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Office of the White House Press Secretary

NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The following is the text of a telegram to the President from eleven Republican Governors.

"The undersigned Republican Governors of the United States congratulate you, Mr. President, and the American armed forces for their courage in rescuing the American ship and crew which was seized by the Cambodian pirates.

This example of valor and a strong U. S. foreign policy will promote the safety of American citizens throughout the world.

We commend and thank you for your strong action."

Governor Christopher S. Bond, Missouri, Rep. Governors' Asso. Chairman
Governor Arch A. Moore, Jr., West Virginia, Vice Chairman
Governor Daniel J. Evans, Washington
Governor Robert F. Bennett, Kansas
Governor Mills E. Godwin, Jr., Virginia
Governor Robert D. Ray, Iowa
Governor James B. Edwards, South Carolina
Governor William G. Milliken, Michigan
Governor James A. Rhodes, Ohio
Governor James E. Holshouser, Jr., North Carolina
Governor Jay S. Hammond, Alaska

Governor Bowen of Indiana is out of the country and Governor Thomson of N. H. has telephoned the White House and indicated he will send a congratulatory telegram.

Former Governor Reagan of California spoke by telephone to the President today to offer his congratulations.

Former Governor William Scranton of Pennsylvania, who was at the White House today on other business, offered his congratulations in person.

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