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THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

CM-416-75  
20 May 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

Subj: The Rescue of the SS MAYAGUEZ and its Crew (U)

1. (S) The attached complies with the President's request of 18 May 1975 for a compilation of verbal and written instructions issued during the MAYAGUEZ incident.
2. (S) Although it provides a factual listing of the specific directives involved, I believe that, in this form, it could create an incorrect impression of how these operations were controlled and conducted. In my judgment, a narrative report, such as that submitted separately covering the mainland strikes, provides a more valid sense of how the control was exercised.

*George S. Brown*  
 GEORGE S. BROWN, General, USAF  
 Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

Attachment

Copies of orders issued as requested in (b) of the 18 May 1975 Presidential memorandum, subject: The Rescue of the SS MAYAGUEZ and its Crew

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OJCS SUMMARY SHEET

TO: CJCS	CLASSIFICATION <del>TOP SECRET</del>	FOR USE BY ORIGINATING DIRECTORATE			
THRU: DJS	DJSM NO.		ODJS SUSPENSE DATE		
	DJSM DATE				
SUBJECT:  The Rescue of the SS MAYAGUEZ and its Crew (U)	ACTION				
	APPROVAL	SIGNATURE	INFORMATION	OTHER	
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REMARKS

1. The attached data provides response to tasking outlined in subparagraph (b) of Memorandum for the Secretary of Defense from the President, dated 18 May 1975 (TAB).
2. Recommend that the attached information be forwarded to the SECDEF for subsequent inclusion in the report to the President.

ACTION OFFICER  E.E.FULLER LTC, USA PACDIV, J-3 EXT 57008/jn	COORDINATION / APPROVAL					
	OFFICE	NAME	EXTENSION	OFFICE	NAME	EXTENSION
	J-31					
	J-30					
DATE OF PREPARATION						
20 May 1975						





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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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May 18, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: The Rescue of the SS Mayaguez and its Crew

In the aftermath of the operation to rescue the SS Mayaguez and its crew, I consider it essential that we evaluate, as a means of insuring the most effective possible performance in future crises, the manner in which this operation was planned and conducted.

In order to facilitate this evaluation, I would like to receive, on a priority basis, the following:

- (a) A detailed and comprehensive chronological exposition of events and activities from the time of the seizure of the SS Mayaguez through the completion of the evacuation of Marines from Koh Tang Island, focussed on the activities of your Department.
- (b) A copy of each order, verbal or written, which was issued directing military plans and operations, from the time of the basic planning decisions made at the National Security Council meeting at 10:30 p.m. on May 13 through the evacuation from Koh Tang Island. Included should be all orders from you to the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, from the Joint Chiefs of Staff to the Commander, Pacific Command, and from that Commander to subordinate commanders in the field.
- (c) Any observations or suggestions which you consider would contribute to improvement in the ability of the National Security Council machinery to deal effectively with crisis situations.

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NSC Memo, 11/24/98, State Dept. Guidelines

By lt, NARA, Date 2/20/00



This evaluation should be conducted on a very close hold basis. The material in (b) above should be submitted by noon, Tuesday, May 20, and the remainder by close of business Friday, May 23. I have requested similar submissions from the Secretary of State, the Director of Central Intelligence, and the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs.

*Berard R. Ford*

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

FROM SECDEF

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                   X 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                   X 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                   X 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                   X 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.

X 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.

X 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.

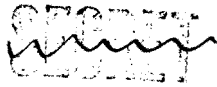


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VERBAL ORDERS FROM JCS (Continued)

15 May (continued)

0748 to CINCPAC:

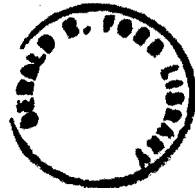
- Directed CINCPAC to discuss with USSAG/7AF the advisability of continuing the liftout during the night by boat or helicopters under cover of darkness as compared to major helicopter reinforcements and troop reinforcements if necessary in the morning.

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

1002 FROM NMCC to CINCPAC:

- Break down the conference circuit.

NOTE: The above orders were taken from logs and interviews. During the course of the planning and execution of the operation many specific details were discussed among the principals without the conversations being recorded. Many of the ideas which later were a part of the operation, such as including the EOD team with the SS MAYAGUEZ boarding party, were evolved in just such a manner.



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VERBAL ORDERS FROM JCS (Continued)

15 May

0049 to CINCPAC:

- X - 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." 2

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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VERBAL ORDERS FROM JCS (Continued)

14 May (continued)

2235 to CINCPAC:

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

2344 to CINCPAC:

X - 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/minifields -  
USMC ashore consolidating.

0012 to CINCPAC:

- Concentrate efforts on withdrawal of Marines from the island.

0020 to CINCPAC:

X - 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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VERBAL ORDERS FROM JCS (Continued)

14 May (continued)

2029 to CINCPAC:

X - 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:

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

2044 to CINCPAC:

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

2048 to CINCPAC:

X - 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

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

2202

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



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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:

X - 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:

X - 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 RELATING TO THE RESCUE OF THE  
MAYAGUEZ AND ITS CREW

FROM CINCPAC

13 May

2308 EDT to USSAG:

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

14 May

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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VERBAL ORDERS FROM CINCPAC (Continued)

14 May (continued)

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)

14 May (continued)

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.

15 May

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)

15 May (continued)

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.

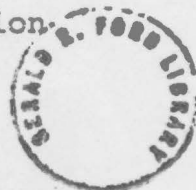
0155 to USSAG:

- 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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VERBAL ORDERS FROM CINCPAC (Continued)

15 May(continued)

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)

15 May (continued)

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:

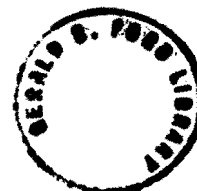
- Recapped decisions made; chopper evacuation at 1030Z; other operation in daylight; both ships in use; alternative is to wait for daylight tomorrow. I have directed execution--in about 20 minutes. CJCS acknowledged.

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.



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VERBAL ORDERS FROM CINCPAC (Continued)

15 May (continued)

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:

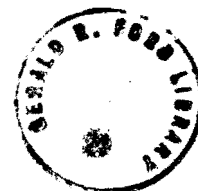
- Report confirmation of all personnel out.

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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VERBAL ORDERS FROM CINCPAC (Continued)

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WRITTEN ORDERS RELATING TO THE RESCUE  
OF THE SS MAYAGEUZ 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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WRITTEN ORDERS - FROM JCS (continued)

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.

X 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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SUBJ CONFIRMATION OF AUTHORITY (U)

(S) THIS CONFIRMS AUTHORITY PASSED BY SECURE VOICE FROM JCS TO  
CINCPAC AT 142406Z MAY 1975 TO ATTACK AND SINK SMALL CRAFT  
IDENTIFIED IN VICINITY OF KOH TANG AND THE ONE CRAFT WHICH  
PREVIOUSLY DEPARTED KOH TANG FOR PAOLO HAI ISLANDS. GDS 83

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SUBJ: PLANNING FOR MAYAGUEZ BOARDING (C)  
(C) 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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FOR ADMIRAL GAYLER, GENERAL DOUGHERTY, GENERAL WILSON, ADMIRAL  
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 REAM 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 UTAPAO.

B. OCCUPY KOH TANG ISLAND WITH MARINE FORCES NOW AT UTAPAO SUPPORTED  
BY AIR FORCE HELO ASSETS AND TACAIR AND NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT AS  
AVAILABLE AND REQUIRED.

C. SINK ALL CAMBODIAN SMALL CRAFT IN THE TARGET AREAS OF KOH TANG,  
PAUL HAI, KOMPONG SOM, AND REAM.

3. FOR CINCSAC, CONDUCT CONVENTIONAL B-52 STRIKES AGAINST THE  
PORT OF KOMPONG SOM AND REAM 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 140900Z 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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SUBJ: BOARDING OF AMERICAN FLAG SHIP (U)

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

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

2. (S) 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 IPIR. GDS-83

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SUBJ DRAFT ULTIMATUM (U)

1. (TS) 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 HAYAGUEZ, AND LANDED ON KOH YANG ISLAND. WE DEMAND YOUR 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. (S) 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. (S) IF DECISION IS MADE TO USE ULTIMATUM, JCS WILL FOLLOW WITH EXECUTE ORDER. CDS OO

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ACJCS SENDS  
SUBJ KHMER SEIZURE OF MAYAGUEZ (U)  
REF: JCS 1109/140645Z MAY 75 (NOTAL) WHICH DIRECTS PLANNING  
ACTIONS TO SEIZE AND SECURE THE SS MAYAGUEZ/CREW.  
1. (S) THIS IS AN EXECUTE MESSAGE TO EFFECT RECOVERY OF MAYAGUEZ  
AND CREW.  
2. (S) 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  
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. USE OF RCA, SUPPRESSIVE NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT

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MAYAGUEZ/KOH TANG OPERATIONS (C)  
A. TELECON 15/1540Z MAY 75 CINCPAC/CINCPACAF/CINCPACFLT/COMUS3AG/  
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1. (C) TERMINATE ALL OPERATIONS IN SUPPORT OF RECOVERY SS MAYAGUEZ AND CREW.
2. (U) THIS CONFIRMS REF A.

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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 EXPERIENCE.

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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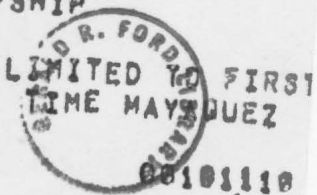
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  - B. METHOD USED FOR EVACUATION SHIP/HELO
  - C. TIMING OF MAJOR ACTIONS TO INCLUDE BUT NOT LIMITED TO FIRST STRIKE, FIRST HELO ON BEACH, FIRST HELO ON HOLT,

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A, CINCPAC 151330Z MAY 75

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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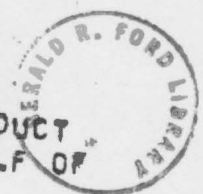
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 B. CINCPAC 132346Z MAY 75  
 C. CINCPAC 140325Z MAY 75  
 D. CINCPAC 140837Z MAY 75 (NOTAL)  
 E. CINCPAC 141722Z MAY 75 (NOTAL)  
 F. CINCPAC 150040Z MAY 75 (NOTAL)  
 G. CINCPAC 131822Z MAY 75 (NOTAL)

1. (S) FOR COMUSSAG AND CINCPACFLT: AUTHORITIES TO CONDUCT  
 TACAIR RECCE AND SURVEILLANCE OPERATIONS CAMBODIA AND GULF OF



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- D, TOTAL TACAIR SORTIES FROM THAILAND AND TARGETS
- E, TOTAL TACAIR SORTIES FROM CORAL SEA AND TARGETS
- F, PERSONNEL RESCUED/RECOVERED/TREATMENT/CONDITION
- G, PERSONNEL NOT RECOVERED, IF ANY
- H, TOTAL SUPPORT SORTIES, I.E., SPECTRE, ABCCC, SAR
- I, CONDITION OF SS MAYAGUEZ
- J, BATTLE DAMAGE ASSESSMENT
- K, ADAQUACY OF COMMUNICATIONS
- L, GSF REPORT ON INSERTION/EXTRACTION OPERATIONS
- M, AIR REFUELING SUPPORT
- N, OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION

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KHMER SEIZURE OF MAYAGUEZ (U)  
A. JCS 2396/150455Z MAY 75  
1. (U) TAKE REF FOR ACTION.  
2. (S) 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)  
C. TOTAL HELO SORTIES

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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. (S) CONDUCT ASSAULT LANDING OPERATIONS AT KONG YANG ISLAND AND  
 EFFECT SEIZURE OF SS MAYAGUEZ AS DIRECTED REF A AND SPECIFIED BY  
 REF B.  
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A, TELCON JCS VADM TRAIN AND CINCPAC MGEN LANG

1, (TS) EXECUTE LANDING AT KOH TANG ISLAND AND BOARDING MAYAGUEZ

AT 142045Z MAY 75, REF PERTAINS,

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A. USSAG/7AF 141730Z MAY 75

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

A. PARA 1D(2): CHANGE TO READ AS FOLLOWS: "USMC, MSC AND  
EOD TEAM WILL BOARD MAYAGUEZ FROM USS HAROLD E HOLT".

B. PARA 1D(9): MODIFY FIRST SENTENCE TO READ: "USAF  
STRATEGIC AIR B-52D AIR STRIKES AS DIRECTED BY JCS ARE CONTROLLED..."

C. PARA 1G(2)(A)3: MODIFY TO READ AS FOLLOWS: "B-52 STRIKES  
AS DIRECTED BY JCS ARE AUTHORIZED..." GDS-05

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- A. CINCPACFLT MAKALAPA HI 141917Z MAY 75 (PASEP)
- B. JCS WASH DC 140141Z MAY 75 (PASEP)
- C. JCS WASH DC 121944Z MAY 75 (NOTAL)
- D. JCS WASH DC 142002Z MAY 75 (NOTAL)
- E. FONECON J3142/JCS/JRC (COL PENNINGTON) 141010Z MAY 75 (NOTAL)
- 1. (S) FOR CINCPACFLT:
  - A. AUTHGRA REQUEST REF A TO CONDUCT NAVY TACTICAL PHOTO RECCE MISSIONS POULO HAI, KOH TANG AND HON PANJANG ISLANDS, PURSUANT

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- A. 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 JCSI 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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MAYGUEZ/KON TANG PLANNING (8)

A. USSAG/7AF 141730Z MAY 75

B. CINCSAC 141332Z MAY 75

1. (TS) REF A PROVIDES COMBAT AIR PATROL FOR B-52 STRIKES AS  
REQUESTED REF B 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO FIRST TOT UNTIL 15 MINUTES  
AFTER LAST TOT DEPENDING ON EXECUTION OF B-52 STRIKES.

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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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A. ICS WASH DC 121944Z MAY 75 (NOTAL)

B. CINCPAC 122137Z MAY 75 (NOTAL)

C. CINCPAC HONOLULU HI 132348Z MAY 75 (NOTAL)

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

E. CINCPAC HONOLULU HI 140037Z MAY 75

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

2. (S) 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. (C) FACE VALUE MSNS 5BT1E5 THROUGH 5BUIAF5, PREVIOUSLY ALLOCATED

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- (S) HIGHEST PRIORITY REQUIREMENT EXISTS FOR PHOTO COVERAGE FOLLOWING TARGETS:
    - SIHANGUKVILLE/KAMPONG SOM NAVAL FACILITY AND AIRFIELD
    - BEAN PORT FACILITY AND AIRFIELD
  - (S) ~~REQUEST FOR PHOTO COVERAGE CONSISTENT WITH MINIMUM ALTITUDE~~  
~~HEREIN~~ IMAGERY REQUIRED IMMEDIATE OPERATIONAL PLANNING.
  - (S) "EII NAVAL CRAFT, AAA, SIGNIFICANT MILITARY ACTIVITY AIRFIELD," REQUEST FLASH IPIR AND VOICE REPORT VIA TELECON TO CINCPAC DDI.
  - (S) CINCPAC ASSESSMENT MILITARY RISK: MODERATE; INTELLIGENCE

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A, CINCPAC 142702Z MAY 75 (NOTAL)

B, CINCPACFLT 142637Z MAY 75

1, (S) IN ADDITION INFO RORD REF A, PROVIDE TASKING AND  
ARRIVAL TIME OF AN COMBAT EQUIPPED MARINES, BOB TEAM, AND  
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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 DAGADVON, B-52 STRIKES AGAINST KOMPONG SOM HARBOUR AND REAM AIRFIELDS. GUAM BASED B-52'S AND YANKERS WILL BE UTILIZED IN ABOVE PLANNING.

E. FULL COVERAGE/REGCS OF THE AREA OF OPERATIONS (CIRCOPAC 180340Z MAY 75 AND CIRCOPAC 180620Z MAY 75 PERTAIN).

F. USE OF BLU 82 TO CLEAR KOH YANG ISLAND LZ'S FOR ASSAULT TROOPS.

G. (3) 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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09 MAYAGUEZ OPERATIONS (U)

A. JCS 1100/140600Z MAY 75 (INSTAL)

B. CINCPACFLT 140600Z MAY 75 (TRANS)

1. (S) TAKE SUCH ACTION AS REQUIRED TO PROHIBIT BOAT TRAFFIC

INFO OR OUT OF NON TANG ISLAND AREA. AUTHORITY GRANTED TO SINK

SUCH BOAT TRAFFIC AS NECESSARY.

2. (TOP) PROVIDE DETAILED PLANS BY 141000Z MAY 75 TO CINCPAC,

INFO ALCON, FOR THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS. REFS A AND B GERMANE,

DIRLAUTH AS REQUIRED:

A. DESIGNATE USMC USF PERSONNEL TO CONSTITUTE MAYAGUEZ

BOARDING PARTY AND EMBARK IN HAROLD E HOLY. DO NOT EMBARK BEFORE

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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)

- (S) PHOTO TASKING REF A AMENDED AS FOLLOWS: PROVIDE DAILY PHOTO COVERAGE OF KAO TANG ISLAND (18-18N 103-09E) 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 TO
- (S) REMAINING PROVISIONS REF A, INCLUDING MINIMUM ALTITUDE SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FEET, CONTINUE IN EFFECT.

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PLANNING FOR KAYAGUEZ BOARDING (C)

1. JCS 1207/142523Z MAY 75

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

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

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SUBJ KHMER SEIZURE OF MAYAGUEZ (U)

1. (U) THIS IS AN EXECUTE MESSAGE.

2. (S) COMMENCE CYCLIC STRIKE OPERATIONS FROM CORAL SEA AGAINST TARGETS IN THE KOMPONG SOM COMPLEX WITH FIRST TIME ON TARGET AT 150245Z MAY 75 WHICH COINCIDES WITH ESTIMATED TIME OF CAPTURE OF MAYAGUEZ.

3. (S) FIRST EVENT SHOULD BE ARMED RECONNAISSANCE WITH PRINCIPAL

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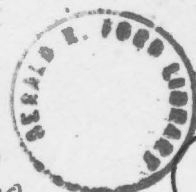
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AND TACAIR FROM CORAL SEA AND USAF THAILAND BASED FORCES AUTHORIZED AS DEEMED APPROPRIATE;

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 INTERVENS 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 6 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 OPREP4 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 APPROPRIATE. GDS 83

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SUBJ: B-52 AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS (U)

REF: CINCSAC 141330Z MAY 75 WHICH PROMULGATES B-52

OPERATIONS IN SUPPORT OF RECAPTURE OF SS MAYAGUEZ.

THIS MESSAGE CONFIRMS PHONCON. PLACE B-52 AIRCRAFT TASKED IN REF ON ONE (1) HOUR ALERT EFFECTIVE 142153Z MAY 75.

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

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

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

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SUBJ: TACAIR RECONNAISSANCE (U)

REFS: A. CINCPACFLT 141917Z MAY 75

B. CINCPAC 142110Z MAY 75

1. (S) CINCPACFLT 141917Z 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 ASSETS 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. GDS-03

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B: JCS 2128/153244Z MAY 75

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REF: A, CNO 142344Z MAY 75 (NOTAL)

B, CNO 150040Z MAY 75 (NOTAL)

C, CINCPAC 150055Z 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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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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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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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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