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Rescue Cost Of Mayaguez \$9.5 Million

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The rescue of the cargo ship Mayaguez and its 39-man crew from Cambodia last month cost the United States \$9.5 million, according to Defense Department figures released by the House Appropriations Committee.

The Defense Department said three Air Force helicopters worth \$6.3 million were shot down, air and sea operations cost \$1.9 million, Air Force operations and transportation cost \$800,000, and \$500,000 worth of bombs and ammunition was used.

The Appropriations Committee requested the information as a supplement to a May 15 briefing by Defense Department officials.