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SIXTH ENDORSEMENT on 1tr of Rear Admiral Isaac C. KIDD, USN, 111645/1100 of 18 June 1967

From: Commander, Naval Communications Command

To: Chief of Naval Operations

Subj: Record of Proceedings, Court of Inquiry to inquire into the circumstances surrounding the armed attack on USS LIBERTY (AGTR-5) on 8 June 1967

Ref: (b) SECNAV Memo to SECDEF ser 006874 of 4 December 1967 NOTAL

- 1. Forwarded.
- 2. Concur in those findings of fact pertaining to communications less finding number 40. Subsequent investigation has indicated that FBIS messages did not contribute to message delays.
- 3. Reference is made to the Judge Advocate General third endorsement to the basic correspondence.
- a. Do not concur in the estimated cost to effect repairs as indicated in paragraph 4. Reference (b) sets the cost of restoring LIBERTY, including its previous electronic configuration, at \$9.6 million.
- b. Concur in that portion entitled, "Messages of 7 and 8 June Ordering Changes of LIBERTY Operations."
- 4. Commander, Naval Communications Command, together with Director, Defense Communications Agency, and other interested commands and agencies is taking action to improve doctrine, procedures, installations and equipment in order to reduce delays and permit rapid flow of FLES B important messages during crisis situations.

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