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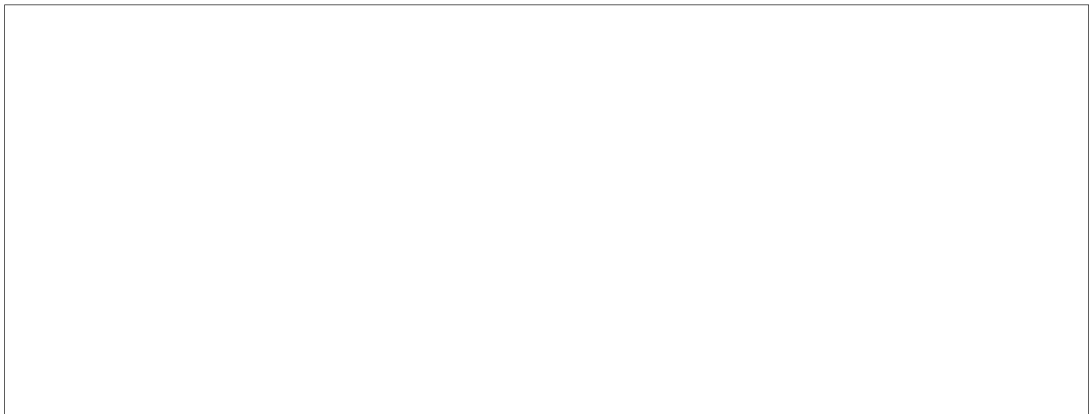
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\*Korea: Pyongyang is playing up the "confession" of a second officer in the Pueblo's complement.

The "confession" was read over Pyongyang radio yesterday by a voice purported to be that of Lt. Stephen Robert Harris. The voice expressed contriteness for carrying out a military intelligence mission for the "US National Security Council and the US Command in Japan." The speaker said that, if released, he promised to desist from such activities and work against the "US policy of aggression."

The broadcast broke two days of relative silence by Pyongyang concerning the Pueblo incident. The hiatus possibly was intended to give the Harris "confession" greater impact.

In Seoul, initial official and public reaction to discussion of the Pueblo incident at Panmunjom appears to combine grudging acceptance with skepticism that much will be achieved.

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An unidentified Soviet vessel [Redacted]

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proximately 85 miles south of Vladivostok on 1 February  
possibly preparing for deployment. The ship may be  
headed for the southern Sea of Japan to relieve one of the  
two Soviet intelligence ships already there. [Redacted]

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