domestic air service has resulted from strikes by 1500 Philippine air line employees. Strike called as result dismissal CAA director for union activities and non-compliance by PAL management on agreement for minimum daily wage of pesos 6.50.

Colonel Mariano C Reyes sworn in as new General Manager National Airports Corporation replacing Colonel H Villamor. His appointment taken as indication president will not support efforts to dissolve NAC and transfer functions to CAA. Temporary agreement has been reached between China and Philippines permitting Philippine Air Lines and Chinese National Air Lines Corporation to make flights between Manila and Amoy. CNAC forbidden to fly into Manila seven months ago when found PAL not permitted land at Amoy.

Guam:

Racial disturbance occurred approximately 152015 May 49 in Rainbow Cafe at Agana. 15 to 20 colored airmen from 14th Air Ammunition Squadron attacked four marines. Two marines escaped, two dragged to middle of floor and man handled. One hospitalized and one fled from area apparently stunned.

Comment: Incident is another outbreak unrest among colored airmen on Guam and traced to original Marine-colored airmen trouble reported in CINCPAC WEEKLY number 30.

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Japan:

Political:

(A) Important changes or contemplated changes in government: Fifth national Diet ended its 110-day session, which has been extended four times, just before midnight 31st May. Diet passed 210 of 245 bills introduced during session. In closing sessions, government obtained cooperation of anti-coalition group of democrats, thus enabling lower house override upper house amendments by virtue of two thirds majority. All important bills, including those pertaining administrative reorganization and personnel retrenchment, passed by large majority. In final exhibition of strength, government forced through one measure with vote to 201 to 1. Food security measure bill failed to pass lower house, and councillors failed take final action on bill disciplining 4 members for taking part in disturbances 23rd May. Extensive political realignments are expected develop now that session has ended, with Diet remaining in recess all summer.

Economic:

(A) Economic changes: Currency stood at 306 billion yen as of 30th May.

(C) Labor: Communist-inspired labor disturbances in Tokyo 30th and 31st May resulted in one death 30th May, when one demonstrator fell from window of municipal assembly, where unions and students were attempting interrupt assembly session. On 31st May, 1000 police supported by 2000 reserves clashed with 3000 demonstrators. Several hundred demonstrators and

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67 police injured, 66 arrests made.

South Korea:

Political:

(A) Important changes or contemplated changes in government, domestic and foreign policies: Rerad USAFIK ZGBI 389, 28th May 49 pertaining to opening national assemblies special session.

Comment: Assembly may encounter considerable difficulty passing bills on local government reform and grain collection that will meet with President Rhee's approval. If assembly continues to submit bills objectionable to chief executive, he probably will return measures on technicalities without actually vetoing them. Rhee recently followed such action in connection with local government reform and grain collection measures. Such action would amount to killing measures during current special session.

Rerad USAFIK ZGBI 389, 28th May 49 pertaining arrest of assemblymen and defeat assembly resolution requesting their release.

Comment: If President Rhee behind arrests, as rumored, he probably hopes influence young, progressive legislators sufficiently to gain their cooperation with executive branch of government. Assembly resolution requesting release arrested legislators probably prompted by article 49 of constitution. Whether legislators pass bills favorable to executive branch during assemblies special session will largely reveal degree success governments action in arresting the assemblymen.

Military:

(B) Major changes in command, organization,
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equipment and strength: Reur weekly intelligence report number 11. 6th May 49 pertaining reorganization south Korean defense ministry.

Comment: USAFIK reports as of 23rd May position vice minister national defense not abolished. Chai Yung Duk still vice minister. Statement concerning Major General Chai Byung Duk is incorrect. President Rhee likes and respects Chai, as shown by Chai's appointment chief of staff, Korean Army.

North Korea:

Military:

(B) Major changes in command, organization, equipment and strength: Headquarters second brigade, north Korean border constabulary organized similar to headquarters first and third brigades (see general headquarters, Far East Command daily intelligence summary 2432, 7th May 49). However, second brigade headquarters has training company, guard company; does not have artillery company. Three battalions second brigade organized similar those of other two brigades (see general headquarters, Far East Command daily intelligence summary 2441, 16th May 49). Strength second brigade reportedly 3467 officers, men.

Comment: Second brigade probably primarily equipped with Soviet weapons since its three battalions believed those formerly subordinate to old independent brigade which reportedly had Soviet weapons.

Reported strength first and third brigades, North Korean border constabulary 3815 officers and men each (see general headquarters, Far East Command daily intelligence summary 2453, 28th May 49 for breakdown by units).

Comment: Total strength three border constabulary

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brigades per above two reports represents increase 1047 over current accepted strength 10,050. Since border constabulary reportedly being reorganized along lines similar peoples army structure, increased strength possible. However, no reports new border constabulary units received.

First and third brigades, north Korean border constabulary primarily equipped with Soviet weapons including Mossion-Nagant rifles, PPSH submachine guns (see general headquarters, Far East Command daily intelligence summary 2455, 30th May 49 for quantities and distribution by units).

Comment: Exchange of Japanese weapons for Soviet types by elements border constabulary reported early as July 48. Although above report not confirmed, arming most units these two brigades with Soviet weapons logical in view their mission along 38th parallel opposite south Koreans armed with superior weapons.

(C) Troop movements and concentrations, incidents and operations: Recent report of low evaluation states north Korean armed forces, aided by elements Chinese Communist forces (CCF), will invade south Korea soon after fall of Shanghai. Elements league of Koreans residing in Japan recently told south Korea will be conquered by August 49; leaders will flee to Japan where league members will apprehend and execute them.

Comment: Reports disclosing "plans" for north Korean invasion south Korea received frequently in past; each report failed to materialize. Believed Soviet and north Korean authorities will exploit employment more extensive fifth column activities, civil disturbances in attempt overthrow Rhee government before resorting armed invasion. Despite this, trend of events having bearing on possibility such invasion merits close scrutiny. Series unconfirmed reports (for latest see USAFIK ZGBI 74, 28th May 49) claim CCF troops, notably

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Manchurian-Koreans, entering or will enter north Korea for integration into peoples army. North Korea-Chinese Communist force pact reportedly signed 11th December 48 (see CINCFE WEEKA 19, 10th February 49) whereby CCF aid was assured north Korea "when necessary". If invasion south Korea planned, logical that both CCF and Soviet logistical support will be provided. Moreover, radio Pyongyang recently stated 1948 Soviet decision promised positive defense sovereignty, independence "Korean people". Anticipated withdrawal United States forces will remove one deterrent to invasion south Korea. Combination these factors portends increasing effectiveness north Korean armed forces; emphasizes potential north Korean invasion south Korea or entry of troops coupled with attempted coup d'etat, under guise restoring order.

Philippines:

Military:

(A) Changes or contemplated changes in policy: President Quirino appointed board 19th May to investigate possibilities reopening guerrilla back pay program. Board composed of Secretary National Defense, Chief of Staff Headquarters National Defense Force (HNDF), one congressman, one senator, and three high ranking HNDF officers.

Source comment: This indicates importance attached veterans votes by political groups. (Jose Avelino and Jose Laurel, both presidential candidates, have made campaign pledges to secure back pay benefits for Philippine guerrillas).

(C) Troop movements and concentrations: Several minor Philippine constabulary (PC)-Hukabalhap (Huk) engagements occurred in Nueva Ecija and Bulacan provinces during week 20-27 May. Huk supremo Luis Taruc and top lieutenants reported directing dissident movement to mountain hideouts, leaving small foraging parties in Nueva Ecija and Pampanga provinces.

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Marked increase dissident movements southern Luzon, particularly Tayabas and Laguna provinces. Taruc's second-in-command Castro Alejandrino reported forming new Huk concentration Laguna.

Source comment: General trend appears Huk withdrawal to areas not easily accessible to PC units during rainy season (rainy season 1st June to 1st October). PC continues declare dissident problem eradicated.

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Political:

(B) Important domestic speeches: Okinawa civil administration (OCA) will conduct speaking tours Okinawa to begin 1st June. Purpose, give information current policies OCA and military government and combat erroneous information political leaders have disseminated.

Miscellaneous:

(A) Recent subversive incidents: Senaga Kamejiro, (recently arrested illegal possession United States government property, recurred joint Army-Air WEEKA number 33 dated 20th May 49), president Urima Shimpō Newspaper Company, circulating pamphlets which state United States generators for newspaper furnished by former military government PIO at termination was, and that Urima Shimpō subjected to criticism by Japanese and Okinawans for advising Japanese quit resisting United States forces during war. Pamphlet quotes Kamejiro: "I have always cooperated with American troops and did not oppose them".

Air: (reported by FEAF):

Japan:

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Informant states repairs and utilities truck drivers at Nagoya Air Force Base seen passing pamphlets to laborers. Same truck drivers heard discussing Communist party policies. Communist party badges seen inside their coats. Details will follow subsequent complete interrogation.

Philippines:

Shipper of "mystery time bomb box" aboard PAL plane which exploded and crashed into sea off coast Alabat Islands, resulting in death 13 passengers and crew members, has been arrested by National Bureau of Investigation Agents. Chemical experts, after examination of recovered parts and other materials from blasted plane substantiated existence of bomb.

President Quirino has promoted Pelagio A Cruz to temporary rank of Brigadier General as long as he commands air forces. Promotion was pursuant to National Defense Act of Philippines which provides rank of Brigadier General for commanders of each arm.

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Japan:

Political:

(A) Important changes or contemplated changes in government: Political parties in turmoil during backstage maneuvers preceding entry of Inukai Ken, leader coalition faction of democrats, into democratic-liberal party. Many elements in both parties dissatisfied with scheme, which will be test of strength for Premier Yoshida. Allotment of 17 parliamentary vice-minister posos, regarded as political plums, arouses some resentment. Smashing democratic-liberal victory in by-election for councillor seat in Hyogo prefecture regarded as significant.

Economic:

(A) Economic changes: For second time in less than month note issue dropped below 300 billion mark, stood at 298 billion 7 June 49.

South Korea:

Political:

(A) Important changes or contemplated changes in government: Rerad USAFIK ZQBI 413, 4 June 49 pertaining assemblys resolution demanding resignation Rhees entire cabinet.

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Comment:

Tactics used by progressive bloc to pass resolution indicates possible trend in future legislative action in that progressives may attempt to pass other bills and resolutions during absence Rhee's conservative supporters. Such action may prove embarrassing to Rhee's administration and possibly to United States Government, although majority assembly habitually supports Rhee. Assembly resolution may illustrate to Rhee that mutual cooperation between executive and legislative branches is necessary to prevent retaliatory action by progressive bloc.

Rerad USAFIK ZGBI 413, 4 June 49 pertaining indictment Louise Yim, Minister Commerce and Industry, and Cho Bong Am, former minister agriculture and forestry.

Comment:

No indication yet that President Rhee will intercede on behalf Minister Yim, as rumored. Presidential intervention for Yim might incur further wrath of progressive bloc assemblymen leading to additional attacks on executive branch of government. Such threatened action may serve as deterrent if Rhee plans dismiss charges against Yim. Misappropriation funds of Chos former department for repairing his home probably basis for Chos indictment (See General Headquarters, Far East Command daily intelligence summary 2366, 2 March 49).

Rerad USAFIK ZGBI 413, 4 June 49 pertaining recommendation Rhee Chul Wun (Clarence Rhee) be appointed director office public information.

Comment:

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Although Rhee pro-American, he is strong exponent of rightist groups campaign to secure additional United States aid and equipment for republic.

Rerad USAFIK ZGBI 413, 4 June 49 pertaining recommendation Koo Yung Sook be appointed minister public health.

Comment:

Appointment has little significance since assembly failed to appropriate funds for recently authorized ministry.

Economic:

(A) Proposed or actual economic changes: Rerad USAFIK ZGBI 413, 4 June 49 pertaining distribution of fertilizer.

Comment:

Many assemblymen severely critical governments failure to adequately distribute fertilizer to farmers. Legislators charge government reeking with graft similar Chinese Nationalist Government. Apparently Rhee aware of graft situation and lack of fertilizer distribution, but has taken no positive action to eliminate conditions. If farmers lose faith in governments promise to furnish fertilizer in part payment for grains, 1949 summer and 1949-50 grain collection programs may fail worse than 1948-49 program. Possible that leftists, who infiltrated Department Agriculture through affiliation with former Minister Cho Bong Am, may purposely be sabotaging republics food economy, although more likely that individual greed responsible for situation.

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North Korea:

Military:

(A) Changes or contemplated changes in policy: North Korean Government reportedly initiated military conscription system 1 May 49. Male youths between ages 18 and 28 were slated for induction by 15 May.

Comment:

If report true, men probably conscripted for Peoples Army, although earlier reports mentioned conscription for Navy (See General Headquarters, Far East Command daily intelligence summary 2342). Previous reports indicated military manpower requirements met by assigning quotas to local peoples committees who supplied men by various means. Conscription program logical at this time since recent information indicates Peoples Army being expanded.

(C) Troop movements and concentrations, incidents and operations: Rerad USAFIK ZGBI 413, 4 June 49 pertaining recent desertions from North Korean Armed Forces.

Comment:

Over past year (15 May 48 to 4 June 49) reported desertions North Korean Armed Forces total 116. Recently, political considerations stated as reasons for most desertions.

Psychological:

Rerad USAFIK ZGBI 413, 4 June 49 pertaining North Korean plans for formation democratic front for unification Korea.

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Comment:

Soviet and North Korean governments no doubt know United States withdrawal from South Korea imminent. This possibly explains current emphasis North Korea placing upon formation North-South front for "unification". Radio Pyongyang claims 8 South Korean political organizations support plan for formation of democratic front. Claims probably partially true since 7 of 8 parties concerned either leftist or moderate with leftist tendencies. Group of South Korean political party members, backing North Korean cause and claiming extensive support their parent organizations, would be ideal front for North Korean exploitation in "justifying" coup or armed intervention in event of large scale internal disorders South Korea. Can be anticipated North Korea will greatly exaggerate extent South Korean support of movement for unification. Coup and creation widespread internal disturbances probably are means North Korea will employ initially in attempt gain control entire Korean peninsula. Troops then may enter South Korea under guise restoring order. Believed North Korean regime will not intentionally resort to armed invasion southern zone unless other methods fail. (See General Headquarters, Far East Command daily intelligence summary 2452). Considering foregoing factors, plans for formation democratic front for "unification" emphasizes probability increased North Korean political penetration South Korea in near future.

Philippines:

Political:

(A) Important changes or contemplated changes in government: Quirino wing liberal party opened General Headquarters Manila 29 May; House Speaker Eugenio Perez,

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Campaign Manager. Quirno group taking anti-leftist campaign stand. Avelino faction liberal party attempting promote leftist labor support and offering concessions Hukbalahaps if elected. Laurels Nacionalista Party expected continue pro-leftist policy.

Congressman Cornelio Villa Eal, Chairman House Committee un-Filipino activities, recently held conference with leading Manila newspaper editors regarding combating Communist influence Philippines. Villa Eal will present next session congress proposed bill outlawing Communism and Communist organizations Philippines.

(B) Important domestic speeches: Jose Avelino, presidential candidate, delivered campaign speeches Visayas during week 27 May-3 June. Received warning; murder plot scheduled his Mindanao tour.

Source comment:

Murder plot rumor possibly promulgated by Avelino propagandists Manila.

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Political:

(B) Important domestic speeches: members democratic alliance party created disturbances and heckled Okinawa Civil Administration (OCA) speakers during OCA tour. (Reourad Joint Army-Air WEEKA number 35 dated 3 June 49).

(C) Reactions to important events: Kaneji Saichi, Chairman Peoples Party and Communist mayor of Motobu Cho (97.5-27.0) reported to have submitted resignation to village assembly as protest to arrest of Senaga Kamejiro, party member and President Uruma Shimpo newspaper Company.

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