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3. **Chinese Communists alerted for US or Nationalist attacks at Christmas:**

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   A Chinese Communist naval message from Tsingtao on 6 December alerts observation stations in the East China coastal area for American action expanding the Korean conflict on or about Christmas Day, and states that the United States has "instructed" the Chinese Nationalists to "make disturbances" along the China coast.

   **Comment:** Mounting Chinese Communist concern with coastal security has been noted in recent months, and even in Korea, Chinese and North Korean forces have been increasingly deployed against possible amphibious assaults.

4. **Communists continue efforts to take Korean islands:**

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   8 Dec 51 SUEDE
   North Korean communications of early December indicate that an attack is to be launched, probably by elements of the North Korean 23rd Brigade, against the small UN-held island of Yuk, on the west coast just north of the 38th Parallel.
Comment: The Communists have recently made systematic efforts to eliminate UN guerrilla and espionage bases located on many of the small islands off central western Korea. During the first week of December unusually heavy vehicular traffic was observed on principal north-south routes in this isolated area. Recently a North Korean brigade, possibly the one which is to make the assault on Yuk Island, was ordered to form an amphibious unit of 80 men by 17 December.