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LLOYD BUCHER 'It is a test'

Bucher Calls For Quick Response

Washington

Lloyd Bucher, skipper of the ill-fated U.S. spy ship Pueblo, called yesterday for swift reaction to seizure of an American merchant ship by a Cambodian naval vessel.

"It is a test," he said.

"Our reaction has to be positive and swift. Retaliation of some sort should be expeditiously applied. Dispatch the necessary people and material to that area immediately and return the ship without fail and the people on board."

Bucher was imprisoned by North Korea after seizure of his intelligence ship in 1968. The former Navy commander retired in 1973 after returning to the United States.

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