

**THE UNITED STATES
CONSTITUTION
AND PRIMARY DOCUMENTS**

^{all people}
~~is free man and we have~~
 This is a sad time for every American. ^{we have} ~~The nation~~ suffers a loss that
^{and at}
 cannot be weighed. For me it is a deep personal tragedy. I know
~~the nation~~ and ^{the} ~~the~~ whole free world, shares the sorrow that Mrs.
^{and how much}
 Kennedy bears.

I will do my best. That is all I can do. ^{only for your help and Gods} I ask God's help -- and yours.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

2 August 1964

Mr. President:

1. Early this morning the USS Maddox was attacked by three DRV PT boats while on patrol approximately 30 miles off the North Vietnamese coast in the Gulf of Tonkin.
2. The Captain of the Maddox returned the fire with 5-inch guns and requested air support from the carrier Ticonderoga on station nearby in connection with reconnaissance flights in that area.
3. Ticonderoga jets arrived shortly and made strafing attacks on the PT boats resulting in one enemy boat dead in the water, two others damaged and turned tail for home.
4. The Maddox reports no personnel or material damages.
5. Messrs Rusk and McNamara have been informed of the incident and present plans are to release a press statement later today either from Washington or Saigon.
6. Additional details on the Maddox encounter will be available later today.

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Air Strike Against North Vietnam (TS)

1. By 0700 local 5 August conduct a one-time maximum effort attack of following targets with objective of maximum assurance of high level of target destruction:

a. SWATOWs and PT boats located at bases Port Wallut, Hon Gay, Phuoc Loi and Quang Khe and at Loc Chao estuary (19-46N; 105-57E). Targets are boats.

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У АППАРАТА НАХОДИТСЯ ПРЕДСЕДАТЕЛЬ СОВЕТА МИНИСТРОВ КОСЫГИН И
ПРОСИТ ВЫЯСНИТЬ, НАХОДИТСЯ ЛИ ГОСПОДИН ПРЕЗИДЕНТ У АППАРАТА+

УВАЖАЕМЫЙ Г-Н ПРЕЗИДЕНТ,

СОБЫТИЯ ПОСЛЕДНИХ ДНЕЙ ЗАСТАВИЛИ МЕНЯ СО ВСЕЙ ОТКРОВЕННОСТЬЮ
ВЫСКАЗАТЬ ВАМ НАШЕ МНЕНИЕ. КАК ПОКАЗЫВАЕТ ОБСТАНОВКА, РЕШЕНИЯ
СОВЕТА БЕЗОПАСНОСТИ - НЕДЕЙСТВЕННЫ. ИЗРАИЛЬ ПОЛНОСТЬЮ ИХ ИГНО-
РИРУЕТ. КАК ВЫ ПОНИМАЕТЕ, ПОСЛЕ МНОГИХ ПОПЫТОК, ПРЕДПРИНЯТЫХ В
ЭТОМ НАПРАВЛЕНИИ И РЕШЕНИИ СОВЕТА БЕЗОПАСНОСТИ В ОТНОШЕНИИ
ЛИКВИДАЦИИ АГРЕССИИ СО СТОРОНЫ ИЗРАИЛЯ НА БЛИЖНЕМ ВОСТОКЕ -
ЭТИ ПОПЫТКИ ОКАЗАЛИСЬ НЕЭФФЕКТИВНЫМИ.

СЕЙЧАС НАСТУПИЛ ОЧЕНЬ ОТВЕТСТВЕННЫЙ МОМЕНТ, КОТОРЫМ ЗАСТАВЛЯЕТ
НАС, ЕСЛИ НЕ ПРЕКРАТЯТСЯ В БЛИЖАЙШИЕ ЧАСЫ ВОЕННЫЕ ДЕЙСТВИЯ,
ПРИНИМАТЬ САМОСТОЯТЕЛЬНЫЕ РЕШЕНИЯ. МЫ К ЭТОМУ ГОТОВЫ. ОДНАКО
ЭТИ ДЕЙСТВИЯ МОГУТ СТОЛКНУТЬ НАС, ЧТО ПРИВЕДЕТ К БОЛЬШОЙ КАТАСТРОФЕ.
ОЧЕВИДНО, В МИРЕ ЕСТЬ СИЛЫ, КОТОРЫМ ЭТО ВЫГОДНО.

МЫ ПРЕДЛАГАЕМ ВАМ ПОТРЕБОВАТЬ ОТ ИЗРАИЛЯ, ЧТОБЫ ОН В БЛИЖАЙ-
ШИЕ ЧАСЫ БЕЗОГОВОРОДНО ПРЕКРАТИЛ ВОЕННЫЕ ДЕЙСТВИЯ, СО СВОЕЙ СТОРОНЫ,
МЫ СДЕЛАЕМ ТО ЖЕ. ПРЕДЛАГАЕМ ПРЕДУПРЕДИТЬ ИЗРАИЛЬ, ЧТО ЗА НЕВЫПОЛ-
НЕНИЕ ЭТОГО БУДУТ ПРЕНЯТЫ НЕОБХОДИМЫЕ АКЦИИ, ВКЛЮЧАЯ ВОЕННЫЕ.

ПРОШУ СООБЩИТЬ ВАШЕ МНЕНИЕ.

А. КОСЫГИН
ПРЕДСЕДАТЕЛЬ СОВЕТА МИНИСТРОВ СССР.+

10 ИЮНЯ 1967 ГОДА, 15-50 МИН. ПО МОСКОВСКОМУ ВРЕМЕНИ.+

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TRANSLATION

Saturday, June 10, 1967
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Received by President - 9:05 a.m.

The White House
To President Lyndon B. Johnson

Dear Mr. President:

The events of the last days have forced me to express to you with all frankness our view. As the situation shows, the resolutions of the Security Council are invalid. Israel has completely ignored them. As you can understand, after the many attempts taken in this direction and the resolutions of the Security Council concerning the termination of aggression on the part of Israel in the Near East -- these attempts have proved ineffective.

A very crucial moment has now arrived which forces us, if military actions are not stopped in the next few hours, to adopt an independent decision. We are ready to do this. However, these actions may bring us into a clash, which will lead to a grave catastrophe. Obviously in the world there are powers to whom this would be advantageous.

We purpose that you demand from Israel that it unconditionally cease military action in the next few hours. On our part, we will do the same. We purpose to warn Israel that, if this is not fulfilled, necessary actions will be taken, including military.

Please give me your views.

A. Kosygin

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The United States Constitution

THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION

Original	Rephrased
<p>W e t h e P e o p l e of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.</p>	<p>We (the citizens of the United States) have enacted this Constitution (for the United States of America) so that we can 1) make the country a better place, 2) ensure that justice is served, 3) make sure that the country is stable, 4) make sure that the nation is well-defended, and 5) ensuring that our generation and the ones to come enjoy the blessings of liberty and freedom.</p>
Article I	Article I
Section 1	Section 1
<p>All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.</p>	<p>All the lawmaking power we grant in this document will lie with a new "Congress" of the United States, which will have two parts: the Senate, and the House of Representatives.</p>
Section 2	Section 2
<p>The House of Representatives shall be composed of Members chosen every second Year by the People of the several States, and the Electors in each State shall have the Qualifications requisite for Electors of the most numerous Branch of the State Legislature.</p>	<p>Members of the House of Representatives will be elected every other year directly by the voters,</p>
<p>No Person shall be a Representative who shall not have attained to the Age of twenty five Years, and been seven Years a Citizen of the United States, and who shall not, when elected, be an Inhabitant of that State in which he shall be chosen.</p>	<p>Anybody who wants to be a representative has to be at least 25 years old, has to have been a citizen for at least 7 years, and has to be currently living in the state they're elected in.</p>
<p>[Representatives and direct Taxes shall be apportioned among the several States which may be included within this Union, according to their respective Numbers, which shall be determined by adding to the whole Number of free Persons, including those bound to Service for a Term of Years, and excluding Indians not taxed, three fifths of all other Persons.] The actual Enumeration shall be made within three Years after the first Meeting of the Congress of the United States, and within every subsequent Term of ten Years, in such Manner as they shall by Law direct. The Number of Representatives shall not exceed one for every thirty Thousand, but each State shall have at Least one Representative; and until such enumeration shall be made, the State of New Hampshire shall be entitled to chuse three, Massachusetts eight, Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations one, Connecticut five, New-York six, New Jersey four, Pennsylvania eight, Delaware one, Maryland six, Virginia ten, North Carolina five, South Carolina five</p>	<p>[The different states will receive different numbers of representatives and different levels of taxes based on how many citizens they have, meaning free people and indentured servants – Indians won't be counted or taxed, and 3/5 of the slave population will be counted.]* The first actual head count will take place three years after Congress meets for the first time, and a census will then be taken every ten years. Every state will have at least one representative, and the number of representatives from each state will never be more than one for every 30,000 citizens.</p> <p>Until a census is taken, New Hampshire will get to choose three, Massachusetts will have eight, Rhode Island gets one, Connecticut five, New York six, New Jersey four, Pennsylvania eight, Delaware one, Maryland six, Virginia ten, North Carolina five, South Carolina five, and Georgia will have three</p>

AMENDMENTS

The Amendments

THE Conventions of a number of the States, having at the time of their adopting the Constitution, expressed a desire, in order to prevent misconstruction or abuse of its powers, that further declaratory and restrictive clauses should be added: And as extending the ground of public confidence in the Government, will best ensure the beneficent ends of its institution.

RESOLVED by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, two thirds of both Houses concurring, that the following Articles be proposed to the Legislatures of the several States, as amendments to the Constitution of the United States, all, or any of which Articles, when ratified by three fourths of the said Legislatures, to be valid to all intents and purposes, as part of the said Constitution; viz.

ARTICLES in addition to, and Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America, proposed by Congress, and ratified by the Legislatures of the several States, pursuant to the fifth Article of the original Constitution.

Amendment I

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

Amendment II

A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

Amendment III

No Soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any

The Amendments

Some of the states have shown interest in adding certain clauses to this Constitution to make sure that its power is not abused or misinterpreted, and to make sure that the government is beneficial for all citizens.

Both branches of Congress have agreed by a 2/3 majority that these articles will be proposed to the various state legislatures as Amendments to the United States Constitution. They will become legal when they are ratified by 3/4 of the state legislatures, and will then become part of the Constitution.

These articles will amend the Constitution only by adding to it, and they have been approved using the steps outlined in Article 5.

Amendment I*

There will be no established "state religion," and there will be no law preventing freedom of religion. The citizens will have the freedom to speak their minds, to meet together, and to bring their complaints before the government. The press will also have the freedom to say what they want without government interference.

Amendment II

Because the security of the nation depends on a well-armed populace, the people will have the right to own and use guns.

Amendment III

The army cannot force citizens to keep soldiers in their

WEBSITE SOURCES FOR THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION: IN PLAIN ENGLISH

- The Constitution in Plain English
- [http://yourstudentnews.com/hcchs/
article.php?id=455](http://yourstudentnews.com/hcchs/article.php?id=455)
- The Amendments in Plain English
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