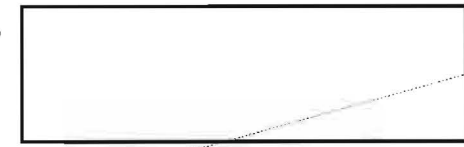


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(b) (3) - P.L. 86-36

SITUATION TITLE: Capture of the USS PUEBLO

- 1. Tip-off (Sensor): SITREP Message (USS PUEBLO SITREP ONE 220915Z Jan 68)
- 2. Critical Information at Time of Tip-off: USS PUEBLO spotted two North Korean ships on 22 Jan. Ships made two passes and disappeared.
- 3. Who are Decision Makers/Users? Phase I. C.O. USS PUEBLO; Phase II CO USS PUEBLO/COMUSJAPAN; Phase III CINCPAC and JCS; Phase IV/V CINCPAC/JCS and President
- 4. What Information Needed? Analysis as to Weather/Sensors that had Potential/Sensors that have Potential/Etc.

- a. Phase I: 22 Jan: PUEBLO sighted two North Korean trawler type.
 - 1) Exact location of Pueblo
 - 2) Type and number of surveillance craft
 - 3) Types and activity of other North Korean surface and air units in the general area.
 - 4) Other related military activity (alerts, etc.)
 - 5) Precedents for hostile reactions in, near, and inside claimed territorial waters and air space.
 - 6) Political-military situation in the area and likelihood of hostile reaction.

- b. Phase II: 230200Z Jan - 230400Z Jan 68 *on boat*
Harassment of USS PUEBLO.
 - 1) Exact location, speed and course of USS PUEBLO
 - 2) Number and type of hostile aircraft in vicinity.
 - 3) Location and number of NK vessels on scene
 - 4) Related activity by North Korean Army, Navy and Air Force (alerts, etc.)
 - 5) Type of evasive activity by PUEBLO
 - 6) Status of efforts by PUEBLO to implement contingency planning.

5. When Needed:

- a. Tip-off Timely? Post mortem indicates qualified yes in that, 24 hours prior to actual capture ship investigated by two trawler type vessels. However, such surveillance lacked any sign of hostile intent and investigation even by a naval unit would not be unexpected.
- b. When Info Needed for Decision: Phase I. Information elements 4a (3), (6) are needed prior to initiation of mission. Continued
- c. Optimum Time for Decision Makers:

Analysis as to Weather/Sensors that had Potential/Sensors that have Potential/Etc.

Disruption & alert status

*NK Navy
NK Air
NK Army*

Identify

*Coverage of all airports & other discrete
How many*

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