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REPORTING ON NORTH KOREAN MILITARY STRENGTH  
(1970-1979)

	Intelligence Community Estimates			CIA/DIA Estimate
	1970	1974	1977	1979
Total Manpower in thousands (Ground Forces)	398 (360)	428 (386)	521 (450)	680 (600)
Divisions	21	24	25	32
Brigades	4	3	4	5
TOTALS	25	27	29	37
Tanks/Assault Guns	700	1,100	1,900	2,800
Artillery/Multiple Rocket Launchers	2,400	2,600	4,200	5,000
Armored Personnel Carriers	200	200	790	950

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## KOREA: SELECTED COMPARISON OF NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN FORCES

	North Korea (Present)	South Korea (Present)	South Korea (Projected by 1982)
Military Personnel (Ground Forces)	680,000 (600,000)	598,000 (540,000)*	598,000 (540,000)*
Divisions/Brigades	37	21	22
Medium Tanks	2,600	1,050	1,460
Artillery/Multiple Rocket Launchers	5,000	2,200	3,300
Total Jet Combat Aircraft	700	360	410
(Modern Fighters: MIG-21, SU-7; F-5E/F, A-X)	(140)	(185)	(235)
(Obsolescent Fighters: MIG-15/17/19; F-5A/B, F-86)	(475)	(175)	(175)
(Light Bombers: IL-28)	(85)	--	--
Naval Combatants	480	110	125

\*Includes some 24,000 ROK Marine Corps personnel.



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