

29 House Democrats Seek Mayaguez Data From Ford

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Twenty-nine democratic members of Congress yesterday urged the House to send President Ford a formal request for an account of the freeing of the American merchant ship Mayaguez from her Cambodian captors.

The resolution of inquiry, if the House approves it, would be simply a request to the President, not a demand.

In a joint statement the group said, "the United States' reaction to the ship's seizure resulted in a number of combat casualties and left a great many questions as to the timing, nature and scope of the rescue operation.

"We believe that Congress should look closely at this incident, not only to clear up confusion as to what happened, but to evaluate the decision-making process and to determine how such situations might be handled better in the future."

The resolution would ask the President to tell the House what happened, what diplomatic contacts were made, to what extent he consulted members of Congress, what intelligence reports were used for the military action that recaptured the ship, and the extent of American intelligence in Cambodia after the Communists' takeover there.

The signers, all Democrats, were Reps. John L. Burton, George E. Brown Jr., Ronald

V. Dellums, George Miller, John E. Moss, Edward R. Roybal, Fortney H. Stark, and Charles H. Wilson of California; Michael J. Harrington and Robert F. Drinan of Massachusetts; Bob Carr, William M. Brodhead, and Donald W. Riegle Jr. of Michigan.

Also Reps. Berkley Bedell of Iowa; Shirley Chisolm, Thomas J. Downey, Elizabeth Holtzman, Richard L. Ot-

tinger, Edward W. Pattison, Charles B. Rangel and Frederick W. Richmond of New York; William Clay of Missouri; Ken Hechler of West Virginia; Helen S. Meyner of New Jersey; Abner J. Mikva of Illinois; Parren J. Mitchell of Maryland; Anthony Toby Moffett of Connecticut; Andrew Young of Georgia and Patricia Schroeder of Colorado.