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Julie Praises Nixon's Courage in Viet Decision

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Julie Nixon Eisenhower said yesterday she admired her father's courage in making the decision to mine North Vietnam's harbors.

"I think he felt he was doing the right thing," the President's daughter said.

Julie said her father had confided in her in advance as to what he was going to do. She told reporters she

believes it must have been Mr. Nixon's toughest decision.

"It's a life and death situation," she said.

"He's thinking not only of our men but of 17 million South Vietnamese."

Julie's husband, David Eisenhower, a naval ensign, is on duty with his guided missile cruiser, the USS Albany, in the Caribbean.

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