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SIGINT REFLECTIONS OF NORTH KOREAN CAPTURE OF USS PUEBLO

FOLLOWING ARE PERTINENT NORTH KOREAN NAVY SHIP TO SHIP AND SHIP TO SHORE VOICE COMMUNICATIONS INTERCEPTED DURING THE CAPTURE OF THE USS PUEBLO: THE NORTH KOREAN NAVY VESSELS AND LAND BASES MENTIONED IN THE TRANSCRIPT BELOW ARE IDENTIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

TORPEDO BOAT 601, 604, 606 (WHICH CANNOT BE DIFFERENTIATED IN COMMUNICATIONS)	A, B, C
POSSIBLE MINESWEEPER NO. 11	11
POSSIBLE MINESWEEPER	13
SUBMARINE CHASER 35	35
KUKCHI-BONG RADAR POST	KUKCHIBONG

TIME	TO	FROM	TEXT
0310Z	C	35	WE HAVE APPROACHED THE TARGET HERE. THE NAME OF THE TARGET IS GER-1-2 (PROBABLY A REFERENCE TO AGER II, NAME PAINTED ON THE PUEBLO). GET IT? GER-1-2, DID YOU GET IT? SO OUR CONTROL TARGET IS GER-1-2. DID YOU GET IT? SO OUR CONTROL TARGET IS GER-1-2. 61, (I) WILL SEND IT AGAIN. OUR CONTROL TARGET IS GER-1-2. DID YOU GET IT? I SAY AGAIN, GER-1-2. DID YOU GET IT? DO YOU KNOW THIS, GER-1-2?
			GER-2-1-2.....
			SAY AGAIN.
			IT IS APPROXIMATELY 300 TONS. THE NATIONALITY ISN'T PAINTED ON IT.
	C	35	AS FOR THE SHIP'S PRESENT SHAPE, IT LOOKS LIKE A RADAR SHIP TO US. PLEASE SEND A QUICK REPLY IN REGARD TO THIS.
	C	KUKCHIBONG	WORK WITH NUMBER 35.
	35	KUKCHIBONG	WE ARE CONTROLLING IT NOW.

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		IT IS U.S. DID YOU GET IT? IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S ARMED NOW. THAT'S RIGHT, IT'S U.S.
KUKCHIBONG	35	IT HAS BEEN CONFIRMED, THE PRESENT SUPERIOR ARMAMENT (XM).
0319Z ?	35	WHAT SHALL I DO? QUICK. REQUEST COUNTER-MEASURES.
C	KUKCHIBONG	AREN'T YOU GOING OUT? MANUAL MORSE DOESN'T COME UP.
KUKCHIBONG	C	WAIT A MINUTE.
KUKCHIBONG	13	(3 GR U) SAID HE WOULD COME UP BUT HE KEEPS GOING DOWN. WHAT DID (YOU) SAY TO DO?
C	35	601/604 MUST COME UP QUICKLY. DID (YOU) GET THE COUNTERMEASURES?
35	C	NO CONCLUSION HAS BEEN REACHED YET. PLEASE WAIT AND SEE.
C	35	THAT'S RIGHT. PT 11 IS COMING....
13	KUKCHIBONG	PT 11 AND SC 35 WENT THERE NOW FROM (6 GR U) AND THE CONFUSION CONTINUES BECAUSE OF WHAT THEY ARE DOING THERE. SO (I AM) UNABLE TO INQUIRE THERE.
0325Z KUKCHIBONG	13	OK (WE) WILL CLOSE DOWN.
0328Z C	35	I THINK IT IS U.S. (RPT) IT HAS A LOT OF ANTENNAS. (I) THINK IT'S A RADAR SHIP. IT ALSO HAS RADIO ANTENNAS. IT HAS A LOT OF ANTENNAS AND LOOKING AT THE WAVE LENGTH, I THINK IT'S A SHIP USED FOR DETECTING SOMETHING.
?	?	WAIT AND WHAT WE DID BEFORE....
B	A	PRESENTLY THE UPPER ONE DOESN'T GO UP.
A	B	CARRY (IT) FROM THERE NOW.
C	35	ARE (YOU) 601/604?
35	C	YES.
C	35	ISN'T THERE ANYTHING ELSE UP THERE?
35	C	NO, NOTHING.
?	35	HURRY AND MAKE THE DECISION. PT 11 IS APPROACHING ME NOW. (XG) IS NOT TO COME WITHIN FIVE MILES OF ME.
?	35	IT'S A BIG ONE (SN'T IT?). IT IS WHAT (WE) EXPECTED A WHILE AGO. YOU ARE TO REACH A CONCLUSION QUICKLY.
11	KUKCHIBONG	ARE YOU 11?
0335Z KUKCHIBONG	11	YES.
601		WHAT IS MINE?

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0337Z	?	?	PLEASE REPEAT. YOUR AMPLIFICATION IS BAD. PLEASE REPEAT.
	11	35	IT WAS DONE UP TO THERE AND (WE) DONT' KNOW AFTER THAT. PLEASE REPEAT. (WE) UNDERSTAND. (WE) UNDERSTNAD BUT THE PERSON COMING (XM).
	?	?	DO (YOU) MEAN (XM)?
	?	?	YES.
	11	KUKCHIBONG	IS THER MOVEMENT THERE?
KUKCHIBONG		11	THERE IS NO MOVEMENT AT NR 11.
	11	KUKCHIBONG	SINCE (HOU) HAVE TO WAIT THERE, 35 WENT UP AND CAUGHT (THEM). (WE) ARE COMNG BACK DOWN, AND GOING BACK INSIDE WHERE 11 IS.
KUKCHIBONG		11	PLEASE REPEAT.
	11	KUKCHIBONG	STAND BY THERE. ANYWAY, 35 CAUGHT (THEM). WHEN (THEY) CAME UP IN FRONT OF MAE BONG NR 85 (AND) 86. (POSSIBLE REFERENCE POINTS IN VICINITY OF WO'NSAN.)
KUKCHIBON		11	DID(YOU) SAY FOR NR 11 TO STAND BY?
	11	KUKCHIBONG	YES. NOW, THE MUL O RI POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL VESSELS ARE COMING OUT. DOES (C VAL WO'NSAN) UNDERSTAND?
	11	KUKCHIBONG	HAVE (THEM) ARRIVE AT (C VAL WO'NSAN). THE VESSEL WILL STAND BY THERE.
0343Z	KUKCHIBONG	11	(I) WILL NOT BE ABLE TO DISTINGUISH (BETWEEN THE VESSELS) WELL.
0345Z	C	35	ALSO, IS 601/604 APPROACHING ME?
	?	?	(I) WILL DO THE TALING. ANYWAY, THE FOOLS DID NOT GO, AND 72 (UNKNOWN) (XM). IS 35 ENTERING PORT AT WO'NSAN IN ADVANCE?
0405Z	?	?	BY TALKING THIS QAY IT WILL BE ENOUGH TO UNDERSTAND ACCORDING TO PRESENT INSTRUCTIONS. WE WILL CLOSE DOWN THE RADIO, TIE UP THE PERSONNEL, TOW (IT) AND

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			ENTER PORT AT WO'NSAN. 35 IS MAKING PREPARATIONS TO (XM) THE RADIO. AT PRESENT, (WE) ARE ON THE WAY TO BOARDING A FEW AT A TIME. WE ARE COMING IN BUT (XM).
0408Z	?	35	(I) WILL REPEAT. WILL AN OFFICER ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY, AND HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE ON THE RADIOS?
0412Z	?	35	(CONCERNING) THE PRESENT BORADING THERE, THE (C VAL FIRST MATE) IS ABOARD AND ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY, AND HAS GONE UP.
0415Z	C	35	THE (C VAL FIRST MATE) HAS ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY AND SAID THERE WERE 5 MEN (ON THE RADIOS).
	C	35	NUMBER 2 IS FOLLOWING ALONG SIDE. (XM) (WE) WILL GO AS FAR AS THE FRONT OF HA KYO'NG DANG (UNLOC).
0418Z	C	35	I UNDERSTAND. YOU WILL ENTER WO'NSAN. SO, IF THEY ASK WHO WE ARE, YOU ARE TO TELL THEM NOT TO INQUIRE AND THAT WE ARE TAKING THEM TO WO'NSAN.
	?	35	(I) MEAN IT, SINCE IT IS DIFFICULT TO GO UP IN FOUR DIRECTIONS. BECAUSE (THEY) SAID FOLLOW, (WE) ARE FOLLOWING. WELL, (WE), ARE GOING IN, AND IF ASKED WHO (WE) ARE, (XM).
0421Z	11	KUKCHIBONG	THE ORDER FROM HAESO'K-DONG [redacted] SAID TO COME OUT.
0422Z	B	A	SHALL I WAIT AT THE PRESENT POSITION? (XG) WHY IS THERE NO NEWS? WHAT SHALL I DO? SHALL I RETURN TO PORT?
04 23Z	?	KUKCHIBONG	HAESO'K-DONG ASKS WHETER THERE ARE ANY MYOHYANGSAN 71'S [redacted] COMING OUT. TREMEDOUS MYCHYANGSAN 71 IS COMING OUT.
	11	KUKCHIBONG	MYOHYANGSAN 71 SAID A LARGE ONE IS COMING OUT. THE LARGE ONE!
0425Z	11	KUKCHIBONG	MYOHYANGSAN 71 SAID A LARGE ONE IS COMING OUT. DID YOU UNDERSTAND?
	?	35	WELL, THEY SAW US AND THEY KEEP RUNNING AWAY. SHALL I SHOOT THEM? (XM) BECAUSE THEY KEEP RUNNING AWAY (XM).
0427Z	11	KUKCHIBONG	MYOHYANG-SAN 6 [redacted]: DO COMBAT READINESS
	?	35	WE ARE FIRING WARNING (SHOTS) NOW AND (XM).
	11	KUKCHIBONG	MYOHANG-SAN 60. DO COMBAT READINESS.
	B	35	SINCE WE FIRE WARNING (SHOTS), YOU ARE TO LEAVE.
	?	11	WHAT NUMBER CH'AMNAMU IS IT?

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	?	11	DO COMBAT READINESS. TARAMCHWI 3. [redacted]. CARRY OUT TARAMCHWI 3.
04--Z	B	35	LEAVE IMMEDIATELY.
	35	B	I AM LEAVING.
	?	35	LISTEN TO EVERYTHING. TARAMCHWI 1200. I AM CONTINUING TO FIRE WARNING (SHOTS).
0433Z	?	35	LISTEN: COME UP FROM (3 GR G). BY THE WEST SIDE.
	?	35	KIROOI [redacted] 600. CARRY OUT KIROGI 600. WITHDRAW TO THE REAR. COME UP FROM THE REAR. KIROGI 600. 07. CARRY OUT 07.
	?	35	WE HAVE STOPPED THEM BY FIRING WARNING (SHOTS).
0438Z	?	35	WE HAVE STOPPED THEM BY FIRING WARNING (SHOTS). WE HAVE STOPPED TARGET NUMBER FOUR BY FIRING WARNING (SHOTS). WE HAVE THEM STOPPED. THEY ARE NOT MOVING TOO WELL. I AM GOING TO SHOOT SEVERAL ROUNDS AND HAVE THEM COME IN (XM).
0422Z	?	C	(XM).
	35	B	ARE YOU GOING TO CONTINUE FIRING WARNING (SHOTS)?
0448Z	B	A	WHO FIRED THE SHOTS?
	?	B	35 DID IT. MAINTAIN THE STATUS QUO.
	35	BQ	ARE YOU GOINT TO FIRE WARNING (SHOTS) AGAIN?
0450Z	35	B	(THEY) ARE CONTINUING TO FIRE AND TURNING (IT). ARE YOU GOING TO CONTINUE? 2 (UNIDENTIFIED) IS CONTINUOUSLY TURNING THE RADAR. HE IS CONTINUING TO COME UP WHILE TURNING THE RADAR. ARE YOU GOING TO CONTINUE THIS SITUATION.

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	B	35	PLEASE REPEAT.
	35	B	(THEY) ARE CONTINUING TO GO UP WHILE TURNING THE RADAR. ARE YOU GOING TO CONTINUE THIS SITUATION WHILE (IT) IS TURNING?
0250-Z	?	C	THIS IS INSTRUCTIONS OF NUMBER 361 (XM) GO QUICKLY (XM).
	?	35	THAT'S RIGHT. NOW, WE ARE IN THE FRONT AND THEY ARE COMING IN FROM BEHIND AND WE ARE COMING IN. WE DID NOT GO UP (ON BOARD) YET. CONDITIONS ARE NOT RIGHT TO GO ON BOARD. WITHOUT GOING ON BOARD, (M) THEY ARE GOING TO UNLOAD THEM NOW. STAND ON BOTH SIDES, TELL THEM TO GO FASTER BY USING SEMAPHORE.
0501Z	?	B	WHAT THEY ARE DOING NOW (XM) RAISE IT BY TARAMCHWI.
	?	35	SINCE THE TIME IS SO LATE, WE WILL DO IT AFTER WE GO IN A LITTLE CLOSER.
	?	C	KICK IT UP UNCONDITIONALLY AND TAKE ACTION. (XM) IS GIVING THE INSTRUCTIONS.
	?	35	CALL BOTH SIDES AND HAVE THEM SEND TARAMCHWI.
0510Z	?	C	YES. (HE) SAID INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE GIVEN FROM THAT SIDE...
	?	35	I AM TRYING TO DO THAT.
	?	35	IN OTHER WORDS, WHILE REQUESTING TARAMCHWI TO COME QUICKLY, THEY ALL (XM).
	?	35	IS FAST (B VAL PROGRESS) BEING MADE?
	A	B	YOU ARE TO CONTINUE TO THE RIGHT SIDE OF (WHERE YOU) WHERE BEFORE AND ESCORT THEM MAKING SURE THEY DON'T THROW ANYTHING AWAY.
	B	A	I UNDERSTAND. OCCUPY THE POSITION WHERE (I) AM NOW. IS THAT WHAT YOU ARE TELLINT ME TO DO?
	A	B	FROM THE POSITION WHERE (YOU) ARE NOW, YOU ARE TO APPROACH BELOW WHERE YOU WERE BEFORE.
	B	A	I UNDERSTAND.
	B	A	WHAT IS THAT THING FOLLOWING AT 160 DEG BLOWING SMOKE?
	A	B	WE ARE LOOKING AT IT NOW, IT'S ONE THAT GOINT DOWN.
	?	C	(XM)

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	?	35	SOMETHING IS SHAKING TO THE WEST SIDE OF THE LADDER. THEREFORE, CONTINUE.... AS THE (XM) IS (M), GO DOWN TO THE (XM) AND.... DEMAND THAT (THEY) DO AS (THEY) ARE TOLD (XM) IS IT ALRIGHT IF (XM) IS DONE? (WE) WILL REPORT IT UP.
0522Z	B	35	NOW THEY HAVE SET UP A TOWER ON THE UPPER LEFT SIDE AND ARE STARTING A FIRE. IT'S BURNING NOW.
0528Z	?	35	A FIRE HAS BEEN STARTED UP THERE AND IT'S BURNING.
0603Z	C	35	SIXTY-FOUR CREW MEMBERS.
	35	C	ARE THERE 64 CREW MEMBERS?
	C	35	64.
	35	C	64 (TP).
	C	35	THAT'S RIGHT.
	C	35	DON'T LET THEM TALK OR LOOK OUTSIDE. AREN'T THERE ANY CHILDREN OR WOMEN? YOU ARE TO REPORT AFTER COMPLETE VERIFICATION.
0624Z	B	35	YOU ARE TO QUESTION ALL. YOU ARE TO VERIFY (THEIR) UNIT.
	C	35	NOW (B VAL THEY) HAVE (C VAL HIGH TRAJECTORY) WEAPONS AND SNIPING WEAPONS. (XM) CONFIRMING THINGS THERE NOW.
	35	B	I UNDERSTAND. SO (XM).

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	B	35	TRY TO CONFIRM THE NUMBER OF TYPES OF WEAPON AND WHERE THE (C VAL HIGH TRAJECTORY) WEAPONS (XM) THE NUMBER OF TYPE (C VAL HIGH TRAJECTORY) WEAPONS QUICKLY.
	C	35	HURRY AND FIND OUT THE NUMBER OF WEAPONS.
Ø642Z	C	35	(WE) ARE IN THE PROCESS OF MAKING ONE MOUND. (WE) ARE MAKING THE ROUND SEARCHING ONE PERSON AT A TIME. (I) WILL REPORT THE TOTAL NUMBER AS IT IS COMPILED.
	B	35	WE HAVE LOADED ALL THE LUGGAGE NOW. IS IT ALRIGHT IF (WE) CONTINUE WITH THIS SITUATION? YOU ARE TO INQUIRE QUICKLY.
Ø652Z	B	35	WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF CONFIRMING THE (C VAL HIGH TRAJECTORY) WEAPONS, SNIPING WEAPONS AND PERSONAL WEAPONS NOW.
Ø7Ø2Z	C	35	THERE ARE FOUR(B VAL WOUNDED) AMERICANS.
Ø714Z	11	35	WE ARE CONSTINUING ON THE WAY IN; PLEASE WAIT

THE POSITION STATUS REPORTS PASSED BY NKN SUBMARINE CHASER 35 AND THE NKN TORPEDO BOATS INVOLVED IN THE INCIDENT ARE AS FOLLOWS:

SUBMARINE CHASER 35
23Ø155Z 39-Ø1N 128-11E
23Ø227Z 39-11N 127-54E
23Ø24ØZ 39-15N 128-ØØE
23Ø3ØØZ 39-25N 127-56E
23Ø45ØZ 39-26N 128-Ø2E

TORPEDO BOATS
23Ø35ØZ 39-2ØN 128-Ø3E
23Ø4ØØZ 39-21N 127-53E
23Ø525Z 39-19N 127-57E
23Ø54ØZ 39-23N 127-56E

NKN TRACKING REPORTS PASSED ON THE USS PUEBLO AND NKN SUBCHASER/ PATROL CRAFT ARE AS FOLLOWS:

23Ø54ØZ 39-18N 128-Ø5E (USS PUEBLO)
23Ø54ØZ 39-21N 128-Ø1E (SUB CHASER/PATROL CRAFT)
23Ø61ØZ 39-18N 127-59E (SUBCHASERS AND PUEBLO MERGED AT THIS POINT)
23Ø8ØØZ 39-15N 127-3ØE (FINAL TRACK OF SUB CHAERS AND PUBELO)
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