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SPRT REPORT FOLLOW-UP NUMBER FOUR TO NSA SPOT REPORT 3/O/KCJ/R02-68, SIGINT REFLECTIONS OF NORTH KOREAN COMMUNICATIONS RELATED TO THE CAPTURE OF THE USS PUEBLO

NORTH KOREAN NAVY (NKN) COMMUNICATIONS HAVE REVEALED SOME NORTH KOREAN CONCERN OVER THE STATUS AND LOCATION OF THE USS ENTERPRISE. AT 0201Z ON 24 JANUARY, TWO UNIDENTIFIED NORTH KOREANS DISCUSSED THE STATUS OF AN AIRCRAFT CARRIER WHICH HAD RETURNED FROM VIET NAM. ONE OF THE NORTH KOREANS STATED THAT THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER WAS STAYING IN SASEBO, JAPAN.

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DURING THE 0700Z HOUR, 24 JANUARY, NKN COMMUNICATIONS

DISCLOSED THAT NEWER EQUIPMENT ABOARD THE PUEBLO WAS POSSIBLY DESTROYED AND/OR THROWN OVERBOARD BEFORE CAPTURE AND THAT THE REMAINING EQUIPMENT WAS TO BE REMOVED FROM THE SHIP FOR STORAGE. IT IS BELIEVED THAT NORTH KOREAN DIVERS WILL BE DISPATCHED TO THE SCENCE OF THE CAPTURE TO ATTEMPT SALVAGE OF ANY EQUIPMENT DUMPED OVERBOARD PRIOR TO THE TIME THE NORTH KOREANS TOOK CONTROL OF THE USS PUEBLO.

ALSO ON 24 JANUARY, NORTH KOREAN ARMY (NKA) COMMUNICATIONS REVEALED THAT NORTH KOREA WAS POSSIBLY PREPARING FOR SOME FURTHER INCIDENT IN THE WO'NSAN AREA. AT 0605Z, AN UNIDENTIFIED NKA UNIT WAS INSTRUCTED TO INSURE THAT THE ANTI-AIRCRAFT WEAPONS IN THE WO'NSAN AREA WERE READIED TO BE PUT INTO USE IMMEDIATELY.

RE-EXAMINATION OF AVAILABLE SIGINT REVEALS THAT ONLY ONE NORTH KOREAN AIR FORCE (NKAF) AIR TRANSPORT BATTALION (ATB) LI-2 FLEW TO WO'NSAN AIRFIELD (39-10N 127-29E) DURING THE 0700Z HOUR ON 23 JANUARY RATHER THAN FOUR AIRCRAFT AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED IN 3/O/KCJ/R02-68. ON 24 JANUARY, THERE WAS ANOTHER FLIGHT TO WO'NSAN AIRFIELD BY A NKAF ATB PROBABLE LI-2, WHICH ARRIVED AT 0030Z. APPROXIMATELY FOUR AND ONE HALF HOURS LATER, THE ATB AIRCRAFT DEPARTED WO'NSAN ENROUTE TO

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MIRIM-NI AIRFIELD (39-0IN 125-5IE) CARRYING FOUR NORTH KOREAN MINISTRY OF NATIONAL D[illegible]ENSE PERSONNEL (IDENTITIES NOT DISCLOSED), TWO NEWSMEN AND FOUR CAMERAMEN. THESE FLIGHTS TO WO'NSAN BY NKAF ATB AIRCRAFT MAY BE RELATED TO THE CAPTURE OF THE USS PUEBLO; HOWEVER, SIGINT HAS NOT POSITIVELY DISCLOSED A RELATIONSHIP. APPARENTLY THE PERSONNEL ABOARD THE OUTBOUND FLIGHT FROM WO'NSAN ON 24 JANUARY ARRIVED AT WO'NSAN ABOARD THE 23 JANUARY LI-2 FLIGHT.

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