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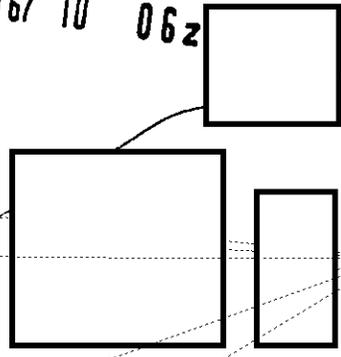
INFO [REDACTED] GEN CARTER / DR. TORDELLA

1. I HAVE RECEIVED PERSONAL MSGS FROM GEN CARTER, DIRNSA, [REDACTED] MR. RICHARD HELMS, DIRCIA, MGEN C. DENHOLM, CG USASA, MGEN [REDACTED] COIRA, COMUSAFSS AND MANY OTHER FRIENDS AND ASSOCIATES IN THE CRYPTOLOGIC COMMUNITY EXPRESSING THEIR SYMPATHY FOR THE TRAGIC LOSS OF LIFE AND INJURIES SUSTAINED BY THE CREW OF THE USS LIBERTY.
2. IN VIEW OF OUR COLLECTIVE DESIRE NOT TO PUBLICLY LINK THE USS LIBERTY TO THE SENSITIVE CRYPTOLOGIC MISSION IT IS NOT DESIRABLE TO DIRECTLY RELAY THESE EXPRESSIONS OF CONDOLENCE TO THE DEPENDENTS OF THOSE INVOLVED. HOWEVER, WE PLAN TO PUBLISH THEM IN AN ISSUE OF THE NAVSECGRU BULLETIN NOW BEING PREPARED FOR PUBLICATION IN ORDER TO LET THE SURVIVORS KNOW THAT THE SENIOR PEOPLY IN WASHINGTON REALLY CARE.
3. WE ARE PLANNING A VISITING AND PERSONAL ASSISTANCE TEAM TO ASSIST THE INJURED WHO MAY BE SENT TO THE MEDICAL CENTER AT BETHESDA.
4. FROM PRELIMINARY REPORTS THE CONDUCT OF THE CAPT OF THE LIBERTY AND ALL SHIP'S COMPANY CONDUCTED THEMSELVES IN ANY EXEMPLARY MANNER DURING THE ATTACK AND THE TRYING PERIOD FOLLOWING. I AM PROUD OF THEM ALL. R. E. COOK.

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