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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS SUMMARY IS BASED ENTIRELY ON SIGINT EXCEPT WHERE SOURCE IS OTHERWISE IDENTIFIED.

PART ONE-RESUME OF SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS.

BETWEEN 230310 AND 230323, THE USS PUEBLO - WHILE OPERATING IN THE SEA OF JAPAN - WAS APPROACHED BY A NORTH KOREAN SO-1 SUBMARINE CHASER AND THREE NORTH KOREAN P-4 MOTOR TORPEDO BOATS.
SIGINT evidence indicates that the USS Pueblo was at least 23 nautical miles from the Korean coast when this interdiction occurred. During the ensuing hour and a half, the Pueblo was boarded by the North Koreans while two NKAF fighters patrolled the area. By 0800, all North Korean tracking of the Pueblo and her escorts had ceased, and all evidence indicated that the captured U.S. vessel had been escorted to Wonsan.

While the Pueblo was under escort to Wonsan, NKAF Air Transport Battalion Li-2 flight activity was noted from Taechon Airfield to Wonsan and six hours later, on to Mirim-ni Airfield near P'yongyang in a timeframe suggesting that perhaps some of the crew or equipment of the Pueblo were aboard.

Since these events, no further and related activity has been noted.

(For details see: 3/0/KC/JR02-68, 231059Z and follow-ups thereto.)
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