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Pueblo Chronology 180

WASHINGTON AP - The Pentagon has released this chronology of the seizure Tuesday of the USS Pueblo by North Korean naval units in the Sea of Japan. All times given are Eastern standard.

-10 p.m.: The Pueblo was approached by a North Korean patrol boat, asked to identify her nationality and then told: "Heave to or I will open fire on you." The Pueblo replied: "I am in international waters."

-10:15 p.m.-11 p.m. approximate : The patrol boat circled the U.S. ship.

-11 p.m. approximate : Three additional North Korean patrol boats approached and took up positions off the Pueblo's bow, beam and quarter. One Communist ship messaged: "Follow in my wake; I have a pilot aboard." Two MIG jet fighters were sighted circling off the Pueblo's starboard bow.

-11:15 p.m.-11:45 p.m. approximate : One of the patrol craft backed toward the Pueblo with fenders rigged-an armed boarding party standing on the bow.

-11:45 p.m.: Pueblo radioed she was being boarded by North Koreans.

-12:10 a.m.: Pueblo reported she had been requested to follow the North Korean ships into the port of Wonsan and that she had not used weapons.

-12:32 a.m.: The Pueblo's radio operator reported the ship had come to "all stop" and was "going off the air."

-2 a.m.: President Johnson was awakened by aides as reports of the incident reached the Pentagon and State Department.

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