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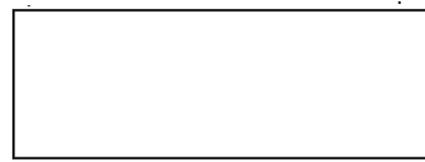
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INVESTIGATIONS

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THE PUEBLO

1. **Events leading up to incident**
  - a. **Scope of world-wide Comint Program (no. of ships, A/C, etc.)**
  - b. **Experience re harassment**
  - c. **Contingency plans to respond to harassment -- If none, why not practical**
  - d. **Rules of engagement and instructions re destruction of classified gear, scuttling of ship, reporting of hostile fire, return of fire, etc.**
  - e. **Approval of this voyage: purpose; previous trip in area, risk**
  - f. **Diary of voyage prior to incident**
  
2. **The incident**
  - a. **Text (ex. "leads) of all messages from the Pueblo; time and distribution**
  - b. **Plot of the area and action (how certain are we of location and "how")**
  - c. **Description of friendly and enemy craft**
  - d. **Reconstruction of events**
  - e. **Reaction forces available and reaction options**
  - f. **Evaluation of: 1) conduct and decisions of Pueblo Capt (did he wait too long in sending initial and follow-up messages; should he have asked for help, opened fire; scuttled ship, etc.) 4) decisions and response of higher cdr.**
  
3. **An appraisal of the "cost" of compromise of equipment and data -- how much was probably destroyed, "value" to NK's of remainder; action we are taking to minimize loss.**

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 (b) (3) - 50 USC 403  
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4. **The objective of the North Koreans**
  - a. **Summary of "harassing" incidents of recent months in relation to prior periods**
  - b. **Appraisal by National Board of Estimates**
  - c. **Forecast of NK action (release/hold ship; "blackmail", etc.)**
5. **US Response Options**
  - a. **Diplomatic thur: UN, Soviet Union; Armistice Commission; Special**
  - b. **Military: Seize equivalent NK asset; impose penalty (quarantine, small attack); show of force.**
6. **Organization of Government Task Force to follow**
7. **Prepare White Paper based on above**
8. **Lessons to apply to future and quality of skippers**

VI**1. The intelligence mission**

- a. Why was the Pueblo there?
- b. Why was she so close?

What degradation of the mission (which element -- how important is that element? What result from operating 25, 50, or 75 miles off the coast?

- c. What were the exact sailing orders and reference; that is, the exact sailing orders and other instruction in other forms which were made available to the skipper?

**2. The history of other operations.**

- a. Other U. S. activities.
- b. Soviet activities.
- c. The U-2 incident and its relationship.
- d. The Sidewinder incident.
- e. The Liberty.
- f. The RB-47
- g. The Iranian incident.
- h. The East Germany incident.

3. **The vessel and its personnel.**
  - a. **The description of the vessel and pictures.**
  - b. **List of crew and intelligence skills and knowledge.**
  - c. **Assessment of damage from the compromise of the personnel.**
  - d. **List of equipment, manuals, and keys and an assessment of compromise of these.**
  - e. **Description of the destructed equipment aboard the vessel**
  - f. **What other equipment was available which might have been aboard; i. e. , did we have the best available?**
  - g. **Appraisal of caliber of the Captain and the Executive Officer in relation to the possible damage if the mission was not handled in the best possible manner.**
4. **Contingency Plans.**
  - a. **For this voyage.**
  - b. **For other similar missions; i. e. , were the plans for the specific mission adequate?**
    - (1) **Notification of voyage to commanders who would be responsible for support in time of trouble.**
    - (2) **Air Force strip alert.**
5. **The incident,**
  - a. **Complete chronological sequence.**
  - b. **Full information on knowledge of the location of vessel.**

6. **Assessment of actions of the chain of command.**
7. **Form of report.**
  - a. **A detailed summary of the situation.**
  - b. **A statement for the Committee.**
  - c. **Response to questions.**
    - (1) **Prepare newspaper clip**
    - (2) **Summarize critical comment.**
8. **Sources of information.**
  - a. **NSA via Mr. Banner.**
  - b. **JCS - JRC - Joint Staff - Gen. Stokeley**
  - c. **John McPherson, Deputy Director, Joint Staff.**
  - d.  **ISA (thru , ISA).**
  - e. **Adm. Lemos - Mr.  office, ISA.**

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