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ON PUEBLO

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FORWARDED HERewith, FYI, IS A GIST OF THE "PUEBLO" INCIDENT:

AN UNPRECEDENTED INCIDENT OCCURRED OFF THE COAST OF NORTH KOREA EARLY THIS MORNING WHEN THREE NORTH KOREAN P-4 MOTOR TORPEDOBOATS (MTB) AND ONE SO-1 07SUBMARINE CHASER SURROUNDED AND BOARDED THE U.S.S. PUEBLO, A LIGHT CARGO SHIP, WHICH WAS ON AN INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION MISSION. AT 23/2300Z, THE PUEBLO-- A SIGINT SHIPBOARD PLATFORM-- WAS ENCOUNTERED BY THE KORCOM SUB CHASER AT A POINT 20 NAUTICAL MILES FROM THE NEAREST LAND MASS. THE KORCOM VESSEL CIRCLED THE PUEBLO THREE TIMES DURING WHICH HE KORCOMS QUERIED NATIONALITY AND SHIP TYPE. THE KORCOMS THEN SIGNALLED PUEBLO TO HEAVE TO OR BE FIRED AT. THE PUEBLO RESPONDED BY SAYING THAT SHE WAS IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS AND BEGAN TO WITHDRAW FROM THE AREA. AT 0400Z, THREE KORCOM P4 CLASS MTB'S JOINED THE SO-1. AT 0416Z, TWO KORVM MIG FIGHTERS WERE NOTED CIRCLING THE PUEBLO. AT 0435Z, PUEBLO WAS FIRED ON AND FOUR U.S. PERSONNEL WERE WOUNDED, ONE CRITICALLY. THE PUEBLO WAS SUBSEQUENTLY BOARDED AT 0445Z AND FORCED TOWARD THE KORCOM PORT OF WONSAN; WHEN BOARDED, THE PUEBLO WAS 21 N.M. FROM THE NEAREST KORCOM LAND MASS. DURING THE ENCOUNTER THE PUEBLO WAS IN CONTACT WITH KAMI SEYA. THE PUEBLO REPORTED THAT ALL KEYPISTS WERE BEING DESTROYED, AND DESTRUCTION OF CLASSIFIED MATERIAL WAS PARTIALLY COMPLETED. HOWEVER, SOME CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS WILL BE COMPROMISED. CONTACT WITH THE PUEBLO WAS LOST AT 0545Z WHEN ALL COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT ABOARD WAS DESTROYED.

THE PUEBLO OFFERED NO RESISTANCE AND DID NOT FIRE HER ARMAMENT. THERE WERE APPROX 31 CAT III-CLEARED PERSONNEL ABOARD THE SHIP AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT.

THE USS PUEBLO, A LIGHT CARGO TRANSPORTER, IS CONFIGURED FOR SIGINT COLLECTION. IT HAS SIX INTERCEPT POSITIONS TOGETHER WITH ALL THE RELATED

PROCESSING EQUIPMENT. THE CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS ON THIS VESSEL WOULD RANGE THROUGH TOP SECRET CODEWORD. OTHER CLASSIFIED MATERIAL WOULD INCLUDE ENCRYPTION AND DECRYPTION COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT. SINCE THIS INCIDENT OCCURRED LESS THAN SIX HOURS AGO, DETAILS ARE AS YET SKETCHY. NSA HAS ADVISED THAT IT WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON THE INCIDENT UP TO THE EXTENT OF THE COMPROMISE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. LATE INFORMATION [REDACTED] INDICATES THAT THE KORCOM HAVE TRANSFERRED THE CREW MEMBERS OF THE PUEBLO TO A SMALL PROBABLY NORTH KOREAN VESSEL (BOAT) AND THAT THE PUEBLO WAS BEING TOWED INTO WONSAN

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