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INTERVIEW CONGRESSMAN FINLEY

JIM CONWAY: Well, Congressman, it's been rumored, actually told in the Allan Scott Report just recently, that they did attempt to repel and that the lines of communication - the lines of command - between the specific surveillance ships and the fleet have been somewhat obscured by the Defense Department. In other words, the lines may go to either CIA or the National Security Council. Have you heard any rumors of that?

CONGRESSMAN PAUL FINLEY: Well, I have heard such rumors and I guess they must be labeled as rumors. As I say, there are a lot of facts about it that are not clear. But the overriding facts are that a ship carrying the United States Flag, a U.S. Naval Vessel, was taken and was taken into an unfriendly harbor and its men put under the control of the local government. These facts alone would have brought about a quick, decisive, response on the part of the United States just a bare 2 or 3 years ago, but they brought nothing but talk in this instance. Now, I say that not in criticism of what we've done here but simply to show the change in response which occurred within a very brief span of years.