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to CDE. STALIN

We report information about the situation in Korea at the 38th parallel.

After the withdrawal of our troops from North Korea violations of the regime at the 38th parallel by the “Southerners” have taken on a provocative and systematic nature. In the past month these violations have become more frequent.

During the entire period from 1 January through 15 April of this year 37 violations were made along the entire 38th parallel, of which 24 were in the period from 15 March through 15 April.

In their nature the violations are clashes [between] police security units, from regiment to battalion in strength, accompanied by small arms and mortar fire and a crossing of the 38th parallel by the “Southerners”.

In all cases of violations the initiative of opening fire came from the “Southerners”.

At the same time as the aggravation of the situation at the 38th parallel during March and April the “Southerners” brought up combat forces to the 38th parallel.

For example, the 1st Infantry Brigade was moved from Seoul to the region of [KAYDZIO [(KAESONG)].

According to information which needs to be verified the concentration of the troops of the “Southerners” at the 38th parallel continues.

It is not excluded that new provocations against troops of the North Korean Government from the “Southerners” might take place, bringing larger forces into action than has occurred up to now.

[Translator's note: the following paragraph was highlighted in the left margin]. Considering this, we consider it advisable to recommend the Command of the Forces of the North Korean Government take proper steps to be ready to respond to possibly larger provocative action by the “Southerners”

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