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REMARKS

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1. Attached narrative passed to BO4 this p.m. as accompanying description of tape cut containing references to "GER 2", etc.

2. Understand BO4 to deliver to K3 type who will put all this together on tape. Assume the briefing will be built from that point, based on comments from offices and other pertinent info.

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NORTH KOREAN NAVAL VESSELS APPROACH AND IDENTIFY USS PUEBLO - 23 JAN 1968

This tape contains a portion of North Korean naval ship communications of 23 January 1968 occurring just prior to the seizure of the USS PUEBLO. This intercept [   ] represents

the time frame of approximately Ø31ØZ thru Ø312Z on the 23rd (or shortly after noon, Korean local time). The Korean speaking was on board the subchaser (SO-1 CLASS) SC-35 which was beginning to close in with surrounding vessels prior to circling and actual seizure. SC-35 communications were thru another vessel, an NKN Torpedo Boat which relayed these conversations to the controlling shore stations and passed instructions back to the subchaser.

This taped conversation reflects the subchaser approach to the PUEBLO and attempts by the SC radio operator to identify the U.S. shippto his shore station. He is clearly repeating the PUEBLO bow number "GER 2" over and over for clarity, even stating "1 of 2," "1, 2," to more precisely relay the number 2 associated with the PUEBLO hull designation.

Further conversations among the NK subchaser and other vessels and the shore stations reflected continuing descriptions of the PUEBLO and later preparations to board, confiscation of weapons, search of the crew and the close down of communications as the North Korean bevy of vessels ended its escort of the PUEBLO into Wo'nsan harbor.

This cut contains the following two minute voice description passed from the North Korean Navy subchaser to the relay vessel:

"We have approached the target here. The name of the target is GER 1 of 2. Get it? GER 1 of 2, did you get it? So, our control target is GER 1 of 2. Did you understand? AH-61 will send again. Our control target is GER 1 of 2. Did you get it? I say again, GER 1 of 2. Did you get it? GER, GER 1 of 2. GER 2, I mean 2, 1, 2; 1, 2; 1, 2; The number 2.