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SUBJECT CALM REACTION TO THE EC-121 INCIDENT WITHIN THE PRO-
PYONGYANG JAPAN-KOREA SOCIETY; JAPANESE COMMUNIST PROPAG-
ANDA LINE TO EXPLOIT THIS INCIDENT

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1. THERE IS NO SERIOUS CONCERN THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL RETALIATE MILITARILY AGAINST NORTH KOREA FOR THE SHOOTING DOWN THIS WEEK OF THE AMERICAN EC-121 RECONNAISSANCE PLANE, [Redacted]

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[Redacted] NEITHER OF THE TWO LEADING PEO-P'YONGYANG ORGANIZATIONS IN JAPAN, THE JKS AND CHOSEN SOREN, ARE PARTICULARLY ALARMED BY THIS NEW INCIDENT. [Redacted] CONTRASTED THIS TO THE TIME OF THE PUEBLO INCIDENT A YEAR AGO, WHEN TENSION WAS GREATLY HEIGHTENED BY THE IMMEDIATE DISPATCH OF THE "USS ENTERPRISE" AND OTHER WARSHIPS TO THE AREA OFF THE NORTH KOREAN COAST.

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2. [Redacted] DOES NOT EXPECT THE UNITED STATES TO TRY TO HEIGHTEN TENSION AND POSE A MILITARY THREAT AGAINST NORTH KOREA, AS WAS DONE AFTER THE PUEBLO INCIDENT. [Redacted] MOST IMPORTANT TO MONITOR CLOSELY THE CONGRESSIONAL AND PUBLIC REACTIONS IN THE UNITED STATES TO THIS EC-121 INCIDENT. [Redacted]

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3. [Redacted] THE MOST IMPORTANT TASK FOR JKS NOW IS TO

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PROMULGATE, WITHIN THE JAPANESE DIET AND JAPANESE MASS MEDIA,
THE FOLLOWING PROPAGANDA LINES:

(A) THE SIMILARITY BETWEEN THE PUEBLO "SPY SHIP" INCIDENT
AND THE EC-121 "SPY PLANE" INCIDENT;

(B) THE DANGER OF JAPAN BEING DRAGGED INTO ANY NEW KOREAN WAR
THAT MIGHT DEVELOP FROM THE EC-121 INCIDENT, SINCE THE PLANE ORIGIN-
ATED FROM ATSUGI NAVAL AIR STATION IN JAPAN AND SINCE JAPAN IS TIED
TO THE UNITED STATES BY THE U.S.-JAPAN SECURITY TREATY; AND

(C) THE "MEANINGLESSNESS" OF THE PRIOR CONSULTATION CLAUSE
IN THE U.S.-JAPAN SECURITY TREATY.

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