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SIGINT REFLECTIONS OF NORTH KOREAN CAPTURE OF USS PUEBLO

NORTH KOREAN COMMUNICATIONS SUBSEQUENT TO THE CAPTURE OF THE USS PUEBLO ON 23 JANUARY 1968 HAVE REVEALED AN INCREASE IN NORTH KOREAN NAVY (NKNAV) PATROL ACTIVITY OFF THE COAST OF WONSAN (39-31N 127-26E) AND THE DEPARTURE OF AT LEAST ONE NORTH KOREAN AIR FORCE (NKAF) AIR TRANSPORT BATTALION (ATB) PROBABLE LI-2 FROM WONSAN APPARENTLY ENROUTE TO P'YONYANG'S MIRIM-NI AIRFIELD (39-12N 125-51E).

BETWEEN 2336Z AND 1130Z NKNAV SUBMARINE CHASER 35, PATROL BOAT 11, TORPEDO BOAT 604, AND PATROL BOAT NUMBERS 12, 13, AND POSSIBLY 21 WERE NOTED ACTIVE OFF THE COAST OF WONSAN.

ADDITIONALLY, AT 1350Z NKNAV PATROL BOAT NUMBER 12 REPORTED THAT IT WAS PREPARING FOR POSSIBLE COMBAT.

SIGINT BETWEEN 1337Z AND 1435Z FURTHER REVEALED THE DEPARTURE OF AT LEAST ONE ATB PROBABLE LI-2 FROM WONSAN PROBABLY ENROUTE TO P'YONYANG'S MIRIM-NI AIRFIELD. THE ATB TRANSPORT WAS ONE OF THOSE AIRCRAFT WHICH HAD EARLIER FLOWN TO WONSAN

FIRST THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN SO'NDO'K FROM TAECH'ON AIRFIELD, EVIDENTLY IN RELATION TO THE PUEBLO INCIDENT.
FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF NORTH KOREAN VESSELS THUS FAR INVOLVED IN ACTIVITIES SURROUNDING THE CAPTURE OF THE PUEBLO:

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