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5. Chinese Communist message suggests possible offensive:

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An unidentified and unlocated Chinese
Communist military unit sent an uncoded
message on 11 February, apparently to
a subordinate headquarters, requesting
reports on the results of "our aircraft
attacks on the enemy."

The subordinate headquarters was also
ordered to "make preparations for beginning your advance and the
attack on the enemy at the same time."

Comment: It is conceivable that this
message represents planning for a coordinated ground and air attack
in Korea.

As the message was sent in plain language,
however, the attack would be expected to follow within hours. More-
over, the usual indications of an imminent offensive in Korea have
not been observed.

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