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2. North Koreans augmenting front line artillery:

North Korean Military

Mountain artillery units trained and equipped in the Manchuria-Korea border area have reached the North Korean I Corps, according to a recent intercept. These units, probably of battalion strength, have been attached to each of the divisions subordinate to that corps, now deployed defensively on the UN forces' northwest flank.

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Comment: The arrival of these as well as similar mountain artillery units for each of the other three frontline North Korean corps, indicated by other intercepts, will add to the enemy's offensive capabilities, particularly in the rugged terrain of the eastern sector. While the movement of these artillery units alone is not expected to affect the timing of any offensive operations, the addition of new units and equipment is part of the gradual build-up of North Korean forces with Soviet assistance over a period of several months.