

94<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
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## H. RES. 529

# RESOLUTION

Directing the President to furnish to the House of Representatives, within ten days of the adoption of this resolution, information concerning the seizure of the United States merchant ship Mayaguez and its crew, and subsequent efforts to release them.

By Mr. HARRINGTON, Mr. JOHN L. BURTON, Mr. CARR, Mr. BEDELL, Mr. BRODHEAD, Mr. BROWN of California, Mrs. CHISHOLM, Mr. CLAY, Mr. DELUMS, Mr. DOWNEY of New York, Mr. DRINAN, Mr. HECHLER of West Virginia, Ms. HOLTZMAN, Mrs. MEYNER, Mr. MIKVA, Mr. MILLER of California, Mr. MITCHELL of Maryland, Mr. MOFFETT, Mr. MOSS, Mr. OTTINGER, Mr. PATTON of New York, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. RICHMOND, Mr. RIEGLE, and Mr. ROYBAL

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## RESOLUTION

1        *Resolved*, That the President is hereby directed to fur-

2        nish to the House of Representatives, within ten days of the

3        adoption of this resolution, the following information:

4        1. What was the exact sequence of communications,

5        meetings, consultations, diplomatic initiatives, and military

6        actions carried out by the United States in response to Cam-

7        bodia's seizure of the United States merchant ship Mayaguez

8        and its crew? What communications, diplomatic responses

9        and initiatives, and military actions are known to have been

10       carried out by Cambodia and other parties with respect to

1 the seizure of the Mayaguez and its crew and subsequent  
2 efforts to release them?

3 2. What specific diplomatic options were considered by  
4 the National Security Council in seeking the release of the  
5 Mayaguez and its crew?

6 3. What specific military options were considered by the  
7 National Security Council in seeking the release of the  
8 Mayaguez and its crew?

9 4. What consultations were carried out between the  
10 President and the Congress, pursuant to section 3 of the  
11 War Powers Resolution, prior to the deployment of United  
12 States Armed Forces to secure the release of the Mayaguez  
13 and its crew?

14 5. What orders, if any, had been issued to the United  
15 States Armed Forces with respect to the Mayaguez incident  
16 before the Secretary General of the United Nations was  
17 asked to give diplomatic assistance?

18 6. What was the nature and source of information  
19 regarding the location of the Mayaguez crew which was  
20 available to the President immediately prior to the deploy-  
21 ment of United States ground troops on Koh Tang Island?

22 7. Were United States air strikes carried out against  
23 targets on the Cambodian mainland after the Mayaguez crew  
24 had been released?

25 8. If known, what was the exact position and course of

1 the Mayaguez when it was seized in relation to the island  
2 Poulo Wai?

3 9. What United States intelligence gathering activities,  
4 if any, were conducted in or over or from off the shores of  
5 Cambodia subsequent to the Khmer Rouge takeover in  
6 April 1975, and prior to the seizure of the Mayaguez? Were  
7 any such activities known to have been detected or termi-  
8 nated by Cambodia? How did the United States acquire a  
9 photograph of Koh Tang Island dated April 17, 1975,  
10 which was displayed at a Defense Department briefing dur-  
11 ing the Mayaguez incident?

12 10. What covert actions, if any, were undertaken by the  
13 United States, either directly or indirectly, to disrupt, desta-  
14 bilize, or otherwise interfere in the internal affairs of Cam-  
15 bodia subsequent to the Khmer Rouge takeover in April  
16 1975, and prior to the seizure of the Mayaguez? Were any  
17 such actions known to have been detected or terminated by  
18 Cambodia? If so and if known, in what manner were they  
19 detected or terminated?

20 11. What warning, if any, was issued to the United  
21 States merchant marine prior to the seizure of the Mayaguez  
22 regarding Cambodia's interception and harassment of vessels  
23 traveling near its shores, including Cambodia's attack on a  
24 South Korean freighter on May 4, 1975, and its detaining  
25 of a Panamanian ship on May 7, 1975?

1       12. Under the authority of what law superceding the  
2 statutory prohibitions against United States combat activity in  
3 or over or from off the shores of Cambodia were United States  
4 Armed Forces used to secure the release of the Mayaguez  
5 and its crew?

6       13. What communications have occurred to date be-  
7 tween the United States and Thailand regarding the use of  
8 Thai territory in conjunction with the United States military  
9 action to secure the release of the Mayaguez and its crew?

10       14. What steps were taken to insure the accuracy of the  
11 various announced casualty figures relating to the Mayaguez  
12 rescue operation?