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"It was on Jan. 16, 1968, that we entered the coastal waters of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea via the Soviet maritime province.

In accordance with the instructions we had received, my ship was on the utmost alert and observed and ascertained the depth of water, current, water temperature, sea basin, salt density and water transparency of the territorial waters of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea with radar and various kinds of observatory instruments in a clandestine manner at Chongjin, Wonsan and several other points, and detected the radar network, accommodation capacities of the ports, the number of the incoming and outgoing vessels and maneuverability of the naval vessels of the Korean People's Army.

"Furthermore we spied on various military installations and the distribution of industries and the deployment of armed forces along the east coast areas and sailed up to the point 7.6 miles off Rodo when the navy patrol crafts of the Korean People's Army appeared.

"We were on the alert instantly and tried to escape, firing at the navy patrol crafts of the People's Army.

"But the situation became more dangerous for us and thus one of my men was killed, another heavily wounded and two others lightly wounded.

"We had no way out, and were captured by the navy patrol crafts of the People's Army.

"Having been captured now, I say frankly that our act was a criminal act which flagrantly violated the armistice agreement, and it was a sheer act of aggression.

I have no excuse whatsoever for my criminal act as my ship intruded deep into the territorial waters of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and was captured by the naval patrol crafts of the Korean People's Army in their self-defense action while conducting the criminal espionage activities.

My crime committed by me and my men is entirely indelible. I and my crew have perpetrated such a grave criminal act, but our parents and wives and children at home are anxiously waiting for us to return home in safety.

Therefore, we only hope, and it is the greatest desire of myself and all my crew, that we will be forgiven leniently by the government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

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