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TO: ADN *(handwritten mark)*

SUBJECT: PUEBLO

Since we must anticipate several encounters between the Director/Deputy Director and Congressional committees as well as other elements, within the Executive Branch upon completion of the PUEBLO Court of Inquiry and/or any subsequent military judicial procedures, it becomes essential that we be well prepared with all available facts at our disposal and speak with one voice. Many questions will undoubtedly be raised directed toward NSA involvement.

Attached is a list of questions which have been generated in-house with regard to the PUEBLO. Some are not directly related to the mission but may surface upon development of a particular area. It is requested that you develop answers to these questions for use in arriving at a single Agency response, i.e., the real answer, albeit embarrassing in some cases, succinct, supported by fact, and which you consider would unhesitatingly be acceptable to an extremely intelligent individual possessing an inordinate amount of common sense and a basic familiarity with SIGINT.

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A reply is requested prior to 25 February 1969.  
A copy of questions provided to ADP and ADC is  
also attached for information.

  
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- NSG 1. Did the rules specify that the Commander's first duty was to safeguard the sensitive equipment and documents? *N/*
- D321 2. Are authorities and responsibilities for the conduct of such activities adequately clear from your own viewpoint?
- 31/31 3. What steps to improve the spy ship business do you think need to be taken which are not presently under active consideration?
4. Do you think that this type of intelligence collection operation properly belongs to the military? After all, military conduct is a different breed of cat from this type of business, is it not?
- 31/32 5. Do you feel that the Soviets practice of using civilians and some military who are treated as civilians has merit?
- 321 6. What is the relationship of you and your Agency to the Military Departments, specifically the Service Cryptologic Agencies, and the Intelligence Agencies?
- 321 7. What is your command and control authority and responsibility over the worldwide SIGINT and COMSEC effort?
- 321 8. Where and how is the control over the different types of intercept facilities defined?
- 321 9. What are the specific differences in control between Navy fixed sites and shipborne platforms?
- D321 10. In what documents are these differences defined?
- 32 11. Did you agree with the concepts contained in JCS-506-67?
- 31/32 12. Did NSA play a role in determining the concept of operations for AGER's?

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31/32 13. Did the Trawler Operations paper which NSA forwarded to the Director of Naval Intelligence on 10 November 1965 apply to the Pueblo's operations?

31/32 14. Did you recommend any changes in the use of shipborne platforms as a result of the Liberty incident?

321 15. How did you decide what materials to supply to the Pueblo?

321 16. Did you make any effort to have material and equipment not directly related to the Pueblo's mission off-loaded before its departure from Sasebo?

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17. What actions were taken at NSA immediately after receipt of the first message telling of the Pueblo's distress?

11 18. When were you (ADN) informed and what actions did you take?

321 19. What procedures do you have for accounting for SIGINT materials?

321 20. Where are your rules documented?

321 21. Why does NSA require receipts, inventories, and destruction reports of CONFIDENTIAL COMSEC material but have no accountability for TOP SECRET SIGINT material?

321 22. What rules are there for reproducing, extracting, or making further distribution of SIGINT material furnished by NSA? Do you feel that the rules are adequate? If so, why? If not, why not?

322 23. Who issues the rules or guidelines about methods and priorities of destruction of COMSEC materials and equipment?

322 24. How many people in NSA are working on devising emergency destruction devices for equipment? S

322 25. What new equipment destruction techniques have you devised in the past ten years? S

322 26. Have you increased your efforts in this field since the Pueblo's capture, and if so, how?

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- 32/ 27. Does NSA prescribe rules about the method of destruction of SIGINT material or equipment?
- 32/ 28. Who decides the relative priority of destruction between SIGINT and COMSEC material and equipment?
- 32/ 29. Did NSA brief anyone aboard the Pueblo?
- 31/32 30. What were NSA's views when the SIGINT Trawler Program was proposed?
- 34 31. Do you have any way to compare the costs of getting usable intelligence from fixed sites, ships, planes, and satellites?
- 32/ 32. What changes in any procedures have you made as a direct result of the Pueblo affair?
- 33 33. What effect do you expect the Pueblo incident to have on our long range collaboration with 2nd and 3rd parties? Do you expect them to be more reluctant to share sensitive information with the U. S.? Have we assured them that corrective action is being taken to more adequately protect security type information?
- 32/ 34. Does NSA have the authority to exercise control of the classified material (SIGINT and other) carried aboard ships?
- 32/ 35. If the Navy has the control - does it have the competence to judge the material required to complete the SIGINT mission? What is NSA's responsibility in this regard for documents published by NSA?
- 32/ 36. As the SIGINT authority what is your responsibility for safeguarding SIGINT and COMSEC information throughout the government - specifically in the Navy?
- 32/ 37. What is NSA's role and authority in direct support missions?

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