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Bob,

You are correct; lots of history on Osan. The first USAFSS unit to move to the Osan area may have been "Ops F," Det 1, 15th RSM that moved from Ewha University (Seoul) to Osan in Feb 1953. Det 1, 15th RSM completed the move to a hill a few miles from Osan-ni in June 1953. Col Les Bolstridge (then a major) picked out the new site by Osan for a permanent post-war site, realizing that USAFSS would have to give up its operational site by Seoul when the ceasefire became effective. Section 1, Det 6, 136th CSS (later Det 2, 32nd Comm Scty Sq) had been colocated with Det 1, 15th RSM at Ewha University, and moved directly to Osan-ni airfield at some point in 1953 with an advance element of HQ 5th AF. HQ 5th AF made the move to Osan-ni from Seoul in 1954 and Det 1, 15th RSM moved to a site adjacent to the 32nd COMSEC squadron detachment on Osan-ni airfield in 1955. A 22-man COMSEC team (Det F, 136th RSS was the first USAFSS unit to deploy to Korea -- in Sept 1950.

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