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WASHINGTON (AP)-THE UNITED STATES, MOVING TO MEET THE CRISIS SET OFF BY THE NORTH KOREAN CAPTURE OF THE USS PUEBLO, TODAY CALLED 14,600 RESERVE AIRMEN TO ACTIVE DUTY IMMEDIATELY.

THE CALL-UP WAS ORDERED BY PRESIDENT JOHNSON WHO, AT THE SAME TIME, WAS REPORTED SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING ASKING FOR AN URGENT SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL TO TAKE UP THE PUEBLO CASE.

JOHNSON ASKED FOR ENOUGH MEN TO HANDLE 372 FIGHTER AND TRANSPORT CRAFT.

THE PENTAGON ACTED SPEEDILY TO CALL IN 14,000 AIR FORCE AND AIR NATIONAL GUARD RESERVISTS AND 600 NAVY AIR RESERVISTS.

THE RESERVE CALL-UP IS THE FIRST SINCE THE CUBAN MISSILE CRISIS OF OCTOBER 1962.

A FINAL DECISION ON ASKING A U.N. SESSION PROBABLY WILL BE MADE LATER TODAY, IT WAS LEARNED.

JOHNSON AND HIS ADVISERS ARE CONSIDERING WHAT RESULTS THEY CAN ACHIEVE BY TAKING THIS ISSUE AND RELATED NORTH KOREAN ACTIONS BEFORE THE U.N. BODY. NORTH KOREA IS NOT A MEMBER OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND IN THE PAST HAS GENERALLY IGNORED IT.

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WASHINGTON--ADD PUEBLO-NORTH KOREA (85)

THE WHITE HOUSE REPORTED THAT IN THE COURSE OF A STRATEGY CONFERENCE EARLY TODAY WITH TOP ADVISERS, INCLUDING SECRETARY OF STATE DEAN RUSK, JOHNSON EXCHANGED VIEWS WITH U.N. AMBASSADOR ARTHUR J. GOLDBERG--A HINT THAT U.N. ACTION WAS AT LEAST UP FOR DISCUSSION. PRESS SECRETARY GEORGE CHRISTIAN ADDED THAT JOHNSON AND GOLDBERG WOULD BE IN TOUCH LATER IN THE DAY.

GOLDBERG CONTINUED CONFERENCES DURING THE MORNING WITH STATE DEPARTMENT ANSE

OTHER ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS, ASSESSING WHAT STEPS WOULD BE ADVISABLE AND WHAT RESULTS WOULD BE ACHIEVED.

HIGH ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS SAID THAT A FINAL DECISION HAD NOT BEEN MADE AT THE BREAKFAST CONFERENCE. THIS WAS UNDERSTOOD TO MEAN THAT JOHNSON HAD TENTATIVELY DECIDED TO MOVE ON THE U.N. FRONT BUT THE PROSPECTIVE OPERATION WAS SUBJECT TO DETAILED STUDY AND A FINAL DECISION LATER.

THE ADMINISTRATION CURRENTLY IS REPORTED TO BELIEVE THAT THE SEIZURE OF THE PUEBLO BY NORTH KOREA MONDAY NIGHT AND THE REPORTED ATTEMPT EARLIER TO HAVE A COMMANDO UNIT INFILTRATED INTO SOUTH KOREA AND ASSASSINATE PRESIDENT PARK CHUNG HEE, ARE EVIDENCE OF A COMMON PATTERN OF AGGRESSIVE PRESSURES AGAINST SOUTH KOREA AND THE UNITED STATES.

OFFICIALS SAY THEY ARE NOT CERTAIN OF THE PURPOSE BEHIND NORTH KOREAN STRATEGY BUT BELIEVE IT IS AN EFFORT TO DIVERT THE SOUTH KOREAN RESOURCES AND U.S. RESOURCES FROM THE WAR IN VIETNAM, WHERE THE U.S. AND SOUTH KOREA ARE ALLIES

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PUEBLO RUMOR

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NEW YORK (AP)-RUMORS CIRCULATED IN WALL STREET TODAY THAT THE USS PUEBLO HAD BEEN RELEASED BY NORTH KOREA, BUT WASHINGTON OFFICIALS PROMPTLY DENIED THEM.

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PRESIDENTIAL PRESS SECRETARY GEORGE CHRISTIAN AND PHIL G. GOULDING, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, SAID IN WASHINGTON THEY HAD RECEIVED NO WORD THAT THE PUEBLO HAD BEEN FREED.

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THE RUMOR ALSO CIRCULATED IN FINANCIAL CIRCLES IN DALLAS, TEX., MIAMI, FLA., PORTLAND, ORE., AND OTHER CITIES.

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STOCKBROKERS SAID THE RUMORS SWEEPED THE FLOOR OF THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE ABOUT 12:15 P.M., IN THE WAKE OF HEAVY SELLING THAT BEGAN AFTER PRESIDENT JOHNSON CALLED UP SOME RESERVES.

THE STOCK MARKET REBOUNDED ON THE RUMOR. THE EXCHANGE SAID ITS OFFICIALS HAD RECEIVED A NUMBER OF CALLS ABOUT THE RUMOR, BUT THAT IT COULD NOT TRACE IT.

ONE REPORT SAID THE INFORMATION HAD COME FROM RED CHINA, VIA FRANCE, BUT THERE WERE NO DETAILS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR PAINE, WEBBER, JACKSON & CURTIS SAID THE RUMOR HAD BEEN REPORTED TO IT.

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ARMY AND MARINE CORPS OFFICIALS SAID THEY HAVE HAD NO WORD OF ANY PLANS TO CALL UP THEIR RESERVISTS.

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THE PENTAGON SAID THAT BOTH SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ROBERT S. MCNAMARA AND THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF RECOMMENDED THE CALL-UP OF AIR RESERVISTS.

ORDERS TO REPORT TO THEIR BASES BEGAN GOING OUT TO RESERVISTS EARLY TODAY, WITH FRIDAY MIDNIGHT THE DEADLINE.

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ASST. SECRETARY OF DEFENSE PHIL G. GOULDING DESCRIBED THE CALL-UP AS "A PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE TO STRENGTHEN OUR FORCES."

NO OVERSEAS ORDERS HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE UNITS, BUT GOULDING DID NOT RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY.

ONCE CALLED UP THERE IS NO MINIMUM PERIOD THAT A RESERVIST MUST SERVE, GOULDING SAID.

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THERE ARE 372 PLANES IN THE VARIOUS UNITS.

THE AIR NATIONAL GUARD'S TWO TACTICAL FIGHTER WINGS WHICH WERE CALLED UP--THE 113TH AT WASHINGTON, D.C., AND THE 140TH AT DENVER, COLO.--HAVE 100 F100'S EACH. IN ADDITION THERE ARE 54 RF 101 RECONNAISSANCE PLANES IN LOUISVILLE'S 123RD TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE WING.

THE AIR FORCE RESERVE UNITS COMMAND 46 PLANES, INCLUDING 22 C124 TRANSPORTS AND 24 HC97 RESCUE PLANES.

THE NAVY RESERVE UNITS INCLUDE A TOTAL OF 72 PLANES--THREE 12-PLANE SQUADRONS OF A4B SKYHAWKS AND THREE

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PUEBLO-NORTH KOREA

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WASHINGTON (AP) - ADMINISTRATION SOURCES SAY THAT DESPITE TWO DIPLOMATIC SETBACKS, PEACEFUL MEANS RATHER THAN FORCE REMAIN THE IMMEDIATE U.S. POLICY IN TRYING TO WIN RETURN OF THE CAPTURED SHIP PUEBLO FROM NORTH KOREA.

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A SECOND URGENT EFFORT TO ENLIST SOVIET HELP IN FREEING THE U.S. NAVY INTELLIGENCE SHIP AND 83 AMERICANS ABOARD FROM THEIR CAPTORS MAY BE MADE SOON DESPITE AN INITIAL COLD SHOULDER FROM MOSCOW, WHITE HOUSE INFORMANTS SAID.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON AND HIS TOP STRATEGISTS HELD CRISIS DISCUSSIONS LATE INTO THE NIGHT WEDNESDAY, WEIGHING DIPLOMATIC ALTERNATIVES WHILE THE NUCLEAR-POWERED AMERICAN AIRCRAFT CARRIER ENTERPRISE HOVERED WITHIN STRIKING DISTANCE OF NORTH KOREA.

IN ADDITION, THE AIR FORCE REPORTEDLY MOVED TWO JET FIGHTER SQUADRONS FROM OKINAWA TO SOUTH KOREA AS A PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE TO BOLSTER THE SMALL FORCE OF 18 FIGHTER BOMBERS ALREADY AT OSAN AND KOSAN. ABOUT 36 JETS WERE INVOLVED IN THE MOVE.

FROM CAPITOL HILL CAME STATEMENTS FROM TWO SENATORS THAT ANY U.S.-NORTH KOREAN WAR RESULTING FROM THE SHIP'S SEIZURE COULD LEAD TO U.S. USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. OTHER CONGRESS MEMBERS CAUTIONED AGAINST PRECIPITATE U.S. USE OF FORCES.

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KOREA-CLASH

SEOUL (AP) - AS TENSION CONTINUED FOLLOWING THE CAPTURE OF THE PUEBLO, NORTH KOREANS TRIED TO BREAK THROUGH THE AMERICAN SECTOR OF THE KOREAN FRONT TODAY AND WOUNDED EIGHT U.S. SOLDIERS.

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THE NORTH KOREANS ALSO ATTACKED A WATCH TOWER JUST SOUTH OF THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE WITH HAND GRENADES BUT CAUSED NO DAMAGE, A U.S. ARMY SPOKESMAN SAID.

SPORADIC SHOOTING CONTINUED FROM ABOUT 2:30 A.M. UNTIL EARLY AFTERNOON. THE COMMUNISTS MADE ATTEMPTS TO BREAK THROUGH THE FENCE ALONG THE BUFFER ZONE, THE AMERICAN ADDED.

THE COMMUNIST INFILTRATORS WERE ALL REPULSED BUT IT WAS NOT KNOWN WHETHER THEY SUFFERED ANY CASUALTIES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

BESIDES THE EIGHT AMERICANS WOUNDED, HE SAID, TWO SOUTH KOREAN SOLDIERS ATTACHED TO THE U.S. 2ND INFANTRY DIVISION WERE KILLED AND ANOTHER WAS WOUNDED.

THIS BROUGHT THE AMERICAN CASUALTIES IN THE TWO DAYS OF CLASHES TO ONE DEAD AND 12 WOUNDED.

SOUTH KOREAN TROOPS PURSUING THE REMNANTS OF THE 31-MAN NORTH KOREAN ASSASSINATION GROUP THAT INVADED SEOUL SUNDAY NIGHT KILLED TWO MORE OF THEM TODAY.

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SEN. FRANK CHURCH, D-IDAHO, WHO HAS OPPOSED U.S. POLICY IN VIETNAM, CALLED THE CAPTURE "AN ACT OF WAR" AND ADDED: "THE SHIP MUST BE RETURNED AT ONCE, WITH ALL AMERICANS ABOARD. OUR NATIONAL HONOR IS AT STAKE HERE."

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AT THE PENTAGON A SPOKESMAN TRADED LONG-DISTANCE VERBAL ROUNDS WITH NORTH KOREA OVER AN ALLEGED SPY CONFESSION BY THE PUEBLO'S CAPTAIN AND DEFENSE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS SOUGHT TO ABSOLVE WASHINGTON HEADQUARTERS OF ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR NOT SPEEDING AIR HELP TO THE PUEBLO BEFORE HER CAPTURE MONDAY NIGHT.

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DEFENSE OFFICIALS SAID THAT WHEN NORTH KOREAN GUNBOATS APPREHENDED THE SMALL, LIGHTLY-ARMED INTELLIGENCE SHIP AROUND MIDNIGHT MONDAY, EST, U.S. NAVY COMMANDERS IN THE PACIFIC AREA DECIDED AGAINST SENDING WARPLANES.

WASHINGTON WAS NOT CONSULTED IN THE DECISION, OFFICIALS SAID.

1 PENTAGON SOURCES ALSO SAID THE PUEBLO'S SKIPPER, CMDR. LLOYD M. BUCHER, ORDERED HIS VESSEL'S SOPHISTICATED ELECTRONIC GEAR AND SECRET CODES DESTROYED WHEN THE REDS BOARDED.

STILL UNANSWERED PUBLICLY ARE SUCH QUESTIONS AS WHY THE PUEBLO DID NOT GET HELP FROM U.S. FORCES IN THE AREA, OR WASN'T SCUTTLED, OR DIDN'T FIGHT.

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WASHINGTON--ADD PUEBLO-NORTH KOREA (13)

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PHIL G. GOULDING, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, DENOUNCED AS "A TRAVESTY ON THE FACTS" THE COMMUNIST CLAIM THAT BUCHER CONFESSED TO A DEEP INTRUSION OF NORTH KOREAN WATERS.

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HE SAID BOTH THE PUEBLO'S REPORTS AND THE NORTH KOREAN'S OWN RADAR--TRACKED BY U.S. MONITORS--"SHOW CONCLUSIVELY THAT THE PUEBLO WAS IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS."

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OTHER ADMINISTRATION SOURCES MAINTAINED THE SHIP WAS ALWAYS SEVERAL MILES OUTSIDE THE REDS' CLAIMED 12-MILE LIMIT.

GOULDING SAID OF THE ALLEGED BUCHER CONFESSION: "THE STYLE AND WORDING OF THE DOCUMENT PROVIDE UNMISTAKABLE EVIDENCE IN THEMSELVES THAT THIS WAS NOT WRITTEN OR PREPARED BY AN AMERICAN."

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SEOUL--ADD KOREA-CLASH (5)

THIS MADE 19 MEMBERS OF THE BAND KILLED, AND ANOTHER WAS CAPTURED. THE INVADERS KILLED 16 SOUTH KOREANS, INCLUDING SIX CIVILIANS, AND WOUNDED 35.

SOUTH KOREAN FOREIGN MINISTER CHOI KYU-HAH DENOUNCED THE COMMUNIST SEIZURE OF THE PUEBLO, DESCRIBING IT AS "ONE OF THE MOST SERIOUS THREATS TO THE SECURITY OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE FAR EAST."

SOUTH KOREAN NAVY SOURCES SAID ABOUT 50 NORTH KOREAN NAVAL SHIPS WERE ASSEMBLED NORTH OF THE MILITARY DEMARCATION LINE OFF THE EAST COAST. THE COAST GUARD WARNED FISHING BOATS NOT TO OPERATE CLOSE TO THE ARMISTICE LINE.

THE NORTH KOREAN RADIOBROADCAST TODAY WHAT IT SAID WAS THE VOICE OF CMDR. LLOYD M. BUCHER, THE PUEBLO'S SKIPPER, CONFESSING THAT HIS SHIP WAS SPYING IN NORTH KOREAN TERRITORIAL WATERS WHEN IT WAS CAPTURED.

THERE WERE ONLY MINOR VARIATIONS FROM A WRITTEN "CONFESSION" ISSUED EARLIER WHICH CONTAINED A HINT THE NORTH KOREANS MAY RELEASE BUCHER AND HIS CREW.

THE VOICE DELIVERED THE STATEMENT HURRIEDLY IN A MONOTONE, STUMBLING OVER SOME OF THE WORDS.

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PUEBLO-NORTH KOREA (TOPS 19)

WASHINGTON (AP)-PRESIDENT JOHNSON CONTINUED TODAY AN INTENSIVE ROUND OF STRATEGY CONFERENCES ON SEIZURE OF THE INTELLIGENCE SHIP PUEBLO, WITH A BREAKFAST MEETING WITH DIPLOMATIC AND MILITARY ADVISERS.

AMONG THOSE PRESENT WAS ARTHUR J. GOLDBERG, AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS. GOLDBERG'S PRESENCE SEEMED TO EMPHASIZE THE ADMINISTRATION'S SEARCH FOR A DIPLOMATIC SOLUTION TO THE CRISIS WHICH WAS BROUGHT ON BY THE MONDAY NIGHT CAPTURE OF THE SHIP BY NORTH KOREAN PATROL BOATS. IT RAISED THE POSSIBILITY OF A MOVE THROUGH THE UNITED NATIONS.

THE WHITE HOUSE, AS IF TO POINT THIS UP, SAID JOHNSON AND GOLDBERG EXCHANGED VIEWS AND "THEY WILL BE IN TOUCH AGAIN DURING THE DAY."

OTHERS AT THE BREAKFAST CONFERENCE WERE SECRETARY OF STATE DEAN RUSK, SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ROBERT S. MCNAMARA, WALT W. ROSTOW, JOHNSON'S SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS, PRESS SECRETARY GEORGE CHRISTIAN AND ASSISTANT PRESS SECRETARY TOM JOHNSON.

THE WHITE HOUSE SAID: "THERE MAY BE OTHER MEETINGS DURING THE DAY WITH THESE AND OTHER ADVISERS."

IT WAS ALSO DISCLOSED THAT JOHNSON MET WEDNESDAY NIGHT WITH RUSK, MCNAMARA, ROSTOW, CHRISTIAN, TOM JOHNSON AND CLARK M. CLIFFORD, WHO IS TO SUCCEED MCNAMARA AS SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.

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WASHN--ADD PUEBLO-HELP (36)

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THESE OFFICIALS ASSUMED THE COMMANDERS HAD CONSIDERED SUCH FACTORS AS THE POTENTIAL ENEMY FORCE ON ALERT, THE POSSIBLE ENEMY REACTION TO THE COMMITMENT OF U.S. PLANES AND THE LOCATION OF AVAILABLE U.S. AIRPOWER, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

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THIS IMPLIED THE LIKELIHOOD THE UNITED STATES COULD MUSTER ONLY A RELATIVELY SMALL COVEY OF JET FIGHTERS FOR A RESCUE OPERATION, AND THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE MET HEAVY OPPOSITION CLOSE TO NORTH KOREA'S HOME GROUNDS.

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THERE IS A FORCE OF 18 U.S. AIR FORCE JETS AT TWO BASES IN SOUTH KOREA AND SOME SOURCES HAVE SUGGESTED THEY COULD NOT HAVE BEEN MADE READY IN TIME TO HAVE DONE THE PUEBLO MUCH GOOD. ANOTHER THREE U.S. SQUADRONS TOTALING SOME 54 PLANES ARE STATIONED IN JAPAN.

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THE DEFENSE OFFICIALS-WHO DISCLAIMED ANY INTENT TO "CONCEAL A FOULUP" IF THERE WAS ONE-SPOKE OF FIELD COMMANDERS, BUT MADE IT CLEAR THEY MEANT NAVY COMMANDERS TO WHOM BUCHER WAS SUBORDINATE. "HE REPORTS TO THE NAVY ALL THE WAY THROUGH," SAID ONE OFFICIAL. HE SAID HE WAS UNABLE TO NARROW THE TERM FIELD COMMANDER, BUT ACKNOWLEDGED THE CHAIN OF COMMAND OVER THE PUEBLO GOES AT LEAST AS HIGH AS THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, PACIFIC, ADM. U.S. GRANT SHARP.

AS OVER-ALL PACIFIC COMMANDER, SHARP WOULD HAVE AUTHORITY TO ORDER AIR FORCE UNITS INTO ACTION TO AID THE INTELLIGENCE-GATHERING SHIP.

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NIISEKI-PUEBLO

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TOKYO (AP)-THE UNITED STATES WOULD HAVE TO OBTAIN PRIOR CONSENT FROM JAPAN IF IT HAD WANTED TO DISPATCH PLANES FROM BASES HERE TO DEFEND THE USS PUEBLO OFF KOREA, THE FOREIGN MINISTRY SAID TODAY.

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SPOKESMAN KINYA NIISEKI PREFACED THE COMMENT BY STATING THAT NO SUCH REQUEST HAD BEEN MADE.

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HE POINTED OUT THAT UNDER THE "PRIOR CONSULTATION" PROVISION OF THE U.S.-JAPAN SECURITY TREATY, THE UNITED STATES IS REQUIRED TO OBTAIN JAPAN'S APPROVAL TO USE ITS BASES IN JAPAN AS AN ORIGINATING POINT FOR ANY MILITARY ACTION, OFFENSIVE OR DEFENSIVE, OUTSIDE JAPAN.

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MOSCOW (AP)-TASS DECLARED TODAY THAT U.S. ASSERTIONS THAT THE USS PUEBLO WAS SEIZED IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS WERE A "HASTY OFFICIAL VERSION" PROVEN UNTRUE BY AN ALLEGED "CONFESSION" BY THE SHIP'S CAPTAIN.

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"WASHINGTON HAS BEEN THROWN INTO CONFUSION BY THE PUBLIC STATEMENT" ATTRIBUTED TO CAPT. LLOYD MARK BUCHER, COMMENTATOR IGOR ORLOV WROTE FOR THE OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY.

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"THIS ONLY CONFIRMS THAT THE HASTY OFFICIAL AMERICAN VERSION ALLEGING THAT THE SHIP HAS BEEN DETAINED IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS WAS OF NO VALUE," HE SAID.

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MOSCOW (AP)-PREMIER ALEXEI N. KOSYGIN HAS FAILED SO FAR TO ANSWER PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S SECRET MESSAGE, WHICH WAS ON SOME OTHER SUBJECT THAN VIETNAM, IT WAS LEARNED TODAY.

KOSYGIN FLEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT TO INDIA WITHOUT REPLYING TO THE MESSAGE THAT U.S. AMBASSADOR LLEWELLYN E. THOMPSON DELIVERED MONDAY. THERE WAS NO INDICATION WHEN AN ANSWER WOULD COME.

THE SUBJECT OF THE MESSAGE HAS BEEN KEPT SECRET.

IT CAME ALMOST A YEAR AFTER JOHNSON PROPOSED TO KOSYGIN THAT SOVIET-AMERICAN TALKS BE HELD ON LIMITING ANTIBALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSES. KOSYGIN REPLIED THAT OFFENSIVE MISSILES SHOULD ALSO BE INCLUDED IN ANY TALKS--BUT THEN REFUSED TO AGREE TO AMERICAN EFFORTS TO SET A TIME FOR TALKS TO BEGIN.

THE U.S. EMBASSY SAID THE MESSAGE DID NOT INVOLVE THE B52 CRASH ON GREENLAND, BUT AN EMBASSY SPOKESMAN SAID NO FURTHER QUESTIONS ABOUT IT WOULD BE ANSWERED.

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IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE EMBASSY WAS UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM WASHINGTON NOT TO SAY ANYTHING ABOUT U.S. EFFORTS TO OBTAIN RELEASE OF THE SHIP PUEBLO, CAPTURED OFF NORTH KOREA.

THOMPSON WENT TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY TUESDAY TO SEEK SOVIET HELP IN RECOVERING THE PUEBLO AND ITS CREW.

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WASHINGTON (AP)-A CALL-UP OF THE U.S. MILITARY RESERVES COULD

COME ABOUT AS A RESULT OF FAR EASTERN DEVELOPMENTS INCLUDING THE

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SEIZURE OF THE USS PUEBLO, CLARK M. CLIFFORD SAID TODAY.

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WASHN--ADD CLIFFORD (48)

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CLIFFORD, NOMINATED TO BE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, TOLD THE SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE, HOWEVER, THAT HE WAS NOT AT LIBERTY TO SAY WHETHER ANY SPECIFIC DECISIONS HAD BEEN MADE.

CLIFFORD SAID THAT A CALLUP "COULD COME ABOUT AS A RESULT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FAR EAST, AS A RESULT OF DEVELOPMENTS INVOLVED IN THE PUEBLO-AT ANY STAGE THIS COUNTRY'S SAFETY AND SECURITY WARRANTS, THE PRESIDENT COULD WELL CALL UP THE RESERVES."

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THE PUEBLO, A U.S. INTELLIGENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS VESSEL, WAS SEIZED WITH HER CREW BY NORTH KOREA, WHICH HAS REFUSED THUS FAR TO RELEASE THE SHIP OR CREW.

CLIFFORD APPEARED BEFORE THE COMMITTEE AT A HEARING ON HIS NOMINATION, AND SAID HE EXPECTS TO SERVE IN THE POST AS LONG AS PRESIDENT JOHNSON DESIRES.

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CLIFFORD, 61 AND AN ADVISER TO ALL RECENT DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTS, TOLD A CROWDED HEARING OF THE COMMITTEE THAT NO DEFINITE TIME HAD BEEN MENTIONED BY THE PRESIDENT OR HIM.

JOHNSON NOMINATED CLIFFORD, NOW A WASHINGTON ATTORNEY, TO SUCCEED ROBERT S. MCNAMARA IN THE DEFENSE POST. MCNAMARA IS LEAVING TO BECOME PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD BANK.

1 CLIFFORD SAID HE WOULD SEVER ALL BUSINESS, FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONNECTIONS IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH BOTH THE SPIRIT AND LETTER OF THE LAW BARRING ANY CONFLICT OF INTEREST.

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PUEBLO-NORTH KOREA (TOPS 36)

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WASHINGTON (AP)-PRESIDENT JOHNSON ORDERED TODAY THE RECLL TO

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AND THE WHITE HOUSE INDICATED GROUND TROOPS MIGHT BE MOBILIZED LATER.

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GARDNER

WASHINGTON (AP)-THE RESIGNATION OF JOHN W. GARDNER AS

SECRETARY OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE WAS ANNOUNCED BY THE

WHITE HOUSE TODAY.

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WASHN--AD PUEBLO-NORTH KOREA (50)

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JOHNSON ACTED SHORTLY AFTER CLARK M. CLIFFORD, HIS CHOICE TO BECOME THE NEXT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, HAD TOLD A SENATE COMMITTEE THAT A CALL-UP OF U.S. MILITARY RESERVISTS COULD COME ABOUT AS A RESULT OF FAR EASTERN DEVELOPMENTS INCLUDING THE SEIZURE OF THE USS PUEBLO BY NORTH KOREA PATROL BOATS.

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JOHNSON DIRECTED SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ROBERT S. MCNAMARA TO PLACE ON ACTIVE DUTY ENOUGH MEN TO MAN AND MAINTAIN 372 FIGHTER AND TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT. THE WHITE HOUSE SAID IT DID NOT KNOW HOW MANY MEN WOULD BE INVOLVED.

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PRESS SECRETARY GEORGE CHRISTIAN, MAKING THE SURPRISE ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE PUEBLO CRISIS, RAISED THE POSSIBILITY OF MOBILIZING GROUND FORCES BY SAYING:

"WHEN AND IF DECISIONS ARE MADE ON CALLUPS OF ARMY OR MARINE CORPS RESERVISTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS WILL BE MADE PROMPTLY."

ASKED IF SUCH ACTION WAS UNDER CONSIDERATION, CHRISTIAN STUCK TO HIS STATEMENT.

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THE PRESS AIDE, A PARTICIPANT IN TOP LEVEL CRISIS TALKS AT THE WHITE HOUSE, SAID THE CALL-UP OF THE AIR RESERVISTS WAS "ONLY ONE ACTION IN THIS WHOLE MATTER."

THE PRESENCE OF ARTHUR J. GOLDBERG, AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS, AT WHITE HOUSE PUEBLO TALKS HAD RAISED THE POSSIBILITY OF SOME MOVE THROUGH THE UNITED NATIONS TO RECOVER THE INTELLIGENCE SHIP AND THE 83 AMERICANS CAPTURED WITH HER.

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WASHN--ADD PUEBLO-NORTH KOREA (52)

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AS FOR CONTINUING DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS, CHRISTIAN SAID:  
"WE CERTAINLY HOPE THAT THEY BEAR SOME FRUIT IN THE NEAR  
FUTURE."

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UNDER LAW, THE RESERVISTS BEING CALLED TO ACTIVE DUTY CAN BE  
RETAINED IN UNIFORM FOR 24 MONTHS.

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THE ORDER IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY BUT CHRISTIAN SAID SPECIFIC  
ORDERS TO INDIVIDUAL RESERVE UNITS HAD YET TO BE DISPATCHED.

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JOHNSON ACTED UNDER A PROVISION OF THE 1967 DEFENSE  
APPROPRIATIONS ACT WHICH STATES:

"UNTIL JUNE 30, 1968, THE PRESIDENT MAY WHEN HE DEEMS IT  
NECESSARY ORDER TO ACTIVE DUTY ANY UNIT OF THE READY RESERVE  
FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED 24 MONTHS."

WHEN ASKED IF ANY PROGRESS WAS BEING MADE ON THE DIPLOMATIC  
FRONT CHRISTIAN SIMPLY RESPONDED, "EFFORTS ARE STILL BEING MADE."

THE PRESS AIDE SAID, AS WAS APPARENT ON THE SURFACE, THAT THE  
MOBILIZATION OF AIR RESERVISTS WAS DIRECTLY CONNECTED WITH THE  
PUEBLO CRISIS.

ASKED WHY SUCH ACTION WAS NECESSARY, HE REPWIED, "I DON'T  
WANT TO INTERPRET IT."

HE REPORTED JOHNSON REACHED THE DECISION AT A BREAKFAST  
CONFERENCE WITH, AMONG OTHERS, SECRETARY OF STATE DEAN RUSK,  
SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ROBERT S. MCNAMARA AND AMBASSADOR GOLDBERG.

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PUEBLO-NORH KOREAN (TOPS 50)

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WASHINGTON (AP)-MORE THAN 14,000 AIR FORCE MILITARY RESERVISTS

ARE BEING CALLED TO ACTIVE DUTY IN THE WAKE OF THE NORTH

KOREAN TAKEOVER OF A U.S. SHIP, THE PENTAGON ANNOUNCED TODAY.

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WASHN--ADD PUEBLO-NORTH KOREA (54)

THE PENTAGON ANNOUNCEMENT FOLLOWED SPEEDILY ON THE HEELS OF

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WORD FROM THE WHITE HOUSE THAT PRESIDENT JOHNSON HAD CALLED FOR

THE RECALL TO ACTIVE DUTY OF A NUMBER OF AIR FORCE AND NAVY AIR

RESERVISTS.

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A PENTAGON SPOKESMAN SAID THE 14,000 ARE INCLUDED IN AIR FORCE AND AIR NATIONAL GUARD UNITS, AND OTHER NAVY RESERVE UNITS ALSO ARE

INVOLVED. NO NUMBER WAS AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY FOR THE NAVY.

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ARMISTICE COMMISSION MEETING

PYONGYANG DOMESTIC SERVICE IN KOREAN 2100 GMT 24 JAN 68 B

(EXCERPTS) MEETING OF THE MILITARY ARMISTICE COMMISSION WAS HELD IN PANMUNJOM YESTERDAY. AT THE MEETING OUR SIDE PROTESTED TO THE ENEMY SIDE OVER THE FACT THAT THE U.S. IMPERIALIST AGGRESSORS, WHO HAVE BEEN GOVEN TO INCREASINGLY MORE OVERT MILITARY PROVOCATION, SENT IN THEIR ARMED SPY VESSEL TO INTRUDE INTO OUR COASTAL WASTERS AND PERPETRATE MAKED PROVOCATION.

OUR SIDE'S SENIOR DELEGATE STRONGLY DEMANDED THAT THE ENEMY SIDE APOLIGIZE TO US FOR HAVING CARRIED OUT SUCH AN AGGRESSIVE ACT IN VIOLATION OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT AND TIN SPIE OF OUR REPEATED PROTESTS AND WARNINGS, SEVERELY PUNISH THE PRINE CULPRITS WHO ORGANIZED AND DIRECTED THIS CRIMINAL ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF SIMILAR AGGRESSIVE ACTS.

FINDING HIMSELF IN A DIFFICULT SPOT NOW THAT THE TRUTH ABOUT THE VICIOUS , OVERT AGGRESSIVE ACT HAD BEEN EXPOSED IN BROAD DAYLIGHT, THE ENEMY SIDE'S SENIOR DELEGATE, SMITH, PRESENTED A FANTASTIC EXPLANATION PORTRAYING THEIR ARMED SPY VESSEL AS HAVEING BEEN IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS, THEREBY TRYING TO EVADE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR GRAVE CRIMINAL ACT.

MAJ. GEN. PAK CHUNG-KUK ENUMERATED AND EXPOSED THE PROVOCATIVE MACHINATIONS OF THE ENEMY WHO HAD SENT VARIOUS NAVAL VESSELS-- INCLUDING ESCORT VESSL 56 WHICH WAS SUNK WHILE CARRYING ON HOSTILE ACTS AGAINST OUR SIDE--TO INTRUDE INTO OUR COASTAL WATERS, FIRE ON OUR COASTAL AREAS, AND PERPETRATE ALL KINDS OF PROVOCATIVE ACTS. AFTER POINTING OUT THAT THIS TIME AGAIN THE ENEMY SIDE HAD COME TO PERPETRATE AN OVERT ACT OF PROVOCATION BY SENDING A LARGE 1,00-00D-TON CLASS ARMED VESSEL LOADED WITH MANY MILITARY PERSONNEL, VARIOUS WEAPONS, AND ESPIONAGE EQUIPMENT TO INTRUDE DEEP INTO THE COASTAL WATERS OF OUR SIDE MAJ. GEN. PAK CHUNG-KUK DECLARED THAT THIS SHOWS FULLY THAT THE U.S. IMPERIALISTS' AGGRESSIVE ACTIVITIES AGAINST OUR SIDE IS ENTERING AN INCREASINGLY GRAVE STAGE.

CONTINUING, HE STATED THAT THIS INDISCREET PLAYING WITH FIRE BY THE U.S. IMPERIALIST AGGRESSORS REQUIRES THAT SERIOUS ATTENTION BE PAID TO IT AND STRESSED THAT THE GRAVE CONSEQUENCES WHICH THIS PROVOCATIVE ACT WILL BRING TO THE GENERAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT AND TO THE EXECUTION OF THE MILITARY ARMISTICE COMMISSION'S DUTIES ARE ONLY TOO CLEAR.

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(EXCERPTS) POINTING OUT THAT SUCH A PROVOCATIVE ACT BY THE U.S. IMPERIALIST AGGRESSORS TOTALLY DISREGARDS THE REQUIREMENT OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT FOR RESPECTING WATERS ADJACENT TO LAND UNDER THE OTHER PARTY'S CONTROL MAJ. GEN. PAK CHUNG-KUK DECLARED THAT WE CAN NEVER TOLERATE SUCH AN INDISCREET PROVOCATION OF THE U.S. IMPERIALIST AGGRESSORS, THAT RESOLUTE COUNTERMEASURES WILL BE TAKEN IN THE FUTURE, AND THAT ALL GRAVE CONSEQUENCES ARISING FROM THIS WILL BE BORNE WHOLLY BY THE U.S. IMPERIALIST AGGRESSORS.

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DUMBFOUNDED, THE ENEMY SIDE'S SENIOR DELEGATE LAID UNFOUNDED BLAME ON OUR SIDE, DESCRIBING THE ACTIVITIES OF SOUTH KOREAN ARMED GUERRILLA UNITS WHICH HAVE RISEN IN A JUST ANTI-U.S., NATIONAL SALVATION STRUGGLE AGAINST THE U.S. IMPERIALIST AGGRESSORS AND

THE PAK CHONG-HUI PUPPET CLIQUE AS IF THEY WERE RELATED TO US.

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MAJ. GEN. PAK CHUNG-KUK BRUSHED ASIDE THE ENEMY SIDE'S BLAME, SAYING THAT THE ARMED GUERRILLA ACTIVITIES BEING LAUNCHED IN SOUTH KOREA, BEING A HEROIC PATRIOTIC STRUGGLE OF THE SOUTH KOREAN PEOPLE TO DESTROY AND WIPE OUT THE U.S. IMPERIALIST AGGRESSORS AND THEIR STOOGES AND TO REALIZE THE UNIFICATION OF THE COUNTRY AND PEOPLE, HAS NO RELATION TO OUR SIDE WHATSOEVER.

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MAJ. GEN. PAK CHUNG-KYK DECLARED THAT NO MATTER HOW BUSILY THEY MAY ENGAGE IN MILITARY PROVOCATIONS AND NO MATTER WHAT VICIOUS WORDS THEY MAY UTTER AT PANMUNJOM, THEY CAN NEITHER CONTROL THE CRISIS OF THEIR COLONIAL RULE NOR BLOCK THE SOUTH KOREAN PEOPLE'S SACRED ANTI-U.S., NATIONAL SALVATION STRUGGLE, ADDING EMPHATICALLY THAT THE U.S. IMPERIALIST AGGRESSORS SHOULD RETURN TO THEIR HOMELAND WITHOUT DELAY, TAKING WITH THEM ALL LETHAL WEAPONS, BEFORE THEY ARE FELLED BY THE SOUTH KOREAN PEOPLE.

AT THE MEETING, OUR SIDE ALSO PROTESTED OVER THE FACT THAT AROUND THE TIME THE LARGE ARMED SPY VESSEL WAS SENT TO INTRUDE INTO OUR COASTAL WATERS, THE U.S. IMPERIALIST AGGRESSORS COMMITTED THE PROVOCATIVE ACT OF FIRING SCORES OF SHELLS INTO OUR SIDE FROM 105-MM HOWITZERS AND 106-MM MORTARS ON TWO OCCASIONS; FIRING OVER 4,670 BULLETS FROM VARIOUS AUTOMATIC WEAPONS ON 22 OCCASIONS BETWEEN

21 AND 23 JANUARY; AND SENDING ARMED SPY VESSELS WITH HUNDREDS OF SAILBOATS TO INTRUDE INTO OUR SIDE'S COASTAL WATERS IN THE EAST ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS BETWEEN 21 AND 24 JANUARY. OUR SIDE CALLED ON THE ENEMY TO ACCOUNT FOR THESE PROVOCATIONS.

(ENDALL)

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PARIS AFP IN FRENCH 1359 GMT 25 JAN 68 E

(TEXT) ISTANBUL--THREE UNITS OF THE SOVIET BLACK SEA FLEET HAVE CORSED THE STRAITS BOUND FOR THE AEGEAN SEA. THEY ARE CRUISER NO. 841, DESTROYER NO. 966, AND ASSAULT SHIP NO. 118.

25 JAN 1447Z BS/EAM

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SEOUL DOMESTIC SERVICE IN KOREAN 1204 GMT 25 JAN 68 B

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(TEXT) THE MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE HAS ALERTED ALL AIR FORCE BASES IN THE EAST COAST AREA AND ORDERED ALL WARSHIPS OF THE EAST COAST GUARD DIVISION OF THE ROK NAVY FLEET TO MAINTAIN CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE AIR FORCE TO FURTHER TIGHTEN DEFENSE CAPABILITIES ALONG THE EAST COAST. A HIGH RANKING AUTHORITY IN CHARGE OF ARMY STRATEGY SAID THERE ARE NO INDICATIONS OF THE NORTH KOREAN PUPPETS THROWING NEW COMBAT FORCES INTO AREAS ADJACENT TO THE ARMISTICE LINE, BUT WE CAN ANTICIPATE THAT THE NORTH KOREAN PUPPETS MIGHT SEND SOME RESERVE BATTALIONS OF THE COMBAT FORCE STATIONED IN THE VICINITY OF THE ARMISTICE LINE TO THE FRONTLINE AREA AS REINFORCEMENTS.

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FBIS 47 (SEE 77, 78 OF 24 JAN)

TASS ON BUCHER STATEMENT

MOSCOW TASS INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN ENGLISH 1156 GMT 25 JAN 68 L

(TEXT) PYONGYANG--LLOYD MARK BUCHER, CAPTAIN OF THE U.S. SPY SHIP PUEBLO, SEIZED IN THE COASTAL WATERS OF THE DPRK BY WARSHIPS OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE'S ARMY IN THE AREA OF WONSAN ON 23 JANUARY, HAS ADMITTED THAT HIS SHIP HAD CONDUCTED ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES. HIS STATEMENT, AS REPORTED BY KCNA, SAYS THAT "THE SHIP WAS SENT TO SASEBO, JAPAN, ON A MISSION GIVEN BY THE U.S. CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY."

THE CAPTAIN SAID THAT IN SASEBO PORT ON 2 DECEMBER LAST YEAR, HE AND HIS CREW WERE GIVEN A TASK BY REAR ADMIRAL FRANK JOHNSON, COMMANDER OF THE U.S. NAVAL FORCES IN JAPAN, TO CONDUCT ESPIONAGE ACTIVITY ALONG THE COAST OF THE SOVIET FAR EAST AND THEN ALONG THE DPRK COAST.

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LLOYD MARK BUCHER, 38, BORN IN POCATELLO, IDAHO, SAID THAT THE PUEBLO, DISGUISED AS A RESEARCH SHIP, LEFT SASEBO PORT AND "CONDUCTED ESPIONAGE ACTS ALONG THE COAST OF THE DPRK." HE SAID THAT THE PUEBLO ENTERED THE COASTAL WATERS OF THE DPRK ON 16 JANUARY 1968 AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS THEY HAD RECEIVED STARTED TO CONDUCT THE INTELLIGENCE MISSION, USING RADAR AND OTHER DEVICES.

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BUCHER SAID THAT THE PUEBLO SAILED UP TO 39 DEGREES 17.4 MINUTES NORTH, 127 DEGREES 46.9 MINUTES EAST, WHEN THE NAVY PATROL CRAFT OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE'S ARMY APPEARED.

"WE WERE ON ALERT INSTANTLY AND TRIED TO ESCAPE FIRING AT THE NAVY PATROL CRAFT OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE'S ARMY. BUT THE SITUATION BECAME MORE DANGEROUS AND THUS ONE OF MY MEN WAS KILLED, ANOTHER HEAVILY WOUNDED, AND TWO OTHERS LIGHTLY WOUNDED. WE HAD NO WAY OUT AND WERE CAPTURED BY THE NAVY PATROL CRAFT OF THE PEOPLE'S ARMY," BUCHER SAID.

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"HAVING BEEN CAPTURED, NOW I SAY FRANKLY THAT OUR ACT WAS A CRIMINAL ACT WHICH FLAGRANTLY VIOLATED THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT AND WAS A SHEER ACT OF AGGRESSION," HE SAID.

THE CAPTAIN EMPHASIZED THAT "THE CRIME COMMITTED BY HIM AND HIS MEN WAS ENTIRELY INDELIBLE," AND THAT THEIR HOPE IS THAT "THEY WILL BE FORGIVEN LENIENTLY BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DPRK."

BUCHER SAID THAT PUEBLO HAD AN 83-MAN CREW, INCLUDING SIX OFFICERS AND TWO CIVILIANS.

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PYONGYANG RADIO BEHAVIOR

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THE STATEMENT BY THE CAPTAIN OF THE PUEBLO COMMANDER BUCHER, CARRIED ON THE FBIS WIRE AS ITEMS AND 78 OF 24 JANUARY, HAS ALSO BEEN CARRIED BY PYONGYANG INTERNATIONAL SERVICE CASTS IN ENGLISH TO SOUTHEAST ASIA AT 0805 GMT, IN JAPANESE AT 0820 GMT, IN RUSSIAN AT 0905 GMT, AND IN MANDARIN AT 1005 GMT ON 25 JANUARY.

THE INTERNATIONAL SERVICE OPERATED NORMALLY THROUGHOUT THE BROADCAST DAY AND CARRIED THE STATEMENT BY BUCHER IN ALL ITS TRANSMISSIONS BETWEEN 0800, SIGN-ON, AND 1300 GMT, END OF OBSERVATIONS, ON 25 JANUARY.

25 JAN 1505Z BS/EAM

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PRAGUE CTK INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN ENGLISH 0843 GMT 25 JAN 68 L

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(TEXT) NEW YORK--THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WANTS TO TRY TWO DIPLOMATIC WAYS IN CONNECTION WITH THE SEIZURE OF THE U.S. SHIP PUEBLO BY NORTH KOREA. ACCORDING TO TODAY'S NEW YORK TIMES, THE UNITED STATES IS CONSIDERING ACTION IN THE UNITED NATIONS AND A SECOND ATTEMPT TO CALL ON THE SOVIET UNION TO MEDIATE.

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THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER ENTERPRISE FOR THE TIME BEING HAS TAKEN A POSITION NEAR THE SOUTH KOREAN COAST FROM WHICH ITS 90 REACTIVE PLANES WOULD REACH THE NORTH KOREAN TERRITORY WITHIN A FEW MINUTES.

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THE PLANNING SECTION OF THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT, ACCORDING TO THE PAPER, IS DEALING WITH THE FOLLOWING MILITARY PREPARATIONS IN CASE THE U.S. DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS FAIL:

- 1--A MILITARY ATTACK ON THE PORT OF WONSAN AND THE SEIZURE OF THE PUEBLO ;
- 2--THE BOMBING AND SINKING OF THE PUEBLO IN THE WONSAN DOCK IN ORDER TO PREVENT THE KOREANS FROM USING THE ELECTRNIC EQUIPMENT OF THE SHIP;
- 3--APPREHENSION OR DESTRUCTION OF ONE OR A GREATER NUMBER OF NORTH KOREAN VESSELS AS RETALIATION OR AS HOSTAGE FOR EVENTUAL NEGOTIATIONS; AND
- 4--NAVAL BLOCKADE OF THE WONSAN PORT AND OTHER NORTH KOREAN PORTS.

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U.S. RECONNAISSANCE PLANES HAVE ALREADY MADE SEVERAL ESPIONAGE FLIGHTS OVER NORTH KOREA. THE U.S. AIRFORCE AND NAVY WAS ORDERED TO AVOID ANY ACTION WHICH COULD BE CONSIDERED A PROVOCATION.

25 JAN 1410Z BS/EAM

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C O R R E C T I O N 39 (ARMISTICE COMMISSION MEETING)

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PARIS AFP IN ENGLISH 1525 GMT 25 JAN 68 E

(EXCERPTS) NEW DELHI--VISITING SOVIET PREMIER ALEKSEY KOSYGIN TODAY DECLINED TO COMMENT ON THE NORTH KOREAN SEIZURE OF THE AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE SHIP PUEBLO AND THE REPORTED U.S. REQUEST FOR RUSSIAN MEDIATION IN THE AFFAIR. ANSWERING NEWSMEN'S QUESTIONS AFTER A BRIEF MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER INDIRA GANDHI, KOSYGIN SAID: ASK THE KOREANS. THEY KNOW AS MUCH OR BETTER THAN I DO.

KOSYGIN, WHO ARRIVED HERE THIS AFTERNOON ON A SIX-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO INDIA, MET MRS GANDHI AT HER OFFICE FOR 20 MINUTES. INDIAN OFFICIALS LATER SAID THAT IT WAS A COURTESY CALL.

MEANWHILE, ACCORDING TO KNOWLEDGEABLE INDIAN SOURCES, AN INFORMAL MEETING BETWEEN KOSYGIN AND YUGOSLAV PRESIDENT JOSIP BROZ TITO IS EXPECTED TOMORROW. PRESIDENT TITO IS RETURNING HERE TONIGHT FROM A HUNTING HOLIDAY IN CENTRAL INDIA AND IS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE FOR ADDIS ABABA ON SATURDAY, WHEN THE INDO-YUGOSLAV JOINT COMMUNIQUE WILL BE ISSUED. KOSYGIN IS EXPECTED TO ADDRESS A PRESS CONFERENCE ON TUESDAY BEFORE RETURNING TO MOSCOW ON WEDNESDAY.

25 JAN 1717Z DF/EAM

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TASS ON U.S. PROVOCATIVE ACTIONS

MOSCOW TASS INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN ENGLISH 1325 GMT 25 JAN 68 L

(BY TASS COMMENTATOR IGOR ORLOV)

(TEXT) MOSCOW--THE PROVOCATIVE ACTIVITY OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE SEA OF JAPAN AROUSED UNDERSTANDABLE ANXIETY AND INDIGNATION IN VARIOUS SECTIONS OF WORLD OPINION. CONFRONTED BY OBVIOUS FACTS, EVEN THE PENTAGON DOES NOT DENY THAT THE U.S. SHIP PUEBLO, DETAINED OFF THE SHORES OF THE DPRK, DISCHARGED ESPIONAGE ASSIGNMENTS. OFFICIAL QUARTERS IN THE U.S. CAPITAL, JUDGING BY AMERICAN PRESS STATEMENTS, ARE MAINLY WORRIED BECAUSE THEY DO NOT KNOW WHETHER THE CREW OF THE PUEBLO HAD FOUND IT POSSIBLE TO DESTROY THE TOP SECRET ESPIONAGE EQUIPMENT OF THE SHIP BEFORE ITS SEIZURE.

WASHINGTON HAS ALSO BEEN THROWN INTO CONFUSION BY THE PUBLISHED STATEMENT OF THE CAPTAIN OF THE PUEBLO, WHO ACKNOWLEDGED THE VIOLATION OF THE DPRK'S TERRITORIAL WATERS. THIS ONLY CONFIRMS THAT THE HASTY OFFICIAL U.S. VERSION, ALLEGING THAT THE SHIP HAD BEEN "DETAINED IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS," WAS OF NO VALUE. IT IS NOTEWORTHY THAT MANY WESTERN PAPERS REFUSE TO ACCEPT THE OFFICIAL AMERICAN VERSION, WHICH IS TYPICAL OF THE ONES GENERALLY USED TO COVER UP FAILURES OF SUCH OPERATIONS. THERE ARE GROUNDS FOR FEAR THAT AMERICA WILL AGAIN BE EXPOSED IN ITS LIE USED TO COVER UP SPYING, WRITES THE FINANCIAL TIMES.

OFFICIAL U.S. PROPAGANDA TRIES TO MISLEAD THE PUBLIC AND CAUSES THE NEW WAVE OF MILITARY HYSTERIA IN THE UNITED STATES. NEVERTHELESS, SOBER VOICES SOUND IN THE UNITED STATES, TOO. THE WASHINGTON POST, FOR INSTANCE, URGES PEOPLE NOT TO RUSH TO CONCLUSIONS. THE PAPER RECALLS THAT THE BROAD MASSES, WHO WERE TOLD LIES ABOUT THE U-2 PLANE, WHO WERE CONFUSED ABOUT EVENTS IN THE GULF OF TONKIN, AND MISINFORMED ABOUT THE CASE INVOLVING OTHER SPY SHIPS, WILL NOT ACCEPT OR BE LULLED WITH THE SAME OLD TRIP (AS RECEIVED) TRICKS.

THE NEW YORK TIMES POINTS OUT THAT THE PUEBLO'S MISSION GIVES RISE TO MANY QUESTIONS. THE PAPER POINTS OUT THAT LAST SUMMER AN AMERICAN VESSEL OF A SIMILAR TYPE WAS ENGAGED IN "ELECTRONIC ESPIONAGE" OFF THE SHORES OF THE UAR. RECALLING SIMILAR INCIDENTS IN RECENT YEARS, THE LONDON DAILY MIRROR COMES TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THE INDEFATIGABLE INQUISITIVENESS OF THE UNITED STATES PRESENTS AN ABSOLUTELY NEEDLESS THREAT TO WORLD PEACE. THIS IS ALSO CONFIRMED BY THE WASHINGTON POST. THE PAPER WRITES THAT THE NEW INCIDENT SUPPORTS THE OPINION THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS TAKEN ITS FUNCTIONS OF THE WORLD GENDARME TOO FAR.

THE U.S. ACTIONS IN THE SEA OF JAPAN SHOULD BE TAKEN TOGETHER WITH OTHER EVENTS, EMPHASIZING WASHINGTON'S DANGEROUS COURSE. THE LATEST LINKS IN THIS CHAIN OF EVENTS WERE THE INVASION OF NEUTRAL CAMBODIA BY AMERICAN TROOPS, AND ANOTHER DISASTER, THIS TIME OFF THE SHORES OF GREENLAND, OF AN AMERICAN B-52 BOMBER ON PATROL DUTY WITH A LOAD OF NUCLEAR BOMBS ON BOARD.

BY ITS PROVOCATIVE ACTIONS IN VARIOUS REGIONS OF THE WORLD, THE UNITED STATES CREATES A REAL THREAT TO PEACE AND THE SECURITY OF THE PEOPLES. THIS EXPLAINS THE ANGRY REACTION OF WORLD OPINION.

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MONITORED PEKING RADIO AND PRESS MEDIA HAVE SO FAR NOT BEEN HEARD TO REPORT ON THE USS PUEBLO'S CAPTURE IN NORTH KOREAN WATERS OR COMMANDER'S BUCHER'S ALLEGED "CONFESSION."

25 JAN 1543Z BE/TM

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SOVIET-EAST EUROPEAN ROUNDUP

REVIEW OF SOVIET AND EAST EUROPEAN BROADCASTS FROM 0800 GMT 24 JAN TO 0800 GMT 25 JAN 68 L

PUEBLO CAPTURE

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MOSCOW RADIO HAS REFRAINED FROM COMMENTING ON THE NORTH KOREAN CAPTURE OF THE USS PUEBLO. IT HAS, HOWEVER, WIDELY REPORTED THE KCNA DISPATCH ANNOUNCING THE CAPTURE. A MOSCOW DOMESTIC SERVICE PRESS REVIEW SAYS THAT THE 25 JANUARY PRAVDA "TELL OF ANOTHER DANGEROUS U.S. PROVOCATION" IN A REPORT FROM ITS WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT ON THE CAPTURE OF "A U.S. MILITARY INTELLIGENCE VESSEL." THE CORRESPONDENT NOTES THAT WASHINGTON "DOES NOT EVEN TRY TO DENY THE FACT OF ESPIONAGE." THE PRAVDA ARTICLE NOTES THAT THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER ENTERPRISE HAS BEEN ORDERED TO SAIL TOWARD KOREA. THE CLANDESTINE RADIO OGGI IN ITALIA SAYS U.S. EMBASSY CIRCLES IN MOSCOW HAVE STATED THAT SOVIET AUTHORITIES HAVE REFUSED TO FORWARD A U.S. PROTEST TO PYONGYANG.

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A BUDAPEST RADIO MILITARY OBSERVER DESCRIBES THE PUEBLO AS A SHIP SIMILAR TO THE LIBERTY WHICH WAS SHELLED DURING THE ARAB-ISRAELI WAR. THE BUSINESS OF THE PUEBLO, HE SAYS, IS THE "MOST OVERT MILITARY ESPIONAGE, WHICH NO STATE WILL TOLERATE IN ITS OWN TERRITORIAL WATERS." THE PRAGUE RADIO CARRIES A MILOSLAV PATEK REPORT ON WASHINGTON REACTION TO THE PUEBLO CAPTURE. CALLING THE SHIP A "NAVAL VARIANT OF THE U-2," HE REMARKS ABOUT THE CONCERN IN WASHINGTON OVER WHY THE PUEBLO DID NOT CALL FOR HELT OR DESTROY ITS SOPHISTICATED EQUIPMENT. HE CONCLUDES THAT THE PENTAGON HAS "A HUNDRED AND ONE REASONS FOR MAINTAINING SILENCE ON THESE QUESTIONS." A BELGRADE TANYUG DISPATCH FROM WASHINGTON STATES THAT A PORTION OF U.S. PUBLIC OPINION IS DISTRUSTFUL OF THE GOVERNMENT'S "INCOMPLETE PRESENTATION" OF THE PUEBLO INCIDENT. IT DESCRIBES IN DETAIL THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE HEARINGS AND SENATOR FULBRIGHT'S REJECTION "WITHOUT RESERVATION" OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT ASSERTION THAT THE SHIP WAS ON THE HIGH SEAS AT TIME OF CAPTURE. IT ADDS THAT FULBRIGHT MENTIONED THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE SHIP "WAS SIMPLY CAUGHT WHILE CARRYING OUT AN INTELLIGENCE ASSIGNMENT."

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**CLASSIFIED** JAPANESE FOREIGN OFFICE ON PUEBLO

TOKYO JAPAN TIMES IN ENGLISH 25 JAN 68 T

(TEXT) FOREIGN OFFICE SOURCES, COMMENTING ON TUESDAY'S SEIZURE BY NORTH KOREAN NAVY BOATS OF THE U.S. INTELLIGENCE SHIP PUEBLO, SHOWED GRAVE CONCERN OVER THE INCIDENT AND SAID THE FOREIGN OFFICE WILL KEEP IN TOUCH WITH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AND WATCH FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

**CLASSIFIED** THE SOURCES ALSO SAID THE REPORTED DISPATCH OF THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER ENTERPRISE WOULD NOT MEAN A HASTY RETALIATORY ACTION ON THE PART OF THE UNITED STATES BUT INDICATED THE U.S. INTENTION OF PREPARING ITSELF TO MEET ANY EMERGENCY.

**CLASSIFIED** POINTING OUT THAT THE INCIDENT OCCURRED IN WATERS COMPARATIVELY CLOSE TO JAPAN, THE SOURCES FEARED POSSIBLE AGGRAVATION OF THE SITUATION. BUT THEY SAW LITTLE CHANCE OF IT DEVELOPING INTO LARGE-SCALE INTERNATIONAL HOSTILITIES.

**CLASSIFIED** THE FOREIGN OFFICE BELIEVES THAT DESPITE RECENT NORTH KOREAN INCURSIONS AND OTHER HOSTILE ACTIVITIES AGAINST THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, APART FROM WEDNESDAY'S CAPTURE OF THE U.S. VESSEL, THERE WOULD BE NO SECOND KOREAN WAR.

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HAVANA COMMENT ON PUEBLO INCIDENT

HAVANA DOMESTIC TELEVISION SERVICE IN SPANISH 0100 GMT 25 JAN 68 F  
(GOMEZ WANGUEMERT COMMENTARY)

(TEXT) THE CAPTURE OF THE NORTH AMERICAN SPY SHIP PUEBLO BY NORTH KOREAN PATROL LAUNCHES APPEARS TO HAVE CAUSED A WAVE OF HISTERIA IN HIGH U.S. GOVERNMENT CIRCLES. THE AWAKENING OF THE PRESIDENT AT 0200, THE DECLARING THAT THE SEIZURE COULD BE CLASSIFIED AS AN ACT OF WAR, AND THE SENDING TO KOREAN WATERS OF THE NUCLEAR CARRIER ENTERPRISE AND OTHER NAVAL UNITS ONLY REFLECTS A WAVE OF HYSTERIA. DISCOUNTING ALL THE UPROAR IN THE PRESS, AND DESPITE THE FACT THAT IT HAS BEEN A HUNDRED YEARS OR MORE SINCE A U.S. SHIP HAS BEEN SEIZED, THE ENTIRE AFFAIR CAN BE REDUCED TO A SIMPLE QUESTION: WAS THE PUEBLO IN DPRK TERRITORIAL WATERS WHEN IT WAS ORDERED TO STOP, RECEIVE A BOARDING PARTY, AND HEAD FOR THE NORTH KOREAN PORT OF WONSAN?

THAT IS A PROBLEM TO BE DECIDED THROUGH APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATIONS AND NOT THROUGH THREATS. THE SIMPLE FACT THAT THE JOHNSON ADMINISTRATION, INSTEAD OF PROPOSING AN INVESTIGATION, TRIED TO THREATEN THE KOREANS THROUGH A SHOW OF FORCE, THAT THE SECRETARY OF STATE SPOKE OF ACTS OF WAR, AND THAT WELL-KNOWN HAWKS IN CONGRESS PROPOSED NEW AGGRESSION IS A RATIONAL INDICATION, IF WE VIEW IT AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF KNOWN ANTECEDENTS, THAT IT IS NOT TRUE THAT THE PUEBLO WAS 25, 23, OR 13 MILES--ALL OF THESE FIGURES HAVE BEEN USED IN OFFICIAL NORTH AMERICAN STATEMENTS-- FROM THE NORTH KOREAN COAST.

THIS IS BORNE OUT BY A STATEMENT BY THE PENTAGON ISSUED TO THE PRESS TODAY WHICH SAYS THAT IN THE BRIEF PERIOD OF 15 MINUTES THREE NORTH KOREAN PATROL LAUNCHES JOINED THE FIRST WHICH STOPPED THE SPY SHIP. WE SAY THAT THIS STATEMENT BEARS THIS OUT BECAUSE, IF THE PUEBLO WAS AS FAR FROM THE COAST AS WASHINGTON SAYS, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT SO MANY LAUNCHES COULD HAVE GONE OUT THERE IN SUCH A SHORT TIME. WE MUST, THEREFORE, CONCLUDE THAT THE WHITE HOUSE, THE STATE DEPARTMENT, AND THE PENTAGON, KNOWINGLY LIE WHEN THEY SAY THAT THE SPY SHIP WAS IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS.

AS TO THE TYPE OF ACTIVITIES IT CARRIED OUT, THERE IS THE CONCLUSIVE TESTIMONY OF THE SHIP'S CAPTAIN, WHO, ACCORDING TO AN AFP REPORT FROM TOKYO, CONFESSED TO HAVEING RECEIVED ORDERS TO SPY ON THE EXTREME EASTERN PART OF THE SOVIET UNION, THAT IS THE MARITIME PROVINCE, AND ON NORTH KOREA. ALL THIS EXPLAINS WHY THE WHITE HOUSE TODAY ADOPTED A MUCH CALMER TONE THAT THAT OF YESTERDAY. THE UNITED STATES, DECLARED ITS SPOKESMAN, CONTINUES TO HOPE THAT THE INCIDENT CAN BE SOLVED VIA DIPLOMATIC MEANS. THE SOVIET UNION, AS WAS EXPECTED, WAS NOT WILLING TO OFFER ITS GOOD OFFICES.

SENATOR MIKE MANSFIELD, LEADER OF THE SENATE DEMOCRATIC MAJORITY, WARNED THE UNITED STATES AGAINST EXCESSIVE HASTE IN RETALIATING AND COUNSELED IN FAVOR OF CONTINUED DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS. SENATOR KARL MUNDT, DEMONSTRATING CALM AND RALISM, OPINED THAT THE UNITED STATES IS TOO BURDENED WITH PROBLEMS TO LOOK FOR ANY MORE. A WISE AND PRUDENT STATEMENT BY A STATESMAN WHO SEES THAT THE UNITED STATES IS BOGGED DOWN UP TO ITS NECK IN VIETNAM AND THAT PRESIDENT JOHNSON MUST FORSAKE NEW AGGRESSIONS NO MATTER HOW MUCH HE WANTS TO ENGAGE IN THEM.

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BUDAPEST COMMENT ON PUEBLO MISSION

BUDAPEST DOMESTIC SERVICE IN HUNGARIAN 1605 GMT 24 JAN 68 L

(COMMENTARY BY BUDAPEST RADIO'S MILITARY EXPERT TAMAS SZEBERENYI)

(EXCERPTS) THE SPY SHIP PUEBLO, SEIZED IN THE DPRK'S TERRITORIAL WATERS, IS ONE OF THE U.S. FLEET'S SO-CALLED ELECTRONIC INTELLIGENCE SHIPS, SIMILAR TO THE LIBERTY, WHICH WAS BOMBARDED BY MISTAKE BY THE ISRAELI AIR FORCE DURING THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT.

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~~THE U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY BUSIES ITSELF PARTICULARLY WITH WHAT IS CALLED THE ELECTRONIC WAR: RADIO MONITORING AND DECODING OF MILITARY MESSAGES.~~

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IT IS THE TASK OF SHIPS LIKE THE PUEBLO TO MONITOR RADIO MESSAGES OF MILITARY CHARACTER, ASSESS THE PRECISE LOCATION OF TRANSMITTERS EXCHANGING SUCH MESSAGES AND, WITH THE HELP OF ELECTRONIC DETECTORS, (WORDS INDISTINCT). SPY SHIPS OF THIS SORT ALSO ESTABLISH THE LOCATION AND WAVELENGTHS ON WHICH DEFENSIVE RADAR INSTALLATIONS OPERATE AND, WITH THEIR OWN RADAR EQUIPMENT, SNOOP ON COASTAL INSTALLATIONS, PORTS, AND COASTAL DEFENSE OBJECTIVES. THEIR TASKS INCLUDE SPYING ON THE ENEMY'S FLEET, UNDERWATER INVESTIGATIONS, AND SO FORTH. A SHIP OF THIS KIND AMOUNTS TO A FLOATING SPY LABORATORY EQUIPPED WITH THE MOST UP-TO-DATE SECRET DEVICES. INFORMED PENTAGON CIRCLES THEREFORE HOPE--ACCORDING TO WESTERN NEWS AGENCY REPORTS--THAT THE SHIP'S CREW SUCCEEDED IN DESTROYING THE MOST MODERN ELECTRONIC INSTALLATIONS.

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THE PUEBLO'S BUSINESS WAS THE MOST OVERT MILITARY ESPIONAGE, WHICH NO STATE WILL TOLERATE IN ITS OWN TERRITORIAL WATERS. OBVIOUSLY EVEN PEOPLE IN THE PENTAGON ARE AWARE THAT SUCH AGGRESSIVE ACTS CANNOT IN ANY WAY BE JUSTIFIED UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW. THAT IS WHY THEY ARE NOW RESORTING TO EVEN MORE COERCIVE MEANS, NAMELY SENDING THE NUCLEAR-POWERED AIRCRAFT CARRIER ENTERPRISE, ACCOMPANIED BY (TWO) OTHER WARSHIPS, TOWARD THE SCENE OF THE INCIDENT TO BRING PRESSURE TO BEAR FOR THE SAKE OF THE RELEASE OF THEIR SPY SHIP IN TROUBLE.

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LAIRD-PUEBLO

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NEW YORK (AP)-REP. MELVIN R. LAIRD, R-WIS., SAID TODAY HE THINKS THE SEIZURE OF THE U.S. NAVY SHIP PUEBLO BY NORTH KOREANS IS A "DIVERSIONARY INCIDENT" FOR THE VIETNAM WAR.

LAIRD TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE "THINGS HAVE BEEN WARMING UP IN KOREA FOR THE PAST 60 TO 75 DAYS. THERE IS SOME EVIDENCE THIS HAS BEEN PLANNED AS A DIVERSIONARY INCIDENT WHERE VIETNAM IS CONCERNED."

LAIRD SAID HE BELIEVED THE SOVIET UNION IS GUIDING POLICIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, BUT HE DECLINED TO LINK THE SOVIETS DIRECTLY WITH THE SEIZURE OF THE SHIP.

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PUEBLO'S POSITION

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WASHINGTON (AP)-POSITION REPORTS GIVEN OUT BY THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT INDICATE THE NORTH KOREAN PATROL BOATS THAT CAPTURED THE USS PUEBLO APPROACHED FROM THE EAST. THEIR AIM APPARENTLY WAS TO INTERCEPT THE AMERICAN VESSEL IF IT TRIED TO HEAD OUT AWAY FROM NORTH KOREA IN THE DIRECTION OF JAPAN. THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE PUEBLO'S POSITION AS INDICATED BY THE NORTH KOREANS' RADAR TRACK WAS 39.25 NORTH AND 127.56 EAST. THE PUEBLO'S POSITION AT THE TIME OF THE APPEARANCE OF THE FIRST NORTH KOREAN PATROL BOAT ABOUT 10 P.M. EST MONDAY WAS GIVEN AS 39.25 NORTH, 127.56 EAST. AT 11:45 P.M., WHEN THE PUEBLO REPORTED SHE WAS BEING BOARDED, THE U.S. SHIP GAVE HER POSITION AS 39.25 NORTH, 127.54.3 EAST. THE PENTAGON HAS PINPOINTED THESE POSITIONS AS ABOUT 25 MILES EAST OF THE NORTH KOREAN COAST.

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PUEBLO RATINGS

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WASHINGTON (AP)-THE INTELLIGENCE-GATHERING SHIP USS PUEBLO, CAPTURED BY THE NORTH KOREANS, HAD AT LEAST TWO DOZEN COMMUNICATIONS TECHNICIANS AMONG ITS 81-MEMBER CREW.

TWO CIVILIAN OCEANOGRAPHERS ALSO WERE LISTED BY THE PENTAGON TODAY AS BEING ABOARD THE VESSEL.

THE PUEBLO WAS LOADED WITH RADAR AND RADAR DETECTING AND MONITORING EQUIPMENT. ITS CHIEF FUNCTION WAS TO LISTEN IN ON RADIO SIGNALS FROM AIRCRAFT, GROUND STATIONS, SURFACE VESSELS AND SUBMARINES.

IN ADDITION TO THE 24 COMMUNICATIONS TECHNICIANS ON THE CREW LIST, INCLUDING TWO CHIEFS, THERE WERE 2 RADIOMEN, 2 SIGNALMEN, AND AN INTERIOR COMMUNICATIONS ELECTRICIAN.

THE LIST ALSO SHOWED TWO MARINE SERGEANTS.

THE REST OF THE CREW RAN THE SHIP.

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PYONGYANG PRESS ON PUEB  
PYONGYANG DOMESTIC SERVICE IN KOREAN 2340 GMT 24 JAN 68 B  
(FROM PRESS REVIEW OF 25 JANUARY)

(TEXT) ON 25 JANUARY, THURSDAY, NODONG SINMUN, MINJU CHOSON, AND OTHER CENTRAL NEWSPAPERS CARRIED NEWS CONCERNING THE SEIZURE OF A U.S. IMPERIALIST AGGRESSOR FORCES' SPY VESSEL BY NAVAL VESSELS OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE'S ARMY IN THE TOP SECTION OF THEIR FRONT PAGES UNDER THE BLOCK HEADLINE: THE HEROIC KOREAN PEOPLE'S ARMY, WITH EACH MEMBER PREPARED TO MATCH ONE HUNDRED ENEMIES, WILL THOROUGHLY WIPE OUT THE U.S. IMPERIALIST AGGRESSORS TO THE END!

PAPERS CARRIED A REPORT THAT DEFENSE MINISTER GEN KIM CHANG-PONG GREETED THE SOLDIERS OF THE NAVAL UNIT OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE'S ARMY WHO METED OUT STERN PUNISHMENT TO THE U.S. IMPERIALIST AGGRESSORS, WHO ARE FRENZIEDLY ENGAGED IN WAR-PROVOCATION MANEUVERS, BY CAPTURING THE ARMED SPY SHIP OF THE U.S. IMPERIALIST AGGRESSOR FORCES AND ALL OF THE AGGRESSORS ABOARD, WHO WERE PERPETRATING NAKED PROVOCATIVE ACTS AFTER INTRUDING INTO THE SEA OFF WONSAN, THE COASTAL WATERS OF THE NORTHERN HALF OF THE REPUBLIC, ON 23 JANUARY.

IN THE UPPER SECTION OF ITS FOURTH PAGE NODONG SINMUN CARRIED PHOTO COVERAGE ON THE U.S. IMPERIALIST AGGRESSOR FORCES' ARMED SPY VESSEL AND THE YANKEE AGGRESSORS ABOARD WHO WERE CAPTURED BY THE NAVAL VESSELS OF THE HEROIC KOREAN PEOPLE'S ARMY WHILE CARRYING ON ESPIONAGE AND PROVOCATIVE ACTIVITIES FOLLOWING AN INTRUSION DEEP INTO OUR COASTAL WATERS ON 23 JANUARY.

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PRAVDA ON USS PUEBLO  
MOSCOW DOMESTIC SERVICE IN RUSSIAN 0200 GMT 25 JAN 68 L

(FROM THE PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA REVIEW)

(TEXT) TODAY'S PRAVDA TELLS OF ANOTHER DANGEROUS PROVOCATION OF THE UNITED STATES. ON 23 JANUARY, A U.S. MILITARY INTELLIGENCE VESSEL WAS ARRESTED IN DPRK COASTAL WATERS.

THE INTELLIGENCE SERVICES OF THE PENTAGON HAVE AGAIN BEEN CAUGHT REDHANDED, PRAVDA'S SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT IN WASHINGTON WRITES. THIS IS SO OBVIOUS THAT THEY DO NOT EVEN TRY HERE TO DENY THE FACT OF ESPIONAGE. THE LOCAL PAPERS TELL IN DETAIL OF THE ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT OF THE VESSEL AND DESCRIBE ITS INTELLIGENCE FUNCTIONS. AT THE SAME TIME, IT HAS COME TO LIGHT THAT THE VESSEL HAD BEEN TRYING TO KEEP THE DPRK COAST UNDER OBSERVATION FOR TWO WEEKS.

ON THE EVENING OF 23 JANUARY IT WAS LEARNED THAT THE ATOMIC AIRCRAFT CARRIER ENTERPRISE, WHICH HAD SAILED FROM JAPAN FOR THE GULF OF TONKIN, HAD RECEIVED ORDERS FROM WASHINGTON TO CHANGE ITS COURSE AND TO SAIL TOWARD THE COAST OF KOREA.

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PYONGYANG DOMESTIC SERVICE IN KOREAN 2130 GMT 24 JAN 68 B

(UNTITLED TALKS INTERSPERSED WITH MUSIC)

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(SUMMARY) "AS REPORTED ALREADY, NAVAL VESSELS OF OUR PEOPLE'S ARMY CAPTURED AN ARMED SPY VESSEL OF THE U.S. IMPERIALIST AGGRESSOR FORCES WHICH WAS CARRYING ON HATEFUL HOSTILE ACTIVITIES AFTER INTRUDING INTO THE TERRITORIAL WATERS OF THE NORTHERN HALF OF THE REPUBLIC. THIS IS ONE MORE RESOLUTE PUNISHMENT METED OUT BY THE KOREAN PEOPLE ON THE U.S. IMPERIALIST AGGRESSORS WHO ARE FRENZIEDLY ENGAGED IN MILITARY PROVOCATION AGAINST THE NORTHERN HALF OF THE REPUBLIC IN VIOLATION OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT."

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IN UTTER DISMAY CAUSED BY THE WIDESPREAD ARMED STRUGGLE OF THE SOUTH KOREAN PEOPLE, THE U.S. IMPERIALISTS AND THE PAK CHONG-HUI CLIQUE ARE HANGING ON THE RECKLESS MILITARY PROVOCATIONS AGAINST THE NORTHERN HALF OF THE COUNTRY IN THEIR DESPERATE ATTEMPT TO "BOLSTER THEIR DISINTEGRATING COLONIAL, FASCIST RULE." HOWEVER, THE ENEMIES SHOULD REMEMBER WHAT AN AGGRESSOR ENDS UP WITH, LEARNING FROM THE INCIDENT OF THE ARMED SPY VESSEL "CAPTURED BY OUR PEOPLE'S ARMY TAKING SELF-DEFENSE MEASURES."

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IN JANUARY LAST YEAR OUR PEOPLE'S ARMY SENT THE ENEMY'S ESCORT VESSEL 56 TO THE BOTTOM OF THE EASTERN SEA, SHOWING THE KOREAN PEOPLE'S SPIRIT. HOWEVER, "FAILING TO LEARN FROM THIS SOLEMN RELIATY, THE ENEMIES HAVE AGAIN PERPETRATED THE PROVOCATIVE ACT OF SENDING AN ARMED SPY VESSEL TO INTRUDE INTO THE TERRITORIAL WATERS OF THE NORTHERN HALF OF THE REPUBLIC. THE U.S. IMPERIALISTS AND THE PAK CHONG-HUI CLIQUE SHOULD REMEMBER THAT, SHOULD THEY FAIL TO LEARN A LESSON FROM THE DESTROYED ESCORT VESSEL 56 AND FROM THE TRUTH ABOUT THE INCIDENT OF THE ARMED SPY VESSEL OF THE U.S. IMPERIALIST AGGRESSORS AND CONTINUE TO CLING TO INDISCREET MILITARY PROVOCATIONS, THEY WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO AVOID THE FATE OF A SECOND AND A THIRD 56.

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"OUR HEROIC PEOPLE AND THEIR ARMED FORCE WILL CRUSH ANY ENEMY PROVOCATION MANEUVER AND DEAL AND ANNIHILATING BLOW TO THE ENEMY."  
(MUSICAL INTERLUDE)

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IT IS BY NO MEANS AN ACCIDENT THAT THE U.S. IMPERIALISTS ARE MORE OPENLY CARRYING OUT HOSTILE ACTIVITIES AGAINST THE NORTHERN HALF OF THE REPUBLIC ON LAND AND SEA AND IN THE SKY. "THE U.S. IMPERIALIST AGGRESSORS, SINCE THE VERY BEGINNING OF THE NEW YEAR, HAVE BEEN MADLY ENGAGED IN MILITARY PROVOCATIONS TO TOUCH OFF A NEW WAR OF AGGRESSION IN VIOLATION OF THE KOREAN ARMISTICE AGREEMENT."

RECENTLY THE ENEMIES PERPETRATED THE MILITARY PROVOCATION OF REPEATEDLY MOBILIZING HUNDREDS OF ARMED VESSELS IN EASTERN WATERS. "THE LATEST ARROGANT ACT OF HOSTILITY PERPETRATED BY THE U.S. IMPERIALISTS IS PRECISELY AN EXTENSION OF SUCH PROVOCATIVE MANEUVERS AND A LINK IN THE AGGRESSIVE MACHINATIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN DELIBERATELY CARRIED ON SINCE THE VISIT TO SOUTH KOREA BY WAR MANIAC AND CHIEFTIAN OF MURDERERS JOHNSON."

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ON (?FIVE) JANUARY U.S. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FAR EASTERN AFFAIRS WILLIAM BUNDY BOASTED THAT IN CASE OF WAR IN KOREA THE U.S. IMPERIALISTS WILL AID THE PAK CHONG-HUI PUPPET BANDITS, "THEREBY EXPOSING NAKEDLY AN AGGRESSIVE AMBITION TO IMPLEMENT AT ALL COSTS THE WAR PROGRAM OF HUMAN BUTCHER JOHNSON.

FACTS INDICATE THAT THE U.S. IMPERIALISTS' SCHEME FOR PROVOKING A NEW WAR AGAINST THE NORTHERN HALF OF THE REPUBLIC IS BECOMING MORE OVERT EVERYDAY AND IS RAPIDLY REACHING A RECKLESS STAGE. AT PRESENT THE U.S. IMPERIALISTS ARE MANEUVERING INCREASINGLY MORE SLYLY AND VICIOUSLY, FOLLOWING THE OLD TACTICS THEY CARRIED OUT TO PROVOKE THE KOREAN WAR IN 1950. HOWEVER, NONE OF THEIR PROVOCATIVE MACHINATIONS CAN DODGE A 10-FOLD, A 100-HUNDRED FOLD RETALIATORY BLOW." (MUSICAL INTERLUDE)

FACTS PROVE THAT THE U.S. IMPERIALISTS ARE "FURTHER AGGRAVATING TENSION IN KOREA AND DASHING TOWARD PROVOKING ANOTHER WAR." THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE TODAY HAS BEEN TURNED INTO A COMBAT AREA, AND A TENSE SITUATION, UNLIKE ANY SEEN SINCE THE ARMISTICE, DUE TO THE DELIBERATE, RECKLESS MILITARY PROVOCATIONS OF THE U.S. IMPERIALISTS, HAS ARISEN. (MUSICAL INTERLUDE)

"ACCORDING TO NEWS AGENCY REPORTS, U.S. IMPERIALIST WAR CHIEFTIANS, FRIGHTENED BY THE CAPTURE OF THE U.S. IMPERIALIST AGGRESSOR FORCES' ARMED SPY (?VESSEL), ARE IN UTTER DISMAY AND RUNNING HELTER-SKELTER. SCREAMING THAT THIS IS THE FIRST SUCH INCIDENT SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE U.S. IMPERIALISTS' BLOOD-STAINED HISTORY, THE JOHNSON CLIQUE IS MAKING WILD ATTEMPTS TO ADVOCATE ITS BLOOD-SMELLING PROVOCATIVE MACHINATION. HOWEVER, WHATEVER THEIR DESPERATE ACTS, THE AGGRESSOR, THE U.S. IMPERIALISTS, CAN NEVER CONCEAL THEIR WOLFISH NATURE AND WILL ONLY GIVE RISE TO ALL THE STRONGER CURSES AND HATRED OF ALL KOREAN PEOPLE AND THE PEOPLE OF THE WHOLE WORLD.

"SHOULD THE U.S. IMPERIALIST AGGRESSORS FAIL TO LEARN A LESSON FROM THEIR DISGRACEFUL, MISERABLE DEFEAT TODAY AND CONTINUE THEIR HOSTILE ACTIVITIES, OUR HEROIC PEOPLE'S ARMED FORCES WILL CONTINUE TO TAKE RESOLUTE ACTION AGAINST THEM, AND THE PROVOKERS SHOULD REMEMBER THAT THEY WILL BE DEALT A TEN-FOLD AND A 100-FOLD RETALIATORY BLOW. THE U.S. IMPERIALISTS SHOULD NOT RUN WILD INDISCREETLY, BUT SHOULD BEAR OUR SIDE'S WARNING IN MIND.

"SHOULD THEY EVER CONTINUE THEIR PROVOCATIONS AND DARE RUN WILD IN IGNORING OUR SIDE'S WARNING, OUR PEOPLE, RALLIED AROUND MARSHAL KIM IL-SONG, THE ALL-CONQUERING STEEL-STRONG GENERAL, WILL SWEEP THE U.S. IMPERIALIST AGGRESSORS OUT OF THIS LAND ONCE AND FOR ALL."

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WITH PUEBLO

(LOS ANGELES)--GOVERNOR RONALD REAGAN OF CALIFORNIA URGED PRESIDENT JOHNSON TODAY TO SEND U-S NAVY WARSHIPS IN NORTH KOREA'S WONSAN HARBOR TO RESCUE THE "PUEBLO" IF THE SHIP IS NOT RELEASED WITHIN 24 HOURS.

REAGAN TERMED THE SEIZURE "THE MOST DISGRACEFUL THING TO HAPPEN IN MY MEMORY IN AMERICA." HE SAID:

"I CANNOT FOR THE LIFE OF ME UNDERSTAND WHY SOMEONE IN THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, PARTICULARLY THE PRESIDENT, HAS NOT SAID 'THAT SHIP HAD BETTER COME OUT OF THAT HARBOR IN 24 HOURS OR WE ARE COMING IN AFTER IT'."

REAGAN AND HIS WIFE ARE IN LOS ANGELES TO ATTEND A SMITH COLLEGE DINNER AT THE MUSIC CENTER. HE TALKED TO NEWSMEN AT LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

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THE NORTH KOREAN RADIO HAS BROADCAST WHAT IS SAID TO BE THE VOICE OF COMMANDER LLOYD BUCHER (BOO'-CHUR) CONFESSING THAT HIS U-S INTELLIGENCE SHIP "POEBLO" WAS SPYING IN NORTH KOREAN WATERS WHEN IT WAS CAPTURED. TODAY'S BROADCAST VARIED ONLY SLIGHTLY FROM THE WRITTEN VERSION OF WHAT THE NORTH KOREANS CLAIM IS BUCHER'S CONFESSION. THE VOICE WAS MONOTONE, AND STUMBLER OVER MANY OF THE WORDS.

WITH THE NUCLEAR-POWERED U-S AIRCRAFT CARRIER "ENTERPRISE" CRUISING WITHIN STRIKING DISTANCE OF NORTH KOREA, WARNING HAS COME FROM CAPITOL HILL THAT THE U-S MAY HAVE TO USE NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN ANY NEW KOREAN CONFLICT. THE WARNINGS COME FROM SENATORS HENRY JACKSON OF WASHINGTON AND STROM THURMOND OF SOUTH CAROLINA, BOTH OF WHOM SERVE ON THE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE.

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FRENCH VIEW OF PUEBLO INCIDENT

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CLASSIFIED (TEXT) PARIS--FRENCH INFORMATION MINISTER GOERGES GORSE SAID TODAY THAT IT DID NOT APPEAR THAT THE NORTH KOREAN-AMERICAN INCIDENT INVOLVING THE SEIZURE OF THE USS PUEBLO WOULD HAVE ANY INTERNATIONAL REPERCUSSIONS IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE. GORSE SAID THAT THE FRENCH CABINET DID NOT DISCUSS THIS INCIDENT AT ITS MEETING THIS MORNING.

MAURICE COUVE DE MURVILLE, THE FOREIGN MINISTER, REPORTED TO THE CABINET AS USUAL ON THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION, BUT MR GORSE GAVE NO DETAILS ABOUT COUVE DE MURVILLE'S STATEMENTS.

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UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP)-U.S. AMBASSADOR ARTHUR J. GOLDBERG GAVE U.N. SECRETARY-GENERAL U THANT THE LATEST INFORMATION TODAY ON NORTH KOREA'S SEIZURE OF THE U.S. INTELLIGENCE SHIP PUEBLO.

CALLING ON THANT FOR THE SECOND STRAIGHT DAY. GOLDBERG AND HIS DEPUTY, AMBASSADOR WILLIAM B. BUFFUM, HAD A 40-MINUTE TALK WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL.

"WE RENEWED OUR EXPRESSION OF CONCERN ABOUT THE GRAVE INCIDENT RELATING TO THE U.S. SHIP PUEBLO AND ITS CREW,

"WE RENEWED OUR EXPRESSION OF CONCERN ABOUT THE GRAVE INCIDENT RELATING TO THE U.S. SHIP PUEBLO AND ITS CREW," GOLDBERG SAID, "AND PROVIDED HIM WITH ALL AVAILABLE CURRENT INFORMATION RELATING TO THIS INCIDENT."

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COMMENDATION FOR DPRK NAVY PERSONNEL

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(TEXT) PYONGYANG--GEN KIM CHANG-PONG, MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE, WARMLY GREETED PERSONNEL OF THE NAVAL UNIT OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE'S ARMY WHO METED OUT A STERN PUNISHMENT TO THE U.S. IMPERIALIST AGGRESSORS WHO ARE ENGRESSING IN NEW WAR PROVOCATION MANEUVERS, BY CAPUTRING THE ARMED SPY SHIP OF THE U.S. IMPERIALIST AGGRESSOR ARMY AND ALL OF THE AGGRESSORS ON BOARD THE SHIP WHO WERE PERPETRATING OUTRIGHT PROVOCATIVE ACTS AFTER INTRUDING INTO THE SEA OFF WONSAN, THE COASTAL WATERS OF THE NORTHERN HALF OF THE REPUBLIC, ON 23 JANUARY.

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GEN KIM CHANG-PONG LAID STRESS ON FURTHER HEIGHTENING REVOLUTIONARY VIGILANCE AND MILITANT (SPIRIT) AND MAINTAINING A FULLY PREPARED POSTURE FOR RESOLUTELY SMASHING ANY VICIOUS PROVOCATIVE MACHINATIONS OF THE ENEMY UNDER THE ACUTE SITUATION IN WHICH THE U.S. IMPERIALIST AGGRESSORS, DRIVEN INTO UTTER CONFUSION IN FACE OF THE INTENSIFIED ACTIVITIES OF THE ARMED GUERRILLAS IN ALL PARTS OF SOUTH KOREA, ARE FURTHER STEPPING UP RECKLESS PROVOCATIVE MANEUVERS ALONG THE MILITARY DEMARCATION LINE AND IN THE EASTERN AND WESTERN COASTAL AREAS.

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CONGRESS- SHIP (TOPS 22)

WASHINGTON (AP)-SENATE DEMOCRATIC LEADER MIKE MANSFIELD SAID TODAY THE UNITED STATES MUST "NOT GO OFF HALF-COCKED" WITH MILITARY RETALIATION FOR THE NORTH KOREAN SEIZURE OF A NAVY INTELLIGENCE SHIP.

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"WE OUGHT TO KEEP OUR SHIRTS ON AND NOT GO OFF HALF-COCKED UNTIL WE KNOW MORE ABOUT THE DETAILS OF THIS INCIDENT," MANSFIELD SAID.

"IN THE GRAVITY OF THE SITUATION, WE SHOULD NOT LET OUR EMOTIONS TAKE OVER. THE INFORMATION WE HAVE ON THE INCIDENT STILL IS QUITE SKETCHY. THERE WILL BE MANY QUESTIONS RAISED ABOUT IT.

"WE SHOULD CONTINUE OUR DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS THROUGH THE SOVIET UNION TO OBTAIN RELEASE OF THE SHIP. WE SHOULD NOT TAKE MILITARY ACTION NOW."

SEN. THOMAS H. KUCHEL, ACTING REPUBLICAN LEADER, SAID THE SITUATION IS "VERY GRIM" AND HE FELT HE SHOULD NOT COMMENT AT THE MOMENT.

SEN. JAMES B. PEARSON, R-KAN., A FORMER NAVY FLIER, SAID HE HOPES THAT REPORTS ARE TRUE THAT MUCH OF THE ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT ABOARD THE SHIP WAS DESTROYED BEFORE IT WAS BOARDED BY THE NORTH KOREANS.

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CL PUEBLO-EQUIPMENT

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WASHINGTON (AP)-NORTH KOREAN CAPTURE OF THE PUEBLO GIVES THE COMMUNISTS AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXAMINE SOME OF THE MOST MODERN U.S. EQUIPMENT USED IN ELECTRONIC INTELLIGENCE GATHERING.

MESSAGES FROM THE PUEBLO BEFORE SHE WAS OVERWHELMED INDICATE THE CREW MAY HAVE SUCCEEDED IN DESTROYING AT LEAST SOME OF THE SECRET GEAR AND CODES.

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BUT IT APPEARED LIKELY THAT THERE STILL WAS MUCH EQUIPMENT WHICH THE COMMUNISTS COULD STUDY WITH PROFIT TO THEM.

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EXAMINATION OF OFFICIAL NAVY PICTURES OF THE PUEBLO SHOWS SOME OF THE EXTERNAL EQUIPMENT.

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1. TWIN ANTENNAE INDICATE THE DIRECTION OF SIGNALS BEING MONITORED SO OTHER DEVICES CAN HOME IN ON THEM.

2. THE PUEBLO IS FITTED WITH LONG POLES APPEARING TO SUPPORT CABLES FOR SENDING MESSAGES TO SUBMERGED SUBMARINES VIA LOW FREQUENCY RADIO WAVES.

3. RADAR EQUIPMENT APPARENTLY DESIGNED FOR CAROMING SIGNALS OFF THE TROPOSPHERE--THE LOWER ATMOSPHERE. THIS METHOD IS ESPECIALLY SUITABLE FOR LISTENING IN ON MESSAGES BETWEEN AIRCRAFT AND GROUND CONTROLLERS.

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4. A CONVEZ ANTENNA, FOCUSED SKYWARD, PROBABLY FOR LISTENING IN ON AIRCRAFT RADIO CONVERSATIONS.

THE MID-SECTION OF THE 935-TON PUEBLO IS CONSIDERED A PROBABLE SITE FOR EQUIPMENT THAT RECORDS MESSAGES INTERCEPTED BY OTHER DEVICES--INFORMATION PROBABLY RELAYED BACK TO THE NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY AT FT. MEADE, MD., FOR DECODING AND ANALYSIS.

NAVY SOURCES INDICATED THE PUEBLO PROBABLY HAD UNDERWATER HYDROPHONES, WITH A LINE TRAILING BEHIND THE CRAFT UNDER THE SURFACE OF THE WATER.

THE HYDROPHONES PICK UP SOUNDS OF SUBMARINES AND THE UNDERWATER CHURNING OF SHIP PROPELLERS. SINCE SHIPS MAKE SOMEWHAT INDIVIDUALISTIC SOUNDS, THESE IDENTIFIABLE "SIGNATURES" CAN BE USED BY INTELLIGENCE EXPERTS, AFTER BEING RECORDED, FOR LATER IDENTIFICATION.

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PUEBLO CHRONOLOGY

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WASHINGTON (AP)--THE PENTAGON HAS RELEASED THIS CHRONOLOGY OF THE SEIZURE TUESDAY OF THE USS PUEBLO BY NORTH KOREAN NAVAL UNITS IN THE SEA OF JAPAN. ALL TIMES GIVEN ARE EASTERN STANDARD.

--10 P.M.: THE PUEBLO WAS APPROACHED BY A NORTH KOREAN PATROL BOAT, ASKED TO IDENTIFY HER NATIONALITY AND THEN TOLD: "HEAVE TO OR I WILL OPEN FIRE ON YOU." THE PUEBLO REPLIED: "I AM IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS."

--10:15 P.M.--11 P.M. APPROXIMATE: THE PATROL BOAT CIRCLED THE U.S. SHIP.

--11 P.M. APPROXIMATE: THREE ADDITIONAL NORTH KOREAN PATROL BOATS APPROACHED AND TOOK UP POSITIONS OFF THE PUEBLO'S BOW, BEAM AND QUARTER. ONE COMMUNIST SHIP MESSAGED: "FOLLOW IN MY WAKE; I HAVE A PILOT ABOARD." TWO MIG JET FIGHTERS WERE SIGHTED CIRCLING OFF THE PUEBLO'S STARBOARD BOW.

--11:15 P.M.--11:45 P.M. APPROXIMATE: ONE OF THE PATROL CRAFT BACKED TOWARD THE PUEBLO WITH FENDERS RIGGED--AN ARMED BOARDING PARTY STANDING ON THE BOW.

--1:45 P.M.: PUEBLO RADIOED SHE WAS BEING BOARDED BY NORTH KOREANS.

--12:10 A.M.: PUEBLO REPORTED SHE HAD BEEN REQUESTED TO FOLLOW THE NORTH KOREAN SHIPS INTO THE PORT OF WONSAN AND THAT SHE HAD NOT USED WEAPONS.

--12:32 A.M.: THE PUEBLO'S RADIO OPERATOR REPORTED THE SHIP HAD COME TO "ALL STOP" AND WAS "GOING OFF THE AIR."

--2 A.M.: PRESIDENT JOHNSON WAS AWAKENED BY AIDES AS REPORTS OF THE INCIDENT REACHED THE PENTAGON AND STATE DEPARTMENT.

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CONGRESS-SHIP SEIZURE

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WASHINGTON (AP)--ANGRY DEMANDS FOR IMMEDIATE RETALIATION MIXED WITH CALLS FOR CAUTION MARKED CONGRESSIONAL REACTION TO NORTH KOREA'S SEIZURE OF THE U.S. INTELLIGENCE SHIP PUEBLO.

A MAJOR QUESTION BEING ASKED AT THE CAPITOL TUESDAY WAS WHY THE SHIP HAD NO PROTECTION.

SEN. STROM THURMOND, R-S.C., CALLED THE INCIDENT "AN INSULT TO OUR FLAG. IT IS A SERIOUS SETBACK IN OUR INTELLIGENCE FORCES AND IT IS AN ACT THAT WE SHOULD NOT TOLERATE."

HE SENT A TELEGRAM TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON URGING THAT THE NORTH KOREANS BE TOLD THE PUEBLO WOULD BE RETAKEN BY FORCE IF SHE IS NOT RETURNED WITHIN A SPECIFIED TIME.

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A SIMILAR NOTE WAS SOUNCED BY SEN. THOMAS J. DODD, D-CONN. HE SAID THE NORTH KOREANS SHOULD BE TOLD THAT IF THEY DON'T RELEASE THE PUEBLO AND HER CREW WITHIN 24 HOURS, "OUR NAVAL FORCES WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO SEIZE ALL VESSELS OF NORTH KOREAN REGISTRY WHEREVER THEY MAY BE FOUND ON THE HIGH SEAS."

BUT THE TWO SENATORS WERE THE EXCEPTION TO THE GENERAL REACTION THAT THE UNITED STATES SHOULD MOVE SLOWLY AND THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS BEFORE TAKING ANY RETALIATORY ACTION.

AS SEN. KARL E. MUNDT, R-S.C., A FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEEMAN, PUT IT: "THIS IS A PROVOCATIVE INCIDENT BUT WE HAVE WAR WORRIES ENOUGH ON OUR HANDS WITHOUT LOOKING FOR ANOTHER ONE."

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SENS. BOURKE B. HICKENLOOPER, R-IOWA, JOHN SHERMAN COOPER, R-KY., AND FRANK J. LAUSCHE, D-OHIO, SAID MORE DETAILS OF THE INCIDENT ARE NEEDED TO JUDGE ITS SIGNIFICANCE.

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INTELLIGENCE-PUEBLO

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WASHINGTON (AP)--CAPTURE OF THE PUEBLO BY THE NORTH KOREANS-- AND THE PENTAGON'S ACKNOWLEDGMENT THE SHIP WAS A NAVY INTELLIGENCE VESSEL--LIFTS THE OFFICIAL LID ON WORLDWIDE ELECTRONIC SPYING BY THE MAJOR POWERS.

IT MARKS A DRASTIC CHANGE FROM THE PENTAGON'S INSISTENCE THAT THE LIBERTY, A SPY SHIP SHOT UP BY THE ISRAELIS

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IT MARKS A DRASTIC CHANGE FROM THE PENTAGON'S INSISTENCE THAT THE LIBERTY, A SPY SHIP SHOT UP BY THE ISRAELIS OFF EGYPT LAST JUNE, WAS A "TECHNICAL RESEARCH SHIP."

"INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION BY NAVAL VESSELS IS A ROUTINE ACTIVITY AMONG MAJOR POWERS," A DEFENSE OFFICIAL SAID TUESDAY, INDICATING A MORE RELAXED ATTITUDE TOWARD SUGGESTIONS THE UNITED STATES ENGAGES IN THIS KIND OF ACTIVITY.

"IT IS COMMON KNOWLEDGE THAT FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS INTELLIGENCE COLLECTING SHIPS HAVE FOLLOWED U.S. FLEET ACTIVITIES IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE WORLD," HE ADDED. THE OFFICIAL OBVIOUSLY WAS ALLUDING TO THE SOVIET UNION'S TERRIER--LIKE ELECTRONIC EAVESDROPPING VESSELS WHICH SHOW UP WHEREVER U.S. FLEETS ARE MANEUVERING AND NEAR IMPORTANT POLARIES SUBMARINE AND OTHER BASES.

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SUCH SHIPS, IN THE GUISE OF FISHING TRAWLERS, ARE "IN FACT POSITIONED IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS OFF THE SHORES OF THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER NATIONS RIGHT NOW," THIS OFFICIAL SAID.

THE U.S. INTELLIGENCE VESSELS--WHICH LISTEN IN ON THE RADIO TRAFFIC OF OTHER COUNTRIES, SPOT RADAR SITES AND GATHER INFORMATION TO PERMIT JAMMING THEM--AND THE SOVIET UNION'S DEEP SEA INTELLIGENCE SHIPS ARE PARTS OF AN EXTENSIVE ELECTRONIC INTELLIGENCE SYSTEM WHICH HAS GROWN UP IN THE COLD WAR YEARS.

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PUEBLO-NORTH KOREA (TOPS 14)

WASHINGTON (AP)-THE COMMANDER OF THE U.S. INTELLIGENCE SHIP PUEBLO ORDERED TOP SECRET CODES AND ELECTRONIC GEAR DESTROYED AS NORTH KOREANS BOARDED HIS SHIP, SOURCES SAID TODAY.

THE DISCLOSURE CAME AS A FOUR-SHIP NAVY TASK FORCE, INCLUDING THE CARRIER ENTERPRISE, CRUISED TOWARD NORTH KOREA AND THE UNITED STATES APPLIED DIPLOMATIC LEVERAGE IN A BID TO RECOVER THE VESSEL AND HER 83 MEN.

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THE PENTAGON KNOWS THE ELABORATE DESTRUCT PROCEDURES-DESIGNED TO PREVENT CRITICAL INFORMATION FROM FALLING INTO ENEMY HANDS-WERE INITIATED, SOURCES DISCLOSED.

IT WAS NOT DETERMINED WHETHER ALL THE CLASSIFIED GEAR WAS BURNED OR DUMPED OVERBOARD. THE PENTAGON ASSUMES THAT MOST OF THE VALUABLE MATERIAL WAS DESTROYED.

THE PROCEDURE INCLUDED THE FIRING OF EXPLOSIVE DESTRUCT DEVICES AROUND THE COMMUNICATIONS PARAPHERNALIA.

THERE WERE REPORTS THE PUEBLO'S FOUR WOUNDED MEN WERE INJURED BY THE EXPLOSIVES, BUT SOURCES SAID "WE REALLY DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED" TO THE MEN.

NORTH KOREA, IN A MONITORED BROADCAST, CLAIMED KILLING AND WOUNDING SOME OF THE PUEBLO'S CREWMEN.

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(PUEBLO)

A DEFENSE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL SAYS A CALL FOR HELP FROM THE U-S INTELLIGENCE SHIP "PUEBLO" CAME TOO LATE. THE SHIP WAS SEIZED BY FOUR NORTH KOREAN PATROL BOATS LAST NIGHT AND FOUR AMERICANS WERE WOUNDED--ONE CRITICALLY. THE PENTAGON DISCLOSES THAT THE ONLY TIME THE PUEBLO ASKED FOR AID WAS WHEN SHE WAS BEING BOARDED BY NORTH KOREAN SAILORS. THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT TIME AND DISTANCE FACTORS MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO RESPOND.

(ALERT)

A REPORT FROM THE FAR EAST SAYS THE FIFTH AIR FORCE HAS BEEN PLACED ON COMBAT ALERT. THIS IS A NORMAL PROCEDURE FOR MILITARY UNITS THAT MIGHT BE USED UNDER EMERGENCY SITUATIONS. THE BIG NUCLEAR CARRIER "ENTERPRISE" ALSO WAS REPORTED HEADING TOWARD THE SEA OF JAPAN FOR POSSIBLE EMERGENCY DUTY IN THE CRISIS WITH NORTH KOREA.

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(THE PUEBLO--ARMED WITH JUST TWO LIGHT MACHINE-GUNS--WAS CAPTURED WITHOUT FIRING A SHOT.

(THE ENTERPRISE LEFT SASEBO, JAPAN LAST NIGHT AND WAS HEADING FOR THE VIETNAM AREA, WHEN IT WAS ORDERED TO TURN AROUND AND HEAD BACK FOR POSSIBLE EMERGENCY DUTY.

(THE PENTAGON SAYS IT DOESN'T KNOW THE NAMES OF THE WOUNDED.

(THE TWO CIVILIANS ABOARD THE SHIP ARE DESCRIBED AS NAVY HYDRO-GRAPHERS. AND THE SPOKESMAN DENIES THE VESSEL WAS OPERATED FOR THE NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY, WHICH HANDLES ELECTRONIC ESPIONAGE.)

(KOREAN)

JAPAN'S KYODO NEWS SERVICE QUOTES A NORTH KOREAN BROADCAST AS SAYING SEVERAL AMERICAN CREWMEN WERE KILLED AND WOUNDED BY NORTH KOREAN NAVAL VESSELS IN THE CAPTURE OF THE U-S INTELLIGENCE VESSEL PUEBLO. IT WAS THE FIRST MENTION OF FATALITIES ABOARD THE PUEBLO. THE U-S DEFENSE DEPARTMENT HAS REPORTED FOUR PERSONS WOUNDED.

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UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP)-U.S. AMBASSADOR ARTHUR J. GOLDBERG

"EXPRESSED CONCERN" TO U.N. SECRETARY-GENERAL U THANT TODAY ABOUT  
NORTH KOREA'S SEIZURE OF A U.S. PATROL VESSEL, THE PUEBLO.

GOLDBERG SO INFORMED CORRESPONDENTS AFTER PAYING AN HOUR'S

CALL ON THANT. IN REPLY TO A QUESTION, HE SAID HE DID NOT ASK FOR  
ANY U.N. HELP IN GETTING THE VESSEL RELEASED.

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(EXCERPT) OUR NAVAL VESSELS CONDUCTED A COUNTERFIRING AT THOSE

CLASSIFIED PIRATES WHO WERE ARROGANTLY PUTTING UP RESISTANCE AFTER DEEPLY

INTRUDING INTO THE TERRITORIAL WATERS OF OUR FATHERLAND, KILLED

OR WOUNDED SEVERAL U.S. IMPERIALIST AGGRESSORS, AND CAPTURED OVER 80

1 OF THEM, AS WELL AS A SHIP OF OVER 1,000 TONS WITH AN ANTI AIRCRAFT

MACHINEGUN, SEVERAL DOZEN SNIPING WEAPONS, SEVERAL TENS OF THOUSANDS

CLASSIFIED OF HANDGRENADES AND VARIOUS OTHER AMMUNITION, AND A GREAT AMOUNT OF

MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO BE USED FOR ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES.

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THREATS AND DIRECTED AGAINST NORTH KOREA, HAS BEEN SET IN MOTION

BY THE UNITED STATES AS A RESULT OF THE CAPTURE OF A U.S. SHIP

BY THE NORTH KOREAN NAVY. AN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE RELEASED IN

PYONGYANG SAYS THAT THE SHIP WAS INTERCEPTED WHILE IT WAS CARRYING

OUT AN ESPIONAGE MISSION IN NORTH KOREAN TERRITORIAL WATERS.

IN WASHINGTON SECRETARY OF STATE RUSK DESCRIBED THE CAPTURE

AS AN EXTREMELY GRAVE MATTER. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, HE ADDED, WOULD

UNDERTAKE IMMEDIATE MEASURES WITH ALL THE MEANS AT ITS DISPOSAL TO

OBTAIN THE RELEASE OF THE SHIP AND ITS CREW.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE STATE DEPARTMENT SAID IN HIS TURN THAT THE

UNITED STATES HAD ASKED THE USSR TO INTERVENE WITH NORTH KOREA.

THE SPOKESMAN THEN ANNOUNCED THAT THE PROBLEM WOULD BE DISCUSSED

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DIRECTLY WITH NORTH KOREAN REPRESENTATIVES NEXT MONDAY DURING  
A MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL ARMISTICE COMMISSION.

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THE EXPRESSION "AN EXTREMELY SERIOUS INCIDENT" WAS ALSO USED BY A  
WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN WHO SAID THAT PRESIDENT JOHNSON HAD BEEN  
AWAKENED IN THE MIDDLE OF NIGHT TO BE INFORMED OF WHAT HAD HAPPENED.  
NO U.S. OFFICIAL QUARTERS WERE, HOWEVER, IN A POSITION TO PROVIDE  
THE REPLY TO THE QUESTIONS ASKED BY THE JOURNALISTS, WHO

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WANTED TO KNOW WHAT THE MISSION OF THE SHIP CAPTURED BY NORTH KOREANS  
HAD BEEN. THE PUEBLO, THIS IS THE NAME OF THE U.S. SHIP, (WORDS  
INDISTINCT) (2 IS FITTED) WITH SPECIAL ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT CAPABLE  
OF INTERCEPTING ANY TYPE OF RADIO MESSAGE AND TRANSMITTING  
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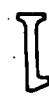
AT THE TIME OF THE CAPTURE THERE WERE ABOARD SHIP 81 MEN,  
INCLUDING SIX OFFICERS AND TWO CIVILIANS.

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PATROL BOAT (TOPS 125)

WASHINGTON (AP)-FOUR NORTH KOREAN PATROL BOATS SEIZED THE U.S. INTELLIGENCE SHIP PUEBLO MONDAY NIGHT AND TOUCHED OFF WHAT THE WHITE HOUSE DESCRIBED AS "A VERY SERIOUS SITUATION."

FOUR OF THE 83 AMERICANS ABOARD THE PUEBLO WERE REPORTED WOUNDED, ONE SERIOUSLY, BUT DETAILS OF THE ENCOUNTER IN WHAT THE PENTAGON DESCRIBED AS INTERNATIONAL WATERS STILL WERE SKETCHY HOURS LATER.

THE LAST KNOWN WORD FROM THE CAPTURED VESSEL, BEFORE ITS "GOING OFF THE AIR" SIGNAL AT 12:32 A.M. EST, SAID IT HAD BEEN TOLD TO FOLLOW THE COMMUNIST PATROL BOATS INTO WONSAN, NORTH KOREA.

SOME CONGRESS MEMBERS DENOUNCED THE INCIDENT AS "AN ACT OF WAR," AND AT LEAST ONE SENATOR, STROM THURMOND, R-S.C. URGED PRESIDENT JOHNSON TO SERVE THE NORTH KOREANS WITH AN ULTIMATUM THAT THE PUEBLO "WILL BE RETAKEN BY FORCE IF IT IS NOT DELIVERED WITHIN A SPECIFIED PERIOD OF TIME."

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NEWSMEN AT THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT TRIED THROUGHOUT THE DAY TO OBTAIN ANSWERS TO SUCH QUESTIONS AS THESE, WITHOUT SUCCESS:

WHEN DID THE PUEBLO REPORT IT HAD BEEN ACCOSTED BY A NORTH KOREAN PATROL BOAT? THE PENTAGON SAID THE PUEBLO WAS FIRST CHALLENGED AT APPROXIMATELY 10 P.M. EST." TO WHOM DID THE PUEBLO REPORT? DID THE PUEBLO ASK FOR HELP? WAS HELP DISPATCHED? IF NOT, WHY NOT?

WAS WORD OF THE FIRST CONTACT RELAYED TO THE PENTAGON OR THE WHITE HOUSE? DID PRESIDENT JOHNSON, THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF, SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ROBERT S. MCNAMARA OR ANYBODY ELSE SEND ANY INSTRUCTIONS AS A RESULT?

THE WHITE HOUSE SAID JOHNSON WAS AWAKENED AT 2 A.M. WITH NEWS OF THE INCIDENT.

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"WHY DID THE PUEBLO NOT RESIST? THE PENTAGON SAID THE SHIP CARRIED TWO MACHINE GUNS BUT "SHE HAD NOT USED ANY WEAPONS" DURING THE ENCOUNTER.

"WHAT WAS THE PUEBLO'S POSITION WHEN THE FIRST NORTH KCREAN PATROL BOAT MADE CONTACT? WERE TWO CIVILIANS ABOARD THE SHIP OPERATED BY THE NAVY FOR NSA?"

THE UNITED STATES ASKED SOVIET RUSSIA TO RELAY AN URGENT REQUEST TO NORTH KOREA FOR THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF THE SHIP AND ITS CREW.

THE SHIPPER OF THE PUEBLO IS CMDR. LLOYD BUCHER, 38, FORMERLY OF JEFFERSON CITY, MO. IT IS HIS FIRST COMMAND. HIS WIFE, ROSE, LIVES IN SAN DIEGO.

AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT, PRESS OFFICER ROBERT J. MCCLOSKEY SAID THAT IN ADDITION TO AN URGENT REQUEST EING MADE THROUGH THE SOVIET UNION FOR RELEASE OF THE VESSEL, THE MATTER WILL BE TAKEN UP WITH THE NORTH KOREANS AT A MEETING OF THE MILITARY ARMISTICE COMMISSION.

"I WISH TO REEMPHASIZE THE SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH WE VIEW THIS FLAGRANT NORTH KOREAN ACTION AGAINST THE UNITED STATES NAVY VESSEL ON THE HIGH SEAS," MCCLOSKEY SAID.

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THE HUGE NUCLEAR CARRIER ENTERPRISE, EN ROUTE FROM SASEBO, JAPAN, TO THE VIETNAM WAR AREA, WAS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN TURNED ABOUT AND ORDERED TO STAND BY FOR POSSIBLE EMERGENCY ACTION.

THE BIG E WAS OFF THE SOUTHWEST COAST OF JAPAN WHEN IT REVERSED COURSE AND HEADED NORTHWARD TOWARD THE SEA OF JAPAN.

THE CARRIER LEFT SASEBO MONDAY NIGHT, ACCOMPANIED BY THE NUCLEAR-POWERED FRIGATE TRUXTON, WHICH ALSO AS BOUND FOR VIETNAM.

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(SEOUL)--THE UNITED STATES HAS INFORMED SOUTH KOREA OF ITS  
DECISION TO TAKE WHAT ARE TERMED "CERTAIN INITIAL MEASURES" FOLLOWING  
THE SEIZURE OF THE U-S NAVAL CRAFT PUEBLO.

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U-S AMBASSADOR WILLIAM PORTER MET WITH SOUTH KOREA'S PREMIER AT THE  
PREMIER'S OFFICE IN SEOUL.

INFORMED SOURCES SAID THE INITIAL MEASURES COULD INCLUDE THE  
SENDING OF THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER "ENTERPRISE" TO THE WATERS OFF  
WONSAN BAY.

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THE SOURCES ALSO SPECULATED THAT RETALIATORY MILITARY ACTIONS  
AGAINST NORTH KOREA ARE NOT TOTALLY EXCLUDED.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PREMIER DECLINED TO GO INTO DETAILS  
ABOUT HIS MEETING WITH PORTER.

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BUT THE SOUTH KOREAN INFORMATION MINISTER SAID THE NORTH  
KOREAN COMMUNIST REGIME MUST PREPARE ITSELF TO PAY DUE PRICE WHAT  
HE TERMED ITS INHUMANE, UNWARRANTED TERRORISM.

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THE PENTAGON CONFIRMED THAT THE PUEBLO HAD REPORTED THE  
NUMBER OF CASUALTIES AMONG ITS COMPLEMENT, WHICH INCLUDED TWO  
CIVILIANS.

DETAILS OF THE ENCOUNTER IN WHAT THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT DESCRIBED  
AS INTERNATIONAL WATERS ABOUT 25 MILES OFF THE NORTH KOREAN COAST  
WERE STILL SKETCHY.

TEN HOURS AFTER FIRST ANNOUNCING THE INCIDENT, THE DEPARTMENT  
ANSWERED SOME QUESTIONS BY NEWSMEN, BUT DID NOT RESPOND TO A  
QUESTION ABOUT WHETHER ANY AID WAS ORDERED SENT TO THE  
BELEAGUERED PUEBLO, IN RESPONSE TO CALLS FOR HELP.

ASKED WHEN WORD THAT THE PUEBLO WAS IN TROUBLE REACHED  
WASHINGTON SPOKESMEN REPLIED "BEFORE MIDNIGHT"--BUT SAID THE  
PRECISE TIME WAS CLASSIFIED.

THE CAPTAIN OF THE PUEBLO, CMDR. L.W. BUCHER OF LINCOLN,  
NEB., MADE "PERIODIC REPORTS TO HIGHER NAVAL AUTHORITY," THE  
PENTAGON SAID. BUT IT WOULD NOT BE MORE PRECISE ON THAT.

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