

DELAY IS FORESEEN ON PUEBLO'S CREW

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SEOUL, South Korea, Feb. 23 —The South Korean intelligence authorities estimate that North Korea will hold the 82 crewmen of the captured American intelligence ship Pueblo for two months more and possibly longer in order to extract as much information as possible.

The estimate is based on expert knowledge of interrogation techniques and on political developments in Pyongyang, the North Korean capital, since the vessel was captured by North Korean patrol craft on Jan. 23.

From their own experience with Communist prisoners and defectors from the North, the South Koreans calculate that it takes up to six months of continual interrogation before the possibility of getting more information from a prisoner is exhausted.

The large number of captives, including naval officers, scientists and technicians with highly specialized skills, indicates the extent of the interrogation task, the authorities explained.