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MEMO: Weekly activities of KMAC

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The Advisors and Support Staff... Reports will be made and filed as WEEKLY ACTIVITIES OF K M A G

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Chief, KMAC

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1. Platoon demonstrations by the 5th RCT held at Taejon and Kwangju for the 2nd and 5th Brigs. Demonstration platoon departs for Cheju Do 19 April to run demonstrations for units of 2nd Regt and the one (1) Special Bn. Co demonstrations will be held at Uijongbu 28 April for units of 7th Brig; 2 May for units of 1st Brig; and 5 May for key personnel representing the remaining four (4) Brigs.

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2. In interim period between 9th and 10th classes of Cadets, KMAC will hold a five weeks' course for instructors. Purpose of course: To correct deficiencies noted during 9th class and to further trng of instructors.

3. Conference between Minister of National Defense and Chief, KMAC was held 16 April. Present also were Chief of Staff, KMAC and Advisor to Korean Army. Matters discussed and agreed upon follow:

- a. Withdrawal of certain Korean troops from Cheju Do (see opns)
- b. Eventual removal from Cheju Do of all present or former Northwest Youth members is planned. Will include evacuation from Army, Police and Civilian ranks. Knowledge gained from experience in the past confirms idea that NW Youth behavior is responsible for enmity existing between inhabitants of Cheju and the NW Youth.
- c. Increase pressure on KA Engr in program of reclaiming the many miles of unused pipeline which is laid between Seoul and Inchon.
- d. Reduce to a minimum, construction and repair work now being accomplished by contract at a great expense to the Korean Govt. It is recommended that KA Engr assume this responsibility.
- e. Instigate immediate action to send approximately twenty (20) English-speaking Korean Officers to military schools in USA.

4. Plans underway to commence intensive trng inspn to be made by members of KMAC, with certain key Staff Officers of the Korean GS Staffs. Deficiencies noted will be discussed on the spot with

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the Advisors and Korean CO's concerned. Accurate reports will be made and files maintained. In approximately two months, a similar follow-up insp'n will be made with a view toward satisfactory correction deficiencies found during first insp'n. This inspection is over and above the numerous insp'ns currently carried out by Army Staff sections, both Korean and American, and those insp'ns conducted by subordinate units.

5. Dissidents:

a. 1 2nd Lt deserted to South Korean forces - reason unk at this time.

b. Personnel in KA suspected of Leftist activities who have not been apprehended: 108 Off, 560 IM.

c. To date, 10,046 persons have turned themselves in to take advantage of the Kyongsong Nampo Amnesty Program.

6. Operations:

a. 38th Parallel: 5 incidents reported during period with following results:

Enemy: KIA 24; WIA 40; POW 0; MIA 0

KA: KIA 3; WIA 8; POW 0; MIA 0

b. South Korea: There were 14 incidents reported in the interior of SK during period, with following results:

Enemy: KIA 157; WIA 7; POW 23; MIA 0

KA: KIA 2; WIA 5; POW 0; MIA 0

c. Cheju Do: 6 incidents reported during period with following results:

Enemy: KIA 93; WIA 0; POW 321; MIA 0

KA: KIA 0; WIA 0; POW 0; MIA 0

d. Operations in general:

(1) Recent ops on Cheju Do definitely point to a complete disintegration of guerrilla forces on

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the island. It has been decided to terminate major operations and to commence immediately to withdraw trps back to mainland. One Bn will be ordered back by 1 May; if progress continues, addtl trps will be withdrawn. It is hoped that eventually only one Bn, composed mainly of native troops, will remain on Cheju.

- (2) In Chiri San area, Communistic disintegration is also seen. Orders have already been issued, returning elements of the 6th and 19th Regts to their parent units. With the exception of one Bn, return to home stations is expected by Mid-May. During recent opns, Task Force trps have killed all members of the guerrilla staff except Kim Chi Hwei, Chief of Opns. Included in those killed are:

Hong Song Suk: CO
 Suk (name unk): Chief Political Officer
 Pak (name unk): Chief of Propaganda
 Lee (name unk): Chief Lia Officer

Except for the CO listed above, all others are the unmilitary side of the guerrilla force. All opns in this particular organization are planned and executed by Chief of Opns and the CO. Most accurate info informs that the guerrilla organization does not follow the usual lines of military organization with a staff member for each function. Therefore, it may be assumed that the entire planning staff has been reduced to one Officer, Kim Chi Hwei.

7. KA Strength: 3057 Off; 65,238 EM; 1406 Cadets; TOTAL 69,701

8. Reserve Corps: All S-3s and S-2s (Regt) in conference in Seoul this week, with phys trng, athletics, small unit tactics and reporting system being emphasized.

Strength: 118 Off; 1018 Cadet Off; 133 Reservist OCS; 19,919 EM: TOTAL 21,188.

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9. Korean Navy

a. KN continues active patrolling around Chaju Do and close in off southern tip of Korea. All vessels contacted during period were operating legally.

b. Strength: 449 Off; 261 Mid'n; 4779 EM; TOTAL 5489.

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