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# NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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## DOLE TELEGRAM TO FORD

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Following is the text of a telegram Senator Bob Dole sent to President Gerald Ford this morning:

"THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND CALM BUT DELIBERATE FIRMNESS IN THE SUCCESSFUL EFFORT TO SECURE THE RETURN OF THE MERCHANT SHIP MAYAGUEZ AND ITS CREW.

"THE CREW, AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AS A WHOLE, HAVE BEEN WELL SERVED BY THE BRAVERY OF THE U.S. MILITARY FORCES WHICH RESPONDED TO THIS UNWARRANTED AND DISGRACEFUL THREAT TO THE LIVES OF AMERICAN CITIZENS. THEIR VALOR AND THEIR SACRIFICE HAVE HELPED TO ERASE WHATEVER DOUBTS THERE MAY HAVE BEEN ABOUT AMERICA'S RESOLVE TO ACT FIRMLY WHEN FIRMNESS IS REQUIRED."

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