Bill Branch and Staff Group Chiefs  

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Chief, JIL

Establishment of Bill PUEBLO Task Force

1. To accomplish an accurate and complete assessment of all SIGINT data pertaining to the PUEBLO incident itself and covering the period of the PUEBLO's operation off the coast of Korea between 15 - 23 January, I am establishing a Bill PUEBLO task force. The task force will be comprised of the following personnel:

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2. This group will be directly responsible to and will operate under the direction of [Personnel], who will act in my behalf for purposes of this review discussed below.

3. The Bill PUEBLO Task Force is charged with the responsibility of reviewing and formalizing in the form of a complete technical summary all SIGINT available for the period 15-23 January 1968.

4. To accomplish this objective the following procedures will apply:

a. Each analyst assigned to this task section will gather all raw traffic passed during this period, put it in date/time order within case and file it in a designated cabinet with all other similar problems.

b. All AC/BS, AC/BSM, MIR's, [Redacted] reports, tech memo, etc. which report anything during this period will also be gathered and filed in this cabinet in date/time order by originating station. To maintain section file continuity of these records will have to be duplicated.

c. After the above has been accomplished, the task force will review all data from each intercept site (e.g., AC/BSM, raw traffic, etc.) and complete a log of that information which was intercepted. Example follows.

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To insure receipt of all data, a cross check should be made of MTSWEG against raw traffic.

d. Another list should be compiled on all reports issued during the period (e.g. TIN's, TECH etc.).

e. After these lists have been compiled, each analyst will then review all traffic and compile a chronology of what this traffic contains in specific terms. Example follows:

1. The linguist assigned to the force will translate all voice traffic intercept which has not been translated, check all previously translated material, provide linguistic and analytic support to all other analysts and assist in writing the summaries.

5. In addition to the listings described above, a written integrated (service wide) narrative will be written for each day during the period in question. Paras 2, c and d above will be compiled and form the nucleus of a memorandum for the record to the Chief, BI, which will discuss the review in specific terms and possibly include a wrap-up report on reflections of the PUEBLO as depicted in SIGINT. This report can not be published until accompanied by the N/S.

6. Each analyst assigned to the task force has the authority to call upon any analyst in his section or in the division for traffic sorting, gathering of materials, etc; however the analyst himself will be responsible for the analysis performed on the assigned material.

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