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CHRONOLOGY OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN RESPONSE TO USS PUEBLO INCIDENT

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222345 CRITIC from COMNAVFORJAPAN received. The SNOO notified B group operations center who, in turn, began notifying key personnel from B1. At 230005 Gen. Carter, Gen. Morrison, Adm. Schulz, [redacted] (ADNSG), [redacted] and other P2 personnel were notified. At 230020 Gen. Morrison reported in followed very shortly by [redacted], [redacted] Mr. Leonard Bienvenu, Mr. Dick Harvey, K, Mr. Zaslow, [redacted] and Mr. Apollony of B, and the undersigned. At this time the duty officer at NSS advised that he had notified [redacted]

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230055 Gen. Morrison notified Dr. Tordella. [redacted] (S Duty Officer) called in.

230133 Gen. Carter called the Command Center and advised Gen. Morrison that he had just received a call from Mr. Walt[redacted] Rostow regarding the PUEBLO. Gen. Carter informed Gen. Morrison that Mr. Rostow wished to know what procedures were applicable in such instances. Gen. Carter told Mr. Rostow that there was a clear division of responsibility between NSA and the JCS in connection with such reconnaissance patrols. NSA provides technical guidance and support for the SIGINT collection mission; however, JCS (J-3) retains full responsibility for deployment of ship to include evaluation of physical risk factors. Therefore, it appeared that any action regarding the PUEBLO at this point was a matter of JCS cognizance (per Gen. Morrison).

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230115 (approx) [redacted] released an CI message (SMI 06206) to [redacted] advising them of the incident and requesting they report any reflections of the activity in accordance with established procedures.

(230200 ((approx)) COMSEVENTHFLT sent FLASH msg to CTG 70.8 and CTF 77 ordering USS ENTERPRISE and USS TRUXTON to 32-30N 127-30E.)

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230300 NSA (P2) sent OI message to [redacted] (ATTN: TECH LIBRARY) requesting listing of any classified documents sent directly or indirectly to the PUEBLO.

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230307 [redacted] (DTG 230742Z) "SIGINT READINESS BRAVO ESTABLISHED THIS HQ AND ALL SUBORDINATE STATIONS EFFECTIVE 230715Z BECAUSE OF NORTH KOREAN NAVAL REACTION TO U.S. SHIP OFF EAST COAST OF NORTH KOREA."

230315 [redacted] sent DTG 230754 (service message) which cancelled their 230742Z; in effect, cancelling their BRAVO declaration.

230320 In response to an earlier request from [redacted] [redacted] JRC, (230300) Gen. Morrison advised the Captain that, according to information available to NSA the PUEBLO departed YOKOSUKA for SASEBO on 4 Jan and subsequently departed SASEBO on 10 Jan for her patrol area. According to the "Sail orders" the PUEBLO was to sail under EMCON throughout her patrol until and if she encountered Soviet Naval Units in the Tsushima Straits area. Therefore, until the incident we had received no messages from the ship.

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230334 [redacted] DTG 230806Z establishes SIGINT READINESS ALPHA.

230335 JCS/JRC [redacted] requests NSA query appropriate stations for any reflectsion of PUEBLO presence since 3 Jan. (Message released OI by P2 (P2-171) at 230355Z to [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] and [redacted].

230410 [redacted] "KEYING MATERIAL FOR FEBRUARY CONSIDERED COMPROMISED."

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230430 All [redacted] reports on the incident were readdressed to O/COLL/INDIA, plus WHITE HOUSE.

230435 DIRNSA 230935 ESTABLISHES SIGINT READINESS ALPHA FOR NSA, [redacted] "DUE TO CAPTURE OF USS PUEBLO BY NORTH KOREAN NAVAL FORCES."

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230436 ✓ [redacted] (NFOIO) requested all information available [redacted] Appropriate G7 people were called in to take action.

230450 ✓ [redacted] ADNSG advises that NSG is taking action to determine names of all PUEBLO crew members and documents held aboard.

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230505 ✓ B11 sent request (B11-60 DTG 231005Z) to JCS/JRC for immediate and continuous ACRP cover off East Coast of Korea [redacted]. Targetting is to be against all NK service communications with maximum attention devoted to NK Naval HF and VHF R/T and [redacted] operations.

230559 ✓ B11 released a summary report 3/0/KCJ/R02-68, Subj: SIGINT REFLECTIONS OF NORTH KOREAN CAPTURE OF USS PUEBLO to OSCAR/TANGO NOVEMBER PLUS [redacted] and the WHITE HOUSE.

230600 ✓ (Approx) Flash message from ENTERPRISE (DTG 230831Z) (sent to NSA via LDX from NMCC) reports Soviet Trawler GIDROLOG harassing her at 32-54.5N 129-28E.

230605 ✓ (Approx) CINCPACFLT orders COMSEVENTHFLT to dispatch "support destroyer" to 12 mile limit off Wonsan and be prepared to engage in operations which may include towing PUEBLO and/or retrieval of PUEBLO crew, and to provide air cover.

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