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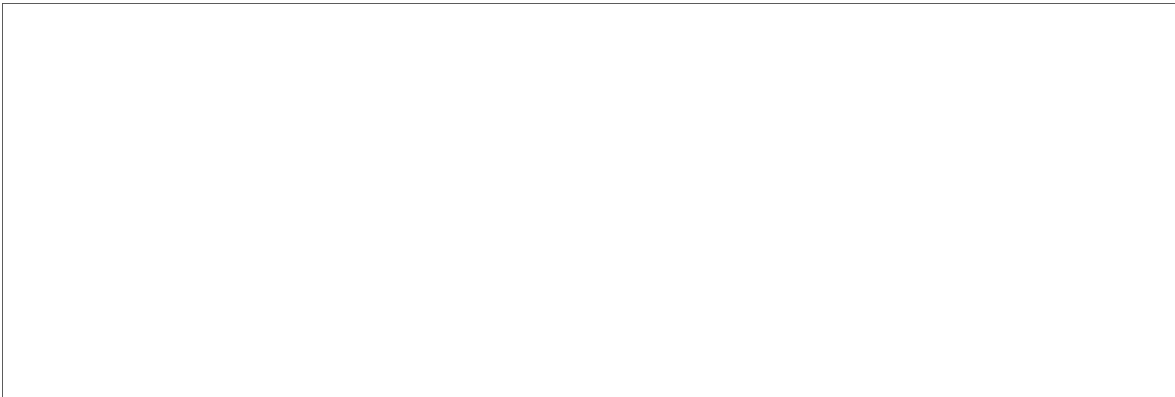
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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

PUEBLO SITREP No. 9  
(As of 1200 EST)

1. North Korea has released a radiophoto purporting to show Pueblo captain Bucher "writing his confessions."

2. Two incidents near the Korean DMZ point to increased tension, probably generated by the Pueblo incident:

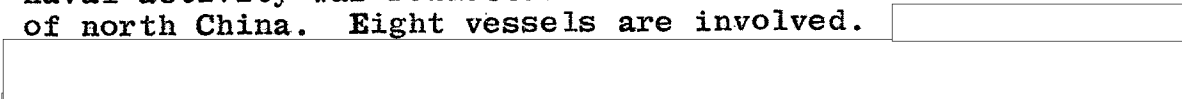


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3. Radio Peking today broke Chinese silence on the Pueblo by broadcasting the official North Korean version of the capture.

4. At about 1900 EST on 25 January, unusual Chinese naval activity was reflected in the Pohai Straits area of north China. Eight vessels are involved.



While no direct association with the Pueblo incident can be established, this activity may indicate that the Chinese have placed some vessels of the North Sea Fleet on an

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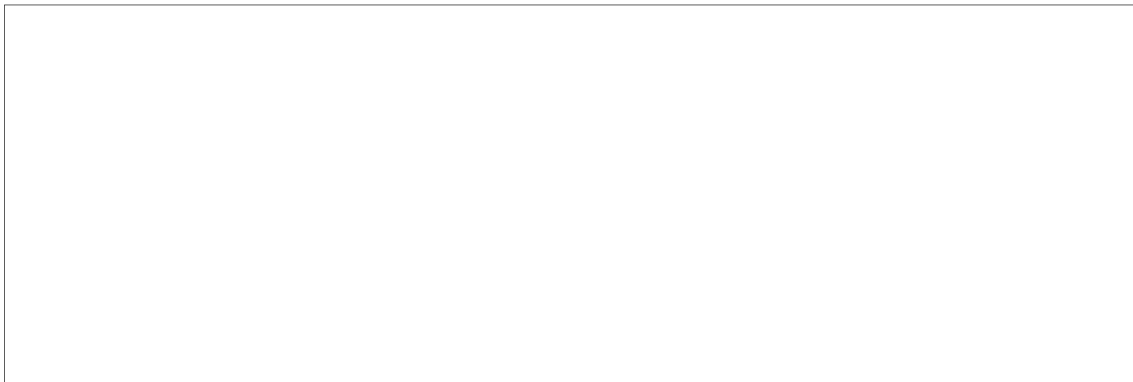
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alert basis. The Pohai Strait is the approach to the strategic port of Dairen as well as the entrance into the Pohai Gulf of North China.



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6. The UN Security Council will meet at 1530.

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