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1. A STUDY OF NATIONAL CHARTS OF THE WONSAN BAY AREA WOULD INDICATE THAT THE FORMER LOCATION OF USS PUEBLO WAS AT 39-19N 127-27E, PLACING HER IN CHANGJAHWAN-MAN (CHOJIKAN) AND PROBABLY MOVED TO MUNP'YONG-NI (WONSAN) LOCATED AT 39-18N 127-27E. MUNP'YONG-NI IS THE NAVAL PORT AT THE MOUTH OF THE ESTUARY. [Redacted] MUNP'YONG-NI NAVAL BASE INDICATES SECURITY SQUADRON WHARF WITH SECURITY SQUADRON PERSONNEL BARRACKS ADJACENT.

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2. POSSIBLE IMPLICATIONS OF REPORTED RELOCATION OF USS PUEBLO ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. DURING WARTIME OR WITH SHIPS TO BE ON A HAZARDOUS MISSION, IF A SHIP IS APPREHENDED WITHOUT PRIOR ABILITY TO SCUTTLE, EXPERIENCE BASED ON PRACTICE OF MANY NATIONS IS TO HAVE BOOBY-TRAP TYPE DEMOLITIONS SYSTEMS PREVENT THE EXPLOITATION OF THE CAPTURED SHIP BY THE ENEMY. POSITIONING OF THE USS PUEBLO AT THE REPORTED LOCATION IN CHANGJAHWAN-MAN WOULD HAVE PERMITTED THOROUGH INSPECTION FOR POSSIBLE BOOBY TRAP DEMOLITIONS SYSTEMS, INCLUDING EXTERIOR HULL, PRIOR TO MOVING THE SHIP TO A LOCATION WHERE EXTENSIVE DAMAGE COULD BE DONE TO PORT FACILITIES.

B. POSITIONING OF THE USS PUEBLO IN A LOCATION REMOTE FROM PORT FACILITIES WOULD HAVE PERMITTED THE REMOVAL OF SENSITIVE EQUIPMENT IN AN AREA PERMITTING BETTER SECURITY THAN IN A MORE

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POPULATED AREA; [Redacted] (b)(1)  
INDIVIDUAL NORTH KOREAN SEAMEN GUARD OR OTHER PERSONNEL HAD LESS (b)(3)  
CHANCES OF LOOTING PERSONAL BELONGINGS AND OTHER ARTICLES WITH  
SHIP IN AN AREA WHERE PERSONNEL DID NOT HAVE MORE IMMEDIATE  
ACCESS TO PORT.

C. ADDITIONAL SPECULATION IS THAT UNTIL A MORE THOROUGH  
REMOVAL AND/OR INSPECTION OF SENSITIVE EQUIPMENT ARE ACCOMPLISHED,  
POSSIBLY WITH PRESENCE SOVIET TECHNICIANS, NORTH KOREA WOULD  
PREFER NOT TO REVEAL THE EXTENT OF SOVIET PARTICIPATION OR  
RELIANCE ON SOVIETS FOR THIS ASPECT OF EXPLOITATION.

D. ONCE EQUIPMENT IS REMOVED, AND POSSIBLE BOOBY TRAP THREAT  
IS RESOLVED, THERE WOULD BE MUCH TO BE GAINED BY THOROUGH EXAMI-  
NATION OF THE SHIP'S WIRING SYSTEM AND OTHER FEATURES WHICH COULD  
BE ACCOMPLISHED AT DOCKSIDE OR NAVAL PORT MORE EASILY THAN IN THE  
PREVIOUS LOCATION.

E. ANOTHER SPECULATION IS THAT WITH THE POSSIBLE HARDENING  
OF RESPECTIVE POSTURES AT PANMUNJOM AND WITH PUBLISHED STATEMENTS  
BY THE ROK SIDE ATTRIBUTED TO PRESIDENT PAK CHONG-HUI THAT THE  
ONLY WAY TO TREAT WITH THE NORTH KOREANS WAS WITH FORCE, NORTH  
KOREA FELT THAT THE PREVIOUS LOCATION LEFT THE USS PUEBLO IN A  
POSITION TOO EXPOSED TO POSSIBLE UDT FROGMEN ATTACK, HENCE MOVED

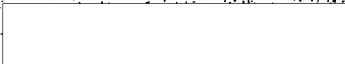
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IT TO A CONSIDERABLY MORE SECURE AREA OF MUNP'YONG-NI.

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