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ADDENDUM TO IPAC DIS 133-75. THIS ADDENDUM CONTAINS ONE ITEM.  
U.S. MERCHANT SHIP SS MAYAGUEZ REMAINS ANCHORED OFF KOH TANG ISLAND (TS9540) AS U.S. TACAIR AND PATROL AIRCRAFT CONTINUE SURVEILLANCE AND INTERDICTION. STATUS AND LOCATION OF MAYAGUEZ CREW STILL UNCERTAIN. IN ADDITION TO THE PCF BOAT WHICH SANK ENROUTE TO KG SOM (SEE ADDENDUM TO IPAC DIS 133-75; DTG 140649Z MAY 75), TWO OTHER PATROL CRAFT HAVE BEEN SUNK IN THE VICINITY OF SS MAYAGUEZ. ADDITIONAL KC PATROL CRAFT HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED BY VISUAL AIR RECONNAISSANCE AS OPERATING IN THE GENERAL AREA. THREE CRAFT ARE CURRENTLY IN THE VICINITY OF KOH TANG ISLANDS; THREE OTHERS ARE IN THE VICINITY OF THE POULO WAI ISLANDS; THREE OTHERS ARE IN THE VICINITY OF THE POULO WAI ISLANDS (TR7597); AND THREE MORE VIC KOM RONG SAM ISLAND (US 1570). IN RELATED ACTIVITY, A PATROL BOAT REPORTEDLY ATTACKED AND SHOT AT THE REFRIGERATOR CARGO VESSEL, MS HIRADO (SWEDISH REGISTRY)

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APPROXIMATELY 12 MILES SOUTHWEST PANJANG ISLAND (UR 3228) AT 140340Z MAY. RADIO CONTACT WAS LOST WITH MS HIRADO AT 140425Z MAY.

MEANWHILE, THE ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORTS THE KC SEIZED ANOTHER FOREIGN MERCHANT SHIP NEAR PANJANG ISLAND. THE SHIP, THE EASTERN GRAND, THAI REGISTRY WAS REPORTED RELEASED AFTER TWO HOURS.

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EXAMINATION OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE 12 MAY SEIZURE OF SS MAYAGUEZ BY CAMBODIAN GUNBOATS NOW INDICATES THE ACTION WAS PROMPTED BY A POLICY DIRECTIVE BY THE NEW COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT AIMED AT VIGOROUSLY ENFORCING CAMBODIA'S TERRITORIAL CLAIMS.

PRIOR TO THE MAYAGUEZ INCIDENT, THE KC HAD ALREADY FIRED ON OR DETAINED TWO INTERNATIONAL MERCHANT SHIPS (PANAMANIAN AND KOREAN) AND A NUMBER OF SMALLER THAI AND SOUTH VIETNAMESE VESSELS IN THE GULF OF THAILAND. THEY ALSO HAD DISPATCHED TROOPS TO SEVERAL ISLANDS IN THE GULF WHICH HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN DISPUTED WITH SOUTH VIETNAM.

IN ADDITION TO KC ACTIVITIES IN THE GULF OF THAILAND, RECENT BORDER DISPUTES WITH THE THAIS AND VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS UNDERSCORE KC INTENTIONS TO AGGRESSIVELY PURSUE THEIR TERRITORIAL CLAIMS.  
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THUS, THE SEIZURE OF MAYAGUEZ IS VIEWED AS RESULTING FROM A KC NATIONAL POLICY AIMED AT REASSERTING CAMBODIA'S CLAIM TO CONTESTED AREAS.

THE MAYAGUEZ INCIDENT BEGAN AT 0830Z 12 MAY WHEN THE DELTA EXPLORATION COMPANY IN JAKARTA COPIED A DISTRESS MESSAGE FROM THE U.S. MERCHANT CONTAINERSHIP, MAYAGUEZ REPORTED BEING FIRED ON AND BOARDED BY CAMBODIANS AT 0946N/10253E, APPROXIMATELY 6.6 NM SOUTH-SOUTHWEST OF POULO WAI ISLAND IN THE GULF OF THAILAND AND SOME 60 NM SOUTH-SOUTHWEST OF THE CAMBODIAN PORT OF KG SOM. MAYAGUEZ SIGNALLED IT WAS UNDER ITS OWN POWER, FOLLOWING A GUNBOAT TOWARD KG SOM. MAYAGUEZ'S TRANSMITTER THEN WENT OFF THE AIR AND THE SHIP'S LOCATION WAS UNKNOWN UNTIL A SEARCHING NAVY PATROL AIRCRAFT (P-3) SIGHTED IT AT 130116Z, DEAD IN THE WATER ABOUT A MILE NORTHWEST OF POULO WAI, WITH TWO GUNBOATS IN THE VICINITY. THE P-3 REPORTED RECEIVING FIRE FROM THE BOATS. A SUBSEQUENT RELOCATING FLIGHT DETECTED MAYAGUEZ 15 NM TO THE NORTH (1011N/10255Z), APPARENTLY STEAMING TOWARD KG SOM AT 12 KTS. MAYAGUEZ WAS NEXT LOCATED ANCHORED JUST OFF THE NORTHEAST BEACH OF KOH TANG ISLAND AT 130625Z, WITH FIVE CAMBODIAN SMALL BOATS IN THE AREA. AT LEAST TWO OF THE FIVE WERE 50-FOOT FORMER CAMBODIAN NAVY (MNK)  
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FAST COASTAL PATROL BOATS (PCF). SMALL BOAT ACTIVITY INDICATED POSSIBLE SHIP-TO-SHORE MOVEMENT OF UNIDENTIFIED PERSONNEL FROM MAYAGUEZ TO THE ISLAND. U.S. NAVY AND AIR FORCE AIRCRAFT ON THE SCENE WERE RECEIVING SPORADIC AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE FROM THE SMALL BOATS, THE ISLAND, AND MAYAGUEZ. AS PREPARATIONS TO RETAKE MAYAGUEZ AND RESCUE THE CREW PROGRESSED, THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE MAYAGUEZ CREW BECAME A LEADING QUESTION. IT WAS UNCLEAR WHETHER THE CREW WOULD BE TRANSFERRED TO THE ISLAND ITSELF FROM MAYAGUEZ,

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HELD ON BOARD THE SHIP AT ANCHOR THERE, OR BE MOVED TO SOME OTHER LOCATION. THE POSSIBLE WHEREABOUTS OF AT LEAST SOME OF THE CREWMEN AROSE AT ABOUT 132300Z WHEN A 30-FOOT BOAT ESCORTED BY A PROBABLE PCF MADE A RUN FOR THE MAINLAND WITH EIGHT OR NINE CAUCASIAN PERSONNEL VISIBLE ON DECK. IN USAF TACAIR ATTEMPTS TO PREVENT ALL CAMBODIAN SMALL BOATS FROM APPROACHING OR LEAVING MAYAGUEZ, THE PCF WAS SUNK AND A RIOT CONTROL AGENT WAS USED IN AN EFFORT TO FORCE THE OTHER BOAT TO TURN BACK. DESPITE THESE EFFORTS, THE BOAT MADE IT TO KG SOM HARBOR.

DEBRIEFING OF MAYAGUEZ'S MASTER REVEALED THE ENTIRE CREW WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE SMALL BOAT (A CAPTURED THAI FISHING BOAT), TAKEN TO KG SOM, LATER MOVED TO KOH RONG ISLAND JUST OPPOSITE THE PORT PAGE #4 RUHQHQA1722

FOR THE NIGHT OF 14-15 MAY, AND RELEASED FROM THERE ON 15 MAY. THE MAYAGUEZ CAPTAIN SAID HE PERSUADED THE CAMBODIANS TO RELEASE HIM AND HIS CREW BY PROMISING TO TRY TO STOP THE AIR ATTACKS ON CAMBODIAN SMALL BOATS. (PILOT AND SHIP REPORTS INDICATE AS MANY AS FIVE PCF'S, ONE RIVER PATROL BOAT, AND TWO UNIDENTIFIED SMALL BOATS WERE SUNK/DESTROYED DURING THE RESCUE OPERATION.) THE CREW, RELEASED AT ABOUT 150020Z, WAS PICKED UP AT 150305Z BY THE GUIDED MISSILE DESTROYER HENRY B. WILSON. THE THAI FISHING BOAT THEY WERE ABOARD CONTINUED ON ITS OWN TO THAILAND AFTER RESUPPLY.

BY ABOUT 142330Z, U.S. MARINES WERE LANDING BY USAF HELICOPTERS ON THE NORTHERN BEACHES OF KOH TANG ISLAND. OTHERS BOARDED MAYAGUEZ AND FOUND IT DESERTED. THE HELICOPTER LANDINGS/EXTRACTIONS AND MARINE GROUND OPERATIONS WERE STRONGLY OPPOSED. COMMUNIST GROUND FIRE INFLICTED HEAVY DAMAGE ON THE HELICOPTERS.

NUMEROUS COMMUNIST AUTOMATIC WEAPONS POSITIONS REPORTED ON THE BEACHES APPARENTLY SUBJECTED THE MARINES TO INTENSIVE CROSSFIRE DESPITE CLOSE SUPPORT FROM USAF TACAIR AND USS WILSON. THE LAST OF THE GROUND FORCE WAS EXTRACTED FROM THE ISLAND AT ABOUT 151320Z.

LOSSES REPORTED TO DATE ARE:

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11 USMC		3 USMC	41 USMC
2 USAF			7 USAF
2 USN			2 USN
TOTALS:	15	3	50

USAF AIRCRAFT BATTLE DAMAGE

3 CH-53 SHOT DOWN BY GROUND FIRE (TWO ON NORTHEAST BEACH, ONE HIT ON NORTHWEST BEACH WENT DOWN WHILE RETURNING TO BASE)

4 CH-53 DAMAGED BY GROUND FIRE

6 HH-53 DAMAGED BY GROUND FIRE

2 RF-4C DAMAGED BY GROUND FIRE

1 F-4D DAMAGED BY GROUND FIRE

1 A-7D DAMAGED BY GROUND FIRE

AIRCRAFT FROM USS CORAL SEA STRUCK MAINLAND TARGETS BETWEEN 150145Z AND 150635Z. READOUTS OF RECONNAISSANCE PHOTOGRAPHY INDICATE AIRSTRIKES AGAINST KG SOM PORT FACILITIES DAMAGED TWO LARGE WAREHOUSES IN THE DOCK AREA AND ANOTHER IN THE RAILROAD YARD. STRIKES ON REAM AIRFIELD APPEAR TO HAVE DESTROYED THREE C-47'S,

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HEAVILY DAMAGED A POL STORAGE AREA, CRATERED THE ONHAY, AND EXTENSIVELY DAMAGED SUPPORT FACILITIES. PHOTOGRAPHY SHOWS STRIKES PAGE #6 RUHQHQA1722 [REDACTED] ON THE REAM NAVAL BASE HEAVILY DAMAGED SUPPORT FACILITIES.

AT THIS TIME, THE IDENTITY OF CAMBODIAN NAVAL VESSELS INVOLVED IN THE MAYAGUEZ SEIZURE IS UNCLEAR. THE CAPTAIN AND HIS CREW REPORT ENCOUNTERING TWO PATROL BOATS ESTIMATED TO BE PCF'S. SOME QUESTION REMAINS WHETHER A THIRD UNIT WAS INVOLVED.

CAMBODIA'S LARGEST NAVAL VESSEL, PCE-311, A FORMER U.S. NAVY SUBCHASER, ARRIVED IN SATTAHIP, THAILAND, ON 15 MAY. INITIAL THAI REPORTS OF CREW DEBRIEFINGS INDICATED THEY CLAIMED TO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE SEIZURE OF MAYAGUEZ. IN SUBSEQUENT INTERVIEWS WITH ROYAL THAI NAVAL INTELLIGENCE, HOWEVER, SOME OF THE CREW DENIED PCE-311 WAS INVOLVED. DUE TO THE DESCRIPTIVE DATA PROVIDED BY THE MAYAGUEZ CREW EQUATING TO PCF'S, IT IS ESTIMATED PCF-311'S ROLE, IF ANY, WAS INDIRECT. IT MAY HAVE ACTED AS CONTROL SHIP AND/OR MOTHER SHIP FOR PCF'S OPERATING IN THE VICINITY OF POULO WAI ISLAND AND DIRECTED SEARCH AND SEIZURE OPERATIONS IN THAT AREA. USSAG/PACFLT/IPAC ANALYSIS: LCDR CAROLAN [REDACTED]

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