

**9 EX-KISSINGER AIDES  
DENOUNCE U.S. MOVES**

WASHINGTON, May 11, (UPI)—Nine former members of Henry A. Kissinger's staff denounced the mining of North Vietnamese harbors today as a "fruitless and ill-conceived effort to preserve the President's concept of American Presidential prestige."

In a letter to Mr. Kissinger, President Nixon's assistant for national security, the former White House aides, who had served on the National Security Council staff, urged him to "do everything possible to extricate the United States from the perilous and false position in which it has been placed."

The letter was distributed by Roger Morris, now an aide to Senator Walter Mondale, Democrat of Minnesota, after it was delivered to Mr. Kissinger.

We are appalled that the councils of common sense about Vietnam should have failed once again, that our nation's basic interest in movement toward détente and arms control should be so jeopardized, and that our Government should have undertaken a course of action which even some of its own analyses have shown to be dangerous and probably ineffective," the letter said.

The other signers were Fred Bergsten, Daniel Davidson, Morton Halperin, Charles Herman, Anthony Lake, Donald Lesh, Walter Slocombe and William Watts.

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