KOREA. Redisposition of CCF in East Central Sector Poses Threat.

Redisposition of CCF forces in the east central sector, that the rehabilitated CCF 27th Army is in the process of relieving the CCF 20th Army which has been defending stubbornly in the Kumsong-Fukhan River area. Furthermore, FECOM has tentatively accepted the eastward
displacement of the CCF 12th Army from the area northwest of Chorwon to a location 12-15 miles northeast of Kumson. This movement of forces may indicate the positioning of a mass of fresh troops in preparation for another offensive. **COMMENT:** Recent reports on the presence of CCF reconnaissance elements in the eastern sector supports the evidence of the massing and commitment of CCF forces in the sector east of the Hwachon Reservoir. (16 July 51).

**Possible Employment of South Korean Prisoners in North Korean Unification Front.**

Unification leaders taken north by the Communists in June 1950 and indoctrinated in Manchuria have been returned to North Korea. The Communist-sponsored "Democratic Party for the Unification of the Fatherland" recently added to its roster the names of South Korean political leaders who were taken north as prisoners last summer. The Communists will employ the South Koreans as a front in conjunction with slogans favoring peace and unification. (10 and 11 July 51). **COMMENT:** The Democratic Front for the Unification of the Fatherland served as a useful propaganda vehicle for the North Korean regime before the war. In the event the cease-fire talks are successful and foreign troops withdraw from Korea, the North Korean political attacks against the ROK Government could very plausibly utilize such maneuvers as these reports describe.