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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

STATEMENT BY THE PRESS SECRETARY

The merchant ship MAYAGUEZ, at last report was anchored close to the island of Koh Tang, 30 miles off the coast of Cambodia. During the night, Washington time, it was escorted by two Cambodian naval vessels from the point where it was originally boarded (that point was eight miles from the rock island of Poulo Wai) toward its present location. The ship is being kept under observation by U.S. military aircraft. The President was kept informed of developments during the night.

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