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SIGINT REFLECTIONS OF NORTH KOREAN CAPTURE OF USS PUEBLO

NORTH KOREAN NAVY (NKN) COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING NKN PATROL CRAFT POSITIONS REPORTS DURING THE TIME THAT THE USS PUEBLO WAS CAPTURED BY THESE CRAFT INDICATE THAT THE PUEBLO WAS APPROXIMATELY 23 NAUTICAL MILES FROM THE NORTH KOREAN COAST (39-23N 128-02E) AT THE TIME THAT IT WAS CAPTURED.

POSITION REPORTS PASSED BY SUBMARINE CHASER NUMBER 35 (IDENTIFIED BY THE PUEBLO AS THE NKN VESSEL WHICH FIRED ON HER)

WERE AS FOLLOWS:

- 0155Z 39-01N 128-11E
- 0227Z 39-11N 127-54E
- 0240Z 39-15N 128-00E
- 0300Z 39-25N 127-56E
- 0450Z 39-26N 128-02E

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AVAILABLE POSITION REPORTS WHICH WERE PASSED BY THE TORPEDO BOATS INVOLVED IN THE INCIDENT WERE AS FOLLOWS:

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0350Z 39-20N 127-41E
 0400Z 39-21N 127-53E
 0525Z 39-19N 127-57E
 0530Z 39-23N 127-50E

SIGINT
 BASED ON ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION THE PUEBLO WAS FIRST APPROACHED BY NKN VESSELS BETWEEN 230310Z-0323Z, WHEN POSITION REPORTS INDICATE THE NKN PATROL CRAFT WERE APPROXIMATELY 18NM AWAY FROM THE NEAREST NORTH KOREAN LAND MASS. BETWEEN 230425Z AND 0438Z SUBMARINE CHASER 35 WAS IN PROCESS OF FIRING ON THE PUEBLO. AT 0450Z SUBMARINE CHASER 35 PASSED A POSITION OF 39-26N 128-02E (APPROXIMATELY 23 NAUTICAL MILES FROM THE NEAREST NORTH KOREAN LAND MASS). IT WAS NOT UNTIL 0540Z THAT THE FIRST NKN RADAR TRACKING MESSAGE WAS PASSED ON THE PUEBLO RELACING HER AT 39-18N 128-05E WHEN THE SUBMARINE CHASER AND THE PATROL CRAFT WERE AT 39-21E 128-01E. THE TRACKS ON BOTH VESSELS MERGED AT AN APPROXIMATE POSITION OF 39-18N 127-59E AT 0610Z. ALL NKN RADAR TRACKING REPORTS CEASED AT 0800Z.

WHILE NKN RADAR TRACKING REPORTS MAY NOT BE ENTIRELY ACCURATE, THE POSITION REPORTS PASSED BY THE SUBMARINE CHASER AND THE PATROL CRAFT ~~LEAVE LITTLE DOUBT THAT THE PUEBLO WAS AT HIGH SEAS AT LEAST 23NM FROM THE COAST WHEN SHE WAS ATTACKED AND BOARDED.~~
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0155Z 39-01N 128-113
0227Z 39-11, 127-54E
0240Z 39-15N 128-00E
0300Z 39-25N 127-563
0450Z 39-26N 128-02E

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