FROM: CJCS
TO: CINCPAC

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1. THIS MESSAGE RELATES TO ACTIONS STEMMING FROM THE PUEBLO INCIDENT AND CONTAINS INFORMATION WHICH IS EXTREMELY SENSITIVE AT THIS TIME. THERE IS NO OBJECTION TO YOUR DISCUSSING ITS CONTENTS WITH YOUR MAJOR SUBORDINATE COMMANDERS AND INITIATING THOSE STAFF ACTIONS REQUIRED SO LONG AS BOTH THE INFORMATION DISSEMINATED AND THE ACTIONS TAKEN WILL NOT RESULT IN PUBLIC DISCLOSURE.

2. THE ADMINISTRATION IS CURRENTLY FOCUSING ON DIPLOMATIC ACTIONS TO OBTAIN RETURN OF THE PUEBLO AND HER CREW. THESE ACTIONS ARE NUMEROUS AND SOME ARE IN THE STUDY STAGE; THEREFORE, I WILL NOT DETAIL THEM TO YOU. IN THIS CONNECTION, HOWEVER, YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT THE HIGHEST AUTHORITY DOES NOT DESIRE TO CREATE
OBSTACLES TO A DIPLOMATIC SOLUTION BY FACING THE NORTH KOREANS AND THE SOVIETS WITH AN ULTIMATUM OR WITH MILITARY ACTIONS WHICH COULD BE CONSTRUED AS A PRELUDE TO AN ULTIMATUM. MOREOVER, THERE ARE DOMESTIC POLITICAL PROBLEMS WHICH MUST BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN PURSUING BOTH DIPLOMATIC AND MILITARY ACTIONS.

3. DECISIONS HAVE BEEN MADE ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:

A. TO PLACE IN SOUTH KOREA OR IN CONTIGUOUS WATERS APPROXIMATELY 300 US TACTICAL AIRCRAFT. THESE WILL INCLUDE FOR THE TIME BEING ENTERPRISE AND KITTY HAWK WHEN SHE COMES OFF STATION TOMORROW. MOVEMENT OF AIRFORCE TACTICAL AIR UNITS IS DEFERRED FOR THE TIME BEING.

B. TO DIVERT 10,000 TONS OF AIR MUNITIONS FROM THE PIPELINE TO SOUTH VIETNAM TO KOREA. THE SOUTHEAST ASIA PIPELINE WILL BE REIMBURSED THIS QUANTITY.

C. TO CALL UP AIR NATIONAL GUARD, AIR RESERVE AND NAVAL AIR RESERVE UNITS, TOTALLING _
SOME 372 AIRCRAFT OF ALL TYPES.

D. TO DIVERT TO KOREA CERTAIN BULLPUP, SHRIKE, WALLEYE, FALCON, SPARROW AND SIDEWINDER ASSETS, OTHERS TO BE DETERMINED.

E. IN ADDITION TO NAVAL TASK GROUP 70.6, TO DEPLOY TO KOREAN WATERS A FORCE OF ABOUT NINE SURVEILLANCE AND ATTACK SUBMARINES.

F. TO REQUEST AUTHORITY TO MOVE FROM CONUS 15 B-52DS TO OKINAWA 11 B-52DS TO GUAM AND APPROPRIATE TANKER SUPPORT.

G. TO REQUEST AN INCREASE OF ABOUT 8,500 MEN IN ARMY FORCES KOREA TO RAISE THE US MANNING LEVEL TO ABOUT 90 PERCENT OF THE TABLES OF ORGANIZATION.

H. TO ESTABLISH A DRONE RECONNAISSANCE CAPABILITY UTILIZING KADENA AND SOUTH KOREA.

I. TO EXAMINE REQUIREMENT FOR ADDITIONAL HELICOPTER ASSETS IN KOREA AND ASCERTAIN, IF REQUIRED, THE SOURCE OF HELICOPTERS AND CREWS.
4. In addition to the above approval, approval in principle, or recommended actions, the JCS are examining urgently various military actions which we might take against North Korea, if directed. Frankly, the range of actions possible is not great. For example, we are examining a possible mining or a combination of air strikes and mining of Wonsan Harbor; a repetition of the Pueblo mission using Banner with appropriate naval and air protection. We are, of course, planning to fly Black Shield reconnaissance asap, to be followed by drone reconnaissance when operationally feasible. If you have any proposals as to actions we might take, I would appreciate having them. In addition, I would welcome your views concerning command relationships and operational control in the area. I will keep you informed of developments to include the decision of higher authority for the actual movement of units to Korea. GP 1