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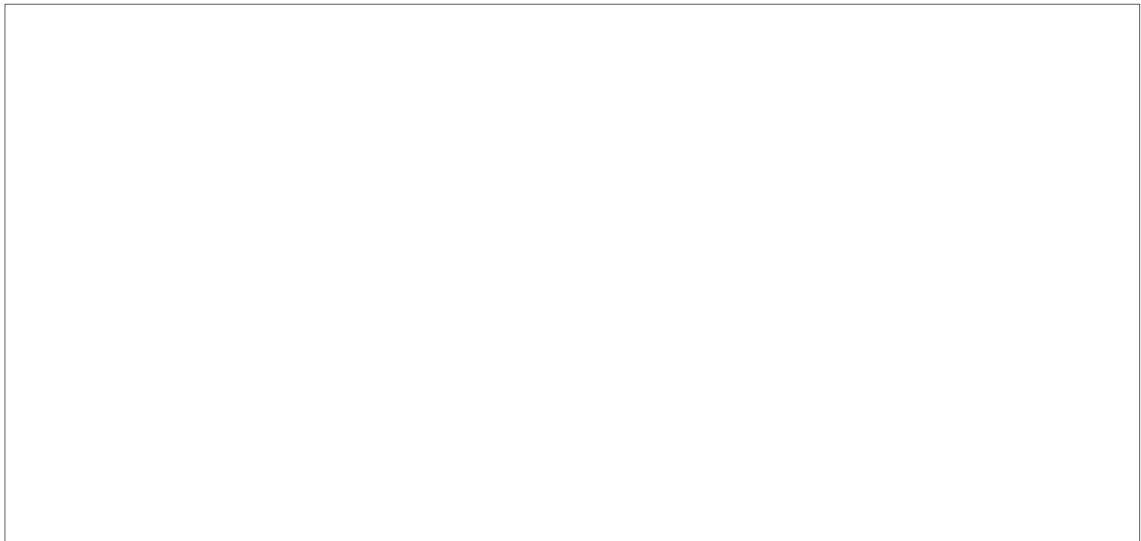
PUEBLO SITREP NO. 5  
(As of 0700 EST)

1. North Korea has made no statements or taken any actions pointing to an early release of the Pueblo and its crew.



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3. Embassy Seoul's new translation of North Korean statements made at yesterday's Military Armistice Commission meeting, however, now shows that the Communist general did not state the Pueblo "will remain in our hands"--as reported earlier--but simply that it "is in our hands." The Embassy says "He did not repeat not make any reference to North Korean intentions with respect to the disposition of either crew or vessel."



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6. The U.S. Task Force led by the nuclear carrier Enterprise has moved up the South Korean coast to a position 14 nautical miles off Pangojin, about 25 miles northeast of Pusan.

7. Two Soviet vessels are now following the U.S. Task Force: one guided missile destroyer, 4 miles away, and one trawler-type vessel, 8 miles away.

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Today's Pravda, however, underscored Soviet support for North Korea, calling the Pueblo's mission a "dangerous provocation." It also said North Korean newspapers had been describing the Pueblo's electronic equipment and intelligence functions "in detail."

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