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USS PUEBLO

AGER-2

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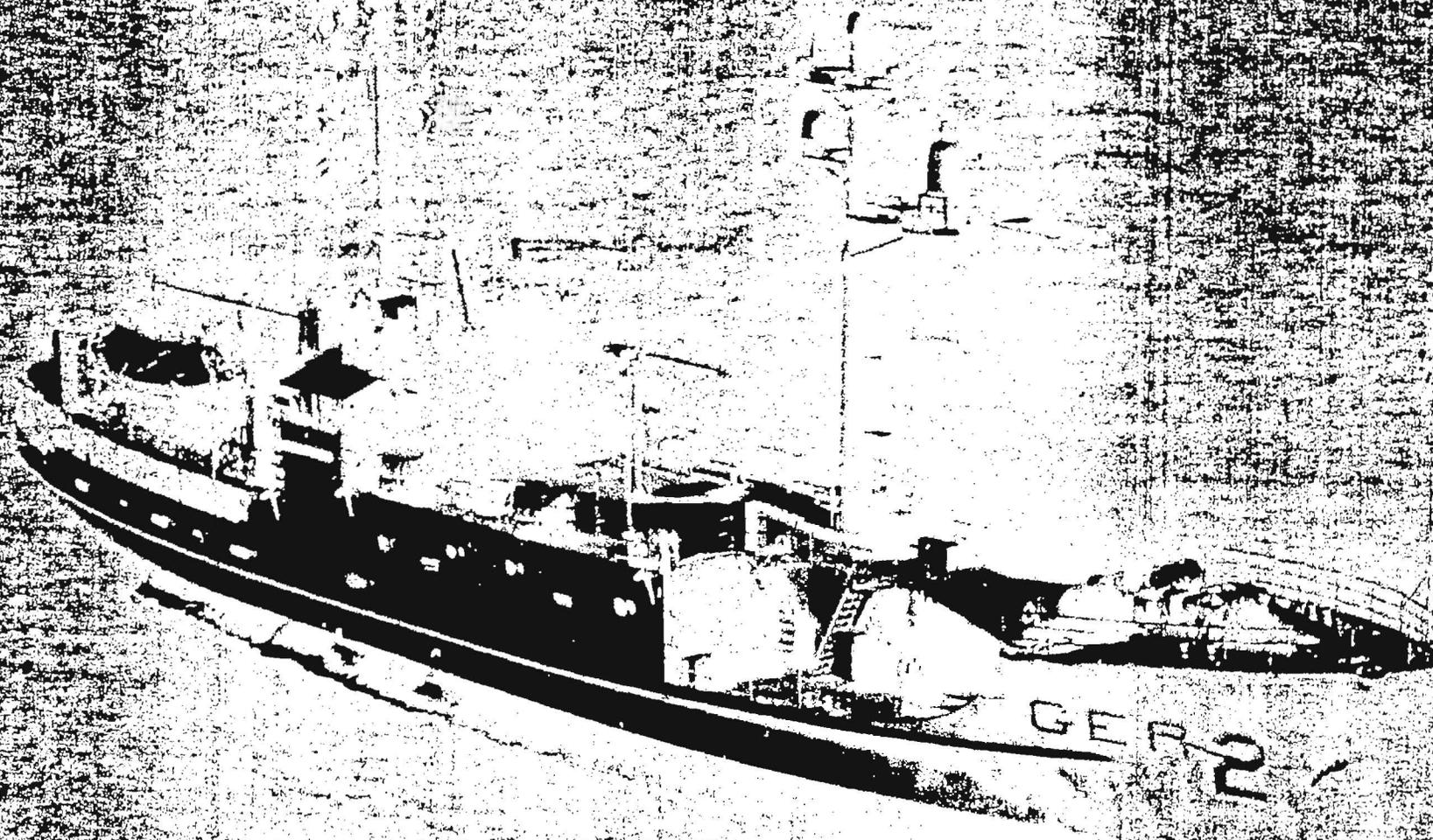
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*Summary*

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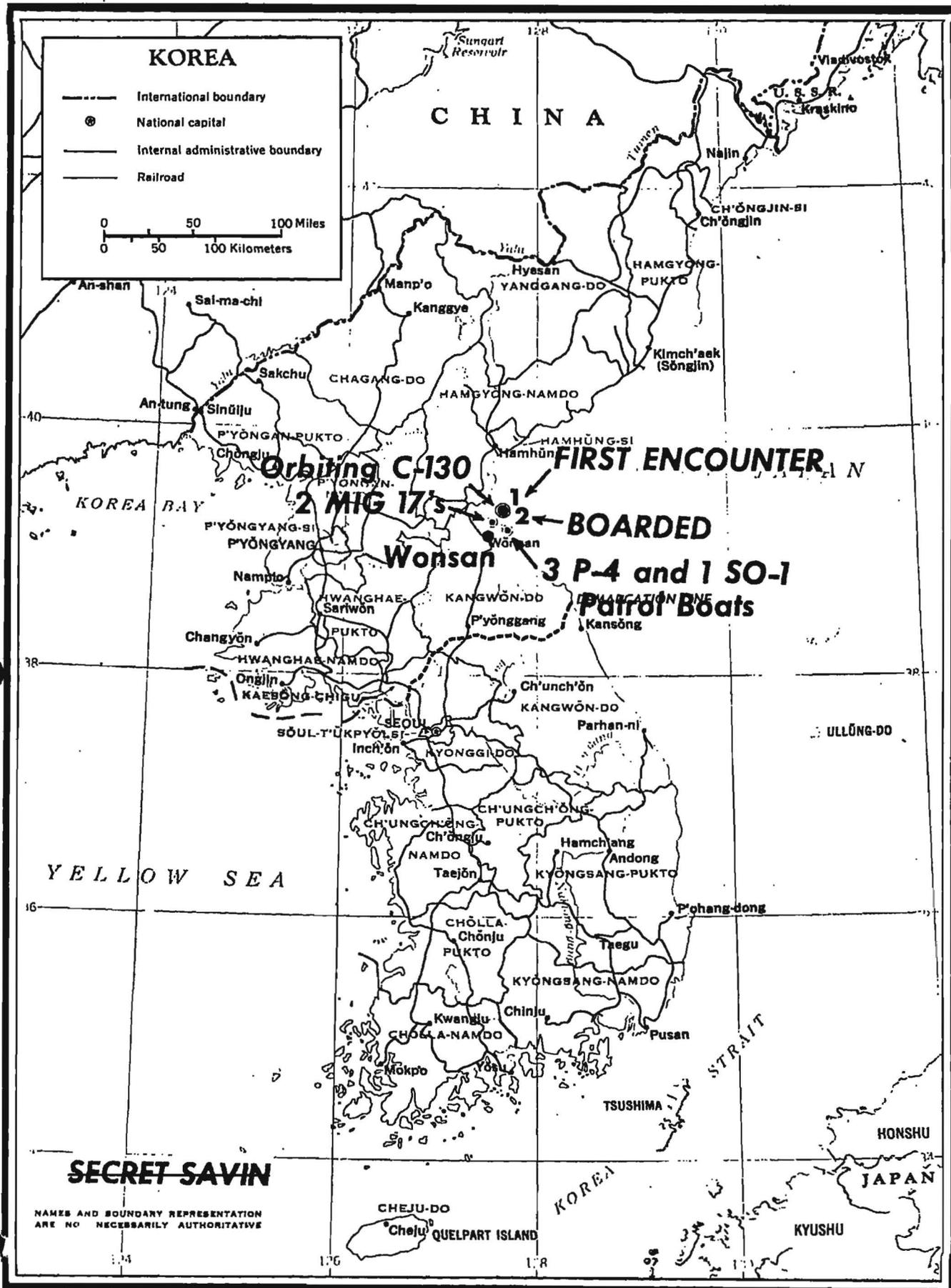
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At 23/0300Z the U.S.S. PUEBLO -- a SIGINT shipboard platform, was encountered by one KORCOM S.O. 1 Class submarine chaser at a point 20 nautical miles from the nearest land mass. The KORCOM vessel circled the PUEBLO three times during which the KORCOMS queried nationality and ship type. The KORCOMS then signaled PUEBLO to heave to or be fired on. At 0400, three additional KORCOM P-4 Class patrol boats joined the S.O. 1. At 0416Z two KORCOM MIG fighters were noted circling the PUEBLO. At 0435Z, PUEBLO was fired on and 4 U. S. personnel were wounded, one critically. The PUEBLO was subsequently boarded at 0445Z and forced towards the KORCOM port of Wonsan; when boarded the PUEBLO was 21 N.M. from the nearest KORCOM land mass.

During the encounter, the PUEBLO was in contact with KAMI SEYA. The PUEBLO reported that all key lists were being destroyed but several publications will be compromised. Contact with the PUEBLO was lost at 0545Z when all communications equipment aboard was destroyed.

The PUEBLO offered no resistance and didn't fire her armament. There were 31 Cat III cleared personnel aboard the PUEBLO at the time of the incident.

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## Introduction

USS Pueblo (AGER 2) is one of three converted AKC's (light cargo ship) currently configured for intelligence collection, including SIGINT. II

The Pueblo departed Yokusuka Japan on 4 January and proceeded to Sasebo Japan. She departed Sasebo, Japan on 102100Z January for operations in the Sea of Japan, primarily off the coast of North Korea. III

The purpose of the patrol as expressed by CINCPACFLT was to:

(1) Determine nature and extent of naval activity vicinity of North Korean ports of Chongjin, Sonjin, Mayang, Do and Wonson. II

(2) Sample electronic environment of East Coast North Korea, with emphasis on intercept/fixing of coastal radars.

(3) Intercept and conduct surveillance of Soviet naval units operating Tsushima Straits in effort to determine purpose of Soviet presence in that area since February 1966.

(4) Determine Soviet and North Korean reaction to an overt intelligence collector operating near periphery and conducting surveillance of naval units.

(5) Report any deployment of North Korean/Soviet units which might indicate a change in the WESTPAC threat level.

(6) Evaluate USS Pueblo (AGER 2) capabilities as a naval surveillance ship.

USS PUEBLO is a converted AKL. The conversion was made by  
Bremerton Naval Shipyard in 1967 and the ship was commissioned on  
13 May 1967.

The principal characteristics of the ship are as follows:

Length	179 feet
Beam	32 feet
Draft	9 feet 9 inches
Displacement	901 tons
Speed	12 knots
Personnel	Approximately 40 General Service 31 Naval Security

## SIGINT Configuration

Rack 1, 2, 3, 4

## Radio Printer/Sub System Capability

2	TT 289	Printer
2	URA 17	Demodulator
2		Converters
2	R390	Receivers
1	4 track	Recorder

Rack 5 and 6

## Radiotelephone

1	VLF	Receiver 2174 Rycon
1	HF/VHF	Receiver CEI 519
2	VHF	Receivers R1385
2	SDU	
1	R175	4 track Recorder

Rack 7

## DF Capability

AN/BRD-6	HF/VHF to 160 MHZ
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Rack 8 and 9

## Manual Morse

1	VLF	Receiver CEI 351
2	R390	
1	narrow band Recorder	R175 (4 track)
2	FSK converters and patch capability	to printers
1	typewriter	

Rack 10, 11, and 12

## ELINT

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Rack 13 and 14

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Rack 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20

Rack 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20VHF/UHF  Telemetry

VHF Pan/Man Search 30-1000 MHz w/disply  
Frequency converter and scope  
Notch filter, etc.  
PPM Demodulator, Frequency converter (baseband translator)  
2 Wideband Recorders  
1 Narrowband Recorder  
R-31 Pan/Man Search Capability with heads for 1-2 GG, 2-4 GG, 4-8 GG  
Lin/Log Receivers  
3 VHF Receivers w/SDU's (Telemetry)  
1 2 GC Receivers  
1 2-4 GC Receivers  
2 Down Converters (pre-de)

Rack 21

Narrow Band Recorder  
4 VHF Crystal Telemetry Receivers

Ancillary Equipment

Patchable from all applicable positions

Sonograph capability KAY 606  
Sulzor 10 PFG  
Time Displays  
Vicicorder  
Narrow Band Recorder (15 KC)

## Gist of NSA tasking



UHF Sch/Dev	(1200-2000 MHZ)
NKAF Comms	(20-50/100-150/MG (60-70) R105/8/9/401/R822)
NKA 20-60	R105/8/702/308
NKA MC	60-70 R401/R401M
NKN RT	30-150 MHZ S/S/R105/108/702/308
NKN MC	60-70 MHZ R401/R401M

ELINT Sch with emph on foll sigs and attempt to determine locations

Cruise Missile associated emitters B323I, B330Z, G302Z

	C306A
	C314Z
F309Z	
A312Z	

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**Concept of Operations:**

USS Pueblo operates under a concept of operations mutually agreed to by CNO and NSA. The concept calls for five possible modes of operations, each having a varying degree of control. This particular patrol was conducted in accordance with GINCPACFLT message 130406Z December 1967 which placed the ship under primary Navy control for coverage of Soviet Naval activity in Tsushima Straits and KORCOM Naval activity in Sea of Japan. Secondary (DIRNSA) collection requirements were solicited for this particular patrol and were provided as requested.



## NSA Involvement:

On 6 December 1967, NSA requested CINCPACFLT provide schedule for trawler operations in the Pacific, to include dates, modes of operation and proposed operational area. (Tab A) CINCPACFLT response on 13 December 1967 stated USS Pueblo would operate in North Korea/Tsushima Straits area from 5 January to 5 February 1968. (Tab B)

On 20 December 1967, in response to a query from  NSA provided some limited details on Pueblo operations and pointed out that technical support material would be provided by NSA to arrive prior to ships departure. (Tab C)

On 29 December 1967, NSA forwarded collection requirement to DIRNAVSECGRU for USS Pueblo (USN 467Y). (Tab D)

NSA released two additional messages on 29 December 1967 - one advised the SIGINT community of the proposed Pueblo operation and requested they be especially alert and report any reflections of North Korean reaction via appropriate product (Tab E) The second message was passed to JCS/JRC providing them with some SIGINT factors which could be used in assessing the risk to the platform, pointing out that the North Koreans were extremely sensitive to peripheral reconnaissance in this specific area. (Tab F)

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## COMMAND DIRECTIVES AND APPROVAL AUTHORIZATIONS

CINCPAC in a message to JCS on 23 Dec 67 requested authorization to conduct PUEBLO operations during period 8 Jan-4 Feb 68 (Tab G). JCS/JRC subsequently approved the proposed operation on 2 Jan 68 (Tab H).

CTF 96 passed sailing orders to USS PUEBLO on 5 Jan 68 outlining operating area, communications and rules of engagement. (Tab I). This was subsequently answered on 11 Jan 68 as ship was unavoidably delayed in Sasebo (Tab J).

Control of SIGINT activities is outlined in CINCPACFLT 290111Z Sept 67 which states technical control of SIGINT functions vested in DIRNSA (Tab K).

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6 DEC 67

TO: GINCPACFLT

INFO: GINCPAC  
JCS/JRC  
SSO DIA  
CNOCOMNAVFORJAPAN  
COMSEVENTHFLT  
DIRNAVSECGRU  
DIRNAVSECGRUPAC  
ASSTDIRNAVSECGRU (COURIER)  
NFOIO (COURIER)

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CLICKBEETLE (C) OPS CY 1968

TO ASSIST OUR PLANNING, REQUEST PROVIDE CY68 CLICKBEETLE (C)  
SCHEDULE TO INCLUDE DATES, MODES AND PROPOSED OPERATIONAL AREAS.  
ASSUME USS PUEBLO WILL BE OPERATIONAL AND INCLUDED IN PLANS FOR  
THIS PERIOD

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M/R: Self explanatory.

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TO: DIRNSA

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A5 P02  
A7 P04  
A73 ADN  
A8 ADP  
B ADNSG  
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D5

INFO: JCS/JRC  
CINCPAC  
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CNO  
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COMSEVENTHFLT

HQ NSAPAC  
COMNAVFORJAPAN  
DIRNAVSECGRU  
ASSTDIRNAVSECGRU  
DIRNAVSECGRUPAC

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PINKROOT OPERATIONS (C)

1. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES ANTICIPATE USS BANNER (AGER-1) AND USS PUEBLO (AGEG-2) WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR INTENDED PINKROOT OPERATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:

OP NR.	UNIT	DATES	AREA	PRIMARY COLLECTION TARGET (S)
I	PUEBLO 05	JAN704 FEB	NKOREA/TSUSHIMA STR	SOVIET NAVY ACTY IN TSUSHIMA STR AND KORCOM NAVAL ACTY IN SEA OF JAPAN

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FROM: DIRNSA

SEC 67

TO :

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INFO: HQ NSAPAC

[Redacted]

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SUBJ: PINKROOT OPS

REF: A. UR 200130Z FILE/UMS (NOTAL)

B. UR 150635Z F41P/1435 (NOTAL)

C. CINGPACFLT 130406Z (NOTAL)

1. FOR PATROLS UNDER NSA CONTROL (MODE 3), COLLECTION GUIDANCE, TASKING AND TECH DETAILS ARE PROVIDED TO AGERS VIA COORNER IN SUFFICIENT TIME TO ARRIVE PRIOR TO SHIP DEPARTURE. NAVY HAS

HOUSE PROCEDURES TO ENSURE AVAILABILITY OF COLLECTION KIT/TECH INFO AND MUSSO DOCUMENTS FOR PATROLS UNDER NAVY CONTROL (MODE 3). ASSUME SUCH KITS FOR SEA OF JAPAN PATROLS PROVIDED BY USN 3. NSA WILL HOWEVER, PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL SUPPORT REQUESTED BY NAVY AND TO SUPPORT ANY SECONDARY (NTD) COLLECTION REQUESTED BY NSA.

2. REF CHARLIE INDICATED USS PUEBLO WILL OPERATE IN DIRECT SUPPORT MODE DURING FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 68. KOREAN TECH SUPPORT PACKAGE IN PREPARATION AND WILL BE SHIPPED IN TIME TO MEET 5 JAN DEADLINE. APPRECIATE YOUR OFFER OF SUPPORT AND REQUEST YOUR ASSISTANCE IN ENSURING THAT KOREAN TECH SUPPORT KIT AVAILABLE FOR PORTLANDING

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PATROL. WILL ENSURE YOU ARE PROVIDED WITH COPY OF ALL CORRESPONDENCE  
AND REQUEST YOU KEEP NSA ADVISED OF YOUR LIAISON WITH CNF7 AND

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3. ABOVE MSG ANSWERS REF ALFA.

CONCUR:

[Redacted]

SHOWN TO ADNSG:

[Redacted]

PO4 Mr. Reed

[Redacted]

PO4 Mr. [Redacted]

[Redacted]

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M/R; Ref Alfa queried response to Ref Bravo, Ref Bravo provided  
information of forthcoming patrols for USMC [Redacted]. Ref  
Charlie contained Jan-Jul schedule for USMC [Redacted].  
support package being prepared by BI and will be [Redacted] ASAP.

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REF: CINCPACFLT 130406Z DEC 67

IAW ABOVE REF PARA 2, THE FOL COLL RQMNTS ARE SUBMITTED FOR USS

PUEBLO OPS IN KORCOM AREA 05 JAN - 04 FEB 68:

PART I COMINT

A. SPECIAL INTEREST

1. SCH FOR AND RECORD ANY SIGS EMANATING FROM NORTH KOREA THAT

MAY BE ASSOC WITH [REDACTED]

2. THERE IS NO FIRM EVIDENCE OF [REDACTED] IN NORTH KOREA.

HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF NORTH KOREA'S CONTINUING MODERNIZATION OF ITS

COMMS SYSTEMS AND THE STEADY DECLINE OF COMMS [REDACTED]

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(b) (3) - P.L. 86-36[REDACTED] IT IS EVIDENT THAT OTHER SYSTEMS ARE AVAILABLE. LENGTHY  
PERIODS OF ADVERSE WEATHER, OFTEN RESULTING IN SEVERE FLOODING AND[REDACTED]  
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VERY RUGGED TERRAIN FEATURES MAKE TOTAL RELIANCE UPON LANDLINE UNLIKELY. THEREFORE, SPECIAL EFFORTS TO INTCP COMMS SIGS IN THE [REDACTED] SHOULD BE MADE. IF SIGS IN THIS RANGE ARE INTCPD, ATTEMPTS TO FIX ACCURATELY THE LOCATION (S) OF THE EMITTER (S) SHOULD BE MADE.

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## B. GENERAL

## 1. NORTH KOREAN AIR FORCE

COVERAGE FOR CASE OF NKAF COMMS IS DESIRED: KCAS U5021. THESE FREQS HAVE BEEN SEEN IN CONJUNCTION W/THIS ENTITY: [REDACTED]

## 2. NORTH KOREAN ARMY

NKA VOICE- [REDACTED] - INTCP ALL NKA SINGLE CHANNEL VOICE COMMS TO INCLUDE COASTAL ARTILLERY ACTY (R-105, R-108, 702, 308).

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## 3. NORTH KOREAN NAVY

(A) NKN VOICE - [REDACTED] - INTCP ALL NKN SINGLE CHANNEL VOICE COMMS TO INCLUDE SHIP TO SHIP AND SHIP TO SHORE COMMS (R-105, R-108, 702, AND 308).

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GENERAL SCH ASSIGNMENT IS DESIRED SINCE LITTLE IS KNOWN ABOUT NKA AND NKN USAGE OF VHF COMMS BY UNIT LOCATED ALONG THE EASTERN COAST OF KOREA.

PART II ELINT

A. DURING NORMAL SCH OPS COVERAGE OF ELINT EMISSIONS SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN IN ACCORDANCE W/THE FOL SIGNAL - CLASS PRIORITIES:

1. NEW/UNUSUAL/UNIDENTIFIED SIGS
2. UNCONFIRMED (TEMPORARY NOTATIONS) SIGS
3. LANDBASED/SHIPBORNE/AIRBORNE RADARS

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B. SCH FOR THE FOL SPECIAL INTEREST SIGS WHEN IN APPROX INTCP AREAS:

1. CRUISE MISSILE ASSOC EMITTERS B323I, B330Z, G302Z EMANATING FROM WITHIN A 10 NM RADIUS OF 38-42N/128-17E.
2. C306A [REDACTED] SIGS ASSOCIATED WITH NORTH KOREAN NAVY

3. C314Z [REDACTED] SIGS ASSOCIATED W/KOMAR CLASS VESSELS BERTHED AT WO'NSAN (39-10N/127-26E).

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4. F309Z [REDACTED] ALL COASTAL AREAS TO DETERMINE LOCATIONS.
5. A312Z [REDACTED] ALL AREAS.

C. ATTEMPT TO VISUALLY CORRELATE AIRBORNE/SHIPBORNE SIGS W/EMITTER PLATFORM. OBTAIN D/F BEARINGS AND ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE LOCATIONS OF ALL LANDBASED EMITTERS HEARD.

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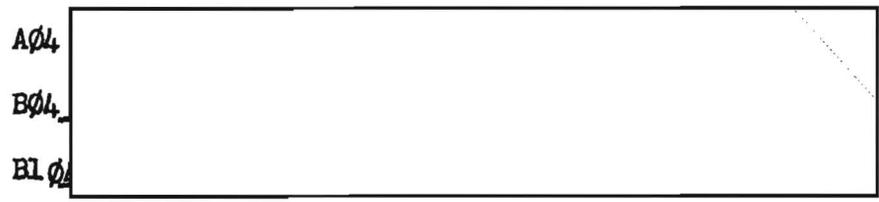
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HQ NSAPAC

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USAFSS

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PINKROOT OPERATION I

1. THIS IS TO ADVISE THAT US NAVY SIGINT TRAWLER  
PINKROOT I MISSION IS SKED TO DEPART SASEBO 8 JAN 68,  
ARRIVE AREA BETWEEN 39-00N - 40-00N 10 JAN 68 AND  
OPERATE 13NM - 60NM SEAWARD OF KOREAN COAST UNTIL 27 JAN  
68.

2. REQUEST YOU BE ESPECIALLY ALERT AND REPORT REFLECTIONS  
OF ANY NK REACTION VIA APPROPRIATE REPORTING VEHICLE

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USING STANDARD DISTRs PLUS USN-467Y. FYI, SIGINT  
 PRODUCT (UNLESS CRITIC) MUST NOT IN ANY WAY REVEAL  
 PRODUCERS KNOWLEDGE OF FACT THAT REACTION IS TO PINKROOT.  
 IDENTIFICATION OF TRAWLER MUST BE AS SEEN IN SIGINT, I.E.,  
 "HOSTILE VESSEL," "UNIDENTIFIED VESSEL," ETC.

CONCUR:

[REDACTED]  
 MR. TERRY, P04  
 MR. PATRONIK, K12

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M/R: Due to the exhibited sensitivity of the NKAF and  
 NKN to any foreign aircraft or vessel operating near the  
 periphery of the Korean coast (Sea of Japan) since early  
 1965, the NKAF assuming an additional role of naval  
 support since October 1966, the firing on a ROK vessel  
 by a NK coastal battery on 22 November 1966, the sinking  
 of a ROKN vessel by a NK coastal battery on 19 January  
 1967, increased vessel surveillance, and NKN reliance  
 on the NKAF for air support, the above message alerts  
 field stations associated with the KORCOM target to be  
 especially alert for hostile intent by NK forces during  
 the transit of the USS PUEBLO in January.

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2. FOLLOWING INFO IS FORWARDED TO AID IN YOUR ASSESSMENT OF CINCPAC ESTIMATE OF RISK. SIGINT INDICATES: (1) THE NKAF HAS BEEN EXTREMELY SENSITIVE TO PERIPHERAL RECON FLIGHTS IN THIS AREA SINCE EARLY 1965 (THIS SENSITIVITY WAS EMPHASIZED ON 28 APRIL 1965 WHEN A USAF RB-47 WAS FIRED ON AND SEVERELY DAMAGED 35-40 NM FROM THE COAST), (2) THE NKAF HAS ASSUMED AN ADDITIONAL ROLE OF NAVAL SUPPORT SINCE LATE 1966, (3) THE NKN REACTS TO ANY ROKN VESSEL OR ROK FISHING VESSEL NEAR THE NK COASTLINE (THIS WAS EMPHASIZED ON 19 JAN 67 WHEN A ROKN VESSEL WAS SUNK BY COASTAL ARTILLERY), AND (4) INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED BOUNDARIES AS THEY RELATE TO AIRBORNE ACTIVITIES ARE GENERALLY NOT HONORED BY NK ON THE EAST COAST OF KOREA. BUT THERE IS NO SIGINT EVIDENCE OF PROVOCATIVE/HARASSING ACTIVITIES BY NORTH KOREAN VESSELS BEYOND 12 NM FROM THE COAST.			B11
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M/R: Ref is CINCPAC's notification of PINKROOT I areas of operation, and their estimate of the risk factor quoted in para 1 of the above message. Above message is to insure that all SIGINT factors have been considered relative to the Pueblo's mission against North Korea. Additionally, in B1-082, 291940Z, field stations associated with the KORCOM target were advised of Pueblo's operation off the east coast of NK (13NM-60NM) from 10 to 27 Jan 68 and were instructed to be especially alert for any NK reaction to the trawler. This will be Pueblo's initial operation. The SIGINT collection is to be conducted in MODE I (basically Navy Direct Support) on a schedule which was proposed by CINCPAC.

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A. CINCPACFLT 172154Z DEC 67

1. REF A OUTLINES PROPOSED USS PUEBLO OPERATIONS DURING THE PERIOD

8 JAN - 4 FEB 68.

2. PRIMARY OBJECTIVES FOR CONDUCT OF THIS MISSION ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. DETERMINE EXTENT AND NATURE OF NAVAL ACTIVITY IN VICINITY

OF NORTH KOREAN PORTS OF CHONGJIN, SONJIN, MAYANG DO AND WONSON.

B. SAMPLE ELECTRONIC ENVIRONMENT OF EASTERN COAST NORTH KOREA.

EMPHASIS TO BE PLACED ON INTERCEPT AND FIXING OF COASTAL RADARS.

C. INTERCEPT AND CONDUCT SURVEILLANCE OF SOVIET NAVAL UNITS

OPERATING IN VICINITY OF TSUSHIMA STRAIT TO DETERMINE REASON FOR THEIR

PRESENCE IN THAT AREA SINCE FEBRUARY 1966.

D. DETERMINE COMMUNIST REACTION TO AN OVERT INTELLIGENCE

COLLECTION PLATFORM OPERATING NEAR THE PERIPHERY OF NORTH KOREA AND

THE SOVIET UNION AND CONDUCTING SURVEILLANCE OF THEIR NAVAL UNITS.

E. REPORT DEPLOYMENT OF NORTH KOREAN/SOVIET UNITS WHICH MIGHT

INDICATE A CHANGE IN THE WESTPAC THREAT LEVEL.

F. CONTINUE EVALUATION OF AGER EFFECTIVENESS AS A NAVAL

SURVEILLANCE SHIP.

3. PUEBLO WILL OBSERVE A CPA OF NOT LESS THAN THIRTEEN NAUTICAL

MILES FROM NORTH KOREAN AND SOVIET LAND MASS AND OFF SHORE ISLANDS.

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4. OPERATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED IN AREAS JUPITER, VENUS AND MARS. BOUNDARIES OF THE AREAS ARE DEFINED AS: WESTERN BOUNDARY, THIRTEEN NM FROM THE LAND MASS/OFF-SHORE ISLANDS; EASTER BOUNDARY EXTENDS SIXTY NM TO SEAWARD OF THE WESTERN BOUNDARY. NORTH/SOUTH LIMITS: PLUTO 42-00

41-00N; VENUS 41-00N, 40-00N; MARS 40-PN, 39-00N.

5. SPECIFIC INFORMATION RELATED TO PINKROOT OPERATION I AS FOLLOWS:

- A. DEPART SASEBO 8 JAN 68.
- B. PROCEED TO OPAREA MARS ARRIVING 10 JAN.
- C. OPERATE IN AREAS PLUTO, VENUS AND MARS CONCENTRATING EFFORTS IN MOST LUCRATIVE AREAS.
- D. EPART OPAREAS 27 JAN AND PROCEED ALONG KOREAN COAST

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- D. DEPART OPAREAS 27 JAN AND PROCEED ALONG KOREAN COAST

TO VICINITY TSUSHIMA STRAIT. UPON ARRIVAL THERE LOCATE AND CONDUCT

SURVEILLANCE OF SOVIET NAVAL UNITS OPERATING IN THE AREA.

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- E. TERMINATE PATROL ARRIVING SASEBO NLT 040001Z FEB.

## 6. WHEN OPERATING NEAR COMMUNIST SHIPS MAINTAIN A CPA OF NOT LESS

THAN 500 YARDS EXCEPT TO CLOSE TO 200 YARDS BRIEFLY FOR PHOTO COVERAGE

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WHILE OBSERVING TASK FORCE OPERATIONS A STATION WILL BE MAINTAINED ON

THE PERIPHERY IN SUCH A POSITION AS TO PREVENT INTERFERENCE.

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## 7. RECOMMEND AUTHORIZATION BE GRANTED TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS AS

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C. CINC PACFLTINST 003120.24A

D. CINC PACFLTINST 03100.3D

1. ICHTHYIC ONE FORMERLY PINKROOT ONE.

2. DEPART SASEBO JAPAN WHEN RFS ABOUT 8 JAN 68. CHECK OUT OF

MOVREP SYSTEM AND PROCEED VIA TSUSHIMA STRAITS TO ARRIVE OPAREA

MARS ABOT 10 JAN.

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3. ATTEMPT TO AVOID DETECTION BY SOVIET MAVAL UNITS WHILE PROCEEDING TO OPAREA MARS.

4. UPON ARRIVAL MARS, CONDUCT ICHTHYIC OPS IAW PROVISIONS REF A.

A. OPERATE OPAREAS MARS, VENUS AND PLUTO, CONCENTRATING EFFORTS IN AREA(S) WHICH APPEAR MOST LUCRATIVE.

B. DEPART OPAREAS 27 JAN AND IF NOT UNDER SURVEILLANCE, MAINTAIN STRICT EMCON CONDITION. PROCEED SOUTH ALONG KOREAN COAST TO VICINITY TSUSHIMA STRAITS.

C. INTERCEPT AND CONDUCT SURVEILLANCE OF SOVIET NASIMA STRAITS.

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DEPARTURE AUTHORIZED TO ENSURE TEN PERCENT ON-BOARD FUEL UPON

ARRIVAL SASEBO.

5. OPERAS DEFINED AS FOLLOWS:

A. EAST/WEST BOUNDARIES ALL AREAS ARE CONTIGUOUS TO KORCOM  
 EAST EXTENDING FROM THIRTEEN NM CPA TO LAND MASS/OFF-SHORE ISLANDS  
 SEAWARD TO SIXTY NM.

B. NORTHSOUTH BOUNDARIES ARE:

MARS, 40-00N4 TO 39-00N2;

VENUS, 41-00N5 TO 40-00N4;

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PLUTO 41-00N6 TO 41-00N5.

6. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

A. COLLECT ELINT IAW PROVISIONS REF B, ON NOT TO INTERFERE BASIS  
 WITH BASIC MISSION.

B. CPA TO KORCOM/SOVIET LAND MASS/OFF-SHORE ISLANDS WILL BE  
 THIRTEEN NM.

C. UPON ESTABLISHING FIRM CONTACT WITH SOVIET NAVAL UNITS,

PEAK EMCON AND TRANSMIT DAILY SITREP.

D. OPERATE AT LEAST FIVE HUNDRED YDS FROM SOVIET UNITS EXCEPT

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BREAK EMCON AND TRANSMIT DAILY SITREP.

D. OPERATE AT LEAST FIVE HUNDRED YDS FROM SOVIET UNITS EXCEPT  
 D CLOSE BRIEFLY TO TWO HUNDRED YDS AS NECESSARY FOR VISUAL/PHOTO  
 COVERAGGE.

E. DO NOT INTERFERE WITH SOVIET EXERCISES BUT MAINTAIN A  
 POSITION ON THE PERIPHERY FOR OBSERVATION PURPOSES.

F. IF UNABLE TO ESTABLISH OR MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH SOVIET  
 UNITS WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS ARRIVAL TSUSHIMA STRAITS AREA, ADVISE  
 ORIG. IMMEDIATE PRECEDENCE.

G. PROVISIONS REF C APPLY REGARDING RULES OF ENGAGEMENT.  
 REF D APPLIES REGARDING CONDUCT IN EVENT OF HARASSMENT OR  
 INTIMIDATION BY FOREIGN UNITS.

H. INSTALLED DEFENSIVE ARMANENT SHOULD BE STOWED OR COVERED

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IN SUCH A MANNER AS TO NOT ELICIT UNUSUAL INTEREST FROM SURVEYING/  
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B. DIRNAVSECOP/DET INST 002531.1D

C. OPNAVINST 02531.4C

1. REF. INST. 002531.1E, NAVSECOP/DET EMPARKED USS PUEBLO (AGER 2) IS

TO CONDUCT AND REPORT ON DETACHMENT CRYPTOLOGIC OPERATIONS IN

3 B. SPECIFIC DETACHMENT TASKING IN SUPPORT OF FLEET

3 C. ANNUAL CRYPTOLOGIC OBJECTIVES WILL BE ISSUED SEPARATELY.

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- A. DENAVINST 02501.1E
- B. DIRNAVSECORHINST 002531.1D
- C. DENAVINST 02501.1C

1. REF UPON RECEIPT NAVSECORHDET EMBARKED USS PUEBLO (AGER 2)

TO CONDUCT AND SUPPORT OF DETACHMENT CRYPTOLOGIC OPERATIONS IN

AREAS AND B. SPECIFIC DETACHMENT TASKING IN SUPPORT OF FLEET

AND ADDITIONAL CRYPTOLOGIC OBJECTIVES WILL BE ISSUED SEPARATELY.

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A. COMMAND AND CONTROL RELATIONSHIPS PRESCRIBED BY NAVY  
 JOINT GENERAL ORDER, STAFF AND DIRECTIVE ARE APPLICABLE TO ALL  
 COMPONENTS OF NAVSECGRU.

B. MILITARY COMMAND IS EXERCISED BY COMMANDING OFFICER,  
 USS BUNDO.

C. OPERATIONAL AND MANAGEMENT CONTROL IS EXERCISED BY CNO  
 AND DELEGATED TO CINCPACFLT. DIRNAVSECGRU/AFAC WILL  
 EXERCISE SUCH CONTROL FOR CINCPACFLT.

D. SECURITY CONTROL AS DEFINED AND DISCUSSED IN ENCL (1)  
 OF REF C IS EXERCISED BY CNO.

E. TECHNICAL DIRECTION OVER SIGINT FUNCTIONS IS V [unclear]

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IN DIRNSA AND, IN GENERAL, IS EXERCISED THROUGH DIRNAVSECGRU  
 AND DIRNAVSECGRU/AFAC.

F. SIC, NAVSECGRUDET IS AUTH TO RELEASE MSGS AND SIGINT CORRESPONDENCE  
 PERTAINING TO NAVSECGRUDET WHICH PERTAINS TO DETACHMENT  
 OPERATIONS, PERSONNEL AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT MATTERS.

3. IF C, NAVSECGRUDET FEES SHOULD NOT BE EMPLOYED IN  
 SIGINT FUNCTIONS EXCEPT AS REQUIRED ON AN INTERIM BASIS

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