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Gulf of Tonkin Resolution Is Repealed Without Furor

SAN CLEMENTE, Calif., Jan. 14 (UPI)—The Gulf of Tonkin Resolution, regarded by President Lyndon B. Johnson as his authorization for United States intervention in Southeast Asia, has been repealed without any of the controversy it once stirred.

President Nixon signed legislation yesterday that included repeal of the 1964 resolution. The repeal measure was added to a \$200-million bill authorizing easy credit sales of United States arms to foreign allies.

Mr. Nixon agreed last year to repeal because he felt that the only authority he needed to fight in Southeast Asia was his authority as commander in chief to protect the United States forces there.

The resolution gave the executive branch permission to "take all necessary steps, including the use of armed forces" to protect American forces in Vietnam and to aid South Vietnam and other United States allies in Indochina.