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1. Communist prisoners report no plague or cholera in their unit:

Interrogation of 80 prisoners and civilian refugees, some of whom were in Communist North Korea as recently as 10 March, revealed that they knew of no plague or cholera in North Korea. Captured Communist soldiers reported that unit political and non-commissioned medical officers were the source of claims that the United Nations were using biological warfare.

The incidence of typhus, typhoid and smallpox, however, equals last year's epidemic conditions.

Comment: The outbreak of disease in epidemic proportions among Communist troops and civilians in North Korea is a constant possibility. There is no convincing evidence from any source, however, of the recurrence of epidemics similar to those experienced by the enemy last year.

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