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RON

As of 9:00 PM last night, telephone calls coming into the White House were tallied as follows:

128  In favor of getting the ship out

  7   Do nothing

  3   Comment

JWH
Telephone call tally from Pat Strunk as of 11:00 a.m.

PRO 244  go set ship

CON 8

COMMENT 3
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

5/13/75
11:25 AM

TELEPHONE CALL UPDATE:

In favor of using military force to get the ship and crew back --

249 PRO
8 CON
4 COMMENT
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 13, 1975

UPDATED TELEPHONE TALLY AS OF 5:30 PM REGARDING THE MAYAGUEZ INCIDENT:

PRO - 448
CON - 12
COMMENT - 6
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 14, 1975

TELEPHONE TALLY UPDATE REGARDING THE
MAYAGUEZ INCIDENT:

PRO - 518
CON - 17
COMMENT - 6

CALLS CONCERNING TROOPS IN THAILAND:

PRO - 1
CON - 5
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

TELEPHONE UPDATE

4:30 PM
5/14/75

Getting ship out:

PRO  668
CON  34
COMMENT  9

Bombing of Cambodian ships

PRO  250
CON  51

Troops into Thailand

PRO  5
CON  19

TELEGRAMS -- BOMBING

PRO  295
CON  90
UPDATE TELEPHONE TALLY REGARDING THE MAYAGUEZ SITUATION:

AS OF 11:45 P.M.

BACKING THE PRESIDENT ON HIS ACTIONS TODAY AND TONIGHT

PRO 1034

CON 112
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 14, 1975

AS OF 8:30 PM
UPDATED TELEPHONE TALLY REGARDING
THE MAYAGUEZ SITUATION:

PRO - 724
CON - 36
COMMENT - 9

UPDATE ON TROOPS IN THAILAND:

PRO - 6
CON - 21

 REGARDING THE SINKING OF THE CAMBODIAN
GUNBOATS:

PRO - 471
CON - 74
From Wednesday noon when we first announced sinking of boats until midnight:

| Pro sinking the boats: | 1101 |
| Con sinking the boats: | 292  |
| Miscellaneous comment: | 19   |

From midnight last night (after announced the incident was over and the crew and ship were OK):

| "You did the right thing" | 1071 |
| Con                      | 123  |
| Miscellaneous comment    | 18   |

Update at 11am for day.
TELEPHONE CALL UPDATE

As of 3 pm - Thursday - May 15

PRO: 2348
CON: 165
Comment 3
TELEGRAM AND MAIL UPDATE

Thursday, May 15, 1975

1- TELEGRAMS AND LETTERS RECEIVED WE FIRST ANNOUNCED THE CAPTURE OF THE S.S. MAYAGUEZ - (Urging the President to take strong action)

PRO - 1514
CON - 17
COMMENT - 2

2- TELEGRAMS AND LETTERS RECEIVED RE THE PRESIDENT'S HANDLING OF THE SITUATION AFTER THE SINKING OF THE CAMBODIAN GUNBOATS:

PRO - 265
CON - 503
COMMENT - 28

3- TOTAL TELEGRAMS AND LETTERS RECEIVED REGARDING THE MAYAGUEZ SITUATION: (SINCE MONDAY AFTERNOON)

PRO - 4171
CON - 520
COMMENT - 30

4- TELEPHONE TALLY FOR THE PAST 2 1/2 DAYS IN SUPPORT OF THE PRESIDENT'S ACTION:

PRO - 1978
CON - 157
COMMENT -

5- Since Midnight - Telegrams 1,436 PRO
170 CON
27 COMMENT

(these figures included in 4-3 category)

6- About 4,000 telegrams and mailgrams not processed.
UPDATED REACTION TO MAYAGUEZ

TELEGRAMS (As of 10 a.m. Friday, May 16, 1975)

Pro: 5,068  
Con: 336  
Comments: 266

PHONE CALLS (As of 10 a.m. Friday, May 16, 1975)

Pro: 3,062  
Con: 192  
Comment: 5