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FROM: DIRNSA

29 DEC 67

TO: JCS/JRC

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PINKROOT OPERATION I (C)

CINCPAC 230239Z NOTAL

1. REF STATES "RISK TO PUEBLO IS ESTIMATED TO BE MINIMAL, SINCE OPERATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS."

2. FOLLOWING INFO IS FORWARDED TO AID IN YOUR ASSESSMENT OF CINCPAC ESTIMATE OF RISK. SIGINT INDICATES: (1) THE NKAF HAS BEEN EXTREMELY SENSITIVE TO PERIPHERAL RECON FLIGHTS IN THIS AREA SINCE EARLY 1965 (THIS SENSITIVITY WAS EMPHASIZED ON 28 APRIL 1965 WHEN A USAF RB-47 WAS FIRED ON AND SEVERELY DAMAGED 35-40 NM FROM THE COAST), (2) THE NKAF HAS ASSUMED AN ADDITIONAL ROLE OF NAVAL SUPPORT SINCE LATE 1966, (3) THE NKN REACTS TO ANY ROK VESSEL OR ROK FISHING VESSEL NEAR THE NK COASTLINE (THIS WAS EMPHASIZED ON 19 JAN 67 WHEN A ROKN VESSEL WAS SUNK BY COASTAL ARTILLERY), AND (4) INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED BOUNDARIES AS THEY RELATE TO AIRBORNE ACTIVITIES ARE GENERALLY NOT HONORED BY NK ON THE EAST COAST OF KOREA. BUT THERE IS NO SIGINT EVIDENCE OF PROVOCATIVE/HARASSING ACTIVITIES BY NORTH KOREAN VESSELS BEYOND 12 NM FROM THE COAST.

3. THE ABOVE IS PROVIDED TO AID IN EVALUATING THE REQUIREMENT FOR

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PROTECTIVE MEASURES, AND IS NOT INTENDED TO REFLECT ADVERSELY  
ON CINCPACFLT DEPLOYMENT PROPOSAL.

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CONCUR:

L. Terry, P04

ADM Schulz, ADM Mr. Harvey, K12

M/R: Ref is CINCPAC's notification of PINKROOT I areas of  
operation, and their estimate of the risk factor quoted in para 1  
of the above message. Above message is to insure that all SIGINT  
factors have been considered relative to the Pueblo's mission  
against North Korea. Additionally, in Bl-082, 291940Z, field  
stations associated with the KORCOM target were advised of Pueblo's  
operation off the east coast of NK (13NM-60NM) from 10 to 27 Jan 68  
and were instructed to be especially alert for any NK reaction to the  
trawler. This will be Pueblo's initial operation. The SIGINT  
collection is to be conducted in MODE I (basically Navy Direct  
Support) on a schedule which was proposed by CINCPAC.

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