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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 14, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR RON NESSEN

FROM: JOY CHILES

SUBJECT: Chronology of the President's Activities the week
of May 12, 1975

MONDAY, MAY 12, 1975

7:35 a.m. The President to the Oval Office.

7:40 a.m. General Scowcroft and Mr. Peterson to the Oval Office.

8:00 a.m. General Scowcroft and Mr. Peterson out.

8:02 a.m. Mr. Hartmann to the Oval Office.

8:20 a.m. Mr. Hartmann out.

8:30 a.m. Mr. Rumsfeld to the Oval Office.

9:03 a.m. Mr. Rumsfeld out and Mr. Marsh to the Oval Office.

9:20 a.m. Mr. Marsh out.

9:23 a.m. Secretary Kissinger to the Oval Office.

9:30 a.m. General Scowcroft to the Oval Office.

10:35 a.m. Secretary Kissinger and General Scowcroft out.
Messrs. Rumsfeld, Nessen, Greener, Friedersdorf and
Marsh to the Oval Office.

11:00 a.m. General Scowcroft to the Oval Office.

11:08 a.m. Messrs. Rumsfeld, Greener, Friedersdorf, Marsh,
Nessen and Scowcroft out.



MONDAY, MAY 12, 1975 (cont.)

11:33 a.m. Mr. William French Smith and Mr. Rumsfeld to the Oval Office.

11:50 a.m. Mr. Smith and Mr. Rumsfeld out.

12:05 p.m. The President to the Cabinet Room for NSC Meeting.

12:50 p.m. The President to the Oval Office.

12:52 p.m. Mr. Ralph Davidson and Mr. Nessen to the Oval Office.

12:57 p.m. Mr. Davidson and Mr. Nessen out.

1:00 p.m. International Women of the Year group to the Oval Office.

1:08 p.m. The above out.

2:00 p.m. Messrs. Simon, Dunlop, Lynn, Seidman, Cannon and Buchen to the Oval Office.

2:35 p.m. The above out.

3:00 p.m. PHONE CALL: Incoming call from Mr. Greenspan.

3:02 p.m. PHONE CALL terminated.

3:05 p.m. Messers. Buchen, Marsh and Rumsfeld to the Oval Office.

3:40 p.m. PHONE CALL: Incoming from Senators Hugh Scott and Mike Mansfield.

3:49 p.m. PHONE CALL terminated.

4:04 p.m. Mr. Buchen and Mr. Marsh out.

4:20 p.m. Mr. Rumsfeld out.

4:20 p.m. Les Arends to the Oval Office.

4:40 p.m. Les Arends out. Congressman John Rhodes to the Oval Office.




MONDAY, MAY 12, 1975 (cont.)

5:20 p. m. Congressman John Rhodes out.
5:22 p. m. Mr. Rumsfeld to the Oval Office.
6:20 p. m. Mr. Rumsfeld out.
7:08 p. m. The President to the Residence.
10:29 p. m. PHONE CALL: Incoming call from General Scowcroft.
10:32 p. m. PHONE CALL terminated.

TUESDAY, MAY 13, 1975

2:21 a. m. PHONE CALL: Incoming from General Scowcroft
2:23 a. m. PHONE CALL terminated.
6:52 a. m. PHONE CALL: Incoming from Secretary Schlesinger.
7:00 a. m. PHONE CALL terminated.
7:03 a. m. PHONE CALL: Incoming from Secretary Schlesinger.
7:06 a. m. PHONE CALL terminated.
7:42 a. m. The President to the Oval Office.
7:45 a. m. General Scowcroft and Mr. Peterson to the Oval Office.
8:05 a. m. Mr. Peterson out.
8:08 a. m. General Scowcroft out.
8:10 a. m. Mr. Hartmann and Mr. Friedman to the Oval Office.
8:25 a. m. Mr. Friedman out.
8:33 a. m. PHONE CALL: Incoming from Secretary Simon
8:36 a. m. PHONE CALL terminated.
8:40 a. m. Mr. Hartmann out.



TUESDAY, MAY 13, 1975 (cont.)

- 8:40 a.m. Mr. Rumsfeld and Mr. Cheney to the Oval Office.
- 9:00 a.m. PHONE CALL: Outgoing to Congressman Wampler.
Did not talk.
- 9:00 a.m. Mr. Rumsfeld and Mr. Cheney out. Mr. Marsh to
the Oval Office.
- 9:06 a.m. PHONE CALL: Outgoing to Congressman Jim
Broyhill, NY. Did not talk.
- 9:09 a.m. PHONE CALL: Outgoing to Congressman Peter Rodino.
- 9:13 a.m. PHONE CALL terminated.
- 9:14 a.m. PHONE CALL: Outgoing to Congressman John Myers.
Did not talk
- 9:20 a.m. Mr. Cheney, Mr. Nessen, Mr. Greener, Mr. Hartmann
and Mr. Friedersdorf to the Oval Office.
- 9:45 a.m. All out except Mr. Hartmann.
- 10:22 a.m. Mr. Hartmann out. The President to the Cabinet Room
for NSC Meeting.
- 11:17 a.m. The President returns to the Oval Office. Congressional
Hour starts.
- 12:19 p.m. Meeting with O'Neill, Cannon, Vice President,
Rumsfeld, Scowcroft, Lynn the Oval Office.
- 12:46 p.m. PHONE CALL: Outgoing to Secretary Kissinger in
Kansas City, Missouri.
- 12:58 p.m. PHONE CALL terminated.
- 12:50 p.m. Mr. Marsh to the Oval Office.
- 12:55 p.m. Mr. Buchen to the Oval Office.
- 1:10 p.m. Above out.
- 1:26 p.m. PHONE CALL: Incoming from Secretary Schlesinger.
- 1:34 p.m. PHONE CALL terminated.

TUESDAY, MAY 13, 1975 (cont.)

- 1:53 p. m. General Scowcroft to the Oval Office.
- 2:00 p. m. General Scowcroft out.
- 2:06 p. m. The President to the Cabinet Room for meeting with Governor Carey, Mayor Beame et al.
- 2:16 p. m. PHONE CALL: Incoming Congressman John Rhodes the President was in a meeting, did not talk.
- 3:25 p. m. PHONE CALL: Incoming from Secretary Butz, did not talk.
- 3:40 p. m. President to the Oval Office with the Vice President, Cannon, Nessen, Marsh, Lynn, Simon, Dunham, Seidman and Hartmann.
- 4:10 p. m. The above out. The President to the barber shop.
- 4:47 p. m. The President returned to the Oval Office. The President to the Cabinet Room for Economic/Energy Meeting.
- 5:14 p. m. PHONE CALL: Incoming from Secretary, President in meeting did not take call.
- 6:07 p. m. The President returned to the Oval Office. Mr. Rumsfeld and Mr. Walker in.
- 6:11 p. m. PHONE CALL with Secretary Schlesinger.
- 6:14 p. m. PHONE CALL terminated.
- 6:30 p. m. Mr. Walker out.
- 6:55 p. m. Mr. Rumsfeld out.
- 7:08 p. m. The President to the Residence.
- 8:10 p. m. PHONE CALL: Incoming from General Scowcroft.
- 8:12 p. m. PHONE CALL terminated.
- 9:41 p. m. PHONE CALL: Incoming from General Scowcroft.
- 9:51 p. m. PHONE CALL terminated.
- 9:59 p. m. The President returned to the Oval Office.

TUESDAY, MAY 13 (cont.)

10:40 p.m. The President to the Cabinet Room for NSC Meeting.

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12:35 a.m. The President in the Residence.
7:10 a.m. The President to dentist's office.
7:40 a.m. The President to the Oval Office.
7:44 a.m. General Scowcroft and Mr. Peterson to the Oval Office.
8:05 a.m. The above out. Mr. Marsh to the Oval Office.
8:20 a.m. Mr. Marsh out.
8:21 a.m. Mr. Rumsfeld to the Oval Office.
8:55 a.m. Messrs. Marsh, Calkins, Friedersdorf, Nessen, Greenspan, and Greener to the Oval Office.
9:20 a.m. The above out.
9:35 a.m. Secretary Kissinger to the Oval Office.
9:37 a.m. PHONE CALL: Outgoing to Senator Long.
9:53 a.m. PHONE CALL terminated.
9:40 a.m. General Scowcroft to the Oval Office.
10:08 a.m. PHONE CALL: Outgoing to Senator Hartke.
10:09 a.m. PHONE CALL terminated.
10:15 a.m. The above out.
10:16 a.m. The President to the Family Theatre to greet Michigan businessmen.
10:30 a.m. The President returned to the Oval Office.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 1975 (cont.)

10:33 a. m. Secretary Kissinger to the Oval Office.

10:37 a. m. Secretary Kissinger out.

10:43 a. m. Prime Minister denUyl, Foreign Minister van der Stoel, Netherlands Ambassador Robert Tammenoms Bakker, Director General for Political Affairs Charles Rutten, Secretary Kissinger and General Scowcroft in.

11:47 a. m. Above out except for Secretary Kissinger and General Scowcroft.

12:05 p. m. Secretary Kissinger and General Scowcroft out.

12:13 p. m. Secretary Kissinger to the Oval Office.

12:19 p. m. Secretary Kissinger out.

12:21 p. m. Mr. Hartmann and Mr. Friedman to the Oval Office.

12:40 p. m. Mr. Friedman out.

12:59 p. m. Messrs. Cannon, Dunham, Greenspan, Seidman and Lynn to the Oval Office.

1:19 p. m. The above out.

2:01 p. m. The President to the Roosevelt Room to greet Nassau County Businessmen.

2:42 p. m. The President returned to the Oval Office.

2:43 p. m. The President to the Cabinet Room for meeting with Secretaries Kissinger and Schlesinger and Messrs. Colby, Buchen, Marsh, Rumsfeld, Scowcroft and Hills.

3:48 p. m. The President returned to the Oval Office.

3:52 p. m. The President to the Cabinet Room for NSC Meeting.

5:42 p. m. The President to the Oval Office.

6:00 p. m. Mr. Rumsfeld to the Oval Office.



WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 1975 (cont.)

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6:11 p. m. Secretary Kissinger and Mr. Rumsfeld out.

6:23 p. m. Mr. Rumsfeld to the Oval Office

6:27 p. m. Mr. Rumsfeld out.

6:29 p. m. Mr. Rumsfeld to the Oval Office.

6:31 p. m. Mr. Rumsfeld out.

6:40 p. m. The President to the Cabinet Room for Bipartisan Leadership Meeting.

7:47 p. m. The President to the Oval Office.

7:47 p. m. General Scowcroft and Senator Stennin to the Oval Office

7:49 p. m. The above out.

7:49 p. m. The President to the Residence.

7:52 p. m. The President in the Residence.

8:22 p. m. The President to the North Portico.

8:23 p. m. The President to the Red Room.

8:29 p. m. PHONE CALL: Incoming from Secretary Kissinger.

8:37 p. m. PHONE CALL terminated.

8:35 p. m. PHONE CALL: Incoming from Senator Mansfield, did not talk.

8:41 p. m. The President to the State Dining Room.

8:50 p. m. PHONE CALL: Incoming from Secretary Kissinger.

8:52 p. m. PHONE CALL terminated.

8:55 p. m. PHONE CALL with Senator Mansfield.

8:57 p. m. PHONE CALL terminated

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 1975

8:57 p.m. PHONE CALL: Incoming from Secretary Kissinger.

9:01 p.m. PHONE CALL terminated.

10:10 p.m. The President to the Red Room.

11:00 p.m. The President to the Oval Office.

11:03 p.m. Secretary Kissinger to the Oval Office.

11:05 p.m. General Scowcroft and Mr. McFarland to the Oval Office.

11:06 p.m. Mr. Rumsfeld to the Oval Office.

11:08 p.m. PHONE CALL: Incoming from Secretary Schlesinger.

11:10 p.m. PHONE CALL terminated.

11:11 p.m. PHONE CALL: Incoming from the Vice President.

11:13 p.m. PHONE CALL terminated.

11:14 p.m. Mr. Smyser brings memo re. 30 man crew.

11:15 p.m. PHONE CALL: Incoming from Secretary Schlesinger.

11:18 p.m. PHONE CALL terminated.

11:17 p.m. Mr. McFarland news 37 and the Master found by Wilson.

11:18 p.m. Confirmation from Master that Wilson found entire crew.

11:21 p.m. Mr. Hartmann to the Oval Office.

11:22 p.m. Mr. Marsh to the Oval Office.

11:26 p.m. Mr. Nessen to the Oval Office.

11:27 p.m. General Scowcroft out.

11:28 p.m. Mr. Friedersdorf to the Oval Office.



WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 1975 (cont.)

11:29 p. m. All out.

11:30 p. m. The President to the Residence to change clothes for statement to the Press.

11:44 p. m. The President to the Oval Office.

11:44 p. m. PHONE CALL: Outgoing to Secretary Schlesinger.

11:56 p. m. PHONE CALL terminated.

11:46 p. m. Messrs. Rumsfeld and Nessen to the Oval Office.

11:49 p. m. Secretary Kissinger and General Scowcroft to the Oval Office.

11:50 p. m. Mr. Marsh to the Oval Office.

11:51 p. m. Mr. Hartmann to the Oval Office.

THURSDAY, MAY 15, 1975

12:14 a. m. PHONE CALL: Outgoing to Congressman Rhodes, talked.

12:14 a. m. General Scowcroft out.

12:15 a. m. Mr. Marsh out.

12:18 a. m. General Scowcroft to the Oval Office.

12:20 a. m. Mr. Marsh to the Oval Office.

12:20 a. m. PHONE CALL: Outgoing to Senator Scott, talked.

12:23 a. m. PHONE CALL: Outgoing to Senator Case, no answer, did not talk.

12:30 a. m. President in the WW Press Room for statement.

12:31 a. m. The President to the Oval Office.

12:33 a. m. The President to the Residence.

THURSDAY, MAY 15, 1975 (cont.)

12:35 a.m. PHONE CALL: Incoming from Secretary Schlesinger, talked.

1:16 a.m. PHONE CALL: Incoming from Mr. Marsh, talked.

7:45 a.m. The President to the Oval Office.

7:45 a.m. General Scowcroft and Mr. Peterson to the Oval Office.

8:00 a.m. The President to the Cabinet Room for Peterson film, General Scowcroft and Mr. Peterson accompanied President.

8:11 a.m. The President returns to Oval Office. Mr. Hartmann to the Oval Office.

8:32 a.m. Mr. Hartmann out. Mr. Rumsfeld to the Oval Office.

9:05 a.m. Mr. Rumsfeld out. Mr. Marsh to the Oval Office.

9:20 a.m. Messrs. Friedersdorf, Nessen Hartmann, and Rumsfeld to the Oval Office.

9:40 a.m. The above out.

9:50 a.m. Secretary Kissinger to the Oval Office.

9:55 a.m. General Scowcroft to the Oval Office.

10:20 a.m. The above out.

10:29 a.m. The President to the South Grounds to greet the Shah of Iran and the Empress Farah.

11:09 a.m. The President returns to the Oval Office with the Shah.

11:16 a.m. Secretary Kissinger to the Oval Office.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

THE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE - THURSDAY - MAY 15, 1975

7:45 TO THE OVAL OFFICE.
General Scowcroft and Dave Peterson in.

8:00 To Cabinet Room for Peterson film.
(With Gen. Scowcroft and Dave Peterson)

8:11 Returned to the Oval Office. Mr. Hartmann in.

8:32 Mr. Hartmann out. Don Rumsfeld in.

9:05 Mr. Rumsfeld out. Jack Marsh in.

9:20 Messrs. Friedersdorf, Nessen, Hartmann,
Rumsfeld in

9:40 Above out.

9:50 Secretary Kissinger in

9:55 General Scowcroft in

10:20 Above out.

President to South Grounds to
greet the Shah of Iran and the Empress Farah.

11:09 Returned to the Oval Office with the Shah of Iran.
Press in/out.

11:16 Secretary Kissinger in

MAY 15, 1975

Office of the White House Press Secretary

NOTICE TO THE PRESS

Chronology of Events
Wednesday, May 14 and Thursday, May 15, 1975
Regarding the SS MAYAGUEZ Incident

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- 7:40 a.m. The President to the Oval Office.
- 7:44 a.m. General Scowcroft and Mr. Peterson to the Oval Office.
- 8:05 a.m. The above out. Mr. Marsh to the Oval Office.
- 8:20 a.m. Mr. Marsh out.
- 8:21 a.m. Mr. Rumsfeld to the Oval Office.
- 8:55 a.m. Messrs. Marsh, Calkins, Friedersdorf, Nessen, Greenspan, and Greener to the Oval Office.
- 9:20 a.m. The above out.
- 9:35 a.m. Secretary Kissinger to the Oval Office.
- 9:40 a.m. General Scowcroft to the Oval Office.
- 10:15 a.m. The above out.
- 10:16 a.m. The President to the Family Theatre to greet Michigan businessmen.
- 10:30 a.m. The President returned to the Oval Office.

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11:44 p.m. The President to the Oval Office.

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11:56 p.m. PHONE CALL terminated.

11:46 p.m. Messrs. Rumsfeld and Nessen to the Oval Office.

11:49 p.m. Secretary Kissinger and General Scowcroft to the Oval Office.

11:50 p.m. Mr. Marsh to the Oval Office.

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-- 5:14 p.m. to 5:20 p.m., U.S. assault forces take off from stations.

-- 6:03 p.m., instruction issued by CINCPAC Headquarters for supporting strikes on selected targets near Kompong Som.

-- 6:58 p.m. to 7:22 p.m., Marine assault force arrives at USS Holt and is taken on board.

-- 7:07 p.m. to 7:26 p.m., Phnom Penh domestic radio service carries a broadcast in Cambodian that states that the Cambodian Government will order the Mayaguez to withdraw from Cambodian territorial waters. No mention of release of crew.

-- 7:09 p.m., assault force arrives at Koh Tang Island and receives fire.

-- 8:06 p.m., the Cambodian broadcast, monitored by the Foreign Broadcast Information Service and translated into English, was carried on the FBIS wire.

-- 8:15 p.m., the FBIS wire report is delivered to Secretary Kissinger, who immediately informs the President.

-- 8:45 p.m., support aircraft begin attacks against targets at military installations near Kompong Som.

-- 8:45 p.m. to 9:05 p.m., Marines from the USS Holt board and take control of the SS Mayaguez. They find evidence that the vessel had been occupied until just before their arrival.

-- 10:23 p.m., a boat was reported near Koh Tang Island flying a white flag.

-- 11:07 p.m., the USS Wilson takes aboard the occupants of that boat. The occupants were determined to be the entire crew of the SS Mayaguez.

-- 11:16, the order was given to cease all offensive operation and begin to withdraw. The Commander of the forces on the island requests additional ground forces to provide security for a successful withdrawal.

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10:15 a.m. The above out.

10:16 a.m. The President to the Family Theatre to greet Michigan businessmen.

10:30 a.m. The President returned to the Oval Office.

10:33 a.m. Secretary Kissinger to the Oval Office.

10:37 a.m. Secretary Kissinger out.

10:43 a.m. Prime Minister denUyl, Foreign Minister van der Stoel, Netherlands Ambassador Robert Tammenoms Bakker, Director General for Political Affairs Charles Rutten, Secretary Kissinger and General Scowcroft in.

11:47 a.m. Above out except for Secretary Kissinger and General Scowcroft.

12:05 p.m. Secretary Kissinger and General Scowcroft out.

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12:13 p. m. Secretary Kissinger to the Oval Office.

12:19 p. m. Secretary Kissinger out.

12:21 p. m. Mr. Hartmann and Mr. Friedman to the Oval Office.

12:40 p. m. Mr. Friedman out.

12:59 p. m. Messrs. Cannon, Dunham, Greenspan, Seidman and Lynn to the Oval Office.

1:19 p. m. The above out.

2:01 p. m. The President to the Roosevelt Room to greet Nassau County Businessmen.

2:42 p. m. The President returned to the Oval Office.

3:52 p. m. The President to the Cabinet Room for NSC Meeting.

4:45 p. m. Orders are issued, emanating from an NSC meeting, to begin the military operations for the recovery of the SS MAYAGUEZ and crew.

5:14 p. m. to 5:20 p. m. U. S. assault forces take off from stations.

5:42 p. m. The President to the Oval Office.

6:00 p. m. Mr. Rumsfeld to the Oval Office.

6:03 p. m. Instruction issued by CINCPAC Headquarters for supporting strikes on selected targets near Kom Pong Som.

6:09 p. m. Secretary Kissinger to the Oval Office.

6:11 p. m. Secretary Kissinger and Mr. Rumsfeld out.

6:23 p. m. Mr. Rumsfeld to the Oval Office.

6:27 p. m. Mr. Rumsfeld out.

6:29 p. m. Mr. Rumsfeld to the Oval Office.

6:31 p. m. Mr. Rumsfeld out.

6:40 p. m. The President to the Cabinet Room for Bipartisan Leadership Meeting.

6:58 p. m. to 7:22 p. m. Marine assault force arrives at USS HOLT and is taken on board.

7:07 p. m. to 7:26 p. m. Phnom Penh domestic radio service carries a broadcast in Cambodian that states that the Cambodian Government will order the MAYAGUEZ to withdraw from Cambodian territorial waters. No mention of release of crew.

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7:09 p. m. Assault force arrives at Koh Tang Island and receives fire.

7:47 p. m. The President to the Oval Office.

7:47 p. m. General Scowcroft and Senator Stennis to the Oval Office.

7:49 p. m. The above out.

7:49 p. m. The President to the Residence.

8:06 p. m. The Cambodian broadcast, monitored by the Foreign Broadcast Information Service and translated into English, was carried on the FBIS wire.

8:15 p. m. The FBIS wire report is delivered to Secretary Kissinger, who immediately informs the President.

8:22 p. m. The President to the North Portico.

8:23 p. m. The President to the Red Room.

8:29 p. m. PHONE CALL: Incoming from Secretary Kissinger.

8:37 p. m. PHONE CALL terminated.

8:41 p. m. The President to the State Dining Room.

8:45 p. m. Support aircraft begin attacks against targets at military installations near Kom Pong Som.

8:45 p. m. to
9:05 p. m. Marines from the USS HOLT board and take control of the SS MAYAGUEZ. They find evidence that the vessel had been occupied until just before their arrival.

8:50 p. m. PHONE CALL: Incoming from Secretary Kissinger.

8:52 p. m. PHONE CALL terminated.

8:55 p. m. PHONE CALL with Senator Mansfield.

8:57 p. m. PHONE CALL terminated.

8:57 p. m. PHONE CALL: Incoming from Secretary Kissinger.

9:01 p. m. PHONE CALL terminated.

10:10 p. m. The President to the Red Room.

10:23 p. m. A boat was reported near Koh Tang Island flying a white flag.

11:00 p. m. The President to the Oval Office.

11:03 p. m. Secretary Kissinger to the Oval Office.

11:05 p. m. General Scowcroft and Mr. McFarland to the Oval Office.

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11:06 p. m. Mr. Rumsfeld to the Oval Office.

11:07 p. m. The USS WILSON takes aboard the occupants of that boat. The occupants were determined to be the entire crew of the SS MAYAGUEZ.

11:08 p. m. PHONE CALL: Incoming from Secretary Schlesinger.

11:10 p. m. PHONE CALL terminated.

11:11 p. m. PHONE CALL: Incoming from the Vice Pre

11:13 p. m. PHONE CALL terminated.

11:14 p. m. Mr. Smyser brings memo regarding 30-man crew.

11:15 p. m. PHONE CALL: Incoming from Secretary Schlesinger.

11:16 p. m. The order was given to cease all offensive operation and begin to withdraw. The Commander of the forces on the island requests additional ground forces to provide security for a successful withdrawal.

11:18 p. m. PHONE CALL terminated.

11:27 p. m. General Scowcroft out.

11:29 p. m. All out.

11:30 p. m. The President to the Residence to change clothes for statement to the Press.

11:44 p. m. The President to the Oval Office.

11:44 p. m. PHONE CALL: Outgoing to Secretary Schlesinger.

11:56 p. m. PHONE CALL terminated.

11:46 p. m. Messrs. Rumsfeld and Nessen to the Oval Office.

11:49 p. m. Secretary Kissinger and General Scowcroft to the Oval Office.

11:50 p. m. Mr. Marsh to the Oval Office.

11:51 p. m. Mr. Hartmann to the Oval Office.

THURSDAY, MAY 15, 1975

12:14 a. m. PHONE CALL: Outgoing to Congressman Rhodes, talked.

12:14 a. m. General Scowcroft out.

12:15 a. m. Mr. Marsh out.

12:18 a. m. General Scowcroft to the Oval Office.

12:20 a. m. Mr. Marsh to the Oval Office.

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12:20 a.m. PHONE CALL: Outgoing to Senator Scott, talked.

12:23 a.m. PHONE CALL: Outgoing to Senator Case, no answer,
did not talk.

12:25 a.m. The MAYAGUEZ crew is returned to its vessel.

12:30 a.m. President in the West Wing Press Room for statement.

12:31 a.m. The President to the Oval Office.

12:33 a.m. The President to the Residence.

12:35 a.m. PHONE CALL: Incoming from Secretary Schlesinger,
talked.

7:45 a.m. The President to the Oval Office.

7:45 a.m. General Scowcroft to the Oval Office.

8:11 a.m. General Scowcroft out.

9:50 a.m. Secretary Kissinger to the Oval Office.

9:55 a.m. General Scowcroft to the Oval Office.

10:20 a.m. The above out.

10:29 a.m. The President to the South Grounds to greet the Shah
of Iran and the Empress Farah.

11:09 a.m. The President returns to the Oval Office with the Shah.

11:16 a.m. Secretary Kissinger to the Oval Office.

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