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## Text of Statement to be Read Over Cambodian Frequencies and via Loud Speaker to Inhabitants of the Island

"American forces have retaken our ship, the Mayaguez, and landed on Koh Tang Island. We demand the release of the crew members unharmed. If the Cambodian authorities do not announce by 10:00 this morning their intention to release all crew members unconditionally and immediately, the Cambodian authorities will be fully responsible for the further consequences. We are monitoring international distress frequencies to receive response."



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E.O. 12958, Sec. 3.5

NSC Memo, 11/24/98, State Dept. Guidelines

By L. NARA, Date 12/24/99