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# CAMBODIAN DRIVE HURT U.S. PRESTIGE

## Polls Taken by U.S.I.A. Find Drop in 7 of 8 Countries

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 9—An official opinion poll commissioned by the United States Information Agency in Europe and Asia disclosed that confidence in the United States declined significantly overseas as a result of the two-month American ground operation in Cambodia.

Parts of this classified document were made available to The New York Times today by Representative Allard K. Lowenstein, Democrat of Nassau, "after much careful deliberation of the consequences."

The polls were taken in late June—shortly before the withdrawal of all United States troops from Cambodia—West Germany, France, Britain, Sweden, India, Japan, the Philippines and Australia. The agency, which has been sponsoring overseas polls at least since the nineteen-fifties, considers the samplings to be as trustworthy as the Gallup or Harris polls in this country.

According to Mr. Lowenstein, the agency refused on several occasions to give him a copy of the document. Now, he said, it has been made available to him by a source within the executive branch.

### 2 Questions Cited

Mr. Lowenstein made available the answers to two questions, which asked foreign citizens whether their confidence in the United States had increased or decreased as a result of the Cambodian action and if they approved or disapproved of United States policy in Southeast Asia.

Only in the Philippines did the polls find confidence in the United States increased. And only in that country and in Australia did more people approve of the United States policy in Southeast Asia than disapproved of it.

Both Australia and the Philippines have been allies of the United States in Vietnam and have had military personnel there. The Filipino engineer units, which cost the Pentagon \$3.6-million for additional pay, returned home last year.

Representative Lowenstein, a vigorous critic of the Cambodian action and long-time antiwar leader, said he was making the classified information public because he believed the American people had the right to know and base their judgements on such information.

### Agency Won't Comment

A spokesman for the Information Agency said that the poll was classified and he could not therefore comment about it. "If Mr. Lowenstein wants to release it, then it is his responsibility," Edward Weintal, special consultant to the director, said.

According to sources within the agency, the United States feels it might embarrass host countries if the results of polls were known. A review of the necessity for secret polls is also said to be under way, with the possibility they might be discontinued.

Representative Lowenstein said he decided to make public parts of the classified polls at this time for two reasons: the continuing statements by President Nixon and other members of Administration that the Cambodian operation had bolstered confidence in the United States abroad and the use of secret negotiations by the Administration to continue its operation of military bases in Spain.

In his television announcement on April 30 of the drive by United States troops into Cambodia, President Nixon said that if the United States did not act its credibility "would be destroyed in every area of the world where only the power of the United States deters aggression."

The President also indicated in an interview with newsmen from the three major networks on July 1 that Southeast Asia countries had been bolstered by the American move.

"Now the truth of the matter is that this Administration has taken polls in regard to our prestige after Cambodia," Mr. Lowenstein declared today. "They show very clearly that we have taken a great loss in the confidence other countries have in us."

The two questions made public by Representative Lowenstein today were: "Has your confidence in the United States gone up or down in the last month or two?" and "All things considered, do you approve or disapprove of United States actions in all of Vietnam?"

Country	Confidence	
	Up	Down
West Germany	4	27
France	5	29
Britain	6	27
Sweden	3	58
Philippines	26	24
India	12	22
Australia	14	26
Japan	3	58

On the second question of general approval:

	Approve		Disapprove	
	Percentage	Percentage	Percentage	Percentage
West Germany	22	52		
France	12	51		
Britain	29	38		
Sweden	8	72		
Philippines	45	24		
India	16	43		
Australia	43	27		
Japan	7	43		