New Report On Pueblo's Position

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The National Broadcasting Company displayed on television yesterday what it said was a copy of a page from the log of the USS Pueblo, placing the American intelligence ship 7.6 miles from the North Korean coast on the day she was captured.

The vessel was seized January 23 by the North Koreans, who said she had violated the 12-mile limit of their territorial waters.

Negotiations for the release of her 82 crewmen have been going on unsuccessfully for months.

The purported copy from the ship's log was shown on NBC's Huntley-Brinkley network news report. The document was said to have been obtained from "North Korean sources."

Dated the day the Pueblo was captured, the document showed the ship at 39 degrees, 30 minutes north latitude, and 128 degrees east longitude — or 7.6 miles from the North Korean coast, NBC said.

The United States has officially maintained that the Pueblo never penetrated the

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official North Korean 12-mile limit, but former Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara said on a national television program in February that the ship was under radio silence for some days before it was seized and may have strayed into north Korean waters.