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5/13/75

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



[5/13/75]

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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

PRO	244	<i>Go get ship</i>
CON	8	
COMMENT	3	

WALTON, FORD

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

GEORGE W. FORD

as of 11:00 a.m.

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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

4:30 PM
5/14/75

TELEPHONE UPDATE

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



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 14, 1975

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:

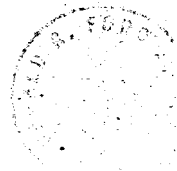
PRO - 724
CON - 36
COMMENT - 9

UPDATE ON TROOPS IN THAILAND:

PRO - 6
CON - 21

REGARDING THE SINKING OF THE CAMBODIAN
GUNBOATS:

PRO - 471
CON - 74



TELEGRAM COUNT

Thursday - May 15

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 by Ray.



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 ^{FROM TIME WHEN} ~~WE~~ 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 - 2657
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 #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

