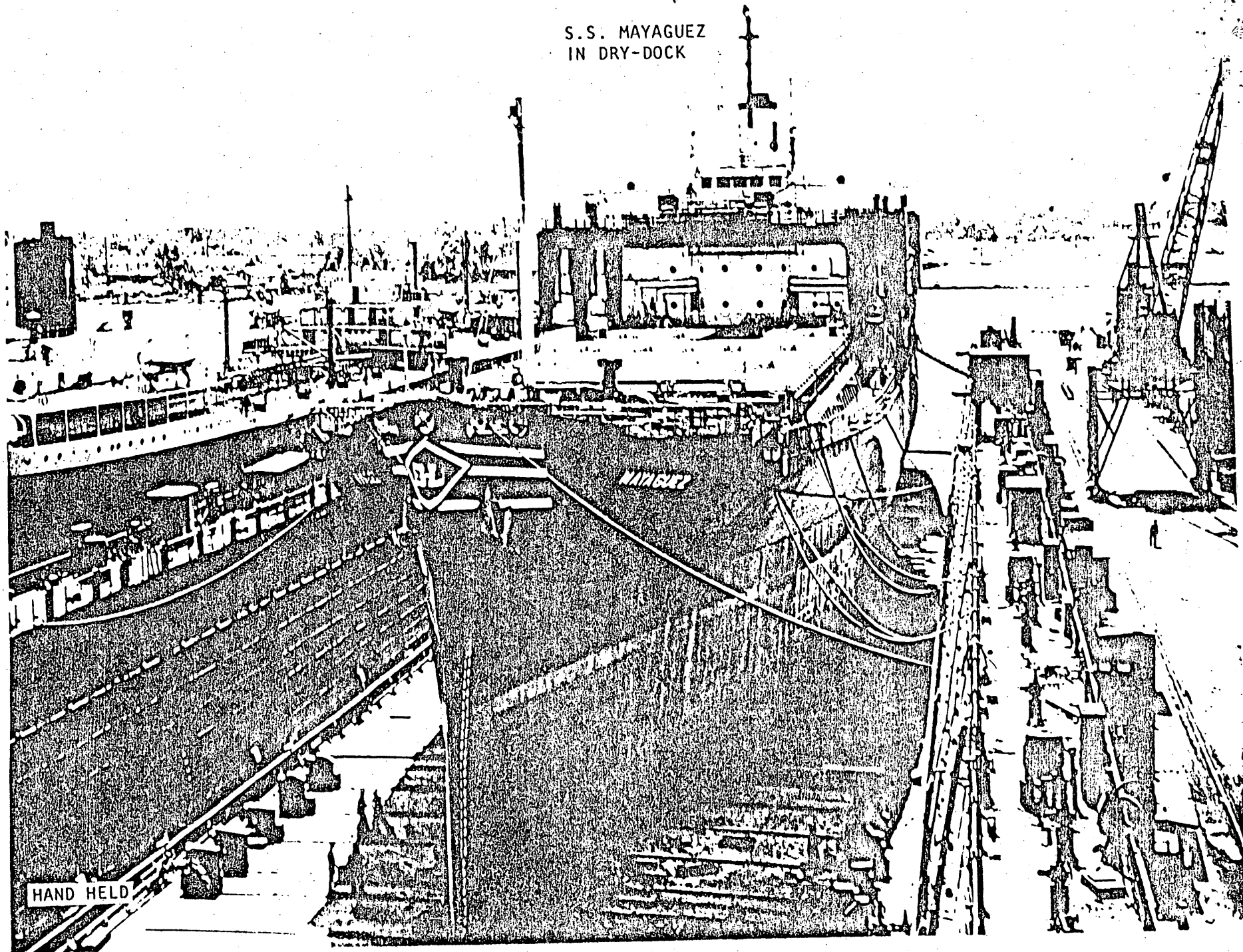


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AFTER ACTION REPORT

SS MAYAGUEZ/KAOH TANG ISLAND OPERATION
12 - 15 MAY 1975

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SS MAYAGUEZ/KAOH TANG ISLAND OPERATION

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The following is a narrative summary of events beginning with report of the capture of the SS MAYAGUEZ by a Cambodian gunboat, and concluding with the extraction of the Marines from Kaoh Tang Island. All times used are Eastern Daylight Time (to convert to Gulf of Thailand time add eleven hours).

The incident became known in Washington at 0512 hours on 12 May 75 when the NMCC received a report from the American Embassy Jakarta that the SS MAYAGUEZ had possibly been boarded. At 0730 hours NMCC requested that a reconnaissance aircraft be launched from Utapao Airfield, Thailand, and at about 1000 hours, a P-3 took off to begin coverage of the area. By mid-afternoon other reconnaissance aircraft had been added and continuous surveillance was maintained until the end of the operation. First battle damage was incurred when a P-3 was hit by one round of small arms fire from a gunboat at 2116 hours. During the afternoon, the destroyer USS HOLT, the support ship USS VEGA, the USS CORAL SEA carrier task group, and the destroyer USS WILSON had been directed to proceed to the vicinity of Kompong Som from various locations in the Western Pacific. All of these ships were to play a significant role in the operations on 14-15 May. By midnight the MAYAGUEZ had moved from the vicinity of Poulo Wai Island to near Kaoh Tang Island.

On 13 May during the early morning hours, JCS directed CINCPAC to maintain fighter/gunship cover over the MAYAGUEZ to effect release of the ship or to prevent her movement into port. At 0619 hours an A-7 reported placing ordnance in the water to signal the ship not to get underway. During the remainder of the morning, several small boats were observed moving to the MAYAGUEZ and between the ship and Kaoh Tang Island. It was concluded that the crew of the MAYAGUEZ was moved to the island during this time.

At 1210 hours, CINCPAC was directed by JCS to move all available USAF helicopters and a detachment of Security Police to Utapao, and to bring two reinforced Marine platoons from Cubi Point, Philippines to Utapao. During movement of the Security Police, a CH-53 crashed due to unknown causes, killing all 23 persons on board. At 1512 hours on 13 May, JCS directed CINCPAC to move a Marine Battalion from Okinawa to Utapao. All the above deployments were completed by 0300 hours on 14 May.

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During the remainder of 13 May and into early evening of the 14th, efforts continued to prevent the MAYAGUEZ from getting underway until US forces could be positioned. Also, it was during this period, at 2020 hours, that an A-7 sank the first patrol boat of the operation while attempting to divert the craft. Authority to sink this boat had been given by the President eight minutes earlier. Shortly thereafter, a boat was seen leaving the island proceeding towards Kompong Som with a group of people in the bow. The pilot of the aircraft who made the sighting reported that these people were possibly caucasians. Unsuccessful attempts to turn back this boat including using riot control agents and firing across its bow; however, the boat continued and subsequently entered the harbor. It was not taken under direct attack because of the probability of Americans being aboard. One hour later, at midnight on the 13th, authority was given to attack and sink all small craft in the vicinity of Kaoh Tang.

Just before one o'clock on the morning of 14 May, CINCPAC and USSAG/7AF were tasked by the Acting Chairman, following an NSC meeting, to make preparations to seize the MAYAGUEZ, occupy Kaoh Tang Island, conduct B-52 strikes against the port of Kompong Som and Ream Airfield, sink all Cambodian small craft in target areas, and plan to also use tactical aircraft from the USS CORAL SEA. Preparations were to be completed in time for execution early on 15 May. The USSAG/7AF concept plan to conduct these operations was received in Washington at 1330 hours on 14 May and approved, with minor modification, by CINCPAC. The operational concept is attached at Tab C and subsequent events followed this scenario closely, with tactical air from the USS CORAL SEA being substituted for B-52s in the attacks on the mainland.

The operation to effect the recovery of the SS MAYAGUEZ and crew from Cambodian control began with the military execute order issued after an NSC meeting at 1652 hours on 14 May, following extensive planning and prepositioning of forces. The initial order directed CINCPAC to seize and secure the MAYAGUEZ using Marines placed aboard the destroyer USS HOLT, and then to sail or tow the ship to sea as soon as possible. This order also directed a Marine helicopter assault on Kaoh Tang Island. Locations of the ship and island are as shown on Map, Tab C. Tactical air from Thailand and the carrier USS CORAL SEA was authorized to support the operations as required, as was the use of naval gunfire and riot control agents.

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At 1714 hours on 14 May, the first helicopter took off from Utapao Airfield, Thailand, where all available USAF helicopters and the Marine Ground Security Force had been positioned. Tactical air began to launch from Thailand to provide continuous coverage for the operation and the airborne command post, flying over the Gulf of Thailand, assumed overall control at the onset. The first three helicopters carrying 48 Marine Ground Security Force combat troops, six Military Sealift Command personnel, six US Navy explosive ordnance disposal technicians, and a linguist arrived over the USS HOLT at 1858 hours. Personnel transfer to the HOLT was completed by 1922 hours. The HOLT came alongside the MAYAGUEZ at 2045 hours, and 20 minutes later reported in full control of the ship. There were no personnel found on the MAYAGUEZ at the time of the boarding, but food found on the dining table and a warm kettle on the stove were evidence of a recent, hasty departure.

At 1710 hours, based on word passed from an NSC meeting in progress, JCS directed CINCPAC to commence cyclic strike operations from the USS CORAL SEA on the Kompong Som complex, with first time on target specified at 2045 hours to coincide with the estimated time of capture of the MAYAGUEZ. This estimate proved to be exceedingly accurate. The first cycle was to be armed reconnaissance with Cambodian aircraft and military watercraft as principal targets. Subsequent flights were to make maximum use of precision guided munitions to attack targets of military significance. The first cycle did not expend ordnance probably due to some uncertainty because of a temporary divert after becoming airborne and their inability to positively identify principal targets as Cambodian. The second cycle struck the Ream Airfield. The runway was cratered, several aircraft were destroyed or damaged, and the hangars were badly damaged. The third and final cycle struck the naval base at Ream damaging the barracks area and the Kompong Som port and POL refinery. Two warehouses were damaged in the port and a direct hit was scored on a large building in the marshalling yard. This initial bomb damage assessment is preliminary, based on pilot reports and some photography, and may be refined as more information becomes available. Photographs of the target areas are included at Enclosure 4 to Tab D. Operations against the mainland terminated with final time on target of 0010 hours on 15 May.

The assault on Kaoh Tang Island (Photograph with Tab B) began at 1720 hours on 14 May with the take-off from Utapao of the first three of eight total USAF helicopters transporting Marine assault forces. At 1909 hours, one of the first helicopters in the area of the island reported hostile ground fire.

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The flight mechanic was wounded and became the first casualty of the operation. A second helicopter was reported hit and burning in the water six minutes later. The third helicopter from this flight was reported crashed on the beach at 1945 hours. Thirty minutes later insertion of the first assault wave had been completed. Of the eight helicopters in the first wave, three crashed on the beach or in the water and two were disabled, one landing on a Thai island for fuel before proceeding to Utapao and the other returning directly to Utapao. The Marine Ground Force Commander had secured his initial position at the northwestern landing zone by 2147 hours, and was receiving occasional automatic weapon fire and encountering claymore mine detonations. On the eastern landing zone, across the island from the main force, 22 personnel were isolated near the helicopter which had crashed on the beach. For photograph of the landing zones, see Enclosure 1 to Tab B.

At 2223 hours a boat was reported approaching the island flying a white flag. The destroyer USS WILSON picked up the occupants of the boat at 2305 hours. Shortly thereafter, it was reported that the entire crew of the MAYAGUEZ was accounted for aboard the WILSON and that all were in good condition. The five-man Thai crew of the boat which brought the MAYAGUEZ crew to the WILSON from Kaoh Rong San Lem was provided food and fuel. By 0025 hours on 15 May, the MAYAGUEZ crew had been returned to their ship, and the ship was towed away from the island by the USS HOLT.

The initial assault wave had landed approximately 180 Marines on Kaoh Tang. Additional ground security forces had been requested by the commander on the island to provide reinforcement for a successful withdrawal or to continue offensive operations. The second Marine assault wave began to arrive in the area at about 2345 hours on 14 May. The helicopters received ground fire and one of the first two was damaged. At eight minutes past midnight, the Marines were reported in good position with the enemy forced back. At 0049 hours on 15 May the order was given to immediately cease all offensive operations and to disengage and withdraw all forces from the area as soon as possible consistent with safety/self defense. At 0121 hours, a helicopter from the second assault wave was hit at the island, and, along with two other helicopters, returned to Utapao without unloading Marines.

Initial efforts to withdraw forces from the island concentrated on extracting the 22 personnel in the vicinity of the downed helicopter on the beach, as this small force could have been rather easily overrun if left overnight. The helicopter making the attempt

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was hit by ground fire at 0334 hours and recovered on the USS CORAL SEA. The main body of the Marine ground force, with a strength of approximately 213 personnel, had been unable to reach the downed helicopter or the 22-man Marine force, isolated on the opposite side of the island since approximately 1945 hours.

The extraction of the ground force was complicated by the reduction in numbers of helicopters operational (seven total of all types), the amount of enemy ground fire received by each inbound helicopter and the approach of darkness. Small boats from the USS HOLT and USS WILSON began efforts to assist in the withdrawal and approached the beaches at 0615 hours, but aborted due to ground fire. Working with naval gunfire and TACAIR support and with the ground force commander's recommendation that the extraction continue as necessary into darkness, helicopters recovering to the CORAL SEA were finally able to clear all USMC personnel from the island at 0917 hours, 15 May. Two hours earlier the small group near the downed helicopter had been the first extracted.

Latest reports indicate that there were 11 USMC, two USAF, and two USN killed in action, 41 USMC, seven USAF, and two USN wounded in action, and three USMC missing in action. The missing personnel are members of a Marine machine gun crew last seen during the final helicopter extraction from the northwestern landing zone, Kaoh Tang Island. Debriefing and investigation to determine final status of these MIAs are still being conducted.

At the approximate time of the extraction of the last Marines from Kaoh Tang Island, JCS directed that the residual force of 789 Marines at Utapao be retrograded from Thailand by daylight, 16 May (Bangkok time). The first C-141 aircraft with 150 Marines lifted off from the Utapao Airfield at 1156 hours with the last aircraft departing at 1710 hours, 15 May.

With the extraction of the last Marines from Kaoh Tang Island and the retrograde of the Marines from Thailand, the operation was successfully concluded. Reconnaissance sorties were continued until 17 May to provide bomb damage assessment and to search for the missing in action.

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DIA INTELLIGENCE APPRAISAL

1. Several islands off shore from the Cambodian mainland have been disputed by the Vietnamese and Cambodians over ownership for some time, particularly due to the possibility of oil deposits on the continental shelf. It appears that the Khmer Communists (KC) have decided to garrison these islands before the Vietnamese Communists focus their attention on them. Puolo Wai and Kaoh Tang Islands are two of these KC garrisoned locations.

2. Kaoh Tang Island (Encl 1), the suspected retention site of the SS MAYAGUEZ crew prior to initiation of Marine landing operations, is approximately 3 1/2 miles long and two miles wide at its greatest width. Two small islets lie about 1/2 mile off the east and south coast of the main island. The island is rock fringed with its highest point at its northern extremity. Two shallow coves press into the eastern and western neck of the island's northern plateau. The eastern cove has a long shallow coral sand beach excellent for helicopter landings. A near surface coral reef excludes vessels of any draft greater than 3-4 feet from reaching the beach.

3. No dwellings other than one or two small huts near the beach of the northeastern cove were identified prior to initiation of operations. Miscellaneous small fishing boats and navy patrol type craft were known to ply the waters between the islands and the mainland.

4. The following information was the best information available on the KC military situation in the area at the onset of the operation:

a. Khmer Communist 3rd Division directing operations in the coastal area; 1800-2000 troops.

b. KC units sent to small islands.

c. 150-200 KC possibly on Kaoh Tang; 82 mm mortars, 75 mm recoilless rifles, 30 caliber, 7.62 mm and 12.7 mm machine guns, B40/41 Rocket Propelled Grenade Launchers.

d. 1500-2000 KC vicinity Ream/Kompong Som.

e. Possible KC naval craft in coastal areas.

16-18 Swift Boats

1-3 Riverine patrol craft

2 Landing craft utility

4 Landing craft medium

1-177 Foot patrol craft

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f. Weapons mix on naval boats.

3 inch guns
20/40 mm anti-aircraft
50 cal./7.62 mm/12.7 mm machine guns.

g. KC air defense capability.

Unknown number 23 mm/37 mm AAA weapons with 37 mm sites known at Ream Airfield.

h. Small number T-28, AU-24, AC-47 and helo gunships with unknown operational status and location.

i. Tactical Communications probably fair using residual US equipment provided to the former Marine Navy Khmer (MNK), and Forces Armee National Khmer (FANK).

5. Post Operations Intelligence.

a. The enemy force on the island is estimated at less than 200 troops, and armed with weapons indicated in paragraph 4c, above, with the addition of unknown types of antipersonnel mines. The KC had prepared defensive positions at key locations, especially with automatic weapons on the northern most high ground that commands the northeast and northwest coves and beaches.

b. [REDACTED] the KC suffered personnel casualties of 47 killed and 55 wounded in all strike areas. Included in this total were 10 dead boat pilots and an unknown number missing.

c. Mainland bomb damage assessment (BDA) is presently being evaluated and portions of available photography are contained in Encl 4 to TAB D. BDA of sunken ships is also being evaluated with present probable losses in Encl 7 to TAB D.

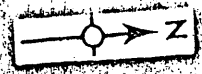
6. Encl 2, SS MAYAGUEZ debrief.

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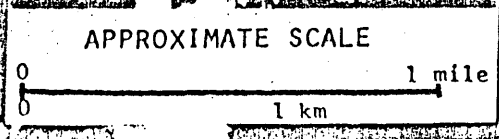
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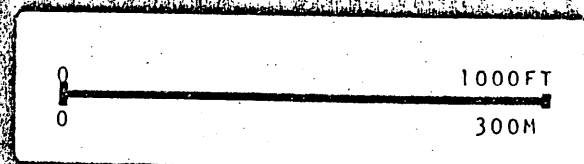
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SWIFT BOATS



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DEBRIEF OF MAYAGUEZ CREW

The crew of the SS MAYAGUEZ was debriefed twice; once by US Navy personnel of the USS WILSON and once by the US Naval Attache, Singapore. Information presented in both debriefs is essentially the same and is outlined as follows:

- 12 May - SS MAYAGUEZ challenged seven nm southwest of Poulo Wai Island by two PCF Swift boats; 50 cal machinegun fire across bow and down the sides. Boarded by seven armed men, none of whom spoke English.
 - Ship's Master told to take the ship to Kompong Som; Master indicated he could not comply due to broken radar, remained anchored, night of 12 May near Poulo Wai.
 - On 13 May, ship moved to vicinity Kaoh Tang Island, anchored and disembarked to Thai fishing boat and Khmer boat; US TACAIR arrived on the scene. Thai fishermen gave food and water to crew. English speaking Cambodian asked about ship's cargo and mission. At dark, Khmer took Master and several crewmen back to ship to check out locked rooms. On arrival, flares dropped by US aircraft caused Khmer to return group to boats.
 - 14 May, Thai fishing boat with crew, preceded by two Khmer patrol craft, headed toward Kompong Som; patrol boats believed sunk by airstrikes. TACAIR placed gunfire across fishing boat bow and hit it with RCA but fishing boat with crew reached Kompong Som. Boat then proceeded to Koh Rong San Lem Island.
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- Master convinced Cambodians that he could get US forces to stop bombing/strafing if ship and crew released.
 - On 15 May at 0530 hours local (Golf) crew was put in Thai fishing boat to return to MAYAGUEZ and escorted to a point about one mile from Koh Rong Sam Lem Island and released. Crew put up white cloth on bamboo poles and continued movement until picked up by the USS WILSON at 0958 Local (Golf) and then returned to SS MAYAGUEZ.
 - MAYAGUEZ under tow at 1540 hours Local (Golf) and under own power at 1648 hours local 15 May.
 - Thai fishermen received food and water from the USS WILSON, diesel fuel from the USS HOLT and escorted out of the area to return to Thailand; fishermen reportedly held by the Cambodians for five months.

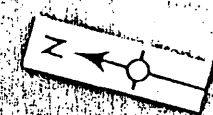
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- Ship's Captain states that Cambodian fear of airstrikes and prompt US force response were the primary causes for release of the ship and its crew.

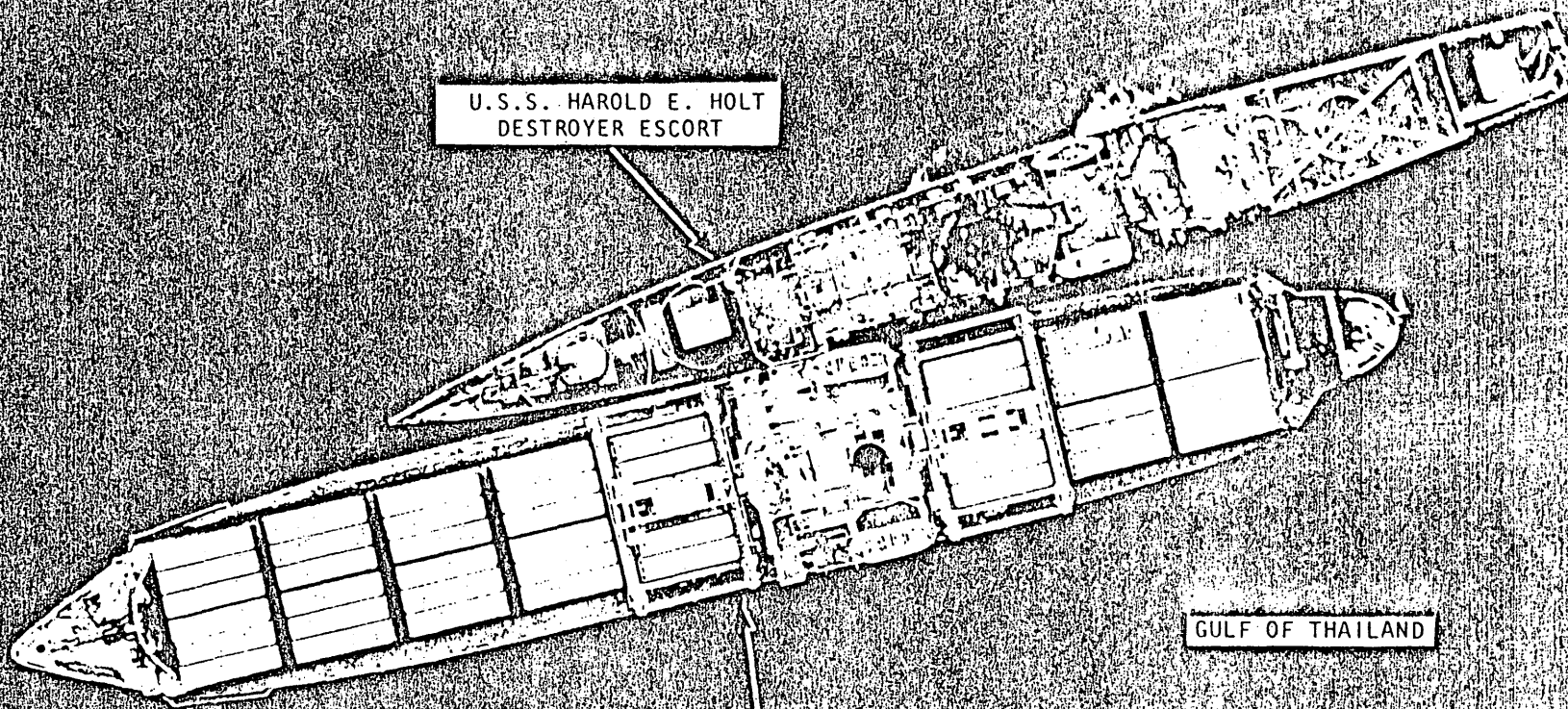
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CAMBODIA
USS HAROLD E. HOLT PREPARING TO
TAKE S.S. MAYAGUEZ IN TOW
APROX 1/4NM EAST OF NORTH END OF
KOH TANG ISLAND



U.S.S. HAROLD E. HOLT
DESTROYER ESCORT



GULF OF THAILAND

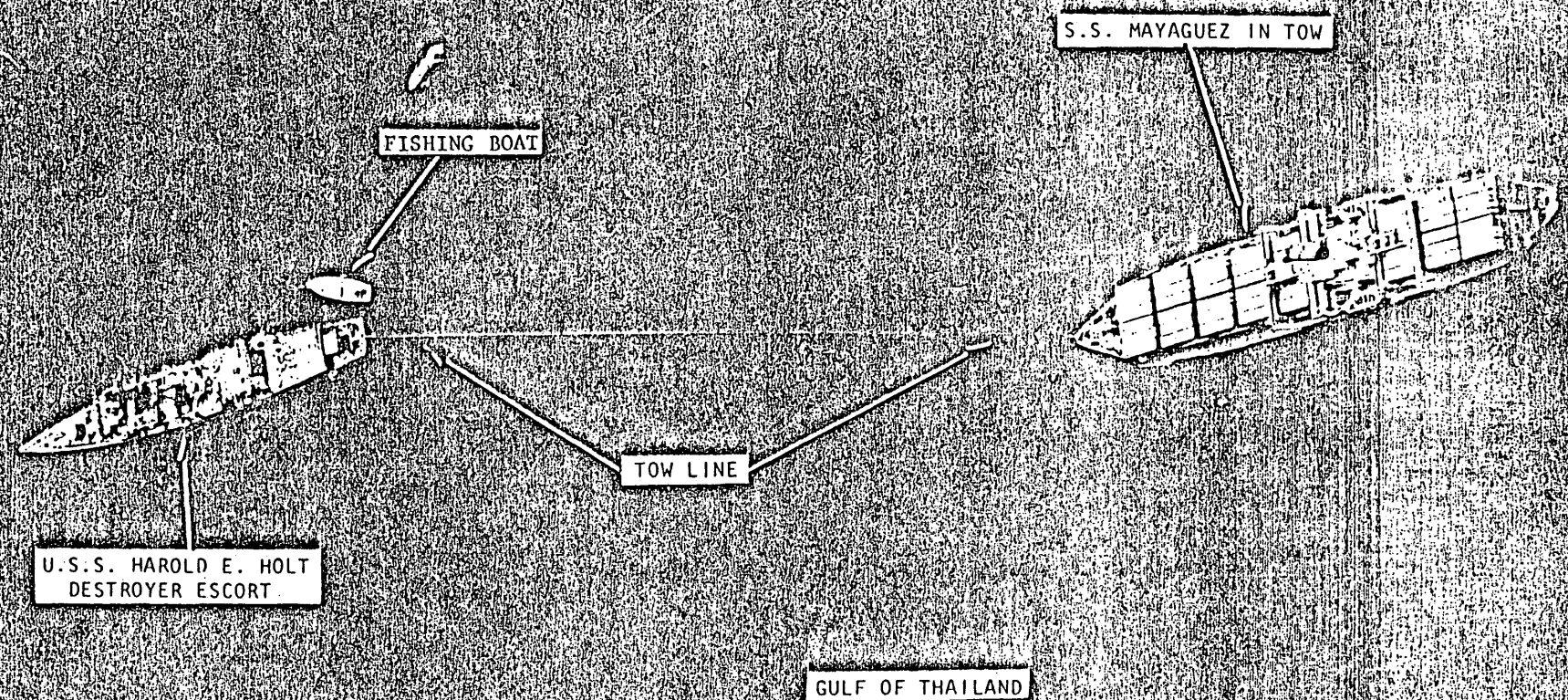
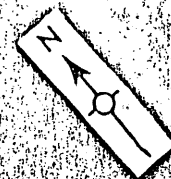
SS MAYAGUEZ

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USS HAROLD E. HOLT HAS
SS MAYAGUEZ IN TOW
2.5NM EAST OF KOH TANG ISLAND



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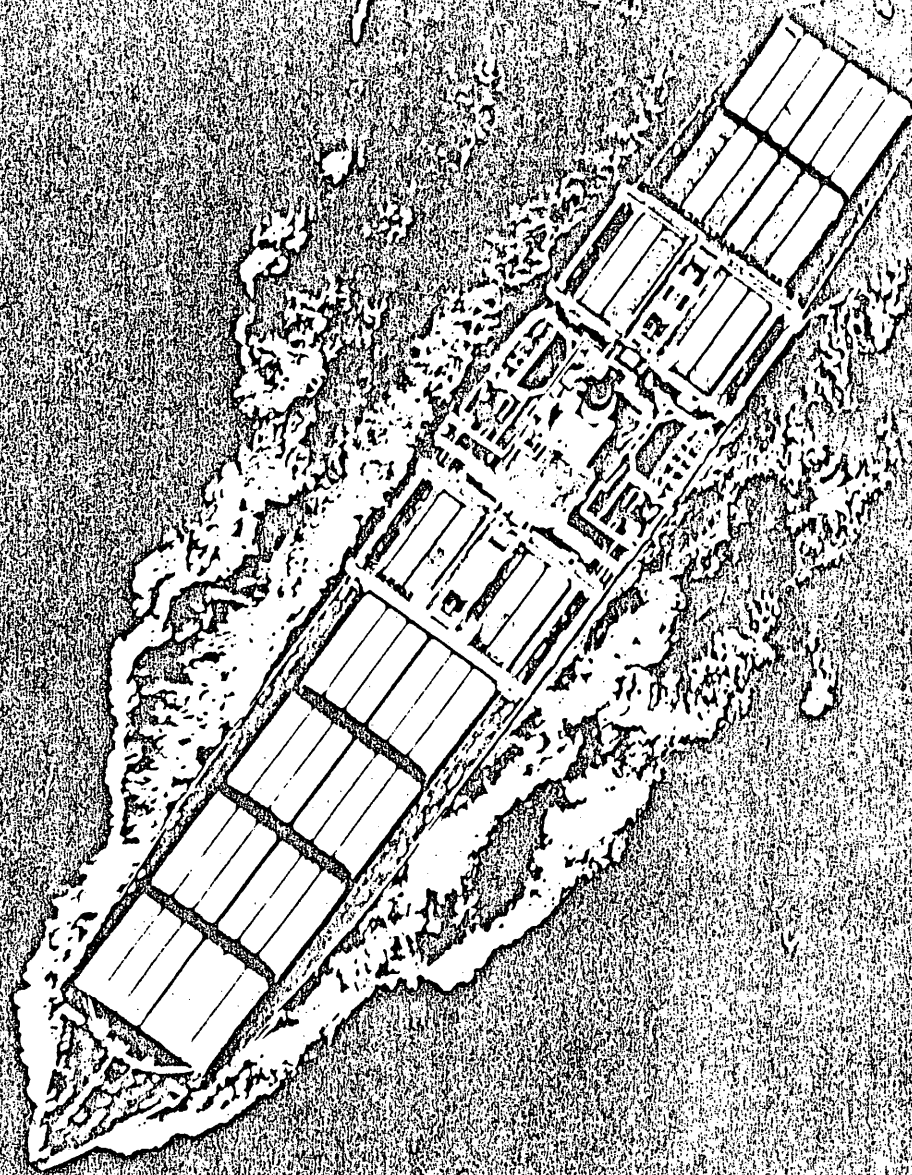
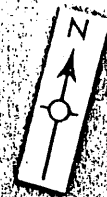
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SS MAYAGUEZ/KAOH TANG ISLAND OPERATION

OPERATIONAL CONCEPT

Ref: Map attached.

1. MISSION: Seize the SS MAYAGUEZ and conduct military operations to influence the outcome of US initiatives to secure the release of the ship's crew.

2. CONCEPT:

a. Assault to begin at sunrise 15 May.

b. Using three USAF helicopters, insert 48 marines, 12 USN/MSC personnel, an explosive ordnance team and a Cambodian linguist on the USS HOLT.

c. Using eight USAF CH/HH-53 helicopters execute a combat assault on Kaoh Tang Island, with 175 marines in the initial wave and subsequent buildup to a total of 625 Marines on the island.

d. USS HOLT, upon closure of Marine Security Force, conduct operation to seize the USS MAYAGUEZ and take action to remove the ship from the operational area.

e. Marine assault force on Kaoh Tang Island secure the island and rescue members of the SS MAYAGUEZ that may be found there.

f. Combat support.

(1) Destroyers USS WILSON and USS HOLT provide naval gunfire and search and rescue support.

(2) USAF TACAIR: A-7, F-4 and F-111 aircraft used during daylight and F-111/AC-130 aircraft used at night. Provide close air support for marine assault forces. Prevent movement of Cambodian small craft in the Kaoh Tang/Poulo Wai Island complex.

(3) USN TACAIR: A-6 and A-7 aircraft engage Cambodian shipping in designated area. Maintain continuous armed reconnaissance during daylight. Prepare to strike mainland targets, if directed.

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(4) B-52 force from Guam conduct conventional airstrikes against Ream Airfield, and ports of Kompong Som and Ream beginning approximately three hours after the assault on Kaoh Tang Island. As an alternate, USN TACAIR from the CORAL SEA instead of the B-52 force will strike designated mainland targets.

(5) Search and Rescue: USAF HC-130 fixed wing and HH-53 helicopters respond as required.

(6) On scene coordination: Airborne command and control center in an EC-130 aircraft provide continuous coverage.

(7) Helicopters for assault force: CH/HH-53 helicopters shuttle marine force to Kaoh Tang Island from Utapao RTAFB, Thailand. (3.5-4 hour turn around time - 1 hour 45 minutes flight one way).

(8) Air refueling: SAC KC-135 tankers support USAF TACAIR requirements; HC-130s support HH-53 helicopters.

(9) Weather reconnaissance, forward air controllers, flare support, flak suppression, escort, rescue cover, electronic warfare, electronic intelligence, air refueling, search and rescue and other support actions conducted as required.

(10) Landing zone clearing using the BLU-82 (15,000 pound special purpose bomb) authorized, as required.

g. Command and Control.

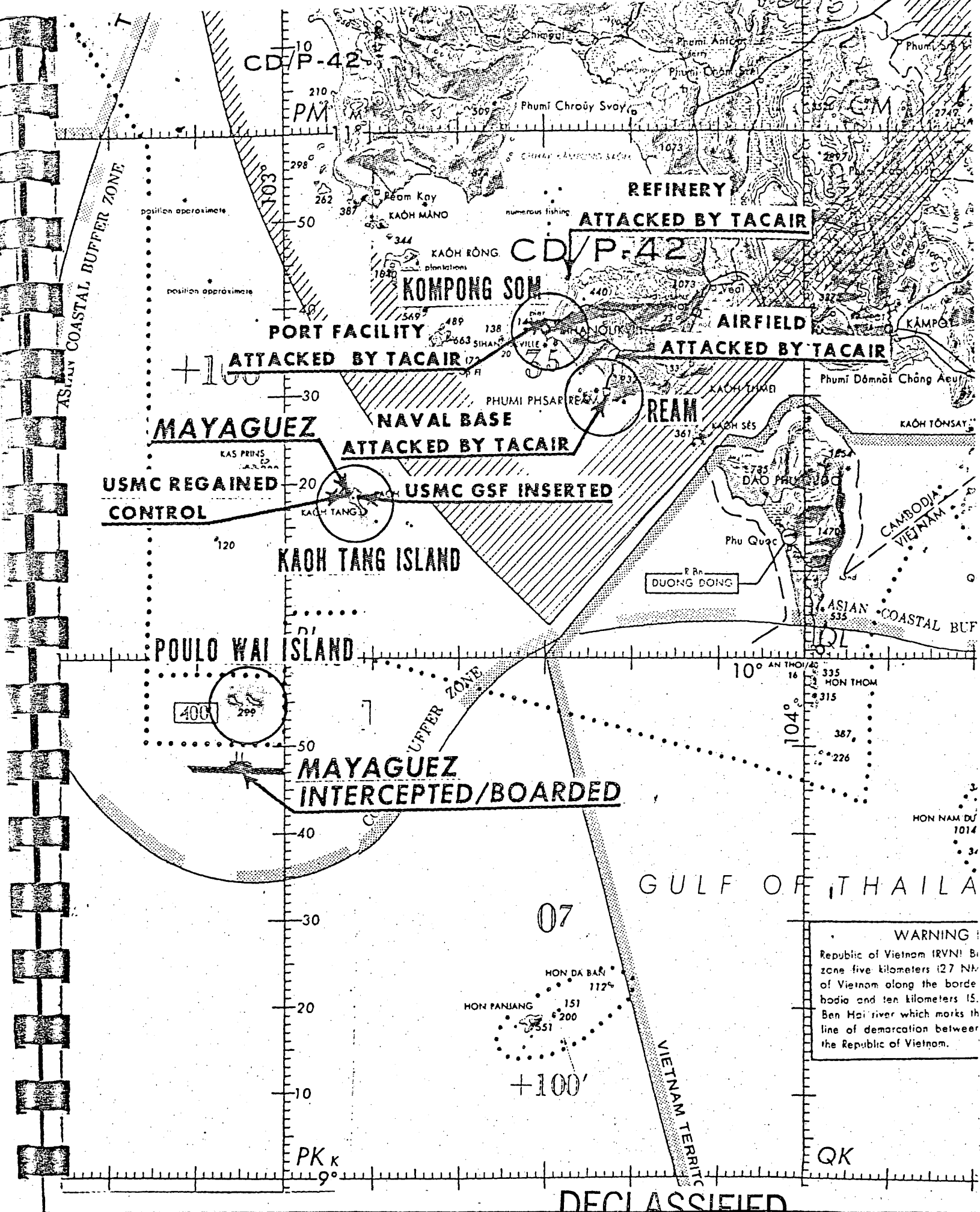
(1) Overall operational control of PACOM forces directed by CINCPAC as authorized by the JCS.

(2) CINCSAC exercises operational control of committed B-52 force for strikes that may be directed by JCS.

(3) COMUSSAG/7AF exercises on scene coordinating authority for supporting forces as directed by CINCPAC.

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PERSONNEL CASUALTIES

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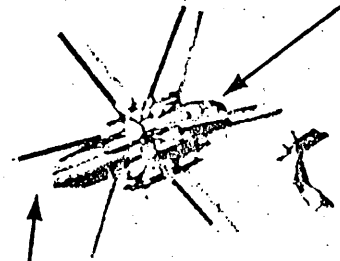
	<u>KIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>
USN	2	0	2
USMC	11	3	41
USAF	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7</u>
TOTALS	15	3	50

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DESTROYED AND DAMAGED
CH-53 HELICOPTERS
LOCATED ON NORTHEAST BEACH
AT KOH TANG ISLAND



HEAVILY DAMAGED CH-53



20 FT TAIL SECTION MISSING

DESTROYED CH-53



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SS MAYAGUEZ/KAOH TANG ISLAND OPERATION

HELICOPTER SORTIES LOST/DAMAGED

<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>HELOS EMPLOYED</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>LOSS</u>	<u>DAMAGE</u>	<u>CAUSE</u>
USAF*	7 CH-53	20 CH-53	3 CH-53	4 CH-53	Ground fire Kaoh Tang Island
	8 HH-53	32 HH-53		6 HH-53	
USN	2 SH-3G	4			
USMC	None				

* Does not include 8 CH-53 and 11 HH-53 deployment/redeployment sorties to and from Utapao nor CH-53 lost due to unknown causes during deployment.

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TACAIR OPERATIONS FROM THAILAND

<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>TYPE ACFT</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>TARGETS</u>	<u>LOSS/DAMAGE</u>
USAF	F-4	164	Close air spt vic Kaoh Tang.	1 damaged - hole in inlet ramp.
	A-7	44	Close air spt vic Kaoh Tang and RCA on MAYAGUEZ.	1 damaged - hole in wing.
	F-111	45	Close air spt vic Kaoh Tang.	
	AC-130	19	Close air spt vic Kaoh Tang.	
	C-130	6	1 BLU 82 dropped.	
	TOTAL	278		

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TACAIR OPERATIONS FROM CARRIER CORAL SEA AND
BOMB DAMAGE ASSESSMENT, MAINLAND STRIKES

<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>TYPE ACFT</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>TARGETS</u>
USN	A-7	5*	REAM/KOMPONG SOM AIRFIELD
	A-6	2*	REAM/KOMPONG SOM AIRFIELD
	A-7	2*	REAM PORT/POL STORAGE
	A-7	4*	KOMPONG SOM PORT/POL FACILITY
	A-6	2*	REAM PORT/POL STORAGE
	F-4	18	CAP/ESCORT
	A-6	4	CLOSE AIR SUPPORT KAOH TANG ISLAND
	A-7	10	CLOSE AIR SUPPORT KAOH TANG ISLAND
TOTAL		47	

* Results of airstrikes Cambodian mainland.

KOMPONG SOM PORT COMPLEX:

- Two warehouses damaged and fires noted
- POL refinery hit
- Railroad marshalling yard building hit, no fire or secondary explosions noted

REAM NAVAL BASE:

- Barracks destroyed; POL fires noted

REAM AIRFIELD:

- Numerous A/C destroyed, 5 A/C damaged
- Hangars damaged, runway cratered, large POL fire, active 37 mm AAA site damaged.

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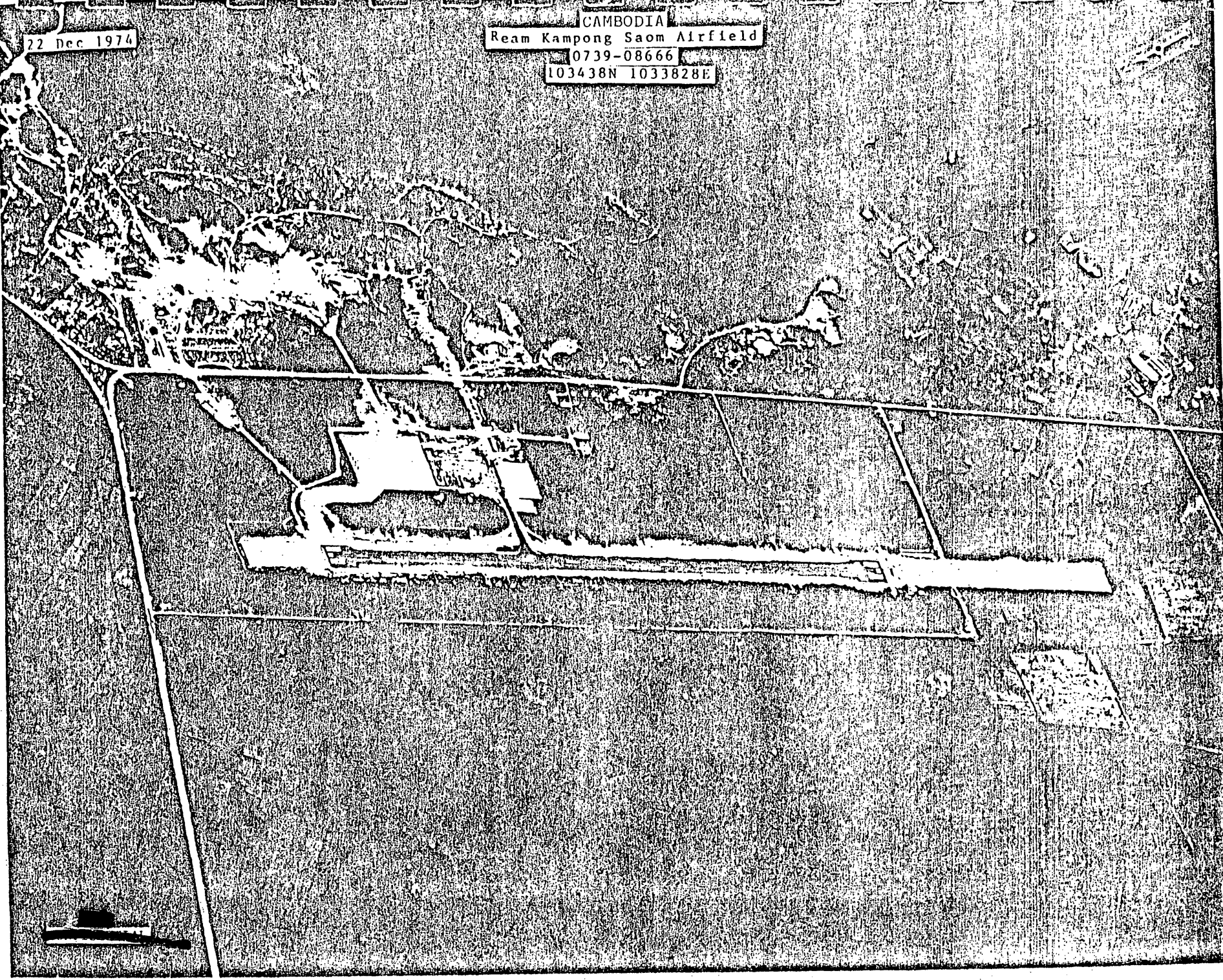
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CAMBODIA
Ream Kampong Saom Airfield

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CAMBODIA
OVERALL BDA AT REAM
KAMPONG SAOM AIRFIELD

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2 - L-19 UNDAMAGED

POL DRUM STORAGE AREA DESTROYED

3 - T-28 UNDAMAGED

C-131 DAMAGED

DESTROYED BUILDING

C-47 DESTROYED

DAMAGED BUILDING

C-46 DESTROYED

C-131 UNDAMAGED

BOMB IMPACT AREA

C-47 DESTROYED

C-47 DERELICT

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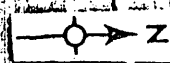
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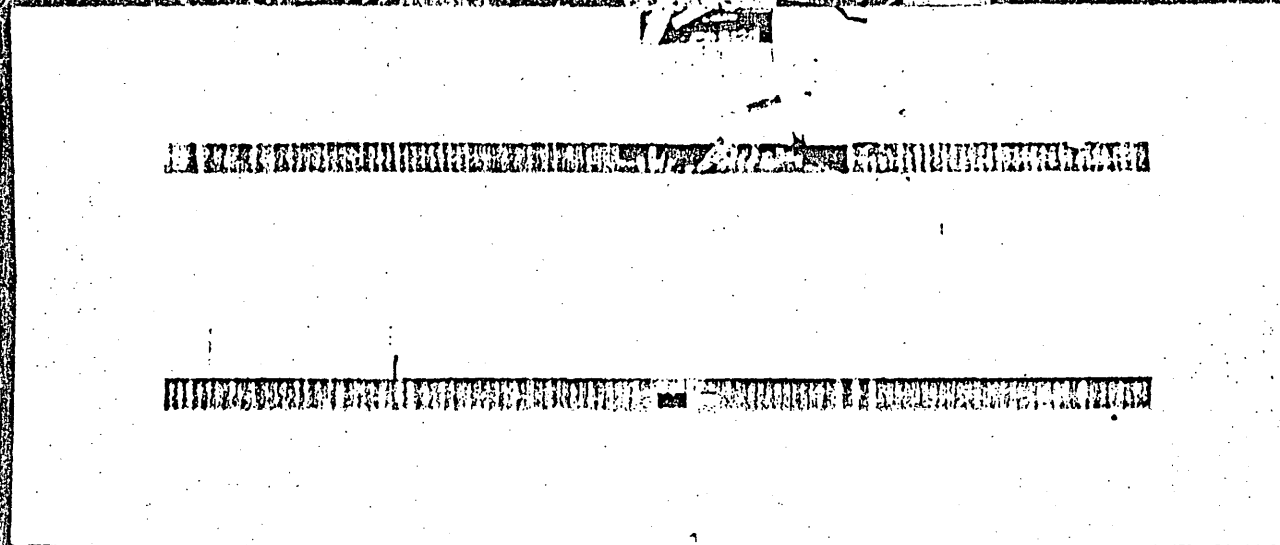
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SS MAYAGUEZ/KAOH TANG ISLAND OPERATION

COMBAT SUPPORT AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS

<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>MISSION</u>
USAF	OV-10	4	Forward Air Controller
	EC-130	6	Airborne Command and Control Center
	HC-130	8	Search and Rescue Control and HH-53 Refuelers
	CH/HH-53	3	Search and Rescue
	KC-135	<u>49</u>	TACAIR Refuelers
	Sub Total	70	
USN	KA-6D	6	Refueler
	KA-7D	2	Refueler
	E1-B	<u>4</u>	Airborne Early Warning
	Sub Total	12	
	Grand Total	82	

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RECONNAISSANCE SORTIES

	<u>MAY</u>	<u>12th</u>	<u>13th</u>	<u>14th</u>	<u>15th</u>	<u>16th</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>USAF</u>							
RF-4C		0	4	6	4	2	16
*U-2R		1	3	3	3	1	11
RC-135		0	0	1	0	1	2
<u>USN</u>							
EP-3E		1	0	0	0	0	1
RF-8G		0	0	0	2	0	2
**P-3		-----					<u>18</u>
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* Increased tasking from one/8-hr mission per day to 24-hr/day coverage for radio relay. [REDACTED]

** Continuous surveillance of Gulf of Thailand throughout MAYAGUEZ incident.

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SS MAYAGUEZ/KAOH TANG ISLAND OPERATION

RESULTS OF ATTACKS AGAINST
CAMBODIAN NAVAL VESSELS

Following is a recapitulation of the results of reported strikes on Cambodian naval vessels.

Sinkings to Prevent Movement of
SS MAYAGUEZ to Kompong Som

<u>Date/Time of Incident</u> (all times are EDT)	<u>Struck by</u>	<u>Type Vessel</u>	<u>Results</u>
132020 May 75	A-7	Patrol Boat	Sunk NE Kaoh Tang Island
140040 May 75	F-4	2 small boats	Sunk between MAYAGUEZ & Kaoh Tang Is.
141406 May 75	AC-130	Patrol craft	Sunk 2 miles ENE Kaoh Tang Island

Sinkings to Protect USMC
Forces on Kaoh Tang Island

<u>Date/Time of Incident</u>	<u>Struck by</u>	<u>Type Vessel</u>	<u>Results</u>
150100 May 75	F-4	Large barge	Sunk North Kaoh Tang Is.
150140 May 75	A-7	Patrol craft	Sunk 6 miles south Kompong Som
150146 May 75	F-111	2 small boats	Sunk south Kaoh Tang Is.
150540 May 75	USS WILSON	Patrol boat	Sunk north Kaoh Tang Is.
	TOTAL	8 patrol craft and one barge sunk.	

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RETROGRADE OF US MARINES FROM THAILAND

It was directed that all USMC personnel be extracted from Thailand by daylight 16 May (Bangkok time). As a result, the Military Airlift Command, using C-141 aircraft, began outloading from Utapao RTAFB immediately after termination of combat operations. There were 789 Marines for transport to Kadena Airfield, Okinawa. The first aircraft departed Utapao at 1156 hours (EDT) 15 May and the last trooplift aircraft departed Utapao at 1710 hours (EDT) 15 May (approximately one and one half hours prior to Bangkok daylight) arriving Kadena at approximately 2225 hours (EDT) 15 May.

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SS. MAYAGUEZ/KAOH TANG ISLAND OPERATION
JCS LOG OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS
(120512 EDT THRU 150920 EDT
MAY 1975)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
120512 EDT	US Embassy, Jakarta reports possible boarding of SS MAYAGUEZ. (Critic 0356)
120703 EDT	Deputy Director for Operations (DDO), National Military Command Center (NMCC) requested Pacific Command (PACOM) to launch reconnaissance (recce) aircraft from Utapao - Estimate time of launch 121000 EDT.
120957 EDT	PACOM reports that P-3 recce aircraft airborne (40 minutes to surveillance area).
121111 EDT	COMSEVENTHFLT tasks USS HOLT and USS VEGA to proceed to search area.
121441 EDT	CINCPACFLT directs USS CORAL SEA and escorts (TG 77.5) to proceed to vicinity of Kompong Som and directs Amphibious Ready Group (ARG) (USS OKINAWA, DULUTH, BARBOUR COUNTY, MT. VERNON) to prepare to proceed to scene.
121546 EDT	JCS (msg) directs continuous P-3 surveillance and tracking of Cambodian naval units (observe 12 mile limit).
121829 EDT	TG 77.5 ETA Gulf of Thailand at 150300 EDT. USS WILSON underway with ETA of 142000 EDT.
122116 EDT	P-3 aircraft reports positive identification made of MAYAGUEZ - 09° 56N - 102° 58 E; two gunboats in vicinity - on 1000 yard pass P-3 was fired upon and took one hit in vertical stabilizer.
130225 EDT	SS MAYAGUEZ is dead in the water at 10° 20 N - 103° 09 E; surveillance aircraft received small arms fire (tracer) from SS MAYAGUEZ.
130617 EDT	Message confirming telecon between J-3/JCS/and J-3/CINCPAC: Directed to maintain constant TACAIR/gunship coverage of the MAYAGUEZ - authority granted to fire in vicinity of but not at small boats to prevent movement - authority granted to proceed within the 12 mile limit.
130619 EDT	A-7 placing ordnance in the water vicinity MAYAGUEZ as a signal not to get underway.

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130642 EDT

Small boats approaching MAYAGUEZ from vicinity Kaoh Tang. F-111 directed to make a low pass to discourage or slow their movement.

130644 EDT

Small boats tied up to MAYAGUEZ. No reaction from people aboard the ship.

130705 EDT

Small boats departed MAYAGUEZ for Kaoh Tang; personnel appearing to be Caucasians sitting with heads on knees.

130716 EDT

Thai Prime Minister states that Thai position on retaliation is that it should be between the US and Cambodia and should not involve Thailand.

130753 EDT

Two small boats at Kaoh Tang Island are off loading people onto the island.

130845 EDT

MAYAGUEZ is still dead in the water. All personnel appear to still be on the island. Surveillance aircraft is drawing small arms fire from the island.

131021 - 131040

Two 50 foot patrol boats went to the MAYAGUEZ and then departed the ship; status of passengers unknown.

131041 EDT

USS HOLT directed to move to secure or disable the MAYAGUEZ upon arrival at the scene.

131200 EDT

JCS directed CINCPAC and USSAG/7AF that Kaoh Tang should be isolated by intercepting all boats. Action should be reported to JCS within 10 minutes of occurrence. Decision to sink boats resides in Washington. Directive result of NSC meeting.

131210 EDT

JCS execute message dispatched:

- All available helicopters in Thailand to Utapao.
- Two marine platoons from Cubi Pt. to Utapao.
- Marine battalion at Okinawa placed in advance deployability posture.

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131422 EDT Reconnaissance aircraft observed personnel off loaded from MAYAGUEZ; TACAIR received ground fire from Kaoh Tang Island.

131512 EDT JCS directs USMC battalion to move from Okinawa to Utapao via MAC airlift.

131705 EDT Marine Battalion Landing Team (2d Battalion, 9th Marines) began movement to Utapao; estimated completion time of 140300 EDT.

132012 EDT JCS relayed to CINCPAC and USSAG/7AF President's decision through SECDEF to sink a Cambodian patrol boat attempting to leave vicinity of the island.

132020 EDT A-7 aircraft attempted to divert a Cambodian patrol boat; boat sunk with 10 survivors sighted in a raft.

132152 EDT Fishing boat with possible Caucasians aboard spotted moving toward the mainland northeast of Kaoh Tang Island.

132255 EDT TACAIR fired across bow of fishing boat and dropped riot control agents on the boat to divert or stop its movement; vessel continued its course.

132353 EDT F-111 aircraft received antiaircraft fire from an island west of Kompong Som.

140005 EDT Authority given from President through SECDEF to sink four boats at Island and another patrol boat which previously fled island and now moored at another island.

140006 EDT JCS verbal authority given to sink small boats and advises caution in actions against craft next to the MAYAGUEZ or at Kaoh Tang Island.

140040 EDT Two F-4 aircraft expended 2,000 rounds of 20 mm on small boats in cove; one secondary explosion. Two boats sunk.

140048 EDT ACJCS debriefed CINCPAC and major subordinate commanders on the NSC meeting and provided planning guidance for military operations to recover the ship and crew as follows: At first light 15 May, US Forces will be prepared to secure Kaoh Tang Island and simultaneously board the MAYAGUEZ. Also plan for strikes against Kompong Som complex using B-52s from Guam and TACAIR from the USS CORAL SEA.

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140055 EDT JCS message confirms verbal authority to sink small boats (item 140006 EDT).

140520 EDT CINCPACFLT directed USS HANCOCK to sail immediately with troops and helicopters for MAYAGUEZ operational area.

140952 EDT AC-130 aircraft directed by on-scene commander to prevent any boat from approaching the MAYAGUEZ.

141406 EDT AC-130 gunship sunk a patrol craft two miles east northeast of Kaoh Tang Island.

141421 EDT USS HOLT standing by 25 nautical miles northwest of Kaoh Tang Island.

141442 EDT P-3 aircraft directed to locate Swedish vessel HIRADO.

141645 EDT NSC Meeting to JCS: Directed forces to begin operations to board MAYAGUEZ and make a helicopter assault on Kaoh Tang Island, but excluded air attacks on the Mainland of Cambodia.

141652 EDT JCS gave verbal order to CINCPAC to initiate the operation - excluded mainland strikes.

141703 EDT First flight of assault helicopters to depart Utapao at 1714 EDT - third flight of the first wave to depart at 1723. First three HH-53 (Jolly Green 11, 12, 13) to go to USS HOLT and the remaining five (Knife 21, 22, 23, 31, 32) to Kaoh Tang Island.

141710 EDT NSC meeting to JCS: Directed cyclic strike operations from the USS CORAL SEA against targets in the Kompong Som Complex with first time-on target specified at 2045. Details of operational authorities and principal targets were included.

141710 EDT JCS directed CINCPAC to commence cyclic strike operations against the Kompong Som Complex with the first time on target of 142045 EDT. First flight to be armed reconnaissance. Make use of guided munitions against targets of military significance.

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<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
141742 EDT	JCS msg confirms verbal execute order of 1652 EDT.
141845 EDT	Five flights of A-7 TACAIR launched for operational area.
141858 EDT	Three HH-53s arrived over the USS HOLT.
141909 EDT	Knife 22 (CH-53) received small arms fire at the landing zone (LZ); flight mechanic wounded.
141915 EDT	Knife 21 (CH-53) crashed into the water 1 nm north northwest of Kaoh Tang Island.
141922 EDT	Jolly Green 11 and 12 completed offload of marines on the USS HOLT and proceeded to provide SAR support for Knife 21 (crashed in water between Kaoh Tang Island and the USS WILSON).
141930 EDT	Knife 22 reported to be losing fuel - Knife 23 providing escort.
141940 EDT	Knife 23 and 31 reported receiving small arms fire from the tree line vicinity of the LZ on the northeastern beach, Kaoh Tang Island. Knife 31 subsequently crashed and burned on the beach waterline and Knife 23 crashed on the beach a short distance away from 31.
141946 EDT	Approximately 100 marines inserted on the island; difficulty in forming up; some hours before reinforcement possible.
142028 EDT	White House Situation Room forwards direction that CORAL SEA aircraft are not to release ordnance on Kompong Som Harbor.
142029 EDT	JCS informed CINCPAC not to use Navy TACAIR for strikes on Kompong Som Harbor.
142044 EDT	JCS directed CINCPAC to cease all cyclic strike operations from the CORAL SEA.
142045 EDT	USS HOLT drew alongside the MAYAGUEZ.
142047 EDT	White House Situation Room forwarded direction that the first wave from the CORAL SEA could continue mainland strike mission; report BDA prior to additional strikes.
142048 EDT	JCS informed CINCPAC of instructions from the White House (142047 EDT).

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142052 EDT White House provided instructions that CORAL SEA strikes should continue as planned; CINCPAC informed by JCS (NMCC).

142105 EDT Boarding party from the USS HOLT reported in full control of the MAYAGUEZ; no incidents.

142106 EDT Marine assault force reported to be consolidated on the island; force commander instructed to preserve his force until reinforced.

142110 EDT MAYAGUEZ boarding party reports that no one was found aboard the ship.

142204 -
2215 EDT Possible that two more cycles of seven helicopters would extend into the night; estimated departure of the second wave was 142300 EDT; ground force under heavy enemy fire and requesting naval gunfire from the USS HOLT.

142223 EDT Boat flying a white flag reported to be approaching the island.

142236 EDT Two tugs 60 miles from the MAYAGUEZ, enroute to pickup the ship and release marines for use on the island.

142250 EDT Naval gunfire communications established with the ground force ashore.

142254 EDT The boat with the white flag reported to contain caucasians. USS WILSON directed to secure the boat and its personnel.

142301 EDT Time of CORAL SEA strike at Ream Airfield reported as 142257 EDT.

142314 EDT Entire crew (40) of the MAYAGUEZ and five Thai fishermen secured and identified by the USS WILSON.

142316 EDT Marine ground force directed to pull back so that CORAL SEA TACAIR can provide suppressive fires to cover withdrawal operations.

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142341 EDT

Ground force on western objective area reported one KIA and eight WIA (three serious).

142344 EDT

SECDEF informed the CJCS that the third wave from CORAL SEA should strike as planned.

142344 EDT

CORAL SEA strike underway against the Kompong Som POL depot ordered to continue with all subsequent sorties devoted to close air support for the Marine force.

150008 EDT

Marines reported to be in a good position and consolidating with opposition forced back.

150010 EDT

SECDEF instructed the CJCS that efforts should be made to extract the Marines without further casualties.

150020 EDT

JCS advised CINCPAC that there was no commitment to keep the Marines on the island or capture it and request was made for extraction plan. Asked for recommendations for maintaining pressure on mainland targets.

150038 EDT

SECDEF informed the CJCS to cancel the CORAL SEA's fourth wave attack against mainland targets.

150040 EDT

B-52 alert cancelled. TACAIR to be used to cover marine withdrawal.

150041 EDT

CORAL SEA instructed to move closer to the island and to act as recovery base for the helicopter extraction.

150049 EDT

JCS directed CINCPAC to devote efforts to extracting Marines - no further consideration to additional mainland strikes.

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150050 EDT	SECDEF directed cessation of all offensive operations and to completely disengage all forces.
150055 EDT	JCS message implemented item 150050 EDT.
150121 EDT	Under cover of TACAIR, Knife 51 and 52 (CH-53) inserted reinforcements.
150140 EDT	A-7 aircraft attacked and sunk a patrol craft from which hostile fire was received.
150236 EDT	PAC informed NMCC that Knife 23 still had radio communication; one man aboard who could blow it up - one man critically wounded, one with a head wound, two with leg wounds, and one dazed.
150244 EDT	USS WILSON destroyed hostile gun position in partially sunken gunboat vicinity of eastern LZ.
150254 EDT	Marine commander reported that he was ready for extraction using six helicopters; two into the LZ at one time.
150310 EDT	Reported to be 160 Marines on the northwestern LZ and 22 at the helicopter crash site on the eastern LZ.
150327 EDT	Extraction of Marine ground force to begin at 150530 EDT.
150348 EDT	Report states that there are 261 Marines to be evacuated - seven helicopter loads - can get only four loads out before darkness. (total number clarified at 150359 EDT as: 213 on the island and 48 aboard the USS HOLT).
150411 EDT	Night extraction under consideration.
150515 EDT	USS HOLT and USS WILSON to attempt to use boats to assist in extraction starting at 150615 EDT - helo extraction moved to 150630 EDT.
150649 EDT	Boats launched towards shore.
150712 EDT	Helicopter extracted 25 personnel from the site of the two crashed helicopters; enroute to the CORAL SEA.
150733 EDT	BLUE CHIP (COMUSSAG/7AF) indicated that Marines may have to remain overnight, discussing with ground commander.
150749 EDT	Based on ground commander's recommendation extraction is to be extended into the night.

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150753 EDT

Reported that all personnel extracted from the east side of the island.

150917 EDT

Capt Davis, USMC extracted on the last helicopter, reported that he was relatively certain that all Marines were off the island.

NOTE: COMUSSAG/7AF verified the final extraction from Kaoh Tang Island by message at 150920 EDT.

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GLOSSARY

ACJCS	Acting Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
Ampbhibious Ready Group	Configuration of naval vessels primarily designed to support a Marine amphibious assault
A-6	Attack aircraft
A-7	Attack aircraft
Armed Reconnaissance	Mission with primary purpose of locating and attacking targets of opportunity
BDA	Bomb damage assessment
B-52	US Air Force bomber aircraft
Blue Chip	Radio call sign of USSAG
Chairman	Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff
CINCPAC	Commander-in-Chief Pacific Command
CJCS	Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff
COMSEVENTHFLT	Commander, Seventh Fleet (Western Pacific area)
CORAL SEA	USS CORAL SEA Aircraft Carrier
CRITIC	Critical intelligence information released by the National Security Agency with a FLASH precedence; may require attention of the NSC.
Cyclic	Launch/recovery of operation of carrier-based aircraft
DDO	Deputy Director for Operations
DTG	Date Time Group
EDT	Eastern Daylight Time
ETA	Estimated Time of Arrival

GLOSSARY continued

ETD	Estimated Time of Departure
F-111	Attack aircraft
J-3	Operations Directorate of a joint military staff
Kaoh Tang Island	Also spelled Koh Tang Island
Landing Zone (LZ)	A specified location within an objective area used for the landing of aircraft; usually associated with helicopters
Lift	Transport by helicopter
NMCC	National Military Command Center
NSC	National Security Council
Ordnance	Bombs, rockets, bullets, etc.
P-3	US Navy turboprop long range patrol aircraft
POL	Petroleum, oils, lubricants
PACOM	Pacific Command
PACFLT	Pacific Fleet (Euphemism for Commander-in-Chief of)
Recce	Reconnaissance
Riot Control Agents (RCA)	Chemical agents used as a non-deadly means of crowd control
SAR	Search and Rescue
SECDEF	Secretary of Defense
Sortie	An operational flight by one aircraft
TACAIR	Tactical aircraft (fighters, attack aircraft)

GLOSSARY continued

TOT	Time-on-Target
Telecon	Telephone conversation
USSAG	United States Support Activities Group (Headquarters, Nakhon Phanom Royal Thai Air Force Base)
USS HOLT	US Navy Destroyer
USS VEGA	US Navy store ship (deliveries, provisions for at sea fleet elements)
USS WILSON	US Navy Destroyer
Wave	A formation of forces (in this context a grouping of helicopters)

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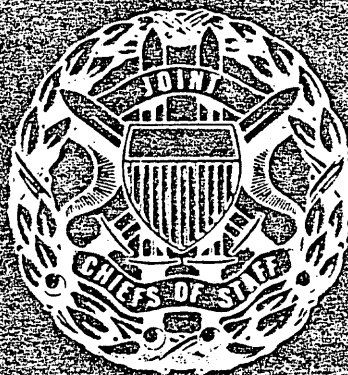
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VERBAL ORDERS RELATING TO RESCUE OF THE
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14 May

0005 Telecon OSD and OJCS: Authority given to sink four boats at island and also another patrol boat which previously fled island and now moored at another island.

1645 NSC Meeting to JCS: Directed forces to begin operations to board MAYAGUEZ and make a helicopter assault on Kaoh Tang Island, but excluded air attacks on the mainland of Cambodia.

1654 SECDEF to ACJCS: Approved ultimatum to be used in connection with the operation.

1710 NSC Meeting to JCS: Directed cyclic strike operations from the USS CORAL SEA against targets in the Kompong Som Complex with first time-on target specified at 2045. Details of operational authorities and principal targets were included.

2344 SECDEF to CJCS: Third wave from CORAL SEA should strike as planned.

15 May

0010 SECDEF on recommendation of CJCS: Devote efforts to extracting Marines without further casualties.

0038 SECDEF on recommendation of CJCS: Fourth wave from CORAL SEA should not be sent against mainland targets.

0050 SECDEF on recommendation of the CJCS: Directed cessation of all offensive operations and to completely disengage all forces.

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VERBAL ORDERS RELATING TO THE RESCUE OF THE
MAYAGUEZ AND ITS CREW

FROM JCS

14 May

0004 EDT to CINCPAC:

- JCS approved attack on small boats near island and ship, use caution around ship and carefully observe for presence of Americans on boats.

0048 to CINCPAC:

- ACJCS debriefed CINCPAC and major subordinate commanders on the NSC meeting and provided planning guidance for military operations to recover the ship and crew.

a. At first light 15 May, US Forces will be prepared to secure Koh Tang Island and simultaneously board the MAYAGUEZ.

b. Decision will be forthcoming whether to put Marines aboard the HOLT or have the crew of the HOLT handle it.

c. Helicopter cycles will be maximized.

d. Plan limited use of Guam-based B-52s and their related tankers for strikes against Kompong Som. Priority of targets will be the harbor area and military shipping.

e. Plan for TACAIR using CORAL SEA assets on multiple targets, particularly patrol boats not suitable for attack by B-52s.

f. Plan to use US air assets based in Thailand; however, Thailand-based assets will not be used to strike Cambodia proper.

g. Deny Cambodian naval vessels the entry into or exit from the areas around the island and in the vicinity of the ship.

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h. The primary objective is to get into the area as quickly as possible, and extract the Americans, recover the ship and withdraw US Forces promptly. Above all, the operation must be professionally conducted.

0143 to CINCPAC:

- JCS provided planning guidance on use of CORAL SEA as helo/fixed wing platform if carrier close enough to participate in operations.

1652 to CINCPAC:

- White House relayed original execution order calling for boarding of ship and helo assault of Koh Tang Island but excluded attacks on the Mainland by either B-52s and naval TACAIR from the CORAL SEA.

1710 to CINCPAC:

- Commence cycling strike from CORAL SEA against Kompong Som target complex to coincide with seizure time of ship. First flight to be armed recce against aircraft and military watercraft. Subsequent flights to use precision guided munitions against targets of military significance in Kompong Som complex.

1735 to CINCPAC:

- In view of indications that the MAYAGUEZ appeared to be making preparations to get underway, instructions were passed that the ship was not to be allowed to move.

1935 to CINCPAC:

- Continuous post strike recce coverage after every mission.

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VERBAL ORDERS FROM JCS (Continued)

14 May (continued)

2029 to CINCPAC:

- Do not release Navy TACAIR for strikes on Kompong Som Harbor.

2032 to CINCPAC:

- Island landing and boarding of ship may continue.

2034 to CINCPAC:

- Use all possible communications to divert and cancel CORAL SEA TACAIR. May operate in accordance with Thailand based ROE.

2044 to CINCPAC:

- JCS directed cessation of all cyclic strike operations from CORAL SEA immediately.

2048 to CINCPAC:

- Correction to previous order: First wave of TACAIR from CORAL SEA to strike Mainland targets. BDA is to be made and reported to NMCC.

2052

- NMCC passed on that General Scowcroft directed operations proceed with all CORAL SEA assets as planned.

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- DDO indicated White House directed information be provided as to estimate of next insertion of Marines.

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14 May (continued)

2235 to CINCPAC:

- Direct HOLT to send Marines to island as soon as possible.

2344 to CINCPAC:

- Allow CORAL SEA strike currently inbound to proceed to POL depot. All subsequent CORAL SEA efforts to be close air support missions in support of ground security forces on island.

15 May

0007 EDT to CINCPAC:

- Request situation island - Situation as below:
USMC - no imminent danger, opposition forced back,
Jolly Green fully resisting (mortars) MG/minefields -
USMC ashore consolidating.

0012 to CINCPAC:

- Concentrate efforts on withdrawal of Marines from the island.

0020 to CINCPAC:

- Informed CINCPAC that there was no commitment to keep the Marines on the island or to capture it. Also, that there was interest in keeping pressure on the mainland and asked for an opinion regarding useful targets remaining in the Kompong Som complex.

0039 to CINCPAC/CINCPACFLT/USSAG/7AF (GEN BROWN to ADM GAYLER):

- Stand B-52s down - Use TACAIR for Marines on island -
Question needs of Marine C.O. for reinforcements. Use
TACAIR as needed.

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0049 to CINCPAC:

- Directed CINCPAC to devote total effort to extracting Marines from the island without additional casualties if possible. Informed him that no further consideration was being given to additional strikes on the Mainland.

0158 to CINCPAC:

- Discussing ADM Gayler/Weisner exchange - agree on chopper use. Directed to "paste the place."

0326 to CINCPAC:

- When is extraction from Koh Tang due to start?

0408 to CINCPAC:

- On extraction of K-23 personnel, assume support will be SPECTRE gunships plus WILSON, plus CORAL SEA gunboats. Is that correct? Answer: Yes.

0610 to CINCPAC:

- Any info on TACAIR? Answer: 2 OV-10 for FAC, A7, F-4, AC-130.

0733 Conference Call CINCPAC/BLUE CHIP/JCS:

- Can't get GSF out tonight, going to talk to ground commander, COL Johnson, to make plans. Will keep SPECTRE overhead all night. Should have large reinforcements of Marine and helo from HANCOCK. Keep SPECTRE overhead all night. Might consider using boats tonight under cover of darkness.

- FROM CHAIRMAN: Present concept is to bring Marines and helos from HANCOCK to CORAL SEA and plan for tomorrow.

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0748 to CINCPAC:

- Directed CINCPAC to discuss with USSAG/7AF the advisability of continuing the liftout during the night by boat or helicopters under cover of darkness as compared to major helicopter reinforcements and troop reinforcements if necessary in the morning.

0748-0915 - Continuous monitoring, discussion, and coordination until the extraction was completed.

1002 FROM NMCC to CINCPAC:

- Break down the conference circuit.

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MAYAGUEZ AND ITS CREW

FROM CINCPAC

13 May

2308 EDT to USSAG:

- Ordered acceleration of information on count of boats around island.

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0132 EDT to USSAG:

- Confirms telecon between CINCPAC and JCS. Reiterated: need to get Marines on USS HOLT; take island by helo assault; maybe B-52 strikes against harbor/airfield, Kompong Som and Ream; should happen within next 18 hours; work with SAC Liaison; need for constant recce from now till execution; no boats in or out of island - can sink to sterilize area; minimize reliance on Thailand-based TACAIR; B-52s will come from Guam.

0238 (Admiral Gayler at JCS) to CINCPAC:

- Make transfers of Marines to USS HOLT at first light. CINC will get OK at Washington end.

0246 to ALCON:

- No execution today (1346 GOLF). Plan for first light tomorrow; put Marines aboard USS HOLT at first light.

0327 (Admiral Gayler at JCS) to CINCPAC J3:

- USS HOLT should be loading 50 calibers aboard; should be making up firebase location; also fabricating shields; put ASROCs in secure area; incoming helos should have flak jackets for sailors on USS HOLT; see no alternate except for Marines to go from helos while they hover, rapel down rope; don't hurry so much; be sure we have RCS on choppers (all acknowledged by USSAG/PACFLT in follow-on conversation.)

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VERBAL ORDERS FROM CINCPAC (Continued)

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0400 to USSAG:

- Request update RF-4C coverage, soonest today, of Ream, airfield and port facility; Sihanoukville, from JCS; USSAG/Fleet acknowledged. JCS noted decision will be made this afternoon in Washington (now 1000 DC time) this afternoon we will be advised.

0544 to USSAG:

- (In response to USSAG report RF-4Cs did not get airborne due to nonavailability of aircraft and they plan coverage for first light tomorrow); Hold off on missions until we say OK.

0940 to USSAG:

- What is status of plan (not yet received) due at 1300Z.

1110 TO USSAG, PACFLT, PACAF on conference line:

- Following points made: Regarding any targeting done, replacing B-52 strikes, should stay with only military targets; on Swedish ship, P-3s should pursue looking for it--recce area--see what we can do. Will help internationalize situation. Noted that fleet not to interfere with primary mission, per JCS comment.

1831 to COMUSSAG:

- Keep the info coming. MAYAGUEZ is not to be permitted to depart.

1858 TO USSAG:

- SITREPS from the USS HOLT are to be read over the secure conference when received.

1905 to USSAG:

- Give landing times of helos as soon as they land. Provide count of TACAIR over target.

1910 to USSAG:

- Directed put BLU-82s on launch alert.

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1920 to USSAG:

- Directs launch BLU-82s and hold.

1936 to USSAG:

- Directs USS WILSON to render fire support.

1938 to USSAG:

- Authorizes ground commander to use BLU-82s if he desires.

1947 to USSAG:

- Directs KNIFE 43, 42 to land on island.

2002 to USSAG:

- Directs use USS WILSON for fire support.

2058 TO USSAG:

- Proceed with strikes as planned. Still need position ID on Merships as Cambodian before hitting. Have authority to use CORAL SEA TACAIR to support GSF. Can preempt Cambodia strikes if required.

2100 to USSAG:

- Request latest info from GSF.

2106 to USSAG:

- We just got a report that KNIFE 31 in the water with 10 survivors. Tell GSF commander not to hazard his force. Do not take offensive actions without waiting for reinforcements.

2124 to ACJCS:

- Need to get word out that we seized ship vice it was surrendered (ACJCS noted White House had done that).

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VERBAL ORDERS FROM CINCPAC (Continued)

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2130 to USSAG (in response to question):

- Mission of GSF on island is to secure island and make search.

2204 to CJCS:

- Contemplate insertion (buildup) of force into night hours. Plan to get some Marines from MAYAGUEZ/HOLT to help GSF (CJCS concurred).

2213 to USSAG:

- GSF under heavy fire; provide fire support from the WILSON.

2223 to PACFLT:

- Investigate possibility of using CORAL SEA ASW choppers to move Marines from MAYAGUEZ to beach; reinforcing the beach has priority.

2232 to USSAG:

- Move MACTHAI tugs (about 60 miles away) down to MAYAGUEZ.

2332 to USSAG:

- Authorized to hold up the helo flow. Pull back the GSF, so can provide suppressive TACAIR support.

2342 to CJCS:

- If needed, will use CORAL SEA TACAIR to support GSF. CJCS acknowledges this is within CINCPAC authority/JCS guidance.

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0010 EDT to USSAG:

- Like to put in heavy air strikes before bringing in more GSF.

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VERBAL ORDERS FROM CINCPAC (Continued)

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0012 to USSAG:

- Get the Marines in position for extraction. Suppress (resistance) with fire.

0046 to USSAG:

- Present intent to move CORAL SEA closer to island, use deck as shuttle for extraction. CORAL SEA now 85-90 NM south of island. GSF commander not able to join up. Needs 100 more men - cannot secure LZ.

0052 to USSAG:

- Insure GSF commander understands we want to extract him now. Ask if he has secure LZ to put reinforcements on ground.

0054 to USSAG:

- Passed on CJCS concern about evacuating casualties from chopper on beach.

0130 to USSAG:

- Strike barge/boat (between Koh Tang and Mainland)

0146 to USSAG:

- Get TACAN reading on CORAL SEA.

0150 to Fleet:

- Can you move CORAL SEA closer? Send "BINGO" aircraft to U-Tapao.

0153 to USSAG:

- Expend TACAIR ordnance.

0155 to USSAG:

- Directs helos are priority one for cyclic air operations from CORAL SEA. Insure helos are unimpeded.

0235 to USSAG:

- Keep helos in area of the operation for extraction purposes.

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0400 to USSAG:

- Continue to muster maximum helos. Continue to move CORAL SEA closer. Evaluate situation with view of extraction tonight. Maximum TACAIR support.

0412 to Fleet:

- Want CORAL SEA close ASAP. Request estimate when within 10 NM (estimate 1015Z).

0514 to USSAG:

- After consultation with Fleet, extract crew with boat from HOLT/WILSON about an hour from now.

0520 to USSAG:

- Cautioned not to precede downed chopper operation too much with GSF extraction, lest forces have not enough protection.

0522 to USSAG:

- Recapped concept: Two ships go in as close as possible. Send in boats. Marines swim/push wounded few feet to boats. Use fire support as needed. Assume 4 big choppers and 2 ASW (confirmed by USSAG).

0528 to USSAG:

- Keep 2 OV 10s up and over area.

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VERBAL ORDERS FROM CINCPAC (Continued)

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0532 to USSAG:

- Go at 1730G (1030Z) with helo evacuation; soonest with GSF.

0543 to PACFLT:

- Have HANCOCK test long-range tanks tonight in case needed tomorrow.

0546 to Fleet:

- Reaffirm with "skippers," they are to go as close as possible.

0554 to Fleet:

- Expedite (closing of USS HOLT) as fast as possible.

0607 to USSAG:

- Hold operation until both ships (WILSON/HOLT) ready to go--but in daylight. Move to beach with fire as necessary. Give me the time. If it gets too hot, authorized to move off and we'll try it under cover of darkness.

0609 to CJCS:

- Recapped decisions made; chopper evacuation at 1030Z; other operation in daylight; both ships in use; alternative is to wait for daylight tomorrow. I have directed execution--in about 20 minutes. CJCS acknowledged.

0625 to USSAG:

- Authorized to expend one (1) BLU-82 on island. Insure caution. Stay clear of Marines and choppers.

0634 to USSAG:

- Plan BLU drop in large part of island. Be sure clear of LZ and Marines.

VERBAL ORDERS FROM CINCPAC (Continued)

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0638 to USSAG:

- Proceed with pickup of downed helicopter crew ASAP.

0640 to USSAG:

- In reading message from USS WILSON on "possible" evacuation, it is directed, they have the go - WILSON seems to be in doubt.

0658 to Fleet:

- Be prepared to launch maximum HANCOCK helos with Marine complement, to arrive at first light.

0747 to USSAG:

- Be sure to get GSF commander's view on coming out by boat tonight--as compared to bringing them out in daylight tomorrow with major reinforcements.

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- CINCPAC concurred with COMUSSAG request (GSF commander recommendation) to continue operation tonight by helo (primarily) and/or boat, as long as feasible.

0837 to USSAG:

- Report confirmation of all personnel out.

0925 to JCS:

- Debrief of CAPT Davies states he is "relatively certain" no more Marines on island. I (CINCPAC) will wind down.

0926 to ALCON:

- Magnificent performance by all hands, under difficult circumstances. Well done.

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WRITTEN ORDERS RELATING TO THE RESCUE
OF THE SS MAYAGUEZ AND ITS CREW

FROM JCS

1. JCS 140455Z May 75 to CINCPAC:
(140055 EDT)

- Confirms authority passed by voice 140406Z to sink small craft identified in vicinity of Koh Tang.

2. JCS 140523Z May 75 to CINCPAC:
(140123Z EDT)

- Suggests EOD team capability accompany boarding forces.

3. JCS 140645Z May 75 to CINCPAC/CINCSAC/COMUSSAG/7AF/COMSEVENTHFLT/
(140245 EDT) CINCPACAF/CINCPACFLT

- Direct planning for potential execution early 15 May to seize the MAYAGUEZ, occupy Koh Tang Island, conduct B-52 strikes against mainland targets, and sink all Cambodian small craft in the target areas.

4. JCS 042000Z May 75 to CINCPAC:
(141600 EDT)

- Request reconnaissance assets on board CVAs be placed in highest state of readiness.

5. JCS 142059Z May 75 to CINCPAC:
(141659 EDT)

- Planning message concerning possible ultimatum which might be given to Cambodians.

6. JCS 142142Z May 75 to CINCPAC:
(141742 EDT)

- Directs US Marines aboard USS HOLT to seize and secure SS MAYAGUEZ; directs Marine helicopter assault on Koh Tang Island; authorizes use of TACAIR and naval gunfire support for operations directed above; directs withdrawal of Marines from island as soon as possible upon completion of mission.

7. JCS 142203Z May 75 to CINCPAC:
(141803 EDT)

- Directs execution of cyclic operation from CORAL SEA against targets in Kompong Som complex.

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8. JCS 142321Z May 75 to CINCSAC:
(141921 EDT)

- Message confirms telecon placing B-52s on 1-hour alert effective 142155Z May.

9. JCS 142344Z May 75 to CINCPAC:
(141944 EDT)

- Approved PACFLT request to overfly Cambodian Islands and Kompong Som area.

10. JCS 150044Z May 75 to CINCPAC:
(142044 EDT)

- Cease strike operations against Kompong Som complex. (Rescinds previous direction - see item 7.)

11. JCS 150118Z May 75 to CINCPAC.
(142118 EDT)

- Rescinds previous direction to cease strikes against Kompong Som complex (see item 10). Directs operations proceed as previously approved against Kompong Som (see item 7).

12. JCS 150204Z May 75 to all Military Activities:
(142204 EDT)

- Directs minimize on all communications to Southeast Asia.

13. JCS 150455Z May 75 to CINCPAC/CINCSAC:
(150055 EDT)

- Directs terminate all offensive operations; disengage and withdraw/report when accomplished. CINCSAC resume normal readiness.

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CINCPAC AT 142406Z MAY 1975 TO ATTACK AND SINK SMALL CRAFT
IDENTIFIED IN VICINITY OF KUH TANG AND THE ONE CRAFT WHICH
PREVIOUSLY DEPARTED KUH TANG FOR PAOLO HAI ISLANDS, GDS 63

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SUBJ PLANNING FOR MAYAGUEZ BOARDING (C)

1. THERE IS POSSIBILITY THAT MAYAGUEZ COULD BE BOOBY TRAPPED

AT TIME OF BOARDING. SUGGEST YOUR PLANNING AND PREPARATION

CONSIDER EOD TEAM CAPABILITIES TO ACCOMPANY BOARDING FORCES.

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WEISNER, LGEN BURNS, AND VADM STEELE FROM GENERAL JONES

SUBJ: MAYAGUEZ/KOH TANG PLANNING DIRECTIVE (S)

1, SUMMARY, HIGHER AUTHORITY HAS DIRECTED THAT ALL NECESSARY PREPARATIONS BE MADE FOR POTENTIAL EXECUTION EARLY ON THE 15TH TO SEIZE THE MAYAGUEZ, OCCUPY KOH TANG ISLAND, CONDUCT B-52 STRIKES AGAINST THE PORT OF KOMPONG SOM AND REAH AIRFIELD, AND SINK ALL CAMBODIAN SMALL CRAFT IN TARGET AREAS, END SUMMARY.

2. FOR CINCPAC, PLAN FOR AND WHEN DIRECTED EXECUTE THE FOLLOWING OPERATIONS:

A, USS HAROLD E. HOLT SEIZE SS MAYAGUEZ USING SHIPS COMPANY AND/OR AUGMENTING MARINES NOW AT UTAPAD.

R, OCCUPY KOK TANG ISLAND WITH MARINE FORCES NOW AT UTAPAO SUPPORTED BY AIR FORCE HELD ASSETS AND TACAIR AND NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT AS AVAILABLE AND REQUIRED.

C, SINK ALL CAMBODIAN SMALL CRAFT IN THE TARGET AREAS OF KOH TANG, PAULS HALL, KOMPONG SOM, AND BEAM.

3, FOR CHUSAC, CONDUCT CONVENTIONAL B52 STRIKES AGAINST THE
PORT OF KOMPONG SOM AND BEAM AIRFIELD FROM GUAM REPEAT FROM GUAM.

4. FOR ALL, THESE OPERATIONS ARE CURRENTLY PROJECTED FOR SUNRISE, TARGET AREAS, ON 15 MAY. B-52 TOT'S MAY BE UP TO 3 HOURS LATER.

PLAN SUPPORTING OPERATIONS AS REQUIRED, ALSO PLAN ON POSSIBLE USE OF USS CORAL SEA AIRCRAFT.

5, MEANWHILE DENY BY SINKING EGRESS AND INGRESS OF ALL CAMBODIAN

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- SHIPS AND SMALL CRAFT FROM OR TO KOH TANG ISLAND AREA.
- 6, SECURITY IS OF ABSOLUTE PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE. LIMIT ACCESS TO THESE INTENTIONS AND PLANNING ACTIONS TO MINIMUM PERSONNEL NECESSARY.
- 7, FYI, FINAL DECISION RELATIVE TO EXECUTION EXPECTED MIDAFTERNOON TOMORROW WASHINGTON TIME. END FYI.
- 8, REQUIRE YOUR PLANS PRIOR 140922Z EDT.
- 9, THERE IS TO BE NO UNAUTHORIZED PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS MATTER; ANY NEWS MEDIA OR PUBLIC QUERIES ARE TO BE ACCEPTED WITH A QUOTE NO COMMENT REPLY AND BE CALLED IMMEDIATELY TO THE ATTENTION OF ASD(PA) VIA THE PA WATCH OFFICER IN THE NMCC. ASD(PA) WILL COORDINATE AND PROVIDE FURTHER PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE AS APPROPRIATE.
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SUDJ: BOARDING OF AMERICAN FLAG SHIP (U)

REF: JCS 0233/121944Z MAY 75 (NOTAL)

1. REF REQUESTED PHOTO RECONNAISSANCE OF SELECTED TARGETS AND THAT RECONNAISSANCE ASSETS BE ALERTED TO RESPOND ON SHORT NOTICE.

2. REQUEST RECONNAISSANCE ASSETS, PROCESSING FACILITY AND PERSONNEL ON BOARD CVAS IN/ENROUTE GULF OF THAILAND BE PLACED IN SAME HIGH STATE OF READINESS AS LAND-BASED FORCES. REPORT RESULTS OF ANY RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS RELATIVE TO SS MAYAGUEZ OPERATIONS BY FLASH IPR. GDS-85

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1. ~~(1)~~ FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF ULTIMATUM WHICH MAY BE DIRECTED FOR USE IN CONNECTION WITH OPERATIONS TO RECOVER THE HAYAGUEZ AND LANDING ON KOH YANG ISLAND. IT IS VISUALIZED THAT THIS TEXT WOULD BE SIMULTANEOUSLY INTRODUCED INTO THE CAMBODIAN COMMUNICATIONS NET AND ANNOUNCED VIA BULLHORN UPON COMMENCEMENT OF ACTION AGAINST KOH YANG, AND PROCLAIMED TO FORCES TAKEN CAPTIVE. TEXT FOLLOWS:

AMERICAN FORCES HAVE RETAKEN OUR SHIP, THE HAYAGUER, AND LANDED ON KOH YANG ISLAND. WE DEMAND THE RELEASE OF THE CREWMEN UNHARMED. IF THEY ARE NOT RETURNED BY TEN O'CLOCK THIS MORNING,

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MILITARY TARGETS TO INCLUDE THOSE ON MAINLAND CAMBODIA WILL BE
ATTACHED. WE ARE MONITORING INTERNATIONAL DISTRESS FREQUENCIES
FOR YOUR RESPONSE. (NOTE: LAST SENTENCE USED ONLY WITH
CAMBODIAN COMMUNICATIONS NET.)

2. ~~FOR~~ ABOVE TEXT MAY BE CHANGED AND YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED ASAP OF
APPROVED TEXT. IF USED, ULTIMATUM SHOULD BE BROADCAST IN ENGLISH,
FRENCH, AND CAMBODIAN.

3. ~~FOR~~ IF DECISION IS MADE TO USE ULTIMATUM, JCS WILL FOLLOW WITH
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SUBJ KHMER SEIZURE OF MAYAGUEZ (U)

REF: JCS 1189/142045Z MAY 75 (NOTAL) WHICH DIRECTS PLANNING

ACTIONS TO SEIZE AND SECURE THE SS MAYAGUEZ/CREW

1. ~~1~~ THIS IS AN EXECUTE MESSAGE TO EFFECT RECOVERY OF MAYAGUEZ
AND CREW.

2. ~~1~~ FOR CINCPACI

A. CONDUCT ASSAULT BY MARINES ABOARD USS H E HOLT

TO SEIZE AND SECURE SS MAYAGUEZ IAW REF, SAIL/TOW MAYAGUEZ TO SEA
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AND TACAIR FROM CORAL SEA AND USAF THAILAND BASED FORCES AUTHORIZED AS DEEMED APPROPRIATE;

B. COMMENCE MARINE HELICOPTER ASSAULT ON KAOH TANG ISLAND IAW REF;

USE OF NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT AND TACAIR FROM CORAL SEA AND USAF THAILAND BASED FORCES AUTHORIZED AGAINST KAOH TANG ISLAND;

C. USN SHIPS AND TACAIR FROM CORAL SEA AND USAF THAILAND BASED FORCES AUTHORIZED TO ENGAGE AND DESTROY ALL CAMBODIAN CRAFT THAT INTERVENE IN THE OPAREA;

D. WITHDRAW MARINE ASSAULT FORCE FROM KAOH TANG ISLAND AS SOON AS FEASIBLE UPON COMPLETION OF SEARCH FOR/REMOVAL OF MAYAGUEZ CREW;

E. CEASE OPERATIONS AND WITHDRAW ALL FORCES FROM THE OPAREA AS SOON AS FEASIBLE AND UPON COMPLETION OF MISSION;

F. INITIATE REPORTS IAW JCS PUB 9 AS FOLLOWS:

(1) SITREP EVERY SIX HOURS COMMENCING FIRST STRIKE; INCLUDE ADDITIONAL PLANNING ACTIONS;

(2) ALL SORTIES REPORT USING OPREP4 UPON COMPLETION EACH MISSION;

(3) USE OPREP3 FOR INCIDENT REPORTING AS APPROPRIATE.

3. (S) FOR CINCSAC:

PROVIDE AIR REFUELING SUPPORT AS REQUESTED IN COORDINATION WITH CINCPAC;

4. (S) NO OTHER REPEAT NO OTHER OPERATIONS CONTAINED IN REF PLANNING MESSAGE HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR EXECUTION;

5. (U) DIRLAUTH ALCON; KEEP JCS INFORMED;

6. (U) THERE IS TO BE NO UNAUTHORIZED PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS MATTER;

ANY NEWS MEDIA OR PUBLIC QUERIES ARE TO BE ACCEPTED WITH A QUOTE

NO COMMENT UNQUOTE REPLY AND BE CALLED IMMEDIATELY TO THE ATTENTION

OF ASD(PA) VIA THE PA WATCH OFFICER IN THE NMCC. ASD(PA) WILL

COORDINATE AND PROVIDE FURTHER PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE AS

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SUBJ: KHMER SEIZURE OF MAYAGUEZ (U)

1. (U) THIS IS AN EXECUTE MESSAGE.

2. ~~12~~ COMMENCE CYCLIC STRIKE OPERATIONS FROM CORAL SEA AGAINST
TARGETS IN THE KOMPONG SOM COMPLEX WITH FIRST TIME ON TARGET AT
150005Z MAY 75 WHICH COINCIDES WITH ESTIMATED TIME OF CAPTURE OF
MAYAGUEZ.

3. ~~13~~ FIRST EVENT SHOULD BE ARMED RECONNAISSANCE WITH PRINCIPAL

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TARGETS AS AIRCRAFT AND MILITARY WATERCRAFT, AVOID MERSHIPS IN
KOMPONG SOM UNTIL IDENTIFICATION HAS BEEN CLEARLY ESTABLISHED AS
CAMBODIAN.

4. (U) SUBSEQUENT FLIGHTS SHOULD MAKE MAX USE OF PRECISION GUIDED
MUNITIONS TO ATTACK TARGETS OF MILITARY SIGNIFICANCE IN THE KOMB
PONG SOM COMPLEX.

5. (U) DIRLAUTH ALCON, KEEP JCS INFORMED.

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SUBJ: TACAIR RECONNAISSANCE (U)

REFS: A. CINCPACFLT 141017Z MAY 75

B. CINCPAC 142110Z MAY 75

1. (S) CINCPACFLT 141017Z MAY 75 REQUESTED PERMISSION TO CONDUCT NAVY TACTICAL PHOTO RECONNAISSANCE MISSIONS OF SELECTED CAMBODIAN ISLANDS AND KOMPONG SOM AREA. CINCPAC 142110Z MAY 75 CONCURRED REF A, EXCLUDING KOMPONG SOM AREA, AND REQUESTED JCS APPROVAL FOR OVERFLIGHT OF KOMPONG SOM.

2. (S) APPROVAL TO OVERFLY TARGETS OF REF A, INCLUDING KOMPONG SOM AREA, WITH ALL TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE AGENTS TO PROVIDE TACTICAL INFORMATION AND ADEQUATE DOCUMENTATION OF MAYAGUEZ OPERATIONS IS CONFIRMED. REQUEST COVERAGE OF ANY STRIKES AND REPORT RESULTS BY FLASH IPIR WITH SELECTED PRINTS TO WASHINGTON VIA COMPASS LINK. 000000

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SUBJ: KEMER SEIZURE OF MAYAGUEZ (U)

REF: JCS 142203Z MAY 75 WHICH DIRECTED CORAL SEA STRIKES AGAINST
TARGETS IN KOMPONG SOM COMPLEX.

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OPERATIONS AGAINST TARGETS IN KOMPONG SOM COMPLEX,

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SUBJ KAMPUR SEIZURE OF MAYAGUEZ (U)

REFSI AT JCS 1959/142223Z MAY 75

B, JCS 2128/153244Z MAY 75

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2. REF B RESCINDED

3. CARRY OUT OPERATIONS AS DIRECTED REF A

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ALHILACT 20/75

REF: A. CNO 142344Z MAY 75 (NOTAL)
B. CNO 150609Z MAY 75 (NOTAL)
C. CINCPAC 150609Z MAY 75 (NOTAL)

1. AT THE REQUEST OF CNO JCS IMPOSE MINIMIZE WORLDWIDE
ON RECORD/VOICE/DATA COMMUNICATIONS DESTINED FOR SOUTHEAST
ASIA (THAILAND, LAOS, PHILIPPINES AREA) AND SEVENTH FLEET
AFLOAT.

2. COMMANDERS ARE REQUESTED TO APPLY STRICT CONTROLS ON
ALL TRAFFIC DESTINED FOR THE ABOVE PACOM COMMANDS.
MINIMIZE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UNTIL CANCELLED BY JCS.

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MINIMIZE IS NOW IN EFFECT FOR SOUTHEAST ASIA (THAILAND, LAOS,
PHILIPPINES AREA) AND SEVENTH FLEET AFLOAT.

REVIEW THE APPLICABLE PARAGRAPHS IN THE MESSAGE PREPARATION HANDBOOK

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CJCS SENDS

SUBJ: KKKR SEIZURE OF MAYAGUEZ (U)

1. FOR ALL. IMMEDIATELY CEASE ALL OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS
AGAINST KKKR REPUBLIC RELATED TO SEIZURE OF MAYAGUEZ. DISENGAGE
AND WITHDRAW ALL FORCES FROM OPAREA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE CONSISTENT
WITH SAFETY/SELF DEFENSE. REPORT WHEN DISENGAGEMENT COMPLETED
AND ALL FORCES CLEAR OF TERRITORIAL WATERS.

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2. (S) FOR CINCSAC. RESUME NORMAL READINESS POSTURE.

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WRITTEN ORDERS RELATING TO THE RESCUE
OF THE SS MAYAGUEZ AND ITS CREW

FROM CINCPAC

1. CINCPAC 140325Z May 75 to COMUSSAG/7AF:
(132325Z EDT)

- Amends previous photo tasking.

2. CINCPAC 140625Z May 75 to CINCPACFLT:
(140225 EDT)

- Directs CINCPACFLT to take JCS suggestion for appropriate action. (See JCS item 2)

3. CINCPAC 140750Z May 75 to COMUSSAG/7AF:
(140350 EDT)

- Directs COMUSSAG/7AF to take such action as required to prohibit boat traffic into or out of Koh Tang Island areas and provide plan for; boarding MAYAGUEZ, helo landing assault, sink all Cambodian small craft, B-52 strike, full coverage recce, use of BLU-82.

4. CINCPAC 140814Z May 75 to COMUSSAG NKP:
(140414 EDT)

- Request for additional info on TACAIR tasking and arrival time of 40 Marines and MSC crew for embarking USS HOLT.

5. CINCPAC 140837Z May 75 to COMUSSAG/7AF:
(140437 EDT)

- Requests photo coverage of Sihanoukville/Kompong Som naval facility/airfield and Ream Airfield.

6. CINCPAC 141722Z May 75 to COMUSSAG/7AF:
(141322Z EDT)

- Directs COMUSSAG to maintain recon forces on short notice alert status.

7. CINCPAC 142109Z May 75 to COMUSSAG/7AF/CINCPACFLT/CINCPACAF:
(141709 EDT)

- MAYAGUEZ Koh Tang planning.

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WRITTEN ORDERS FROM CINCPAC (CONTINUED)

8. CINCPAC 142110Z May 75 to JCS/CINCPACFLT:
(141710 EDT)

- Authorizes photo recce of Poulo Wai, Koh Tang and Hon Pan Jang islands. Requests authority to conduct Navy tactical photo recce of Kompong Som area.

9. CINCPAC 142112Z May 75 to JCS and COMUSSAG/7AF:
(141712 EDT)

- Approved USSAG/7AF plan subject to certain modifications.

10. CINCPAC 142152Z May 75 to USSAG/7AF:
(141752 EDT)

- Directs execution of landing at Koh Tang and boarding of MAYAGUEZ at 142045Z.

11. CINCPAC 142310Z May 75 to USSAG/7AF/CINCPACFLT/CINCPACAF:
(141910 EDT)

- Directs execution of landing on Koh Tang Island and seizure of MAYAGUEZ as directed by CINCPAC and specified by JCS.

12. CINCPAC 151330Z May 75 to COMUSSAG/7AF, CINCPACFLT, CINCPACAF:
(150930 EDT)

- Request data in addition that required by JCS. (See JCS Item 12)

13. CINCPAC 151337Z May 75 to JCS/COMUSSAG/7AF/CINCPACFLT:
(150937 EDT)

- Rescinds authority to conduct TACAIR recce and surveillance operations in support of recovery of MAYAGUEZ.

14. CINCPAC 151523Z May 75 to COMUSSAG/7AF, CINCPACFLT, CINCPACAF:
(151123 EDT)

- Requests info previously requested be sent flash and indicate if incomplete. (See item 13)

15. CINCPAC 151700Z May 75 to COMUSSAG/7AF/CINCPACFLT/CINCPACAF:
(151300 EDT)

- Requests additional data (see items 12 and 14)

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WRITTEN ORDERS FROM CINCPAC (CONTINUED)

16. CINCPAC 152143Z May 75 to various addressees:
(151743 EDT)

- Forwards public affairs guidance for MAYAGUEZ operation.

17. CINCPAC 152330Z May 75 to USSAG/7AF/CINCPACFLT/CINCPACAF:
(151930 EDT)

- Confirms telecon to terminate all operations in support of recovery MAYAGUEZ.

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COVERAGE OF KAO TANG ISLAND (U)

A, CINCPAC HONOLULU HI 132346Z MAY 75

B, JCS WASH DC 140141 MAY 75 (NOTAL)

1, (S) PHOTO TASKING REF A AMENDED AS FOLLOWS: PROVIDE DAILY PHOTO

COVERAGE OF KAO TANG ISLAND (10-18N 103-29E) USING BEST POSSIBLE

SCALE. REPORT RESULTS VIA FLASH IPIR. FORWARD SELECTED PRINTS TO

CINCPAC AND WASHINGTON VIA COMPASS LINK. MAINTAIN DAILY PHOTO

COVERAGE UNTIL DIRECTED OTHERWISE BY CINCPAC. REF B PERTAINS.

2, (S) REMAINING PROVISIONS REF A, INCLUDING MINIMUM ALTITUDE

SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FEET, CONTINUE IN EFFECT.

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PLANNING FOR MAYAGUEZ BOARDING (C)

1. JCS 1257/142523Z MAY 75

1. (U) TAKE REF A FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION. DIRLAUTH ALCON AS REQUIRED.

2. (U) ADVISE CINCPAC INFO ALCON ANY PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED IN PROVIDING EOD TEAM CAPABILITIES TO ACCOMPANY BOARDING PARTY.

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09 HAYAGUEZ OPERATIONS (U)
A. J20 1100/1400GZ MAY 73 (INITIAL)
B. CENPACFLT 001007Z MAY 73 (RAMP)
1. ~~DO~~ TAKE SUCH ACTION AS REQUESTED TO PROMPTLY GOVT TRAFFIC
INTO OR OUT OF NON TANG ISLAND AREA. AUTHORITY GRANTED TO J20
SUCH GOVT TRAFFIC AS NECESSARY.
2. ~~DO~~ PROVIDE DETAILED PLANS BY 141000Z MAY 73 TO CENPAC,
INFO ALCON, FOR THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS. REFS A AND B GERMANY.
DIRLAUTH AS REQUESTED:
CONDUCTING HOME CSP PERSONNEL TO CONSTITUTE HAYAGUEZ
AS NOT ENDARK SEPT

INPO ALCON, FOR THE FORECASTER.
DIRLAUTH AS REQUESTED:
A. SCHEDULED LONG GSP PERSONNEL TO CONSTITUTE MAYAGUEZ
BOARDING PARTY AND EMBARK ON HAROLD E. HOLY. DO NOT EMBARK BEFORE
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- B. HELO LANDING ASSAULT WITH USMC GSF TO DIEZE/OCCUPY KOH YANG ISLAND.
- C. SINK ALL CAMBODIAN SMALL CRAFT IN THE TARGET AREAS OF KOH YANG, PAULU KAY, KOMPONG SOM AND REAM.
- D. IN COORDINATION WITH SACADVON, 2-02 STRIKES AGAINST KOMPONG SOM HARBOR AND REAM AIRFIELD. GUAM BASED B-52S AND YAKOVLEV WILL BE UTILIZED IN ABOVE PLANNING.
- E. FULL COVERAGE/RECCO OF THE AREA OF OPERATIONS (CENCPAC 152340Z MAY 75 AND CENCPAC 140620Z MAY 75 PERTAIN).
- F. USE OF 06U 02 TO CLEAR KOH YANG ISLAND LZ'S FOR ASSAULT TROOPS.
- G. ~~1-01~~ IN PLANNING FOR ABOVE ACTIONS PLACE MAXIMUM EMPHASIS ON USE OF CORAL SEA FOR CLOSE AIR SUPPORT AND MINIMUM RELIANCE ON AVAILABILITY OF THAI BASED STRATEGIC/TACAIR.

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B, CINCPACFLT 142837Z MAY 75

1. (S) IN ADDITION INFO RORD REF A, PROVIDE TACTICS TASKING AND
ARRIVAL TIME OF COMBAT EQUIPPED MARINES, BOB TEAM, AND

NAVY/ASO NUCLEUS ONE FOR EMBARKATION RORD REF B, DIRLAUTH

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~~PHOTOGRAPHIC REQUIREMENT~~

1. (S) HIGHEST PRIORITY REQUIREMENT EXISTS FOR PHOTO COVERAGE
FOLLOWING TARGETS:

A. SIHANOUKVILLE/KAMPONG SOM NAVAL FACILITY AND AIRFIELD

B. BEAN PORT FACILITY AND AIRFIELD

2. (S) ~~REQUIREMENT FOR POSSIBLE SCENES CONSISTENT WITH MINIMUM ALTITUDE~~
~~1000 FEET. IMAGERY REQUIRED IMMEDIATE OPERATIONAL PLANNING.~~

3. (S) ~~REI~~ NAVAL CRAFT, AAA, SIGNIFICANT MILITARY ACTIVITY
AIRFIELD. REQUEST FLASH IPIR AND VOICE REPORT VIA TELECON TO
CINCPAC DD1.

4. (S) CINCPAC ASSESSMENT MILITARY RISK: MODERATE INTELLIGENCE

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E. (S) THIS CONFIRMS TELECON TASKING CINCPAC / BLUE CHIP 142835Z
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A. ICS WASH DC 121044Z MAY 75 (NOTAL)

B. CINCPAC 122137Z MAY 75 (NOTAL)

C. CINCPAC HONOLULU HI 132346Z MAY 75 (NOTAL)

D. CINCPAC HONOLULU HI 140325Z MAY 75 (NOTAL)

EE. CINCPAC HONOLULU HI 140837Z MAY 75

1. (U) REFS A THROUGH E REQUESTED RF-4C PHOTO COVERAGE SELECTED OBJECTIVES CAMBODIA.

2. (U) AUTHORITY REF BRAVO RESCINDED. REFS C, D, AND E REMAIN IN EFFECT. ADDITIONALLY, MAINTAIN RECONNAISSANCE FORCES IN ALERT STATUS TO RESPOND TO TASKING ON SHORT NOTICE UNTIL FURTHER ADVISED.

3. (U) FACE VALUE MSNS 5BT1E5 THROUGH 5BUAF5, PREVIOUSLY ALLOCATED

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RF-4C MSNS IN SUPPORT ONGOING SEASTA OPNS, REMAIN VALID. MINIMUM ALTITUDE SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FEET, PRESCRIBED REFS C AND D, REMAINS IN EFFECT UNLESS SPECIFICALLY CHANGED BY CINCPAC. CONTINUE FLASH IPIR REPORTING (TO INCLUDE DETAILED NARRATIVE), AND FLASH COMPASS LINK SIGNIFICANT RESULTS ASAP. ADDITIONALLY, CONTINUE FLASH VOICE REPORTS MSN HIGHLIGHTS DIRECT CINCPAC DUTY DIRECTOR FOR INTELLIGENCE ON SECURE PHONE NUMBERS 6215/6218 FOR IMMEDIATE PASSING TO JCS/DIA.

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CINCPACFLT MAKALAPA HI 141917Z MAY 75 (PASEP)

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(S) FOR CINCPACFLT

A, AUTHGRA REQUEST REF A TO CONDUCT NAVY TACTICAL PHOTO RECCE MISSIONS POULO WAI, KOH TANG AND HON PANJANG ISLANDS; PURSUANT

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AUTHORITY REF B, OPERATE NO CLOSER THAN TWELVE NAUTICAL MILES TO CAMBODIAN MAINLAND (ISLANDS EXCLUDED REPEAT EXCLUDED) AS AUTHORIZED

REF C, MINIMUM ALTITUDE OVER OBJECTIVE AREA SIX THOUSAND FIVE

HUNDRED FEET, MISSION ASSESSMENT: MILITARY RISK MODERATE, INTEL GAIN HIGH, POLITICAL SENSITIVITY HIGH;

B, REQUEST FOR PHOTO RECCE MISSIONS KOMPONG SOM AREA NOT REPEAT NOT APPROVED, PENDING AUTHORITY FROM JCS;

C, DIRLAUTH COMUSSAG FOR COORDINATION TO PREVENT MUTUAL INTERFERENCE;

D, REQUEST RECONNAISSANCE ASSETS, PROCESSING FACILITY AND PERSONNEL ON BOARD CARRIERS IN/ENROUTE GULF OF THAILAND BE PLACED IN HIGH STATE OF READINESS TO RESPOND TO TASKING ON SHORT NOTICE, UNTIL FURTHER ADVISED; REF D PERTAINS;

E, FILM HANDLING, REPORTING AND DISTRIBUTION INSTRUCTIONS

FOLLOW BY SEPMSG;

2, (S) FOR JCS; REQUEST AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT NAVY TACTICAL PHOTO RECCE MISSIONS KOMPONG SOM AREA IN SUPPORT CURRENT AND PLANNED OPERATIONS; THIS CONFIRMS REF E;

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MAYAGUEZ/KOH TANG PLANNING (S)

A. USSAG/7AF 141730Z MAY 75

1. (S) REF A APPROVED SUBJECT TO FOLLOWING MODIFICATIONS:

A. PARA 10(2): CHANGE TO READ AS FOLLOWS: "USMC, MSC AND
 EDD TEAM WILL BOARD MAYAGUEZ FROM USS HAROLD E HOLT".

B. PARA 10(9): MODIFY FIRST SENTENCE TO READ: "USAF
 STRATEGIC AIR B-52D AIR STRIKES AS DIRECTED BY JCS ARE CONTROLLED..."

C. PARA 10(2)(A)3: MODIFY TO READ AS FOLLOWS: "B-52 STRIKES
 AS DIRECTED BY JCS ARE AUTHORIZED..." GDS-85

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1. TELCON JCS VADM TRAIN AND CINCPAC MGEN LANG

1. ~~137~~ EXECUTE LANDING AT KOH TANG ISLAND AND BOARDING MAYAGUEZ
AT 142245Z MAY 75, REF PERTAINS.

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KHMER SEIZURE OF MAYAGUEZ (U)

A. CINCPAC 142152Z MAY 75 (PASEP)

B. JCS 1936/142142Z MAY 75 (PASEP)

1. (U) THIS IS AN EXECUTE MESSAGE.

2. ~~401~~ CONDUCT ASSAULT LANDING OPERATIONS AT KOK TANG ISLAND AND EFFECT SEIZURE OF SS MAYAGUEZ AS DIRECTED REF A AND SPECIFIED BY REF B.

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A. JCS 2396/150455Z MAY 75

(U) TAKE REF FOR ACTION.

2. ~~FOR~~ IN ADDITION TO REPORTS REQUIRED PARA 1, REF A, INCLUDE FOLLOWING IN FINAL SITREP TO BE SUBMITTED CINCPAC INFO ALCON ASAP AFTER COMPLETION OPERATIONS:

A. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES (ALL CATEGORIES)

B. LOSSES OF ACFT (ALL TYPES/ALL CAUSES)

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TOTAL TACAIR SORTIES FROM THAILAND AND TARGETS
TOTAL TACAIR SORTIES FROM CORAL SEA AND TARGETS
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PERSONNEL NOT RECOVERED, IF ANY
TOTAL SUPPORT SORTIES, I.E., SPECTRE, ABCCC, SAR
CONDITION OF SS MAYAGUEZ
BATTLE DAMAGE ASSESSMENT
ADEQUACY OF COMMUNICATIONS
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Z 151337Z MAY 75

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RUHVAAA/CINCPACAF HICKAM AFB HI

RHHIAAA/13AF CLARK AFB RP

RUHOSRA/432TRW UDORN AFLD TH

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RECONNAISSANCE OPERATIONS (U)

A. CINCPAC 122104Z MAY 75 (NOTAL)

B. CINCPAC 132346Z MAY 75

C. CINCPAC 140325Z MAY 75

D. CINCPAC 140837Z MAY 75 (NOTAL)

E. CINCPAC 141722Z MAY 75 (NOTAL)

F. CINCPAC 150040Z MAY 75 (NOTAL)

G. CINCPAC 131822Z MAY 75 (NOTAL)

1. FOR COMUSSAG AND CINCPACFLT: AUTHORITIES TO CONDUCT
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DE RUHQHQA #2321 1351530

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Z 151523Z MAY 75

FM CINCPAC HONOLULU HI

TO RUHQHQA/USAG/7AF NAKHON PHANOM APRT TH

RHHMBRA/CINCPACFLT MAKALAPA HI

RUHVAAA/CINCPACAF HICKAM AFB HI

INFO RUEKJCS/ JCS WASHINGTON DC

RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHINGTON DC

ZEN/CGMFPAC CAMP SMITH HI

RUHGAAA/COMSEVENTHFLT

RUHGPHA/CTF SEVEN SIX

RUHGPHA/CTF SEVEN SEVEN

RHHMFAA/COMDESRON TWO THREE

RHPSAA/USS CORAL SEA

RHHMFAA/USS HAROLD E HOLT

RHHMFTA/COMUSMACTHAI BANGKOK TH

RUHTBK/AMEMB BANGKOK TH

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1. PAR 2, REF A REQUESTED INFO ASAP FOLLOWING OPERATION. REQUEST

THAT AVAILABLE INFO BE SENT IMMEDIATELY VIA FLASH PRECEDENCE.

INDICATE IF INFO INCOMPLETE. FOLLOW WITH COMPLETE INFO ASAP.

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THAT IN DIRECT SUPPORT OPERATIONS TO RECOVER MAYAGUEZ AND CREW
 ARE RECINDED (REFS A THROUGH E PERTAIN) PRIOR STANDDOWN, ENSURE
 BDA PHOTO COVERAGE ALL TACAIR STRIKES. SUBSEQUENT ODA RECCE,
 REF F RECINDED. REMAINING FACE VALUR MISSTONS ON INDEFINITE
 DELAY. RECON FORCES RELEASED ALERT STATUS THIS TIME.
 2. ~~FOR~~ FOR JCSI RECOMMEND RESUME OLYMPIC TORCH GCHEDULE OF ONE
 PER DAY BEGINING 152330Z MAY 75 (REF G PERTAINS).

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ADV DISTR NMCC
TRANSIT/151700Z/151700Z/000108TOR1351700
DE RUHQHQA #2331 1351658
ZNY SSSSS
Z 151700Z MAY 75
FM CINCPAC HONOLULU HI
TO RUHQHQA/USSAG/7AF NAKHON PHANOM AIRFIELD
RHHMBRA/CINCPACFLT MAKALAPA HI
RUHVAAA/CINCPACAF HICKAM AFB HI
INFO RUEKJCS/JCS WASH DC
RUEHC/SECSTATE WASH DC
ZEN/CGMFPAC CAMP SMITH HI
RUHQGAA/COMSEVENTHFLT
RUHGPHA/CTF SEVEN SIX
RUHGPBA/CTF SEVEN SEVEN
RHHMPAA/COMDESRON TWO THREE
RHHMPAA/USS CORAL SEA
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KHMER SEIZURE OF MAYAGUEZ (U)

A. JCS 2396/150455Z MAY 75
B. CINCPAC 151330Z MAY 75
C. CINCPAC 151523Z MAY 75

1. (U) IN ADDITION TO INFO RCSTD BY REFS INCLUDE:
A. TOTAL NUMBER OF MARINES INSERTED ON ISLAND/SHIP
B. METHOD USED FOR EVACUATION SHIP/HZLO
C. TIMING OF MAJOR ACTIONS TO INCLUDE BUT NOT LIMITED TO FIRST STRIKE, FIRST HELD ON BEACH, FIRST HELD ON HOLT, TIME MAYAGUEZ

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CREW RECOVERED, TIME EVACUATION STARTED, TIME OPERATION COMPLETED.
2. (U) THIS INFO REQ IN D.C. NTL 151900Z, SUS-83

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O 152143Z MAY 75

FM CINCPAC HONOLULU HI

TO RHHMBRA/CINCPACFLT MAKALAPA HI

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RUHRACA/CTF SEVEN NINE

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RUHGPHA/CTF SEVEN SIX

RUHGONA/CTF SEVEN FIVE

RUAJHAD/CTF SEVEN TWO

RHHMFTA/COMUSMACTHAI BANGKOK TH

RHHMPHAA/COMDESRON TWO THREE

RHHMPHAA/USC HAROLD E HOLT

RHHMIAAA/13AF CLARK AB RP

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RHHMPHAA/USC HENRY B WILSON

RUHORG/CHFLTCCORDGRP NAKHON PHANOM APRT TH

RUHORKA/347 TFW KORAT TH

RUHOSRA/621 TCS NKP

RUHMRGA/40 ARRS NKP

RUHOREA/621 TCS DET 5 NKP

RUHOBHA/374TAW 7 ACCS UTAPAO AFLD TH

RUHOREA/56 SCW NKP

RHHMIAAA/7ACCS CLARK AB RP

RUHORKA/56TH ARRS KORAT TH

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 RUYSAA/CTG SEVEN TWO PT TWO
 RUHMXIA/CTG SEVEN TWO PT THREE
 RHWZSCC/CTG SEVEN FIVE PT ONE
 RUHTRK/AMEMB BANGKOK TH
 RUHJHA/AMEMB MANILA RP
 RHWZSCC/CTG SEVEN NINE PT NINE
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 MAYAGUEZ OPERATIONS - PUBLIC AFFAIRS

A. CINCPAC 150259Z MAY 75

1. REF A IS CANCELLED.

2. FOLLOWING PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE PERTAINS TO SS MAYAGUEZ OPERATIONS:

A. ALL RELEASES WILL BE FORWARDED TO CINCPAC FOR FINAL RELEASE AUTHORIZATION.

B. QUOTATIONS BY MILITARY PERSONNEL IN PRESS RELEASES WILL BE STRICTLY LIMITED TO MATTERS WITHIN THE COGNIZANCE AND PERSONAL EXPERIENCE OF THE INDIVIDUAL.

C. HOST COUNTRY SENSITIVITIES WILL BE STRICTLY OBSERVED. PROPOSED RELEASES DEALING WITH U.S. FORCES OPERATING FROM OVERSEAS BASES WILL BE COORDINATED WITH THE HOST COUNTRY U.S. EMBASSY THROUGH THE SSMR EXCEPT THOSE DEALING WITH THAILAND WHICH WILL BE COORDINATED WITH AMEMB BANGKOK THROUGH CINCPAC PA LNO BANGKOK.

D. INFORMATION MAY BE DRAWN FROM ASD/PA BRIEFINGS.
 3. FOREGOING GUIDANCE APPLIES TO ALL RELEASES, INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL.

4. MILITARY PERSONNEL WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE MAYAGUEZ OPERATIONS ARE AUTHORIZED TO HAVE MEDIA INTERVIEWS WITHIN THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES:

A. MILITARY PERSONNEL WILL STRICTLY LIMIT THEIR COMMENTS TO MATTERS WITHIN THEIR COGNIZANCE AND PERSONAL EXPERIENCES.

B. MILITARY PERSONNEL WILL BE CAUTIONED TO REFRAIN FROM ANY DISCUSSION OF THEIR OPINIONS OF POLITICAL IMPACT OF THE OPERATION.

C. HOST COUNTRY SENSITIVITIES WILL BE OBSERVED. REQUESTS

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FOR INTERVIEWS WILL BE COORDINATED WITH LOCAL MILITARY PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER WHO WILL BE PRESENT DURING INTERVIEWS. INTERVIEWS IN THAILAND WILL BE COORDINATED WITH CINCPAC PA LNO BANGKOK,

D. PROVIDE INFORMATION TO CINCPAC (BY MESSAGE OR PHONE) ON SIGNIFICANT INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED.

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