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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

Pueblo Sitrep No. 23
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1. In a statement of support for North Korea, broadcast by Hanoi on 31 January, the South Vietnamese Communists' National Liberation Front pledged to step up its attacks on the US in South Vietnam in order to contribute to North Korea's "just struggle." The statement probably represents a Viet Cong attempt to extract the maximum propaganda benefit out of any planned military moves.

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5. South Korean Foreign Minister Choi Kyu-han, at a news conference in Seoul today, publicly expressed South Korean annoyance with alleged US downplaying of the attempted assassination of President Park. Choi warned that the ROK will "categorically oppose" additional US emphasis on the Pueblo. Choi also reiterated ROK opposition to direct bilateral US-North Korean talks and to any proposal to exchange the crew of the Pueblo for captured North Korean infiltrators.

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