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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 18, 1975

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

MARJORIE WICKLEIN

FROM:

JAMES E. CONNOR *JE*

The attached was received in the President's Outbox with the following notation:

"Nice Thank you --- I've read --- very
interesting and well done. Thanks."

Please follow-up with appropriate action.

cc: Don Rumsfeld

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*nice Thank you.
It's real. Very interesting
& well done!
Thanks -*

Singapore
July 31, 1975

President Gerald R. Ford
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President,

It was extremely kind of you to allow me to come to the White House and to tell me in your own words of the sequence of decisions which led to the dramatic recovery of the Mayaguez and all of her crew. To be able to obtain this vital part of the story directly from the President of the United States was indeed a great privilege for me.

Following the interview at the White House, I returned to Hong Kong and closeted myself for the next four weeks writing the book. I have been informed by my publisher, W.W. Norton & Co., that the book titled "The Four Days of Mayaguez" is off the press today. A copy will be delivered to you immediately so that you will have it upon your return from Europe. In reading the book, I hope that the added dimension which you gave to the story of the seizure of the ship and its recovery through your personal recollections, will be easily apparent. It was my hope that letting the people involved in the Mayaguez incident tell the story, instead of the author doing it, would make the events come alive.

Many thanks for your cooperation in this reportorial endeavor. I hope that you will find the result to your liking.

With warmest personal regards

Ray

Roy Rowan

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