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INTERROGATION REPORT NO KG 1122 (Cont'd)

Character and Reputation:

LEE was a fairly intelligent, very capable and energetic man. His manner was rigidly military, cold and officious. He had a disquieting habit of looking through an individual while talking to him. His living habits were austere and he viewed comforts with contempt. He was tough, firm, tenacious and overly stubborn and inflexible. He had a habit of nursing grudges. He had sometimes disregarded orders from above, or rather interpreted them to suit himself, but so far he apparently had not been in conflict with his superiors. One of his subordinates said that LEE, although usually a prudent man, sometimes plunged into a course of action without considering the consequences.

Although disliked by many, his competence had won the respect of his seniors and subordinates. This competence, however, often expressed itself as cold contempt, especially toward NKA Political Officers, who hate him bitterly.

LEE got along well with Soviet advisors, who trusted him implicitly. He was also said to be a confidante of KIM, Il Song. LEE did not have too good an opinion of the CCF. PW once heard him instruct a subordinate to tell some CCF officers at Joint Hq "where to head off".

LEE was the author of an operational plan to encircle UN forces in the INJE (麟蹄) area during May - Jun 51. He has spoken disparagingly of US forces, noting that their tank units were poor, their troops lacked the will to fight and their commanders over-sensitive about casualties. The basis of UN strength, he declared, was money.

He has never been active politically, was not interested in politics and considered matters strictly from a military standpoint.

PW has heard LEE speak slightly of NAM, Il.

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Name: YU, Song Ch'ol (劉成鉄) (尹作龍)

Nationality: Korean

Rank: Maj Gen

Position: C/Opns Bureau, GS Dept, GHQ, NKA

Age: 35 Height: 1.60 m Weight: 70 kg Build: Stocky

Complexion: Dark, ruddy and broken out Characteristics: Bulging brow, sunken eyes, flat nose, pointed chin

Marital Status: Married

Last Seen: (Location) GHQ area near P'YŎNGYANG Date: Apr 51

Observation:

PW first saw YU in Oct 49 at the NK Ministry of National Defense, has seen him numerous times since and has conversed with him briefly on several occasions.

Education and Foreign Languages:

No details on YU's education. He spoke fluent Russian, a little Chinese and Korean with a slight accent.

Family:

No details.

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Background:

YU had been in the USSR for an extended period prior to 1947, when he came to N KOREA. He had served in the Red Army during World War II and became an Infantry company grade officer. His experience was mainly in staff work. In N KOREA, he first became a Regt CO and later a Div CG. When PW was assigned to the Ministry of National Defense in Oct 49, YU was already C/Opns Bureau and has continued in that post. Incidentally, this position called for a Lt Gen but YU, for reasons unknown, has not yet been promoted.

Character and Reputation:

YU was an inconspicuous figure and not much talked about in the NKA. Although fairly intelligent and capable, he drove his subordinates mainly by abuse and reproof, constantly scolding them or harping on trivialities. YU always insisted on having things done his own way. Although a supposedly experienced staff man in a key position, he was said to have a rather limited knowledge of the various arms and services.

The Opns Bureau, at least under YU, was primarily a secretarial, research and reports agency which assembled and furnished data related to operations, collated reports and reproduced operational plans and orders. It assumed no responsibility in major decisions.

In the spring of 1951, it was rumored at GHQ that YU might take over command of NKA VII Corps, which had been activated in Nov 50.

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Name: PANG, Hak Se (朴 學 世) (北 韓 姓) Rank: Sr Gen (上 大 將) (See remarks)
 Nationality: N Korean - may also have Soviet nationality
 Position: Social Security Minister, NK Govt
 Remarks: There is very little known about PANG. To PW's knowledge, his picture has never appeared in the press and his name was mentioned only rarely. He was said by NKA officers to have served for a number of years in the Soviet Security Police, Whether this was the military or civil police was not known.

In Sep 48, PANG became Interior Vice-Minister and concurrently Chief of the Political Defense Bureau.

PANG was the only man in N KOREA holding the rank of Sen Gen - a four star rank between Marshal and Gen.

On May Day 1951, PW, while on duty at the NKA GHQ Central Telephone Exchange, overheard a telephone conversation between PANG and KIM, Il Song. KIM was doing most of the talking and he was talking to PANG in the tones of a superior addressing an underling. KIM addressed PANG as "you" (TANGSIN), a form of direct address regarded in Korean as lacking in courtesy, and not as "comrade" (TONG MU). The conversation first dealt with security conditions in P'YŎNGYANG - unrest, riots, NKA deserters, enemy agents, etc. KIM then instructed PANG to strengthen his net of agents along the coastal areas, to effect better control of Manchurian - NK traffic and to send agents to CH'ONMA SAN (天 摩 山) in P'YŎNGAN PUKTO to stamp out anti-Communist elements which had been responsible for a number of recent incidents. Throughout the conversation, KIM employed the tone of command and PANG the tone and limited replies of deference.

PANG's position naturally gave him a reputation for ruthlessness. As Chief of the Political Defense Bureau, he was blamed by NKA officers