6. North Korean tank division receives new armor: A considerable number of armored vehicles were brought into Korea from China between 22 and 25 April. Some were driven and others were shipped in by rail.

While the quantity of this newly arrived material cannot be accurately established, a 24 April North Korean message shows that the 105th Armored Division, located north of Pyongyang, received 43 tanks and 22 self-propelled guns. An unknown additional amount of armor is to be shipped further south to Pyongyang. (SUEDE ASAPAC Japan, 8621 AAU, Spot 3382A, 29 Apr 52)

Comment: Earlier estimates gave the two North Korean armored units—the 105th Tank and the 10th Mechanized Division—a full complement of armor, including a total of 192 tanks. These messages, however, seem to indicate that the filling out process is continuing.

Since there is no known enemy armored unit located in Pyongyang proper, it is possible that the additional armor which was sent there may provide for a further expansion of North Korean armored strength.

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