

REFLECTED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REGARDING A SEARCH OF U.S. VESSEL

OFF THE EAST COAST OF NORTH KOREA BY NORTH KOREAN NAVY VESSEL:

DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD, NORTH KOREAN SUBMARINE CHASER

NR 034 INFORMED ON NORTH KOREAN TORPEDO BOAT THAT

SHE APPROACHED THE TARGET. THE TARGET WAS VESSEL NAMED "SAB-1"

A 300-TON CLASS VESSEL WHICH IS USED FOR RADAR OPERATIONS

SHE ALSO STATED THAT IT WAS BELIEVED THAT THE VESSEL WAS NOT ARMED.

THAT IT WAS AN AMERICAN VESSEL.

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INFORMED PATROL CRAFT 11 THAT THE U.S. VESSEHAD

ALTRADY BEEN CAPTURED BY THE SUBMARINE CHASER 35. T FURTHER NOTIFIED THAT, AS OSPPRESENT TIME, THE SUBMARINE CHASER IS ENTERING INSIDE THE SEA AREA WHERE THE PATROL CRAFT NR 11 IS LOCATED.

2. AT 23044Z JANUARY, COMINT DISCLOSED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WHICH WAS POSSIBLY RELATED TO THE SEARCH OF U.S. VESSEL, OFF THE EAST COAST B NORTH KOREA. DETAILS FOLLOW:

(b)(1)
(b)(3)-50 USC 403
(b)(3)-18 USC 798
(b)(3)-P.L. 86-36

THE [REDACTED] COMMUNICATIONS REVEALED TRACKINGS OF ONE NORTH KOREAN AIRCRAFT APPEARING 5 N/MILES OF NORTHEAST OF WO'NSAN AT 23044Z. THE AIRCRAFT WAS NOTED FLYING APPROXIMATELY 8 N/MILES OF NORTH OF CHANGJO'N, CIRCLED THERE AND WAS FLYING APPROXIMATELY 8 N/MILES EAST OF WO'NSAN AT 0525Z.

THE AIRCRAFT WAS FLYING AT ALTITUDES BETWEEN 2,000 - 3,800 METERS (65608 0.464 FT) AND AT A SPEED OF 557 KM (300 KTS).

- 3915- 127-30E AT 0441Z
- 38-50N 127-58E AT 0447Z
- 38-58N 128-15E AT 0450Z
- 38-18N 127-40E AT 0525Z

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DUBOING IDZ P80908 1261341-0345Z JANUARY, KUKJIBONG RADAR

5 STATION INFORMED THE PATROL CRAFT NR 11 THAT TWO NAVAL VESSELS
CAME DOWN FROM THE PROBABLE WONSAN BASE AND THEY WERE TAKING
IN THE U.S. VESSEL TO SOXY UNIDENTIFIED LOCATION.

IT FURTHER INSTRUCTED THE PATROL CRAFT NR 11 TO STAND BY
FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS.

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QUOTE DURING THE PERIOD 230405-0408Z JANUARY, NORTH COREAN SUBMARINE

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CHASER NR 035 REPORTED TO POSSIBL KUKJIBONG RADAR STATION THAT SHE WAS GOING TO USE A SMALL BOAT TO GO ABOARD THE AMERICAN VESSEL AND SILENCE THE AMERICAN VESSEL'S COMMUNICATIONS, AND THAT SHE WOULD TOW THE AMERICAN VESSEL INTO WO'NSAN HARBOR UNQUOTE.

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INSTRUCTED ALL NORTH KOREAN TORPEDO BOATS TO GET AWAY
FROM THE AREA IN WHICH THE U.S. VESSEL WAS LOCATED, BECAUSE
SUBMARINE CHASER NR 035 WAS GOING TO FIRE UPON THE U.S. VESSEL
SINCE THE U.S. VESSEL WOULD NOT COMPLY WITH NORTH KOREAN NAVY
INSTRUCTIONS.

SUBSEQUENTLY, THE SUBMARINE CHASER REPORTED TO KUKJIBONG RADAR
STATION THAT IT HAD HALTED THE ESCAPE OF THE U.S. VESSEL BY FIRING
WARNING SHOTS. LATER, KUKJIBONG RADAR STATION INSTRUCTED NORTH
KOREAN NAVY PATROL BOAT NR 11 TO PREPARE FOR AIR COMBAT.

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PROG ID REL 399816 THE CAPTURE OF U.S. VESSEL BY NORTH KOREAN NAVY

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AT 230525Z JANUARY 1968, [REDACTED] REVEALED TRACKINGS

OF TWO SMALL-TYPE KORCOM AIRCRAFT APPEARING APPROXIMATELY

10 N/MILES SOUTH OF SO'NDO'K. THESE AIRCRAFT CIRCLED

(b) (1)
(b) (3) - 50 USC 403
(b) (3) - 16 USC 798
(b) (3) - P.L. 86-36

OVER THE AREA ABOUT 20 N/MILES EAST OF WO'NSAN, FLEW

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EASTWARD ALONG THE COASTAL LINE AND THEY DISAPPEARED

APPROXIMATELY 30 N/MILES NORTHEAST OF SO'NDO'K AT

0600Z. DURING THE FLIGHT, THESE AIRCRAFT MAINTAINED THE

ALTITUDES BETWEEN 2200-7000 METERS (7216-22960 FT) AND

A SPEED OF 580 KILOMETERS (315 KNOTS).

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A DURING THE 998108 12" 045 0-05 10Z, SUBMARINE CHASER NR 35

INSTRUMENTED POSSIBLY THREE (3) NORTH KOREAN NAVY TORPEDO BOATS

TO INFORM THE U.S. VESSEL VIA HAND-SIGNALS TO INCREASE SPEED.

B DURING THE PERIOD 230518-0515Z JANUARY, HAN UNIDENTIFIED

NORTH KOREAN NAVY TORPEDO BOAT WERE INSTRUCTED ANOTHER

TORPEDO BOAT TO OBSERVE CLOSELY AND DETERMINE WHETHER THE U.S.

U.S. PERSONNEL WERE THROWING ANYTHING INTO THE WATER.

IN ADDITION, THE TORPEDO BOAT WAS INSTRUCTED TO ESCORT

THE U.S. VESSEL TO AN UNDISCLOSED LOCATION.

C DURING THE PERIOD 230518-0528Z JANUARY, H SUBMARINE

CHASER NR 35 INFORMED THE POSSIBLE THREE NORTH KOREAN NAVY

TORPEDO BOATS THAT PERSONNEL ABOARD THE U.S. VESSEL WERE THROWING
ARTICLES INTO THE WATER AND ALSO WERE DESTROYING THE

ARTICLES WITH FIRE. 00L 180

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INSTRUCTED TWO NORTH EEEEE NORTH KOREAN NAVY TORPEDO BOATS TO REPORT THE
SUBORDINATION OF THE CAPTURED U.S. VESSEL AND CONFIRM AND REPORT
WHETHER THEY POSSESS ANY WEAPONS. IN REPLY, ONE OF TEEEE THE NORTH
KOREAN TORPEDO BOATS STATED THAT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONNEL
ABOARD THE U.S. VESSEL WAS SIXTY-FOUR. FURTHER SHE STATED THAT
SHE WAS CONFISCATING "HIGH-PERFORMANCE" AND "SNIPING" REAPONS AND
THAT THE ACTUAL NUMBER OF WEAPONS WOULD BE REPORTED LATER.
SUBSEQUENTLY, A REFERENCE WAS MADE TO " FOR AMERICANS" POSSIBLY IN THE
CONTEXT THAT THESE FOUR WERE ARMED.

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AVADIOGLED: NO 39 9 80 6 IN RADAR TRACKING INFORMATION DISCLOSES

THAT TRACKINGS OF THE CAPTURED U.S. VESSEL AND NKN ESCORTS

CEASED IN THE SEA AREA LOCATED 6.5 N/MILES NORTHEAST OF WONSAN

AT 0800Z. ADDITIONAL DETAILS FORTHCOMING.

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THE U.S. VESSEL OFF THE EAST COAST OF NORTH KOREA:

AT 23015Z JANUARY, SUBMARINE CHASER NR 35 AND PATROL BOAT NR 11

REPORTED TO WU'NSAN NAVAL BASE THAT THEY WERE LOCATED NORTH OF

CHANGJO'N (38-44N 128-12E) AND THAT THEY WERE SAILING NORTH

AT 23035Z JANUARY, THREE NORTH KOREAN TORPEDO BOATS REPORTED TO

WU'NSAN NAVAL BASE THAT THEY WERE LOCATED IN THE SEA AREA

7 N/MILES EAST OF HO DO.

IN ADDITION, KAL GOCH'IRI RADAR STATION REVEALED THE FIRST TRACKINGS

OF THE U.S. VESSEL, AT THAT IDENTIFIED AS UNIDENTIFIED VESSEL, AND

THE MENTIONED FIVE NORTH KOREAN VESSELS AT 0540Z.

THE TRACKINGS OF THESE VESSELS CEASED IN THE SEA AREA LOCATED 6.5

0 MILES NORTH EAST OF WU'NSAN AT 1100Z.

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NAVY VESSEL SOV DURING THE PERIOD 230700-0729Z JANUARY 1968, AT LEAST THREE AIRCRAFT SUBORDINATE TO THE NORTH KOREAN AIR TRANSPORTATION BATTALION (ATB) WERE NOTED FLYING TO SO'NDOK. THESE AIRCRAFT WERE FLYING AT ALTITUDES BETWEEN 600-2000 METERS (1900-6700 FT).

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DETAILS FOLLOW:

A. AT 230700Z AN UNDISCLOSED BASE QUEBED ONE AIRCRAFT OF

THE ATB AS TO WHETHER IT WAS FLYING TO SO'NDOK. IN REPLY,

IT WAS STATED THAT THE AIRCRAFT WAS FLYING TO SO'NDOK FROM POSSIBLE

AECH'ON BASE AT 230652Z.

B. TWO TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT OF THE ATB REPORTED TO AN UNDISCLOSED BASE THAT THEY RECEIVED FUEL AT SUNAN AND WAS IN FLIGHT IN THE DIRECTION OF POSSIBLE SO'NDOK BASE.

C. IN ADDITION, THERE WERE INDICATIONS THAT A FOURTH ATB AIRCRAFT WAS FLYING WITH THE AFOREMENTIONED THREE AIRCRAFT AT AN ALTITUDE OF 2000 METERS.

(b) (1)
(b) (3) - 50 USC 403
(b) (3) - 18 USC 798
(b) (3) - P.L. 86-36

D. FURTHER, RADAR TRACKINGS [REDACTED] DISCLOSED THAT ONE LARGE TYPE ATB AIRCRAFT, POSSIBLY ONE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED AIRCRAFT FLEW TO HWO'NSAN.

E. LATER, COMINT DISCLOSED THE PROBABLE DEPARTURE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED LARGE TYPE ATB AIRCRAFT FROM HWO'NSAN. [REDACTED] DISCLOSED RADAR TRACKINGS OF AN UNDISCLOSED TYPE AND NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT FLYING A WESTERLY COURSE FROM HWO'NSAN AREA (39 12N 127 15E) AT 1337Z.

1. AT 1351Z, TRACKINGS OF THIS ACTIVITY CEASED AT A POSITION LOCATED 39 05N 126 40E. COMPUTED GROUND SPEEDS OF AIRCRAFT WAS 162 KNOTS WITH A REPORTED ALTITUDE OF 6,500 FEET.

2. COMMENT: COURSE OF THIS ACTIVITY TENDS TO INDICATE THAT AIRCRAFT INVOLVED MAY BE HEADED FOR PYONGYANG.

NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE LOAD DESCRIPTION OF AIRCRAFT INVOLVED WAS DISCLOSED IN COMINT.

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VESSEL, WITH 64 PERSONNEL REPORTED ABOARD, OPERATING IN THE SEA AREA APPROXIMATELY 23 N/MILES OFF EAST COAST, WAS CAPTURED BY FIVE NORTH KOREAN NAVY VESSELS. DETAILS FOLLOW:

A. DURING THE PERIOD 230310-0323Z, NORTH KOREAN NAVY SUBMARINE

1 CHASER NR 35 INFORMED AN UNIDENTIFIED NORTH KOREAN NAVY TORPEDO BOAT THAT SHE (35) HAD APPROACHED A 300-TON CLASS AMERICAN VESSEL WHICH IS

USED FOR RADAR OPERATIONS SINCE THE U.S. VESSEL WAS EQUIPPED WITH MANY RADAR AND RADIO ANTENNAS.

B. DURING THE PERIOD 230335-0345Z JANUARY, KUKJIBONG RADAR STATION INFORMED PATROL BOAT NR 11 THAT SUBMARINE CHASER NR 35 SAILED NORTH AND CAPTURED ONE AMERICAN VESSEL, AND IT INSTRUCTED THE PATROL BOAT NR 11 TO STAND-BY, SINCE THE SUBMARINE CHASER WOULD HAVE TWO NORTH KOREAN NAVY POSSIBLE TORPEDO BOATS FORCE THE CAPTURED AMERICAN VESSEL TO SAIL INTO WO'NSAN HARBOR.

C. DURING THE PERIOD 230405-0408Z, THE SUBMARINE CHASER NR 35 REPORTED TO POSSIBLE KUKJIBONG RADAR STATION THAT SHE WAS GOING TO USE A SMALL BOAT TO GO ABOARD THE AMERICAN VESSEL AND SILENCE THE AMERICAN VESSEL'S COMMUNICATIONS

D. DURING THE PERIOD 230412-0431Z JANUARY, NORTH KOREAN SUBMARINE CHASER NR 35 INSTRUCTED ONE NORTH KOREAN TORPEDO BOAT TO REPORT TO THE "HIGHER UNIT" THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION." SUBMARINE CHASER NR 35 WOULD HAVE ONE OFFICER TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY AND THAT THE OFFICER AND FIVE OTHER MEN WOULD GO ABOARD THE CAPTURED AMERICAN VESSEL, BUT

THEY WOULD NOT TIE-UP ANY OF THE AMER INDN PERSONNEL ABOARD AND THAT
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THE SUBMARINE CHASER WOULD ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR BRINGING THE
AMERICAN VESSEL TO WONSAN HARBOR."

1 DURING THE PERIOD 230425-0438Z JANUARY, SUBMARINE CHASER NR 35
INSTRUCTED POSSIBLY THREE NORTH KOREAN TORPEDO BOATS TO GET AWAY

~~FROM THAT AREA WHERE THE AMERICAN VESSEL WAS LOCATED BECAUSE THE~~
SUBMARINE CHASER WOULD FIRE WARNING SHOTS SINCE *THE* CAPTURED AMERICAN
VESSEL DID NOT COMPLY WITH NORTH KOREAN NAVY INSTRUCTIONS. SUBSEQUENT-
LY, SUBMARINE CHASER NR 35 REPORTED TO TO KUKJIBONG RADAR STATION
THAT SHE HAD HALTED THE ESCAPE OF THE AMERICAN VESSEL; 231730Z

HOWEVER, IT WAS AGAIN

STATED THAT THE VESSEL WOULD FIRE WARNING SHOTS SINCE THE AMERICAN VESSEL DID NOT COMPLY WITH THE NKV INSTRUCTIONS.

F. DURING THE PERIOD 230450-0510Z JANUARY, SUBMARINE CHASER NR 35 INFORMED TWO NK NAVY TORPEDO BOATS THAT SHE WOULD LEAD THE CAPTURED AMERICAN VESSEL, AND INSTRUCTED THESE TWO TORPEDO BOATS TO SAIL VERY CLOSE TO THE CAPTURED VESSEL AND TO INFORM THE U.S. VESSEL VIA HAND-SIGNALS TO INCREASE SPEED. IN ADDITION, DURING THE PERIOD WZXTQPA PTQST JANUARY, AN UNIDENTIFIED NORTH KOREAN NAVY TORPEDO BOAT INSTRUCTED ANOTHER TORPEDO BOAT TO OBSERVE CLOSELY AND DETERMINE WHETHER THE U.S. PERSONNEL WERE THROWING ANYTHING INTO THE WATER. FURTHERMORE, THE TORPEDO BOAT WAS INSTRUCTED TO ESCORT THE U.S. VESSEL TO AN UNDISCLOSED LOCATION.

G. DURING THE PERIOD 230518-0528Z JANUARY, SUBMARINE CHASER NR 35 INFORMED THE POSSIBLE THREE NORTH KOREAN NAVY TORPEDO BOATS THAT PERSONNEL ABOARD THE U.S. VESSEL WERE THROWING ARTICLES INTO THE WATER AND ALSO WERE DESTROYING THE ARTICLES WITH FIRE.

H. DURING THE PERIOD 230555-0714Z JANUARY, SUBMARINE CHASER NR

35 INSTRUCTED TWO NORTH KOREAN NAVY TORPEDO BOATS TO REPORT THE

~~SUBORDINATION OF HIS CAPTURED AMERICAN VESSEL AND CONFIRM AND~~

REPORT WHETHER THEY POSSESS ANY WEAPONS, IN REPLY, ONE OF THE

NK NAVY TORPEDO BOATS STATED THAT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONNEL

ABOARD THE U.S. VESSEL WAS SIXTY-FOUR. FURTHER SHE STATED THAT

SHE WAS CONFISCATING "HIGH-PERFORMANCE" AND "SNIPING" WEAPONS

AND THAT THE ACTUAL NUMBER OF WEAPONS WOULD BE REPORTED LATER.

SUBSEQUENTLY, A REFERENCE WAS MADE TO "FOUR AMERICANS", POSSIBLY

IN CONTEXT THAT THESE FOUR WERE ARMED.

1. AT 230155Z JANUARY, SUBMARINE CHASER NR 35 AND PATROL BOAT
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~~NR 11 REPORTED TO WU'NSAN NAVAL BASE THAT THEY WERE LOCATED 20 N/~~

MILES (39-00N 128-13E) NORTH OF CHANGJO'N AND THAT THEY WERE SAIL-

ING NORTHEAST OF WU'NSAN (EPP DEGREES). AT 230350ZZ JANUARY, 5#EE

ORTH KOREA TORP BOAT YKNR 604 AND TWO UNIDENTIFIED) REPORTED

TO WU'NSAN NAVAL BASE THAT THEY WERE LOCATED IN THE SEA AREA 7

N/MILES (39-20N 127-42EL EAST OF HODO, AND THAT THEY WERE SAILING

EAST (90 DEGREES). IN ADDITION, AT 0540Z, KALGOCH' IRI RADAR STATION

REVEALED THE FIRST TRACKINGS OF THE AFOREMENTIONED II

VE, NK NAVY VESSELS

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DOCID: 3998161 IN THE SEA AREA LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 23 N/MILES AND THE U.S. VESSEL

(39-23N 128-02E) EAST OF HODO PANDO (PENINSULA) AT 0540Z. THE TRACK-

INGS INDICATED THAT THE U.S. VESSEL WAS ENCOUNTERED BY THE FIVE NK

NAVY VESSELS IN THE SEA AREA LOCATED AT A POSITION 38-24N 127-56E

AT 23060Z. TRACKINGS OF THESE VESSELS CEASED IN THE SEA AREA LO-

CATED 6.5 N/MILES (39-15N 127-30E) NORTHEAST OF WO'NSAN AT 0800Z.

THE [REDACTED] REVEALED THAT ONE NORTH KOREAN AIRCRAFT

(1) AT 230700Z AN UNDISCLOSED BASE QUERIED ONE AIRCRAFT OF

THE ATB AS TO WHETHER IT WAS FLYING TO SO'NDOK. IN REPLY, IT

WAS STATED THAT THE AIRCRAFT WAS FLYING TO SO'NDOK FROM POSSIBLE

AECH'ON BASE AT 230655Z.

(b) (1)
(b) (3)-50 USC 403
(b) (3)-18 USC 798
(b) (3)-P.L. 86-36

(2) TWO TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT OF THE ATB REPORTED TO AN UNDIS-
CLOSED BASE THAT THEY RECEIVED FUEL AT SUNAN AND WERE IN FLIGHT IN THE
DIRECTION OF POSSIBLE SO'NDOK BASE.

(3) IN ADDITION, THERE WERE INDICATIONS THAT A FOURTH ATB
AIRCRAFT WAS FLYING WITH THE AFOREMENTIONED THREE AIRCRAFT AT AN ALTI-
TUDE OF 2000 METERS.

(b) (1)
(b) (3)-50 USC 403
(b) (3)-18 USC 798
(b) (3)-P.L. 86-36

(4) FURTHER, RADAR TRACKINGS PASSED BY [REDACTED] DISCLOSED

THAT ONE LARGE TYPE ATB AIRCRAFT, POSSIBLY ONE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED

AIRCRAFT FLEW TO WO'NSEN.

AFORMENTIONED LARGE TYPE ATB A CGSFT FROM WONSU. [REDACTED] DISA

A HOLOSEEY RADAR TRACKINGS OF AN UNDISCLOSED TYP AND NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT

FLYING A WESTERLY COURSE FROM WONSAN AREA (39 12 13 127 15E) AT 1337Z.

AT 1351Z, TRACKINGS OF THIS ACTIVITY CEASED AT A POSITION LOCATED

39 05N 126 40E. COMPUTED GROUND SPEEDS OF AIRCRAFT WERE 162 KNOTS

WITH A REPORTED ALTITUDE OF 6,500 FEET.

(6) COURSE OF THE ABOVE ACTIVITY TENDS TO INDICATE THAT

AIRCRAFT INVOLVED WERE HEADED FOR EITHER P'YO'NGYANG OR SUNAN.

3 COMMENT:

A. THE REASON FOR THE TIME DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE VOICE

(b) (1)
(b) (3)-50 USC 403
(b) (3)-18 USC 798
(b) (3)-P.L. 86-36

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COMMUNICATIONS OF KUKJIBONG RADAR STATION AND TRACKING BY
KALGOCH'RI (BOTH INDICATING ENCOUNTERS WITH THE AMERICAN VESSEL)
IS POSSIBLY THAT MORE THAN ONE ENCOUNTER TOOK PLACE AND THAT
THE AMERICAN VESSEL DID NOT COMPLY WITH INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED BY
THE NORTH KOREAN VESSELS DURING THE FIRST ENCOUNTER.

E. DURING THE PERIOD FROM THE TIME OF THE FIRST ENCOUNTER
THROUGH THE TIME OF THE VESSEL'S ARRIVAL AT WO'NSAN, NORTH KOREAN
AIRCRAFT WERE FLYING IN THE VICINITY OF THE ACTIVITY AREA ON
THREE OCCASIONS. THIS FLIGHT ACTIVITY IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN
CONDUCTED IN ORDER TO ASSIST NORTH KOREAN VESSELS IN CAPTURING
THE U.S. VESSEL. THE FLIGHTS BY THE FOUR TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT
TO SO'NDOK'K IS POSSIBLY RELATED TO THIS ACTIVITY.

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