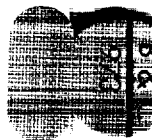


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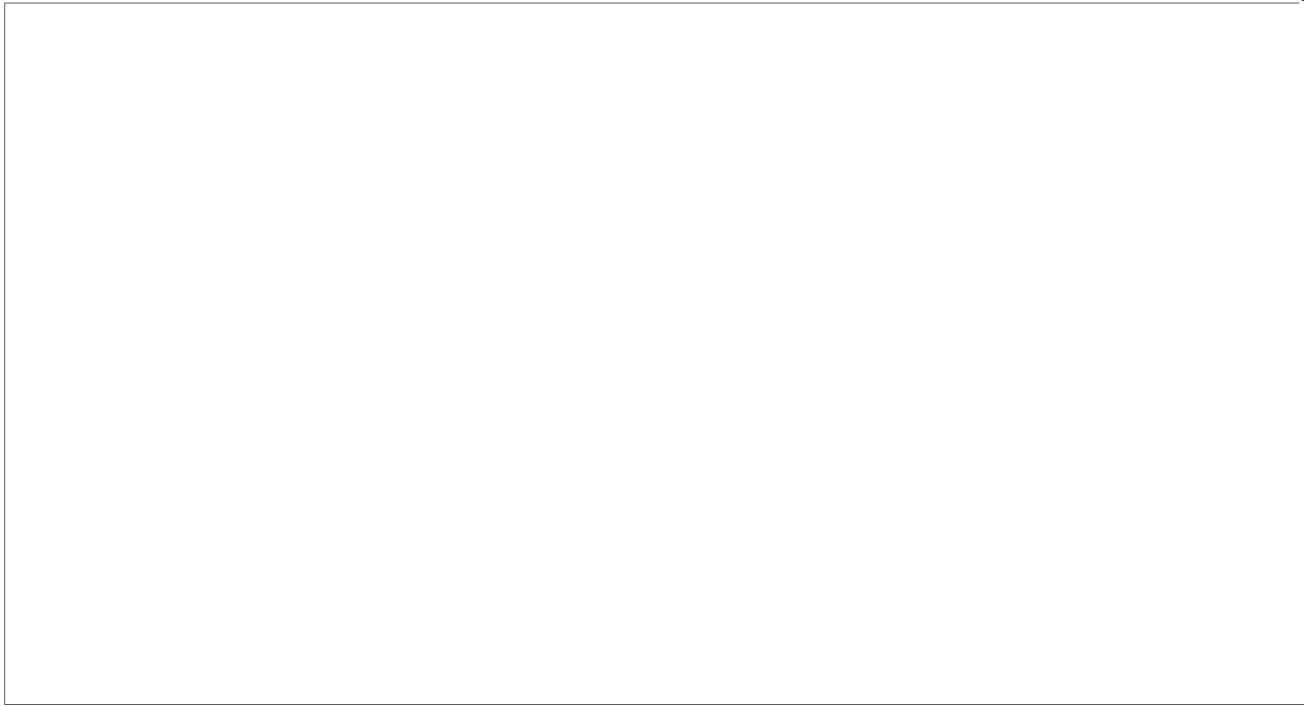
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CONCLUSIONS

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North Korea.

We have seen no indications that the North Korean shootdown of a US reconnaissance aircraft was a prelude to initiation of hostilities.

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V. North Korea

North Korea's willingness and capability to react aggressively to US peripheral reconnaissance beyond its territorial limits was demonstrated again on 15 April in the shootdown of a US Navy EC-121M reconnaissance aircraft 80-90 miles from the North Korean coast over the Sea of Japan. Previous instances of such aggressive reaction were the capture of USS PUEBLO in January 1968 and an April 1965 attack on a US reconnaissance aircraft about 45 miles from the east coast.

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[Redacted] we have no evidence that North Korean military forces are preparing for major offensive operations.

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