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NORTH KOREAN AIR FORCE AIR SUPPORT DURING THE CAPTURE OF THE

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OF THE AIRSUPPORT PROVIDED BY NORTH KOREAN AIR FORCE (NKAF)

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FIGHTERS DURING THE CAPTURE OF THE USS PUEBLO BY THE NORTH KOREAN

NAVY (NKN). BETWEEN 0405 AND 0530 A TOTAL OF THREE PAIRS OF 2ND

DIVISION MIG-17S OPERATING FROM WO'NSAN AND SO'NDO'K FLEW CONSECUTIVE

4 PROTECTIVE PATROLS AND REPORTED ON THE MOVEMENTS OF PROBABLE NKN SCATS

AND THE USS PUEBLO. THE THREE SEQUENTIAL COVER PATROLS WHICH PROVIDED

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WERE FLOWN IN A TWENTY NAUTICAL MILE RADIUS OF 39-22N 127-52E.

COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE NKAF MIG PATROLS AND THE 2ND DIVISION

SENIOR CONTROLLER AT SO'NDO'K MADE REFERENCE TO SIX NKN VESSELS-

FOUR SMALL TYPES AND TWO LARGE TYPES. ONE OF THESE WAS ALSO REFERRED

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TO AS A QTE WARSHIP UNQTE. THE USS PUEBLO WAS REFERRED

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TARGET UNQTE. THE TARGET WAS REPORTED TO BE MANUEVERING TO THE

SOUTHEAST ON A HEADING OF 165 DEGREES BETWEEN 0420 AND 0434. AT

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0434, THE SIX NKN VESSELS WERE REPORTED TO BE IN FRONT OF THE TARGET.

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