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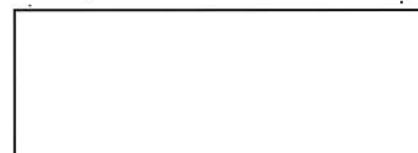
INVESTIGATIONS

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VIII

THE PUEBLO

1. Events leading up to incident

- a. Scope of world-wide Comint Program (no. of ships, A/C, etc.)
- b. Experience re harassment
- c. Contingency plans to respond to harassment -- If none, why not practical
- d. Rules of engagement and instructions re destruction of classified gear, scuttling of ship, reporting of hostile fire, return of fire, etc.
- e. Approval of this voyage: purpose; previous trip in area, risk
- f. Diary of voyage prior to incident

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(b) (3) 50 USC 403
(b) (3) 19 USC 798
(b) (3) P.L. 86-36

2. The incident

- a. Text (ex. "leads") of all messages from the Pueblo; time and distribution
- b. Plot of the area and action (how certain are we of location and "how")
- c. Description of friendly and enemy craft
- d. Reconstruction of events
- e. Reaction forces available and reaction options
- f. Evaluation of: 1) conduct and decisions of Pueblo Capt (did he wait too long in sending initial and follow-up messages; should he have asked for help, opened fire; scuttled ship, etc.) 4) decisions and response of higher cdr.

3. An appraisal of the "cost" of compromise of equipment and data -- how much was probably destroyed, "value" to NK's of remainder; action we are taking to minimize loss.

4. The objective of the North Koreans

- a. Summary of "harassing" incidents of recent months in relation to prior periods
- b. Appraisal by National Board of Estimates
- c. Forecast of NK action (release/hold ship; "blackmail", etc.)

5. US Response Options

- a. Diplomatic thur: UN, Soviet Union; Armistice Commission; Special
- b. Military: Seize equivalent NK asset; impose penalty (quarantine, small attack); show of force.

6. Organization of Government Task Force to follow**7. Prepare White Paper based on above****8. Lessons to apply to future and quality of skippers**

VI

1. The intelligence mission

- a. Why was the Pueblo there?
- b. Why was she so close?

What degradation of the mission (which element -- how important is that element? What result from operating 25, 50, or 75 miles off the coast?

- c. What were the exact sailing orders and reference; that is, the exact sailing orders and other instruction in other forms which were made available to the skipper?

2. The history of other operations.

- a. Other U. S. activities.
- b. Soviet activities.
- c. The U-2 incident and its relationship.
- d. The Sidewinder incident.
- e. The Liberty.
- f. The RB-47
- g. The Iranian incident.
- h. The East Germany incident.

3. The vessel and its personnel.

- a. The description of the vessel and pictures.
- b. List of crew and intelligence skills and knowledge.
- c. Assessment of damage from the compromise of the personnel.
- d. List of equipment, manuals, and keys and an assessment of compromise of these.
- e. Description of the destructed equipment aboard the vessel
- f. What other equipment was available which might have been aboard; i. e. , did we have the best available?
- g. Appraisal of caliber of the Captain and the Executive Officer in relation to the possible damage if the mission was not handled in the best possible manner.

4. Contingency Plans.

- a. For this voyage.
- b. For other similar missions; i. e. , were the plans for the specific mission adequate?
 - (1) Notification of voyage to commanders who would be responsible for support in time of trouble.
 - (2) Air Force strip alert.

5. The incident,

- a. Complete chronological sequence.
- b. Full information on knowledge of the location of vessel.

6. Assessment of actions of the chain of command.
7. Form of report.
 - a. A detailed summary of the situation.
 - b. A statement for the Committee.
 - c. Response to questions.
 - (1) Prepare newspaper clip
 - (2) Summarize critical comment.
8. Sources of information.
 - a. NSA via Mr. Banner.
 - b. JCS - JRC - Joint Staff - Gen. Stokeley
 - c. John McPherson, Deputy Director, Joint Staff.
 - d. [] ISA (thru [], ISA).
 - e. Adm. Lamos - Mr. [] office, ISA.

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