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Dear Mr. Greenwald:

This responds to your request of 26 March 2018 to have "Secondary Mission (SIGINT) and Mission Objectives of USS Pueblo" reviewed for declassification. The material has been reviewed under the Mandatory Declassification Review (MDR) requirements of Executive Order (E.O.) 13526 and is enclosed. We have determined that some of the information in the material requires protection.

Some portions deleted from the document were found to be currently and properly classified in accordance with E.O. 13526. The information denied meets the criteria for classification as set forth in Section 1.4 subparagraph (c), and remains classified SECRET as provided in Section 1.2 of E.O. 13526. The withheld information is exempt from automatic declassification in accordance with Section 3.3(h)(2) of the Executive Order. Section 3.5 (c) of E.O. 13526.

In addition, information related to NSA/CSS functions and activities is exempt from release in accordance with the provisions of Section 6, Public Law 86-36 (50 U.S. Code 3605, formerly 50 U.S. Code 402 note).

Since your request for declassification has been denied you are hereby advised of this Agency's appeal procedures. Any person denied access to information may file an appeal to the NSA/CSS MDR Appeal Authority. The appeal must be postmarked no later than 60 calendar days after the date of the denial letter. The appeal shall be in writing addressed to the NSA/CSS MDR Appeal Authority (P133), National Security Agency, 9800 Savage Road, STE 6881, Fort George G. Meade, MD 20755-6881. The appeal shall reference the initial denial of access and shall contain, in sufficient detail and particularity, the grounds upon which the requester believes the release of information is required. The NSA/CSS MDR Appeal Authority will endeavor to respond to the appeal within 60 working days after receipt of the appeal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JD', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

JOSEPH DEMATTEI
Chief
Declassification Services

Encl:
a/s

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VIII

SECONDARY MISSION (SIGINT)
AND
MISSION OBJECTIVES
OF
USS PUEBLO

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1. The secondary mission and mission objectives were contained in DIRNSA KL2/1266 DTG 292017Z DEC 67.

2. SIGINT MISSION. The secondary mission (SIGINT) was based on National collection requirements and was submitted by DIRNSA for collection on a not-to-interfere basis. The SIGINT mission was to search for and record any signals emanating from North Korea that would be associated with [redacted] intercept and DF communications in the UHF range and to apply a general collection effort against North Korean Army (NKA), North Korean Navy (NKN), and North Korean Air Force (NKAF) communications. The purpose of the mission was to permit establishment of a data base and to determine the location of certain emitters intercepted. Further, in view of the decline of North Korean communications in the VHF range and below, and unlikely reliance on landline communications, the mission will aid in determining the extent of the use of [redacted]

3. SPECIFIC MISSION OBJECTIVES.

A. COMINT:

[redacted]

(2) Search for signals in the UHF range of [redacted] and attempt to fix accurately the location of signals received.

(3) Cover the North Korean Air voice net designated KCAS U5021 [redacted] utilizing the portable clear speech equipments designated RI05, RI08, [redacted] a combination voice/teletype equipment.

(4) Cover North Korean Army voice [redacted] Intercept all NKA single channel voice communications to include coastal artillery activity which utilizes the portable clear speech equipments RI05, RI08, 702 and 308.

[redacted]

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(6) Cover North Korean Navy voice on [redacted] Intercept all NKN single channel voice communications to include ship - ship and ship - shore communications transmitted on the RL05, RL08, 702, or 308 equipments.

[redacted]

(8) Establish a general search for North Korean Army and Navy usage of VHF communications by units located along the eastern coast of Korea.

B. ELINT:

priorities:

(1) Search for ELINT signals of the following signal/class

- (a) New/unusual/unidentified signals.
- (b) Unconfirmed (Temporary Notations) signals.
- (c) Landbased/shipborne/airborne radars.

(2) Attempt to visually correlate airborne/shipborne signals with emitter platform. Obtain DF bearings and attempt to determine locations of all landbased emitters heard.

(3) Search for [redacted] associated emitters such as [redacted] (B323L), the [redacted] (B330Z), and [redacted] (G302Z). These signals emanate from within 10 nm radius of 38-42N and 128-17E.

(4) Search for the surface search radar [redacted] (C306A) associated with [redacted]

(5) Search for the [redacted] [redacted] (C314Z)

(6) Search all coastal areas for [redacted] F309Z [redacted] to determine locations.

(7) Search all coastal areas for [redacted] signal designated A312Z [redacted]

(8) Follow recording, reporting, and forwarding procedures as contained in TECHINS 1302.