

Schlesinger View

Washington

Defense Secretary James R. Schlesinger described yesterday the military foray with Cambodia as "an eminently successful operation incorporating the judicious and effective use of American force for purposes that were necessary for the well-being of this society."

The military rescue of the freighter Mayaguez and

crew "represents a much needed and timely reaffirmation of the freedom of the seas," he said at a press conference, adding:

"Moreover, it represents a firm and measured response to the high-handed and crude use of force. To countenance such an act would mean the weakening of international order and civilized communication."