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United States Ambassador George Bush formally notified the United Nations Security Council last night of President Nixon's order for the interdiction of sea approaches to North Vietnam.

He did so in a two page, 500-word letter sent to U.N. headquarters within an hour after the President announced the order in a nationally broadcast speech. Bush enclosed the text of the address.

Bush wrote the letter as head of the U.S. mission and addressed it to himself as president of the Security Council for May.

He said he was writing in line with Article 51 of the U.N. charter, which requires that any U.N. member exercising the right of self defense shall report the fact immediately to the Security Council.

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