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WASHINGTON AP - There are indications at least one high Pentagon official has leaked highly classified information about the Pueblo to right-wing extremist organizations, according to Sen. Stephen M. Young.

"It is obvious that many facts concerning the Pueblo incident were furnished to these right-wing publications prior to the time they were revealed to the Naval Board of Inquiry investigating the affair," Young told the Senate Thursday.

The Ohio Democrat said if the leaks about the spy ship continue he will ask for a probe by the Senate Armed Services Committee, of which he is a member.

To support his claim, Young said the Rev. Paul D. Lindstrom called a news conference in Chicago last Dec. 21 to report the United States and North Korea had come to terms for the release of the Pueblo crew.

The official announcement, Young noted, was not made until the next day.

The senator said Lindstrom refused to reveal how he obtained the information but reported it came from "a good source" in Washington.

Young identified Lindstrom as proprietor of the Church of Christian Liberty in Chicago and chairman of the Remember the Pueblo Committee, which the senator said is tied to the Liberty Lobby.

In an August edition of the Washington Observer, Young said, it was reported that Cndr. Lloyd Bucher's written request for self-destruct mechanisms was refused. He said this was also reported in columns by Tom Anderson, who he said is a found of the John Birch Society.

"It is clear that they receive their advance information from right-wing sympathizers holding sensitive jobs in the Defense Department," Young contended.

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