

A Chinese View Of Ship Incident

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Chinese first vice premier Teng Hsiao-ping said yesterday China could do nothing if U.S. forces intervened in Cambodia to free the captured freighter Mayaguez.

"There is nothing China could do," he told newsmen at the Elysee Presidential Palace when asked about possible Chinese reaction to a U.S. military intervention in Cambodia.

Grim-faced and uncom-

municative, Teng answered newsmen's questions curtly before entering a waiting limousine for the short ride back to his Hôtel Matignon residence. He would not elaborate on his statement.

Teng, who ranks third in Peking behind Chairman Mao Tse-tung and Premier Chou En-lai, said he had no information to confirm reports that China would mediate the quarrel between Washington and Khmer-Rouge forces in Cambodia.

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