2. Communist prisoners taken recently in Korea expect heavy support for coming offensive:

North Korean and Chinese Communist prisoners taken since late February have reported overhearing or being told that a great quantity of air, armor, and artillery support was being assembled in Manchuria to be sent into Korea to support a coming major offensive. Estimates varied from 4,000 aircraft and 3,000 tanks to a vague reference to a "large number of tanks, artillery and 400 aircraft to be received in time for the 'May offensive.'"

Comment: The large number of reports received concerning the expected scale of Soviet materiel support for Communist
troops in Korea lends added credence to the probability that any future offensive would be supported by additional heavy equipment, probably manned by Chinese Communists or North Koreans.