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SUBJECT: TECHNICAL SURVEY OF U.S.S. PUEBLO CLASSIFIED
EQUIPMENTS AND MATERIALS UPON RECOVERY.

1. THE EXPOSURE & POTENTIAL COMPROMISE OF THE
CRYPTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENTS, SYSTEMS, & SIGINT MATERIALS
HELD BY THE U.S.S. PUEBLO IS OF UTMOST CONCERN TO THIS
AGENCY. WHILE COMPLETE COMPROMISE MUST BE ASSUMED AT
THIS POINT IN THE ABSENCE OF FURTHER INFORMATION, BELIEVE
IT ESSENTIAL THAT MOST EXPERT TECHNICAL PHYSICAL
EXAMINATION OF EQUIPMENT & MATERIALS BE UNDERTAKEN AS
SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER RECOVERY OF SHIP IF SUCH OCCURS.
IN ANTICIPATION OF THIS EVENTUALITY REQUEST ACTION BE
TAKEN TO INSURE THAT SENSITIVE SHIP COMPARTMENTS
PARTICULARLY THOSE HOLDING CRYPTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENTS &

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THOSE IN WHICH SIGINT OPERATIONS WERE CONDUCTED, ARE SECURED TO THE EXTENT FEASIBLE SO THAT ALL CLASSIFIED MATERIALS RECOVERED ARE POSITIVELY ISOLATED IN THE POSITION & CONDITION IN WHICH FOUND WHEN SHIP RETURNED TO US CUSTODY.

2. ~~US CRYPTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENTS, MATERIALS AND SECRET~~

~~TECHNICAL INFORMATION PLACED ABOARD THE SHIP ARE ALMOST~~

~~WHOLLY PRODUCTS OF EXTENSIVE NSA DEVELOPMENT AND~~

~~UNCLASSIFIED~~ [] IN VIEW OF THE ADVERSE

IMPACT OF THE PROBABLE COMPROMISE ON NATIONAL SIGINT OPERATIONS, TRANSCENDING INDIVIDUAL SERVICE AND GOVERNMENT AGENCY INTEREST, IT IS REQUESTED THAT APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE TO PERMIT TECHNICAL SURVEY BY A TEAM OF QUALIFIED PERSONNEL OF THIS AGENCY AT THE FIRST PORT OF CALL.

3. NOTHING IN THIS REQUEST SHOULD BE CONSTRUED TO CONFLICT WITH ACTIVITIES ESSENTIAL TO THE OPERATION AND SAFETY OF THE SHIP DURING ITS RETURN VOYAGE.

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4. IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT
QUALIFIED NSA TECHNICANS BE AFFORDED THE EARLIEST
OPPORTUNITY TO INTERROGATE ALL REPATRIATED U.S.S. PUEBLO
SIGINT PERSONNEL AND ANY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CREW AS
NECESSARY, IN ORDER TO GAIN AS MUCH INSIGHT AS POSSIBLE
REGARDING THE ACTUAL DISPOSITION OF THE CLASSIFIED
EQUIPMENTS AND MATERIALS HELD ABOARD THE SHIP AT THE
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