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TO DIRECTOR NSS [redacted]

FM NSA SIGINT COMMAND CENTER

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CHRONOLOGY OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN RESPONSE TO USS PUEBLO INCIDENT

ALL TIMES LOCAL

222345 CRITIC FROM COMNAVFORJAPAN RECEIVED. THE SNOO

NOTIFIED B GROUP OPERATIONS CENTER WHO, IN TURN,

BEGAN NOTIFYING KEY PERSONNEL FROM B1. AT

230005 GEN. CARTER, GEN. MORRISON, ADM. SCHULZ,

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[redacted] (ADNSG), [redacted] AND OTHER P2

PERSONNEL WERE NOTIFIED. AT 230020 GEN. MORRISON

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REPORTED IN FOLLOWED VERY SHORTLY BY [redacted]

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HARVEY, K, MR. ZASLOW. MR. SMEAD, [REDACTED]

~~AND MR. APOLLONY OF B, AND THE UNDERSIGNED. AT~~

THIS TIME THE DUTY OFFICER AT NSS ADVISED THAT

HE HAD NOTIFIED CAPTAIN [REDACTED]

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23 0055 GEN. MORRISON NOTIFIED DR. TORDELLA. MR. [REDACTED]

(S DUTY OFFICER) CALLED IN.

23 0133 GEN. CARTER CALLED THE COMMAND CENTER AND ADVISED

GEM. MORRISON THAT HE HAD JUST RECEIVED A CALL

FROM MR. WALT ROSTOW REGARDING THE PUEBLO.

GEN. CARTER INFORMED GEN. MORRISON THAT MR. ROSTOW

WISHED TO KNOW WHAT PROCEDURES WERE APPLICABLE IN

SUCH INSTANCES. GEN. CARTER TOLD MR. ROSTOW THAT

THERE WAS A CLEAR DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITY BETWEEN

NSA AND THE JCS IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH RECONNAISSANCE

PATROLS. NSA PROVIDES TECHNICAL GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT

FOR THE SIGINT COLLECTION MISSION; HOWEVER, JCS (JRC)

RETAINS FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEPLOYMENT OF SHIP

TO INCLUDE EVALUATION OF PHYSICAL RISK FACTORS.

THEREFORE, IT APPEARED THAT ANY ACTION REGARDING THE

PUEBLO AT THIS POINT WAS A MATTER OF JCS COGNIZANCE

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230115 [REDACTED] RELEASED ON OI MESSAGE (SMI 06206)

(APPROX) TO [REDACTED] ADVISING THEM OF THE INCIDENT

AND REQUESTING THEY REPORT ANY REFLECTIONS OF THE  
ACTIVITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES.

(230200 ((APPROX))) COMSEVENTHFLT SENT FLASH MSG  
TO CTG 70.8 AND CTF 77 ORDERING USS ENTERPRISE  
AND USS TRUXTON TO 32-30N 127-30E.)

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230300 NSA (P2) SENT OI MESSAGE TO [REDACTED]

(ATTN: TECH LIBRARY) REQUESTING LISTING AF ANY  
CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS SENT DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY  
TO THE PUEBLO.

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230307 [REDACTED] (DTG 230742Z) "SIGINT READINESS BRAVO

ESTABLISHED THIS HQ AND ALL SUBORDINATE STATIONS  
EFFECTIVE 230715Z BECAUSE OF NORTH KOREAN NAVAL  
REACTION TO U.S. SHIP OFF EAST COAST OF NORTH KOREA."

230315 [REDACTED] SENT DTG 230754 (SERVICE MESSAGE) WHICH

CANCELLED THEIR 230742Z; IN EFFECT, CANCELLING  
THEIR BRAVO DECLARATION.

230320 IN RESPONSE TO AN EARLIER REQUEST FROM CAPT.

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[REDACTED] JRC (230300) GEN. MORRISON ADVISED THE

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CAPTAIN THAT, ACCORDING TO INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO  
 NSA THE PUEBLO DEPARTED YOKOSUKA FOR SASEBO ON 4 JAN  
 AND SUBSEQUENTLY DEPARTED SASEBO ON 10 JAN FOR HER  
 PATROL AREA. ACCORDING TO THE "SAIL ORDERS" THE  
 PUEBLO WAS TO SAIL UNDER EMCON THROUGHOUT HER PATROL  
 UNTIL AND IF SHE ENCOUNTERED SOVIET NAVAL UNITS IN  
 THE USUSHIMA STRAINTS AREA. THEREFORE, UNTIL THE  
 INCIDENT WE HAD RECEIVED NO MESSAGES FROM THE SHIP.

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23 0334 [REDACTED] DTG 230806Z ESTABLISHES SIGINT READINESS

ALPHA.

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23 0335 JCS/JRC [REDACTED] REQUESTS NSA QUERY

APPROPRIATE STATIONS FOR ANY REFLECTIONS OF PUEBLO  
 PRESENCE SINCE 8 JAN. (MESSAGE RELEASED OI BY P2

(P2-171) AT 230355Z TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]

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23 0410 [REDACTED]: "KEYING MATERIAL FOR FEBRUARY CONSIDERED

COMPROMISED."

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23 0430 ALL [REDACTED] REPORTS ON THE INCIDENT WERE

READDRESSSED TO O/COLL/INDIA, PLUS WHITE HOUSE.

23 0435 DIRNSA 230935 ESTABLISHES SIGINT READINESS ALPHA

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FOR NSA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] "DUE TO CAPTURE OF USS PUEBLO BY NORTH KOREAN NAVAL FORCES."

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[REDACTED] (INFO) REQUESTED ALL INFORMATION

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MAVAILABLE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] APPROPRIATE G7

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PEOPLE WERE CALLED IN TO TAKE ACTION.

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[REDACTED] ADNSG ADVISES THAT NSG IS TAKING

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ACTION TO DETERMINE NAMES OF ALL PUEBLO CREW MEMBERS AND DOCUMENTS HELD ABOARD.

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23 05 05 B 11 SENT REQUEST (B 11-60 DTG 231005Z) TO JCS/JRC

FOR IMMEDIATE AND CONTINUOUS ACRP COVER OFF EAST

COAST OF KOREA (ORBIT 3222). TARGETTING IS TO BE

AGAINST ALL NK SERVICE COMMUNICATIONS WITH MAXIMUM

ATTENTION DEVOTED TO NK NAVAL HF AND VHF R/T AND

[REDACTED] OPERATIONS.

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23 05 59 B 11 RELEASED A SUMMARY REPORT 3/0/KCJ/R02-68,

SUBJ: SIGINT REFLECTIONS OF NORTH KOREAN CAPTURE

OF USS PUEBLO TO OSCAR/TANGO NOVEMBER PLUS [REDACTED]

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23 0605 CINCPACFLT ORDERS COMSEVENTHFLT TO DISPATCH

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(APPROX) "SUPPORT DESTROYER" TO 12 MILE LIMIT OFF WONSAN

AND BE PREPARED TO ENGAGE IN OPERATIONS WHICH

MAY INCLUDE TOWING PUEBLO AND/OR RETRIEVAL OF

PUEBLO CREW, AND TO PROVIDE AIR COVER.

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