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UNCLAS E F T O ECAP 090.9. SUBJ: PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE  
1. FOLLOWING HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED BY DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE IN WASH DC:  
A. A U.S. NAVY TECHNICAL RESEARCH SHIP, THE USS LIBERTY (AGTR-5)  
WAS ATTACKED ABOUT 0900 A.M. EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME TODAY. APPROXIMATE-  
LY FIFTEEN MILES NORTH OF THE SINAI PENINSULA IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS  
OF THE MEDITERANEAN SEA. THE LIBERTY DEPARTED ROIA, SPAIN JUNE 2,  
ARRIVING AT HER POSITION THIS MORNING TO ASSURE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN  
U.S. GOVERNMENT POSTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND TO ASSIST IN RELAYING  
INFORMATION CONCERNING THE EVACUATION OF AMERICAN DEPEDENTS AND  
OTHER AMERICAN CITIZENS FROM THE COUNTRIES OF THE MIDDLE EAST.  
B. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN INFORMED BY THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT  
THAT THE ATTACK WAS MADE IN ERROR BY ISRAALI FORCES AND AN APOLOGY  
HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM TEL AVIV.  
C. THE INITIAL REPORTS OF CASUALTIES ARE: FOUR DEAD AND FIVE THREE  
WOUNDED. THE LIBERTY IS STEAMING NORTH FROM THE AREA AT A SPEED OF  
EIGHT KNOTS TO MEET U.S. FORCES MOVING TO HER AID. IT IS REPORTED THAT  
SHE IS IN NO DANGER OF SINKING.  
2. FOR COMSIXTHFLT/CTF 60: ABOVE SHOULD BE GIVEN TO NEWSMEN AT SEA  
ASAP. FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION MAY BE USED IN ANSWER TO IN-  
QUERIES:  
SHIP WAS ATTACKED BY MOTOR TORPEDO BOAT AND AIRCRAFT. ONE TORPEDO  
HIT. THE SHIP WAS ARMED WITH FOUR 50-CAL. MACHINE GUNS AND IT IS NOT  
KNOWN IF SHE RETURNED FIRE.

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THE CREW CONSISTED OF ONE FIVE OFFICERS, TWO SEVEN FIVE ENLISTED, AND THREE CIVILIAN TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVES.

DIMENSIONS OF THE SHIP: LENGTH FOUR FIVE FIVE FEET, BEAM SIX TWO FEET, DRAFT TWO THREE, DISPLACEMENT ONE ONE ZERO ZERO TONS. SHE IS DESIGNATED AN AGTR (TECHNICAL RESEARCH SHIP).

THE MISSION OF THIS TYPE SHIP IS TO CONDUCT TECHNICAL RESEARCH OPERATIONS IN SUPPORT OF U.S. NAVY ELECTRONIC RESEARCH PROGRAM WHICH INCLUDE ELECTRO- MAGNETIC PROPAGATION STUDIES AND ADVANCED COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS, SUCH AS SATELLITE COMMUNICATION. YOU MAY NOT GO BEYOND THIS DESCRIPTION.

SHE IS NOT A COMBAT SHIP. SHE MOVED TO THE MIDDLE EAST TO HELP PROTECT AMERICAN NATIONALS AS THE POSSIBLE NEED FOR SUCH PROTECTION BECAME APPARENT. HER LOCATION AT THE TIME OF ATTACK: WAS THREE ONE DEGREES TWO THREE MINUTES NORTH, THREE THREE DEGREES TWO FIVE MINUTES EAST.

3. FOR ALL: DETAILS OF RESCUE/ASSISTANCE ARE UNCLASSIFIED AND MAY BE RELEASED WHEN AVAILABLE.

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