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SIGINT REFLECTIONS OF UNIDENTIFIED VESSEL ACTIVITY OFF THE
NORTH KOREAN EAST COAST ON 22 JANUARY 1968

THE FOLLOWING SUMMARIZES SIGINT REFLECTIONS OF THE
MOVEMENT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED VESSEL OF UNIDENTIFIED
NATIONALITY OFF THE EAST COAST OF NORTH KOREA ON 22 JANUARY
1968. NO SIGINT REFLECTIONS HAVE BEEN NOTED IN NORTH KOREAN
COMMUNICATIONS PRIOR TO 220700Z WHICH CAN BE CORRELATED TO
THIS ACTIVITY.

AT APPROXIMATELY 220700Z THE NKM RADAR STATION AT
KALGOCH' I-R1 (39-19N 127-34E) BEGAN TRACKING AN UNIDENTIFIED
SHIP OF UNIDENTIFIED NATIONALITY AND PLACED HER POSITION AT
APPROXIMATELY 39-22N 128-10E. BETWEEN 220700Z AND 220730Z,

THE TRACKING REPORTS INDICATED THAT THE UNIDENTIFIED SHIP
MOVED SOUTH TO AN AREA BOUNDED BY APPROXIMATELY 39-19N AND
39-14N LATITUDE AND 128-04E LONGITUDE. SHE

REMAINED IN THIS AREA AND WAS TRACKED UNTIL SHE "DISAPPEARED"

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AT APPROXIMATELY 220900Z, THE KUKCHI-BONG RADAR STATION
(38-42N 128-17E) BEGAN TRACKING THE SAME UNIDENTIFIED SHIP
IN THE SAME GENERAL AREA. THE SHIP REMAINED IN THAT AREA
UNTIL AT LEAST 221530Z.

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DURING THE PERIOD 220700Z TO 220755Z THERE WERE SEVERAL
TRACKING REPORTS OF NORTH KOREAN FISHING BOATS IN THE SAME
GENERAL AREA. ONE OF THESE FISHING BOATS WAS REFLECTED
HEADING BACK TOWARD SHORE BETWEEN 220700Z AND 220920Z AND

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"DISAPPEARED" AT APPROXIMATELY 39-43N 128-05E. ALSO,
ANOTHER UNIDENTIFIED VESSEL WAS REFLECTED IN THE SAME
GENERAL AREA MOVING FROM 39-13N 128-18E AT 221210Z TO

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39-18N 128-14E AT 221235Z. FINALLY, THERE WERE NKN
TRACKINGS OF AN NKN PATROL CRAFT WHICH MOVED FROM
39-16N 127-43E AT 220800Z TO 39-04N 127-59E AT 221000Z.

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BETWEEN 221018Z AND 1055Z AS MANY AS SIX NORTH KOREAN
AIR FORCE (NKAF) 2ND FIGHTER DIVISION MIG-17'S WERE ALSO
ACTIVE OVER THE TONGJOSO'N BAY NEAR THE AREA WHERE THE
ABOVE MENTIONED UNIDENTIFIED VESSEL ACTIVITY WAS BEING

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TRACKED BY NKN RADAR. THE TIME FRAME AND AREA OF THE
2ND DIVISION ACTIVITY SUGGESTS THAT IT MAY HAVE BEEN

RELATED TO NORTH KOREAN NAVY TRACKING OF THE UNIDENTIFIED

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NOT CONTAIN ANY REFERENCES TO SURFACE VESSELS, SEARCH
ACTIVITY, OR REFERENCES WHICH WOULD INDICATE THAT THESE

FLIGHTS WERE RECONNOITERING THE UNIDENTIFIED VESSEL.

FROM 221930Z TO 222300Z KUKCHI-BONG RADAR STATION

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AGAIN REFLECTED THE TRACK OF AN UNIDENTIFIED VESSEL MOVING
VERY SLOWLY FROM 39-14N 128-17E TO 39-12N 128-21E. THIS

VESSEL WAS SUBSEQUENTLY TRACKED AS FOLLOWS:

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222330Z 39-10N 128-21E
22400Z 39-12N 128-15E
230100Z 39-15N 128-12E

COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THE NKN TRACKING REPORTS COVER THE SAME

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GENERAL AREA WHERE, ACCORDING TO HER OWN POSITION REPORTS,
THE USS PUEBLO WAS OPERATING ON THAT DATE, SIGINT PROVIDES

NO EVIDENCE THAT THE ABOVE MENTIONED UNIDENTIFIED VESSEL

WAS THE U.S.S. PUEBLO.

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