

Pueblo Called Unequipped To Destroy Secret Gear

The United States intelligence vessel Pueblo did not have explosives to destroy secret equipment, a report in the Jan. 13 issue of Newsweek magazine says.

The report says the ship's crew tried to smash the communications and electronic gear with axes or dump it overboard before the ship's capture off the North Korean coast last January.

Most of the secret documents were put in weighted canvas bags with holes in them to insure they would sink when dumped overboard, the report says. Not all secret material was disposed of before the capture, it adds.

The magazine also reports that two of the ship's crewmen tried to commit suicide during their 11-month captivity in North Korea.