

THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION AND PRIMARY DOCUMENTS

Either print the documents for your class or display them on the screen.

Using each record, determine where or how it fits into the United States Constitution. There are descriptions associated with each photo to help with this process.

Each of the following slides also includes one or more answers to the corresponding document. The answers are not limited to what you find here. It can be argued the records fit elsewhere in the Constitution and amendments.

all people
we have
 This is a sad time for every American. ~~The nation~~ ^{we have} suffers a loss that
 cannot be weighed. For me it is a deep personal tragedy. I know
~~the nation~~ ^{the} and the whole free world, shares the sorrow that Mrs.
 Kennedy bears. ^{and her friends}
 I will do my best. That is all I can do. ^{only for your help and prayers} I ask God's help -- and yours.

Statement Upon Arrival at Andrews Air Force Base, November 22, 1963;
 Collection LBJ-STMNT: Statements Files, September 23, 1927-December 26,
 1972; Lyndon Baines Johnson Library and Museum, Austin TX

Possible Answers:

Article 2 Section 1: In case of the removal of the President from office, or of his
 death, resignation, or inability to discharge the powers and duties of said office,
 the same shall devolve on the Vice President

Amendment 25

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Photograph President Lyndon B. Johnson in Cam Ranh Bay, South Vietnam with General William Westmoreland decorating a soldier, October 26, 1966; Collection WHPO; Serial Number: C3602-18; Lyndon Baines Johnson Library and Museum, Austin TX

Possible Answers:

Article 2 Section 2: Commander in Chief of military

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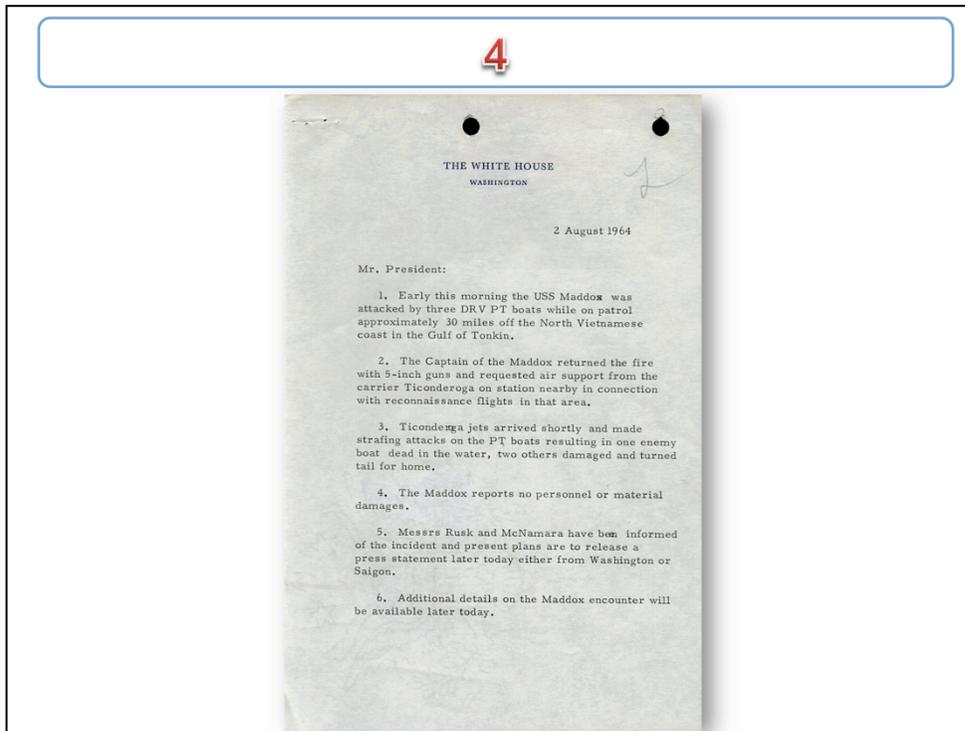
Photograph President Lyndon B. Johnson at Glassboro Summit Conference with Soviet Premier Aleksei Kosygin, Mr. William Krimer (Pres. Johnson's interpreter) and Mr. Sukhodrev (Kosygin's interpreter (partially obscured) in background, June 23, 1967; Collection WHPO; Serial Number: C5774-21; Lyndon Baines Johnson Library and Museum, Austin TX

Possible Answers:

Article 2 Section 2: He shall have power to make treaties

Article 2 Section 3: He shall receive Ambassadors and other public ministers

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Memorandum conveying news of the attack on the USS *Maddox* to the White House; August 2, 1964

Topic: Tonkin Gulf Incidents, 1964; Vietnam War; USS Maddox

Library: Lyndon Baines Johnson Library

Control Number: 1a

Collection: National Security Files

Series: Vietnam Country Files

Box Number: 228

Folder Title: Operation Pierce Arrow 8/64

Creator: White House Staff

Languages: English

Rights Status: Unrestricted

Possible Answers:

Article 2 Section 2: Commander in Chief of military

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
NATIONAL MILITARY COMMAND CENTER
MESSAGE CENTER

PRECEDENCE: IMMEDIATE
TO: CINCPAC
FROM: JCS
INFO: COMUSMACV
CINCPACFLT
PACAF
COMSEVENTHFLT
C-7
C-77
C-77.5
C-77.6
WHITE HOUSE
STATE DEPARTMENT
OSD
CIA
EMBASSY SAIGON
EMBASSY BANGKOK
EMBASSY VIENTIANE
AMCC
NECPA
NEACP

7720 JCS Sends.

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

DATE: 04 21/5
MONTH: Aug
YEAR: 64

TYPED NAME AND TITLE: CAPT J.D. MILLER J3
DECLASSIFIED BY: 100-44-10377
AUTHORITY: 100-44-10377
DATE: 9/23/13

TOP SECRET

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Cable from the Joint Chiefs of Staff to the Commander in Chief, Pacific Fleet (CINCPAC) authorizing an air strike in retaliation for the second Gulf of Tonkin incident; August 4, 1964

Topic: Tonkin Gulf; Vietnam War; Joint Chiefs of Staff; Operation Pierce Arrow
Library: Lyndon Baines Johnson Library

Control Number: 207

Collection: National Security Files

Series: Vietnam Country Files

Box Number: 227

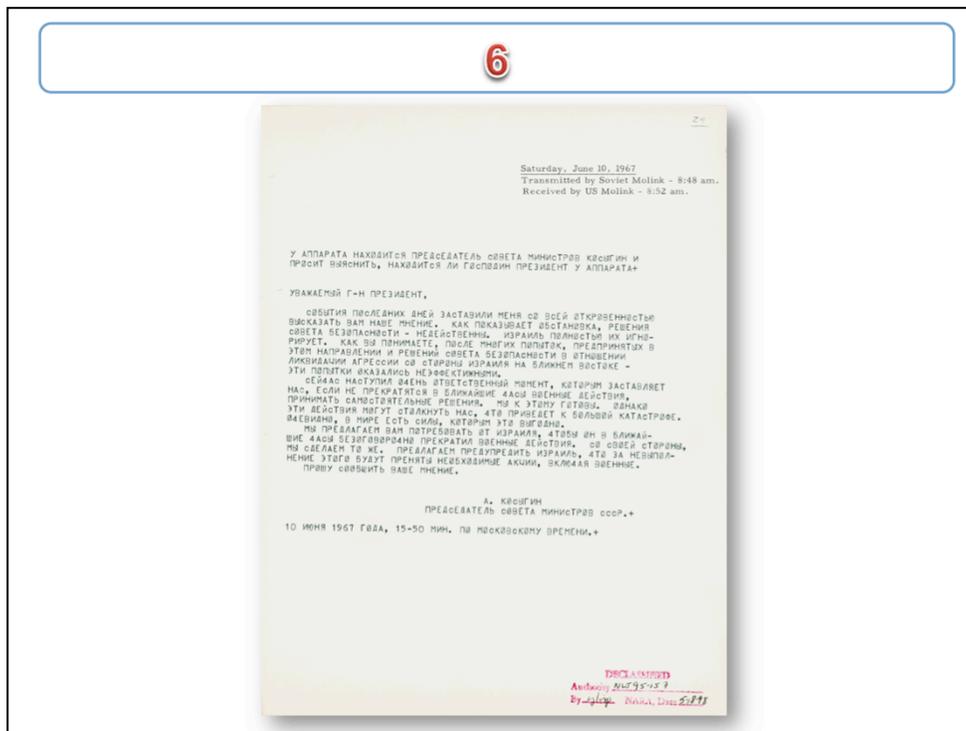
Folder Title: Maddox Incident 8/4/1964, Operation Pierce Arrow 8/5/64

Creator: Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS)

Languages: English

Rights Status: Unrestricted

Possible Answers:



“Hot line” message to President Johnson from Aleksei Kosygin, Chairman of the Council of Ministers, USSR.

Topic: Middle East Crisis (Six-Day War) between Israel and neighboring Arab states; May 12-June 19, 1967

Library: Lyndon Baines Johnson Library

Collection: National Security File

Series: National Security Council Histories

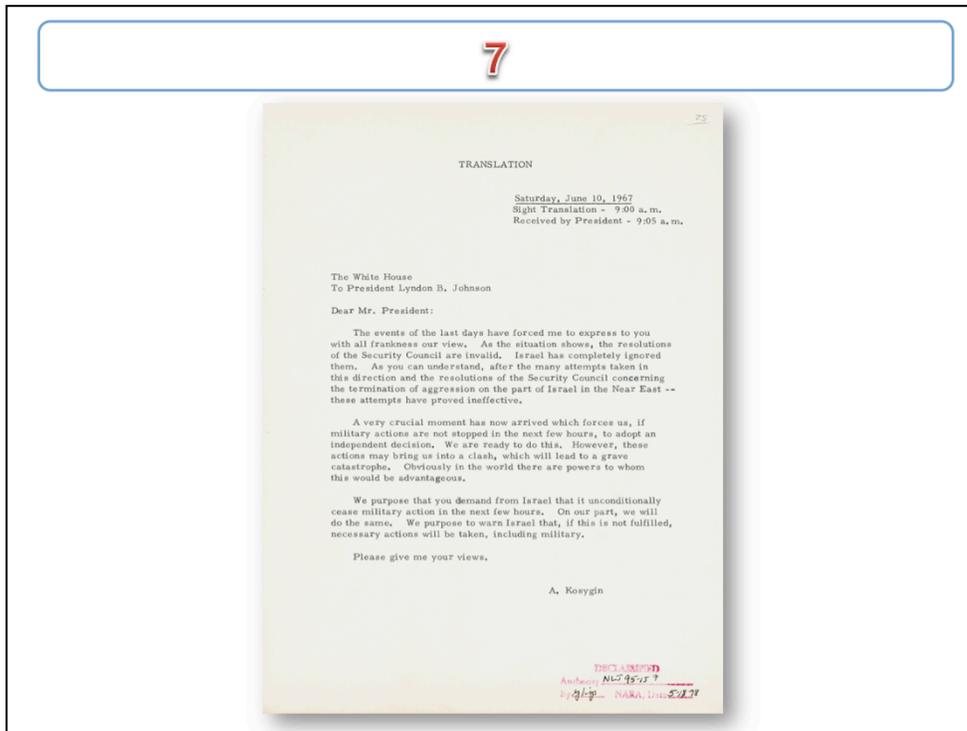
Box Number: 19

Folder Title: Middle East Crisis, May 12-June 19, 1967; Vol. 7 Appendices G-H

Creator: USSR

Languages: Russian

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“Hot line” message to President Johnson from Aleksei Kosygin, Chairman of the Council of Ministers, USSR—English translation

Topic: Middle East Crisis (Six-Day War) between Israel and neighboring Arab states; May 12-June 19, 1967

Library: Lyndon Baines Johnson Library

Collection: National Security File

Series: National Security Council Histories

Box Number: 19

Folder Title: Middle East Crisis, May 12-June 19, 1967; Vol. 7 Appendices G-H

Creator: White House Staff

Languages: English

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Translation of previous message

The United States Constitution

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THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION

Original	Rephrased
<p>We the People 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>Article I</p> <p>Section 1</p> <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>Section 2</p> <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>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>[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>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> <p>Article I</p> <p>Section 1</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> <p>Section 2</p> <p>Members of the House of Representatives will be elected every other year directly by the voters.</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>[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 government forces 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>
- The Amendments in Plain English
- <http://yourstudentnews.com/hcchs/article.php?id=498>