9. Enemy operations in Korea reportedly heightened to bolster troop morale: The limited objective attacks staged by the Communists in August and those planned for September are intended to keep the troops active. The combined Communist headquarters allegedly was encouraging the rumor that the attacks were actually a "major autumn offensive." 27 Sept 52

Comment: The intensity of enemy operations has greatly increased in the past two months. Seizure of key terrain features and "spoil" operations appear to be the principal reasons for these operations.

Most recently captured enemy POW's still maintain that their units were assigned defensive missions, thus tending to refute the reported psychological aspects of the attacks.

10. New Chinese Communist troop movements to Manchuria reported: A total of 45 troop trains carrying 50,000 men passed through Tientsin destined for Manchuria between 28 August and 8 September, the men, including ground troops from the Third and Fourth Field Armies, and paratroops from East China, were being sent to Mukden, where they were to receive new Soviet equipment. 30 Sept 52

Comment: While the receipt of new Soviet equipment by the Chinese Communists at Mukden cannot be confirmed, replacements for the armies in Korea, presumably transferred from units in China, are often assembled at Mukden.

There have been no recent reports indicating that Chinese Communists are sending paratroops to Manchuria.