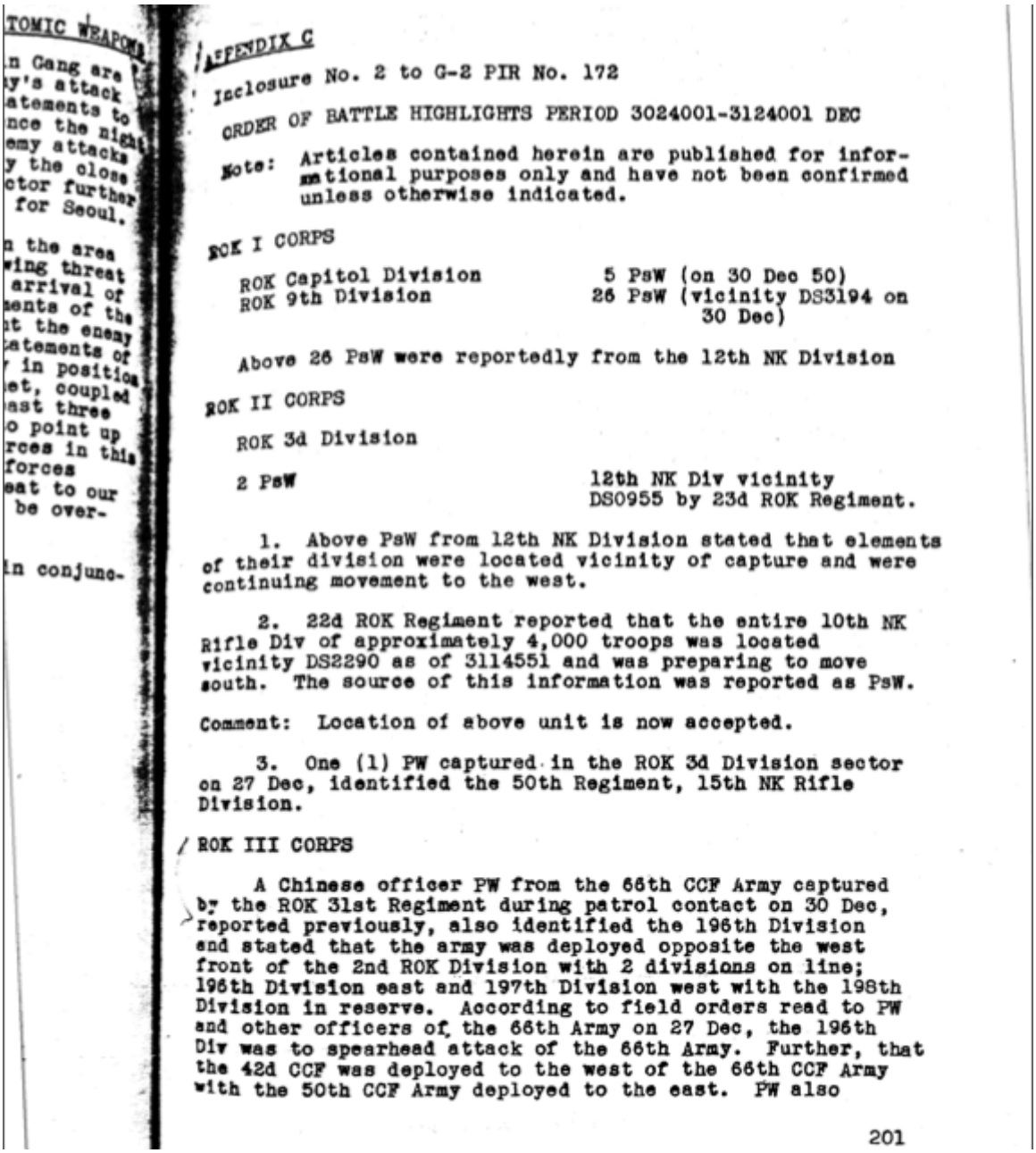
Tactical Employment of Atomic Weapons



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APPENDIX C

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ORDER OF BATTLE HIGHLIGHTS PERIOD 3024001-3124001 DEC

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ROK I CORPS

ROK Capitol Division	5 PsW (on 30 Dec 50)
ROK 9th Division	26 PsW (vicinity DS3194 on 30 Dec)

Above 26 PsW were reportedly from the 12th NK Division

ROK II CORPS

ROK 3d Division

2 PsW	12th NK Div vicinity DS0955 by 23d ROK Regiment.

1. Above PsW from 12th NK Division stated that elements of their division were located vicinity of capture and were continuing movement to the west.

2. 22d ROK Regiment reported that the entire 10th NK Rifle Div of approximately 4,000 troops was located vicinity DS2290 as of 311455I and was preparing to move south. The source of this information was reported as PsW.

Comment: Location of above unit is now accepted.

3. One (1) PW captured in the ROK 3d Division sector on 27 Dec, identified the 50th Regiment, 15th NK Rifle Division.

ROK III CORPS

A Chinese officer PW from the 66th CCF Army captured by the ROK 31st Regiment during patrol contact on 30 Dec, reported previously, also identified the 196th Division and stated that the army was deployed opposite the west front of the 2nd ROK Division with 2 divisions on line; 196th Division east and 197th Division west with the 198th Division in reserve. According to field orders read to PW and other officers of the 66th Army on 27 Dec, the 196th Div was to spearhead attack of the 66th Army. Further, that the 42d CCF was deployed to the west of the 66th CCF Army with the 50th CCF Army deployed to the east. PW also

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In these 1951 appendices, the authors investigate the viability of nuclear weapons in the 1950 Korean War. Assisting their efforts to understand the enemy forces is a Chinese defector who gave the location and unit sizes of the Chinese Army. American strategists then consider the area and elevation of detonation, consideration for friendly troop positions, and general training and preparation for such an event. Lastly, possible shortcomings in the plan are examined.

With the tremendous size of Chinese forces in the Korean War, the United States had begun to consider the implications of using atomic weapons. In this set of appendices, strategists consider where and when to use such a weapon.

The authors write:

"With new developments in atomic warheads and means of delivering them, an integrated system of tactical employment of atomic weapons is possible. The subject of means of delivery, including medium and light bombers, fighter aircraft, guided missiles and artillery is discussed in detail in Appendix E." [page 85]

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