11. KOREA. Intercept suggests Communist armored unit operations: A garbled North Korean message of 6 August states that due to a "(decrease?) in attacks by enemy bombers because of rainy weather... we shall begin (operations?) with... tank (unit?) about 20 August...." (SUEDE, 4136, North Korean Military, 6 Aug 51).

Comment: While this message does not clearly state that armored units are being discussed, it is nevertheless true that ceaseless and intensive UN air action has been a major factor in preventing Communist forces in Korea from employing armor in the 1951 offensives. It may be recalled that during a similar period in 1950, North Korean forces succeeded in deploying a considerable armored force around the Pusan perimeter.