

## KISSINGER DENOUNCES REPORT ON MAYAGUEZ

Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger rejected yesterday a Congressional report criticizing the Ford Administration's handling of the Mayaguez incident, in which 41 American servicemen died, saying it was based on "misleading information" and "a misunderstanding of government," United Press International reported.

The Secretary talked with reporters after a working luncheon with Saudi Arabia Foreign Minister Prince Saud

The report said that the Administration had used unnecessary and excessive force to recover the captured merchant vessel Mayaguez and its crew from Cambodia.

Asked why he objected to the report, Mr. Kissinger said, "Because it is based on a misapprehension and a selective use of peripheral documents—it is based on

misleading information and a misunderstanding of the process of government."

Earlier Mr. Kissinger said that the report was "based on inadequate materials," adding, "I was there and I know what information the Government was working from. It is too easy to come afterward and pick up little pieces of information that may not have been available at the time."

WASHINGTON, Oct. 6 (UPI) — The General Accounting Office says it did not time the release of its report on the Mayaguez incident to coincide with the Ford-Carter debate tonight.

Representative Dante B. Fascell, Democrat of Florida, chairman of a House subcommittee on International political and Military Affairs, released the report yesterday.

G. A. O. had no control over its release and was advised only after release had been made," the accounting office said today.