One is at a loss for superlatives in reviewing this stellar work of art. First, it's a state of the art, full audiovisual-impact documentary, finely honed by one Matthew Skow under auspices of the TruNews Christian media network with the utmost care for *the men* of the USS *Liberty*—whether surviving, injured (174), or killed (34).

In case you missed it, the *Liberty* was the ship in the middle of the so-called Six-Day War that Israel strafed and torpedoed in International Waters. The day, June 8, 1967, when Israel effectively declared war on the United States—it should have lived in infamy—was passed over in relative silence by most Americans thanks to the official story that the Jewish State mistook the *Liberty*, despite American flags flying on a clear day and large bold-white insignia on the bow, for a much smaller WWI Egyptian horse-ferrying vessel.

Several books and videos have been produced—starting with Jim Ennes's book, Assault on the Liberty—showing beyond any reasonable doubt that the attack was anything but accidental... and in fact was a combined covert hare-brained project risking nuclear war with the Russians by a treasonous president (LBJ), key members of his Israel-dominated administration, top US military officials, and the Israeli military. This author has written reviews of the following works:

- Assault on the Liberty, James Ennes, Jr. (original book, 1979?)
- Attack on the Liberty, James Scott (2009)
- DVDs Losing the Liberty and Dead in the Water (both 2002)
- *Erasing the Liberty*, Phil Tourney (2016)
- My presentation to Campaign for Liberty, Troy, MI (June 2017)
- A link to <u>Blood in the Water</u>, Dr. Joan Mellen (2018), which I have not reviewed yet, but corroborates what Matthew Skow has articulated as causality.
- Operation Cyanide, by Peter Hounam (2003)—same comment as the former bullet, not read, but cited by Skow as showing causality.

All of the above are worthwhile and deeply moving, and serve to show just how transcendent and comprehensive a production *Sacrificing Liberty* is. SL in effect puts together all the wonderful exposes and tributes into a comprehensive narrative that will become, one hopes, a rallying journalistic *coup d'etat* for American patriots.

The coverup of the truth behind the USS *Liberty* attacks was heavy handed and thorough from the start. Crew were warned, actually threatened, in person by Admiral Kidd that they were not to talk to one another, to their families, and especially to the media—or they would face imprisonment "or worse." Meaning death. Survivors were sent to separate assignments for the rest of their naval service.

The court of inquiry ordered by Admiral John McCain, Sr., Commander in Chief, US Naval Forces, Europe, was confined to only a few days for investigation and its report was a complete travesty, not including any of the key Israel-incriminating testimony of officers and crew of the *Liberty*. The official story was ordered to be "mistaken identity," and that's that. And embedded Judenpresse organs complied.

For some reason I have in my head that Ennes's book, *Assault on the Liberty*, did not really get any traction until later in the Reagan presidency ca. 1986. His was the start of breaking thru the secrecy and suppression, and I speculate that it was let to seep thru the blanket of absolute gag orders because a) the *Liberty* was filtering into the cultural conversation, anyway, b) Zionist media was in full force to diminish it, and c) Ennes did not boldly assert or have evidence that the attacks and coverup were US-official treason on behalf of a foreign enemy.

Skow's *Sacrificing Liberty* lays all such doubts to rest. Dramatically, passionately. SL is a four-dvd documentary dissection and cry for justice worth every penny:

- 1. Unfriendly Fire—The ostensible background from the sailors' side, "we're going effing where?" First the morning hours of surveillance by several Israeli boxcars aircraft. Then the attacks, several *unmarked* French Mirage fighters and Mystere fighter-bombers dropping napalm, three Star of David torpedo boats, and the *coup de grace*: army helicopters with commandoes to kill survivors [called off at the point of dropping, on account of *Liberty* SOS getting out].
- 2. Perfectly Executed Military Operation—Assessment of damage, cleanup and patching up the wounded. What really happened, all the questions pertaining to the visible the Israeli operation. Again from the Liberty's point of view, but starting to touch on the White House's and higher military official involvement in the "Sacrifice" of the *Liberty*.
- 3. Jigsaw Puzzle—The coverup and gag order. As the men and ship sail to Malta.
- 4. It's not a Whodunit, it's a Whydunit—Peter Hounam and *Operation Cyanide*. Probably the most detailed unraveling this side of Peter Hounam's book, Skow dives into the Jewish men (and Israeli spy woman) who surrounded LBJ—it's also made clear with expert narrative the major players with axes to grind, none of whom represented any Arab interests or countries.

A word on the setup. The story is told using a master narrator, and several of the surviving crew in voice overs.

## 1. Unfriendly Fire (68 Minutes)

Bob Scarborough CTS, USN
Bryce Lockwood Staff Sergeant, USMC
Donald Pageler CTSN, USN
Harold Six CTS, USN
Larry Bowen CTR2, USN
Moe Shafer CT3, USN
Phil Tourney Ship Fitter P3, USN
Dave Lewis Lt. Commander, USN
Ernie Gallo CT2 maintenance, PO 2nd Class, USN
Larry Thorn MR3, machinist, USN
Mickey LeMay, EM2, Electrician's Mate, USN
Ronald Kukal CT1, USN
Terry McFarland CT3, USN
IMO John Beattie FN 1/4/48-6/29/20
Several spoiler alerts in all this.

The footage of the film, the archival quality, is so expert you feel on board.

Where the action is. The Liberty is dispatched "in a hurry" to no specific objective except to sit as general intel collection point. The Israelis have already launched their, preplanned (with covert US intelligence and military assistance) successful blitzkrieg on Egyptian forces and run them out of the Sinai desert. As crewman Ernie Gallo states, "the Liberty had no reason to be there, because the war had practically been won."

The ship, despite strong requests from Captain McGonagle and Chief Intelligence Officer (CIO), Commander David Lewis to Admiral Martin of the Sixth Fleet, was given no destroyer escort. The argument being, "you're obviously an intelligence ship in international waters with the American flag flying and insignia; nobody is going to attack you." The Liberty was unarmed except for a couple of 50-mm machine gun platforms to deter boarders.

The attack was swift, brutal, and relentless. Starting at ~1400 local time, first the jets with cannon and rockets made a dozen or so sorties, penetrating the skin and

generating shrapnel everywhere. No one was spared on the deck. Then the Mystere with the napalm toward the command centers of the ship. Three Israeli-flagged PT boats showed up and fired five torpedoes, miraculously (and through uncanny sailing by the Captain) only one striking the Liberty.

Again it was a miracle that that one torpedo, delivered directly to the intelligence communications gathering room and killing 25 of the 34 killed that day, did not collapse the inner structure and bulkheads and sink the craft. Several of the men and narrators comment that solely a Divine Providence accounts for the fact the ship survived.

What I remember from nonmainstream news that I'd seen, maybe, in the 1990s and is reaffirmed in spades with the *SL* account is the several circlings and sadistic 40-mm-machine gunning by the PT boats of stretcher bearers and life rafts, literally slicing Liberty safety equipment personnel to ribbons. The boats also took out water spigots and hoses needed to fight the raging fires.

The one key heroic event that transpired (about 20 minutes into the air attack)—which saved the Liberty and quite likely the world from World War III—came courtesy a ship's company electrician named Terry Halbardier. Braving strafing on the deck, where he still suffered serious wounds, he ran a stretch of coaxial cable directly to the one functioning antenna, which enabled the *Liberty* to open call for help. [The first thing the unmarked jets had homed in on were any emitting antennae; the antenna Terry had connected had been disconnected prior to the attacks.]

On a personal note, he's one of the key heroes of American history, that I wanted to meet during my attendance, as a civilian, at the 50<sup>th</sup> Annniversary event in Norfolk in 2017. He had died that year. RIP and thank you gallant one! [You could make a profiles in courage full length movie of Terry Halbardier's heroism that day; he should definitely receive the Congressional Medal of Honor posthumously.]<sup>1</sup>

The setup for the next: Dave Louis: "If the men knew that the President had set them up to die, we may have had the first mutiny in the American Navy in history."

## 2. Perfectly Executed Military Operation (55 Minutes)

Starts with SOS Dean Rusk, obviously combined forces, never accepted the official story of mistaken identity.

The ballad chorus

When daylight pierced the vessel,

One cloud was in the sky

I beheld the Star of Remphan

With a million questions why

But if it helps you sleep

You can picture me at the bottom of the sea.

The jets were sent to cut us off from communicating.

The boats were sent to sink us.

The helicopters were sent to kill the survivors, so there'd be no trace.

A "Perfectly Executed Military Operation."

Evidence of preplanning manifest, IDF pilots.

Set up of several TVs of the time, in a room of the time, with the footage of the IDF officials. Very effective visuals. To kill all survivors so President Johnson could blame it on the Egyptians and enter the war on the side of Israel. The Israelis jammed all fre-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> And that goes for Dr. Richard Kiepfer, probably Phil Tourney, and even Ronald Kukal, for their medical miracles performed, achievements under fire, and for running the horrendous cleanup tasks in following days, respectively.

quencies, including the distress frequencies, which is a violation of international law. No question that it was a deliberate war crime.

SOS got to America and to Saratoga. Captain Tully of Saratoga launched 12 aircraft conventionally armed, 500 miles away, south of Crete w/6<sup>th</sup> Fleet. So did America, later. Message came to Tully from Rr Adm Geis, carrier division commander, not in the line of tactical command, but superior to Tully, to return all aircraft to carrier.

Captain Bill Knutson USN. They launched their ready cap, after clearing the nuclear weapons from the aircraft. Asking for info when in flight. Didn't feel they'd be against Israelis. What is the threat, who are we going up against? Get message to return to base. Very discouraged.

No plane reached the vicinity of the Liberty for over 17 hours.

Mess hall is the hospital. Every table had somebody on it. Casualties on the deck. The injuries. Surreal. Screaming for Jesus, or for his mother. Doctor got shrapnel in his stomach, his life jacket used to keep his insides in. Kiepfer may have saved 100 lives. Also Lt. George Golden, chief engineer.

"How are we not sinking?" 12 degree list to the right. Miracle.

Next morning, the 9<sup>th</sup>, jets from the America flew patrol, and helicopters executed a rescue mission. Lt. Wayne Stiles. Couldn't really land on the boat. Devastation was enormous. They weren't told how to do it. First helicopter to reach the Liberty. Almost like a hulk. There was a complete lockdown on information.

Some of the most touching footage, transporting the wounded and a deeper rendering of ballad.

When daylight pierced the vessel

One cloud was in the sky

I beheld the Star of Remphan

With a million questions why

And every hole that tore my soul that day

I still carry them with me

By sheer determination and God's grace

I remained

But if it helps you sleep

You can picture me at the bottom of the sea.

Robert Goralski, NYT, accidental attack.

John Conroy, petty officer, USN, USS Davis assigned to watch a combat photography team from Naples. They had forgotten film. Conroy got his own 8mm movie camera from the Massey. The crew seemed to be in shock, but functioning.

Recovering body parts from the deck. Cleaning up blood stains, per Captain McGonagle. Gun tub, blood that thick (4 inches) per Tourney. Had crinkled up in the heat, Tourney says, I can't get that clean.

Six day transit 1000 miles, to Malta, this is when Adm Isaac Kidd came aboard our ship, with his legal aide Judge Advocate Ward Boston. Kidd was sent over to conduct an inquiry, Conroy was assigned to type up the notes. Kidd had a reputation as a cleanup drone. John Beattie from Fraser, MI (1/4/48-6/29/20), Kidd was a pretty big guy, and he was just talking to us normally. "I'm just like your dad, and I want to get this taken care of. He took off his stars and threw them on the table."

They opened up. Five of them. Tourney the last one. Tourney. On scene leader forward repair party. Saw two torpedoes, didn't see the one that hit. I thought we were going to sink, yes. Then he put his stars back on. He got real close to me and got beet red, and said, "I want to tell you something, sailor, now I'm an admiral again. You ever repeat one word about the USS Liberty and who did it to you, I'll guarantee I'll see you in Leavenworth or worse. Do you know what worse means?

Tourney, "Yes, sir, I do." I said, "Well what'd you leave us out there alone for?"

He says, "I'm an admiral now, you call me admiral or sir, period."

He gets up and leaves and slams the door. Phil beats his hands against the door. "F-you, admiral, F-you, I hope you hear me."

"You would think the admiral would pat you on the back or say something nice, but they set us up again, to get all the information they could and beat us into the ground. It was just like the attack, over again. It was worse than heartbreak, I felt like scum, just a piece of gum on a shoe. I had no self-worth."

The guy who looks like Wayne, scruffy. He knew something was up.

Dave Lewis, "What I'm about to tell you is for your ears only, you're not to tell anyone during my lifetime."

The full ballad:

Then I locked eyes with the pilot

Threw my fists into the air

'Cause I'd rather die in violence

Than cower at your sneer

And I've held these wounds for decades

In my heart and while you keep them in the dark

I stored up wrath that you cannot erase

No it remains...

But if it helps you sleep...

## 3. Jigsaw Puzzle (55 min.)

Note that this film has been declassified.

Opens with a statement on a 60s TV in a living room, by Adm. Arliegh Burke, Chief, US Naval Operations, 1955-1961, Navy Cross. "Some reason why more is not known, why we didn't act more deliberately, more directly, more positively, as we have reacted many times in our history, before and since.

Ballad chorus.

By the way, images of the carrier takeoffs and landings by our F4s are powerful.

Knutson reveals his purpose is to protect American personnel and ships, and not being allowed to do that stinks to high heaven. They all knew something was fishy, and deeply resented it. "We didn't get a chance to do our jobs. I mean when you see your fellow shipmates with a hole in the side of their ship, and the number that were killed, you're pissed off, frankly. What is the reason for this?"

David Lewis details of conversation with Adm. Geis, on the America (?).Of the 34 killed, 28 worked for him. Heloed to the USS America. He sat me down. "What I'm about to tell you is for your ears only."

"He knew it was going to be hushed up, but he had to get it off his chest. He proceeded to tell me he had launched aircraft. He said they had hardly gotten airborne before Robert McNamara recalled them." [Interspersed with McNamara's statement that he knew nothing about it.] Operation Critic (criticom network). Means that McNamara and President knew immediately what was going on.

"Geis said he assumed some idiot in Washington thought he was launching nukes to come to the assistance of the Liberty, so he reconfigured a flight of aircraft incapable of carrying nukes and relaunched them. Immediately, McNamara comes on the line again. Geis 'challenges the order.' LBJ picks up the line and says:

[Pictures of the White House oval office, with advisers and LBJ.]

"Recall the damned aircraft. I don't care if the ship sinks and all the sailors are killed, I will not embarrass my ally."

"That was several hours before he was notified who did it."

"The coverup was to protect a treasonous president."

Transit to Malta. The smell was unbelievable. Rotted bodies in 110 degree water. Larry Bowen: No fanfare, no families, no acknowledgment. Officers manning the lines to dock the ship, unheard of. They were the first ones coming on board, too. News reports: "Liberty still shrouded in mystery. No talk."

Took 1.5 days to get into dry dock. Ronald Kukal tagged with running the body recovery by an officer. Tried to get out, but then followed orders. Never smelled a thing, robotic, torpedo killed 25. Hit I-beam or the ship would have gone down.

Harold Six the only one in the room who survived. Dreams since 1967, singular. Faceless bodies floating in the water around him. Haunts him that he's the only one who made it out of that room. "We all threw up in the hole the first time." Description is horrifying. Ernie: "For me it was worse than the attack itself."

Larry Bowen: "I hadn't envisioned what it was going to look like. Turning around to pan the area, saw a vertical body that had just been suspended, scared me to death. Took them a while to get it removed, matter of fact description of the process. I'm surprised I can even talk about this. I see this in my nightmares constantly. Getting chills.

Moe Shafer. We did what we had to do. But it was tough. 30 days.

Images of the cleanout are amazing.

Bowen talking about his friend Eisenberg, who had taken a piece of shrapnel in the chest, five inches wide, so he died instantly, and Bowen wanted to tell his family that he died instantly, but the Navy wouldn't let him get that message to them for closure.

Musical score is appropriate, like an Eastwood score. Chords.

Kukal per Shafer had the toughest job on earth. Put together 17 or 18 of them for remains coffins for family, the rest body pieces into a body bag have a common tomb in Arlington. Never smelled a thing. Doctors that kind of horror your brain won't record.

It really became obvious, the coverup, when we got to Malta. Lord's Prayer guy.

Cover story, that the Liberty was there to rescue embassy personnel, evacuation, assist the embassies in their communication.

Shafer: "When I got to Malta, we were instructed to not talk to anyone. This was an incident that did not happen. Keep it inside."

Tourney: Knew that the coverup is on. So I start cutting even out at sea, because I didn't want them to get rid of all the evidence. It's what they wanted, is what they did, and I cut probably 30 of these out of 40 of the rocket entries. I was tasked to count how many holes we had, they told us to quit counting at 850. There were over 5,000 armor-piercing bullets in the ship. Came off the torpedo boats or the airplanes.

Shafer: Why are you patching up everything. They patched up all the holes, as if to cover up that it ever happened. They patched EVERYTHING. That ship was never going to sail again as an operational ship. Nine of us in the security group to stay on board. Others for ship's crew, cooks. Skeleton. Destroy every piece of equipment by tossing it into the sea on the way back.

Beattie: Spooky ride.

Shafer: Got crossways in Gibraltar.

Wayne guy: Elaborates and cries.

Back to out of the way port No political hierarchy from DC. A few families. He feels the president should have been there.

Tourney: Not a homecoming, another slap in the face. By the government. Media. They threatened us. Not to talk to anyone ever again. Hal Six: Makes you ashamed to be part of the experience. What did we do wrong, why were we labeled the bad guys and we can't talk about it.

[Pictures of family greetings on the dock.]

Pageler: Bottled it up. Ernie: We were given a gag order, not to talk about it with anybody. Tourney: "They bought me off for \$200. It's what they did, but I didn't care. I just, leave me alone. Cause I'm not talking about it. And I didn't talk about the attack for 18 years after it happened. Never told his new wife that he was even in the military. Beattie: It's a traumatic thing to go through that, see 34 people killed in a couple of hours. Recounts nightmare. That was the worst one. Six: "You lose so much of your being with all this, stop being the guy you were when, the halfway decent kid that was gonna be a sailor his whole life...

Bowen: "Listened to my superiors. Never said anything for 40 years. Two years ago I couldn't have even conducted this interview without breaking down, and now I can at least talk about it. And it's helping, but I still have the nightmares, the flashbacks.

Shafer: We were so threatened, our lives, maybe we were being surveilled.

Lewis: The coverup was so extensive it affected every area of our lives. Hard to imagine they could cover up so much for so long. They're still covering it up today. There's a limited group who betrayed me. Very influential but limited. Ever since the attack, rumors floating around that Captain McGonagle knew something about the attack before it came.

Per Lewis: George Golden relates what the captain told him. "They bribed me, they promised me the fourth stripe. Make Captain, promise me a new command. The CMH, if I just fabricated slightly the records. It was longhand, and different when typed up from what the crew had testified.

Ward Boston, Jr.: (on TV) retired Captain. One week, Adm. McCain. Nature of that court was such that it could have taken six months. Tourney: "I knew from Kidd that the official story was in play. And that snake John S. McCain, Sr., was in on it. He ordered Kidd and Boston to dress down the crew thoroughly.

Rr. Adm. Merlin Staring, Judge Advocate General of the Navy from headquarters in London CINCSNAVEUR. [on 60s TV set.] "Ward, I have some real problems with this, it's not something I can toss off, and I'm only partway through it, and I'm not sure how long it's going to take me. I can't give you a time at the moment, but it's my sole project. He returned to my office in the space of 45 minutes at the Admiral's direction to pick up the record from me and take it back down to McCain's office. I returned it to him. I had not even started to prepare an endorsement action that I could recommend for his signature. The record was never sent back to me, as Admiral McCain's legal officer. I never saw it again as a matter of fact. This is the only time where a record of such an investigation has been withdrawn from me after I had been asked to review it.

Knutson. No question it was a big coverup from the top on down. Nobody wanted to expose it. And I imagine it goes back to the diplomatic parts with Johnson and the Israelis. [photo outside the oval office with Johnson and McNamara, Walt Rostown, Amb. Avraham Harman, Eugene Rostow, Ephraim "Eppy" Evron.]

McFarland: Lies and deceit cover up the truth. We wanna uncover the lies and deceitfulness of the last 52 years.

Knutson: "We were told by NAVAIR at 6<sup>th</sup> Fleet staff that this was not to be talked about and just act like it never happened. We don't wanna hear about it. This is a non-incident not to be talked about.

Lewis: With page one the first day, page eight the second day, third day was gone. It was totally covered up. I knew about it. I knew it'd be the end of my career if I said anything. In the Naval Security Group, everything was secret. So, just one additional secret you had to keep, even though it affected you personally. If my troops had known that the President of the United States was attempting to kill all of them, it might've been the first mutiny the Navy ever saw.

Shafer? So in his mind (LBJ) [shown shaking hands with Zalman Shazar] it was okay to sacrifice a few Americans to preserve this fragile relationship we had with Israel. Ernie: The USS Liberty was going to be sacrificed for this relationship with Israel.

Knutson: We sacrificed a lot of good people for no good reason. And that grinds on you, they all died for a lousy cause.

Mickey Lemay: Two pieces. One, the American govt putting the ship there, and 2) then Israel being the one that executed the try and sinking of it. And you got two powerful controls of the United States, that won't let it come up.

Lewis: Anybody that gets a big enough audience on the Liberty is a danger to the special relationship Israel has with the US, and they're going to do anything in their power to prevent it.

Pageler: Our presidential Unit Citation, McGonagle's Medal of Honor, says we were attacked by foreign jet aircraft. It doesn't say we were attacked by Israel. Shafer: He's the only Medal of Honor winner in history, the president's never given it to him personally. He was sent to a Navy yard. It was kept quiet. If you think about that being part of a coverup.

Colonel Mitchell Paige, CMH winner. "Our government printed, put it in writing, in the United States' Senate book of CMH recipients that he received his medal for action in Vietnam. That is one of the worst cover-ups in American history. How low can our government go?

Shafer: "I got a Purple Heart. And I think that was sent to me. Mcfarland: "If it was any other country that attacked us, any other ally, even. Lewis: And to cover up even further, when they put the tombstone up in Arlington Cemetery, they said sailors killed in the Eastern Mediterranean. Implication they were out barhopping or something and had a car accident.

Admiral Moorer: Took some effort to inscribe properly that they had died aboard the USS Liberty in action. Beattie: On my record, DD214, it doesn't have me on the Liberty and it doesn't have me getting these ribbons. Tourney: They scattered us all, took us to different duty stations around the world. All over where you couldn't keep in contact with one another. Lewis: They didn't want us talking and making a plan. Bob Scarborough: When I first go to Bremerhaven, I was wearing my dungaree jacket, with the USS Liberty patch, and I was ordered to immediately take those off; found out that it was only the USS Liberty items you were not to put on your uniform. Shut up, don't talk about it, and that's it. Lemay: When I left Naples and went to Germany, that's when they took me into the ward where they were, like I said, about 20 beds, maybe 12 or 15 injured on, in that room. And within five minutes they went and came and got me, put me in a private room, and some officer came and told me that my name was Smith, and if anyone asks you about the Liberty, you know nothing at all.

Shafer: I was on the USS Little Rock there with four of my shipmates and a lot of questions were asked to us by people who came in to visit us. Adm. Martin came down, a couple times. Then he came in, sat on the edge of my bunk and just kinda took his hat off and says, "I just want to talk with you guys, tell you what happened. He said, "When we were notified of the attack on your ship, I instantly ordered four conventional jets to fly off the Saratoga to go to aid your ship and the sign up and that's what." He says, "I also ordered four planes off the America aircraft carrier with nuclear warheads to be headed to Cairo."

Shafer: "That's what the world really doesn't know today. And I think that's why we were sworn to secrecy, is how close we really came to a potential nuclear holocaust.

Lewis: "You know how much press the nuclear warheads got when they landed in Cuba? Well, this was a thousand times worse but nobody knows about it."

## It's Not a Whodunit. It's a Whydunit. (78 minutes)

Starts on 60s TV, question former chief of staff, IDF. Can't talk.

Peter Hounam, talks. Hypothesis is growing stronger and stronger: "it was a cooked up exercise to give America a pretext for attacking Egypt." He wrote a book, *Operation Cyanide*. Dick Thompson, former CIA wanted to uncover, but had no media takers. Obviously, the Zionists had taken over.

Lewis: Captain Ward Boston, attorney for the COI knew it was a phony court of inquiry and the outcome was decided in advance. Boston (1999?): "Clear in my mind they intended to sink the Liberty, and they were disappointed that they didn't." He had to follow orders from the President and SOD to not talk about it.

Hounam: Surveillance. Israel could NOT have mistakenly attacked.

Moorer: Easiest ship to recognize in the ocean.

James Bamford: Body of Secrets. Two planes directly over the incident.

Hounam: Why the lifeboats destroyed; some pulled aboard the PT boats to prevent evidence of the war crime. Lockhart: one of the lifeboats is in the Israeli War Museum in Haifa as a trophy of war.

Hounam: crew threatened, enormous coverup.

Ernie: "They really scared the bejesus out of us. We could not talk about the attack.

Captain Kiepfer: [on 60s TV] The Navy board of inquiry would not permit testimony of the jamming, the recall, the unmarked planes, the shooting of life rafts, and so on. Never before has the US Navy ignored eyewitness testimony of American military to accept on faith the story told by their attackers.

Hounam: Israel wants what they call the Promised Land, Greater Israel, and it isn't and wasn't the area they occupied in 1967.

Hounam: The deal was that America would not actively take part in the war at the beginning, but it would, long before the war broke out, help Israel prepare to launch an attack on Egypt. The Americans wanted to remove Nasser. [Photos showing.] Nearly a year before the Six Day War broke out, American state of the art electronic equipment, surveillance equipment, jamming equipment, or what is known as spoofing or cooking equipment to falsify radio signals was shipped to Israel with personnel to train people. I've interviewed people who did the training. [Flashing: Film has been declassified.] Because they say it was Operation Cyanide, point blank.

Another part of the deal was that America would join the war on some pretext. We now know they thought the ship was sinking, they thought the plan was going ahead, and ON THE BASIS OF THAT THEY DID LAUNCH AN ATTACK.

[tense music showing ship]

My name is Mark Lehman, my rank at the time was Lt. JG, and I was on the USS Little Rock CLG-4 light cruiser, flagship of the 6<sup>th</sup> Fleet. Per flagship we had a three-star admiral aboard, William Martin, and he was in charge of the whole Mediterranean fleet. So wherever he wanted to go, that's where the whole fleet went.

When we heard the Liberty had been attacked, I was on the bridge, when the admiral's chief of staff, a Navy captain, came to the bridge and asked permission from our captain to use the primary tactical radio to call the ships, other ships in the fleet, he did that, he got approval and said, "Launch all aircraft."

We launched 50-odd aircraft, also several amphibious ships full of Marines. We thought the Egyptians had attacked our ship, that meant we're going ashore. We got a call from the Israeli air force saying, "It's our planes, sorry, our mistake." So now the big thing is how do we get our aircraft back and not attack Egypt who really had nothing to do with this attack on our ship.

There was a sailor who was with the chief of staff, he said, "Recall all aircraft."

Now I must tell you that I was on the bridge, I was driving the ship. And so I was 30 feet away, so I know that this is what happened, I was right there. Because we were the flagship, we always had a Soviet ship tailing us. And cutting in and out, yes, all the time.

Lewis statement on the warheads in Cuba.

Only a few hundred Russians participated in that hot region as observers, interview to USSR Captain Nikolai Shatsky. Yes, I was there in 67 and 68 [in Russian with subtitles]. Yes, of course. This model (675) was the first version of winged missiles, these missiles were armed with nuclear warheads and could strike the shore in the worst case scenario.

Other Russian military interviewd. General Vasili Reshetnikov I was told to get my air force ready to equip the airplanes with bombs and to be ready to strike military targets in Israel.

Lewis: Dick Thompson, was retired CIA, he knew his way around. Shatsky told him that they had ordered him to launch nukes against Israel as soon as the first nuclear weapon was detonated in Cairo. Shafer: Adm Martin ordered four planes off the America aircraft carrier with nuclear warheads to be headed to Cairo. Lewis: So Shatsky was faced with a dilemma, because he had surface to surface missiles he said, and they required high reflectivity. So he had targeted the Dome of the Rock.

So as soon as the first nuclear weapon was detonated in Cairo, the Dome of the Rock would be disintegrated. [image]

Hounam: I interviews a pilot who was part of the Strategic Air Defense Command in he US, who was stationed in California. SADC footage. He was on the runway hours before ready to launch a nuclear attack on China and the Soviet Union. [Beale AFB, Marysville, CA, June 8, 1967 0200 PST] and he only found out afterwards after he was told to stand down, that it had been because of the attack on the Liberty.

Bowen: From a Nebraska standpoint, SAC headquarters located there, [footage: Offutt AFB, long after the attack I had heard from an airman who was out in Nebraska avenue. He said on the morning of June 8, they had an alert that had them go to their ready room and then preparation for scrambling. Now they weren't briefed yet as to where they were going, they were just in the ready room. Why would they have scrambled at 0400, which is 1000 our time, when the attack didn't take place until our time.

Shafer: There was a plan to bring Russia and everybody into the fold of things, and start a potential WW3.

Hounam: We were within probably only minutes off that happening, when orders came from Washington, and there are several stories from people who overheard—McNamara and LBJ shouting down the phone, "Stop the attack, call everybody back." Lewis: "We were six minutes from WW3, that was going to be worse than anything we'd ever seen in history before.

Hounam tracks down an Egyptian ambassador, he gets a message saying, you must get out of the embassy, you must destroy all your secret materials. [movie footage of Cairo at the time] "Cairo is going to be attacked in reprisal for the Liberty."

Richard Parker: There was this message that the Navy was preparing to retaliate against Egypt for the attack on the Liberty. Tony Hart: There was a flash message, from one of the carriers, that said they had launched 'ready' aircraft. Hounam: This takes us into the White House.

[Bright music, view of the White House.]

Grace Halsell: In the summer of 67, I was staff writer for President Lyndon B. Johnson, at the White House. I was aware of that year's Middle East crisis, but like most Americans, understood little about it other than the fact that it involved Jews and Arabs. And that year I did not know a single Arab, and possibly LBJ did not ei-

ther. Like most Americans, I was pro-Israel, having been sold to most of us as the underdog.

Everyone around me, without exception, was pro-Israel. Johnson had a dozen or more closse associates and aides who were both Jewish and pro-Israel. There were Walt Rostow at the White House, his brother Eugene at State, and Arthur Goldberg, Ambassador to the United Nations. Other pro-Israel advisers ncluded Abe Fortas, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, Democratic Party fundraiser, Abraham Feinberg, White House counsels, Leo White and Jake Jacobson. I could see the comings and goings of Abe Fortas and Arthur Goldberg, and I knew that Walt Rostow in particular, had close Israeli connections and met frequently with Israeli Embassy Minister, Ephraim "Eppy" Evron.

What I saw in the White House planted questions in my mind. As Americans we had just passed thru a dangerous Middle East confict that had threatened to explode into WW3. There were two parties to the conflict: Arabs and Jews. [showing movies of Jew protests in DC] But for weeks on end I had only seen one set of advisers who could call or see Johnson whenever they pleased. The Arabs had no voice, no representation, no access, whatsoever.

Phillip Nelson, author of Remember the Liberty, with Gallo, Kukal, and Tourney. On November 24, 1963, at the state funeral for JFK, Lyndon Johnson had met Golda Meir (image: PM Israel 1969-1974) there and promised her that, "Although you have lost a friend, you have gained a better one." And almost immediately he began accommodating everything that they wanted.

Lewis: I know Kennedy was going to [image: Ben Gurion, 1955-1963] straighten things out with Israel. Actually, Eisenhower did, he cut their money off until they did what he wanted. But after Johnson [image: Levi Eshkol, PM 1963-1969] they had free range. Anything they wanted, anytime they wanted, and it's been that way ever since. It has nothing to do with the religion, it's the politics of Zionism.

Nelson: Among the request were greater access [image: Zlaman Shazar, 3d pres of Israel, 1963-1973] were a greater access to fighter jets and submarines, and all sorts of offensive weaponry. [telecom: LBJ and Abraham Ribicoff 9/1/65, image: proud to help Eshkol with the hardware.] JFK had tried to fight all of that and especially their researching and planning to develop nuclear bombs. Dimona Israel photos. [Telecon LBJ 2/20/64 w/Abe Feinberg, bragging how he stopped the interference with Dimona.]

Goes without saying that he had surrounded himself with not just Jewish people but the most zealous of Zionists had a lot to do with his manipulation and planning, to do things that would benefit him personally. It's been pretty well documented by his major biographers, in fact Robert Caro and Robert Dallek, that Lyndon's parents and grandparents were of Jewish extraction.

Luci Baines Johnson on 60s TV. Sickening.

Hounam: You had a situation in 1967 America where the White House was virtually penetrated by people with very strong connections to Israel. Halsell: On occasion I saw a strikingly attractive blonde woman who I learned was an ardent supporter of Israel and a woman of whom the President was fond. Her background sounded like material from a spy novel.

Houman: Mathilde Krim. A little home movie and song by her? "I'm going to make you mine." Was a pop tune, probably. Showing her and LBJ together, obviously having an affair. Halsell: Born Mathilde Galland, in 1927 in Italy, while a student in Geneva, she fell in love with a Bulgarian Jew, David Danon, who had been brought up in Palestine and exiled by the British for his association with the Irgun Zvai Leumi, a Jewish terrorist group led by Menachem Begin. Mathilde said that as a teenager she saw Danon as a dashing and heroic figure. An activist dedicating his life to the founding of a

Jewish state in Palestine. He was a personal friend of Stern Gang terrorists let by Yitzhak Shamir, who killed British resident minister, Lord Walter Moyne, in Cairo during WW2, and the Irgun terrorist who blew up the Kind David Hotel in Jerusalem in 1946, with a heavy loss of life.

As bloody as these actions were, Mathilde said she saw them as heroic. They represented the depth of the convictions of Danon and the Irgunists, and drew her to them. Mathilde became so enamored of the Jewish struggle of Danon's daring undercover operations in Europe, she converted to Judaism and married Danon. Then she, too, became an Irgun agent. As a seemingly innocent petite and pretty blonde, out for a bicycle ride along the Switzerland's borders, she in reality was taking messages and explosives into neighboring France and Italy to be passed on the Irgunists. A young gun runner for the Jewish terrorist group.

She received a PhD at the University of Geneva in 1953, she and Danon then moved to Israel where she became a cancer researcher at the Weizman Institute. After the birth of a daughter, she and Danon separated. While still at Weizman, however, she met and later married the rich and 20-years-her-senior, Arthur Krim, a motion picture executive who became Finance Chairman for the Dem Natl Comm.

American Jews such as Krim and Feinberg, a NY banker and the first Jew to become a prominent money raiser in presidential campaigns, were by then bringing in well over half of the Democratic Party's funds. Thus it was natural that such fundraisers would become very important to many Democratic candidates. And particularly to the leader of the Democratic Party, Lyndon B. Johnson.

Nelson: Sometime in the early 1960s, Arthur Krim and his wife Mathilde, were influenced by Lyndon Johnson to buy the ranch. It was a 150-acre ranch very close by the LBJ Ranch, near Johnson City, TX. So that they would have a lot of time together. And so that there was on their part, I think, the Krims, you know looked at that as an investment for their own interests. And their own interests basically revolved around, you know, whatever would strengthen Israel.

Footage of LBJ talking sweet nothings about Arthur Krim and how he loves to listen to him. I let him see every document that comes in, he reads anything, I never have heard of one little thing he ever said.

Hounam: Mathilde Krim was an Israeli, worked for Jewish underground organizations. She was almost certainly a Jewish spy. She certainly was telling Israeli contacts everything that was going on. And it was probably one of the key go-betweens. Everyday she was in the White House during the Six Day War. It is very suspicious and very odd that it was allowed.

Lewis: He thought that if he invaded Egypt with Israel, his girlfriend from the Mossad told him he could raise all kinds of money to continue the Vietnam War. People had gotten tired of Vietnam and they wanted to see an end to it, and he thought he could finish it off if he pulled this one stunt off, and killed 294 Americans in the process.

Great interview with, in Madrid, NM, of Peter McCloskey, 1967-1983, was first Republican elected opposing the war, and the first s.peech to impeach Richard Nixon. Ref. to Jim Ennes, help him do what he was trying to do. The books would seem to disappear. Helped form the USS Liberty Association. Came to like the guys.

Houmam: The James Jesus Angleton connection. By all accounts a close relationship with Israel forever. He was actually head of counterintelligence! A hotline to Mossad, is how he built his career in he CIA. [Head of Counterintelligence is supposed to stop penetration of the administration BY foreign powers.

Halsell: The Krims along with other Jewish Americans who were closely associated with Johnson, advised and counseled him on the events leading up to the Six Day War. On the Memorial Day weekend in May of 1967, Mathilde and her husband were

guests at the LBJ Ranch. On arrival at the ranch, Johnson learned that the Soviets had warned the US that if Israel attacked an Arab State, the Soviets would go to the aid of that state. The State Dept. was preparing a message for LBJ to send to Israel.

Hounam: Not a story about what America did or Israel did, it's a story about what some very powerful people did in both countries. Angleton was the supreme plotter, highly secretive, huge resources, able to push all sorts of buttons. So he would have been planning and plotting and preparing all this, making sure all the time that his hands were not getting dirty. So even Lyndon Johnson might not have been fully in the loop, but certainly some of the people close to him knew exactly what was going on.

Lewis: I think that Angleton, the COO of the CIA, was the one that was picked by a member of the 303 Committee, to implement Johnson's fantastic, weird scheme of eliminating our ship as a pretext for invading Egypt.

Nelson: Planning for the Six Day War was started as early as 1964. Pictures of the Jewish cabinet with Johnson. A lotta collaboration between the White House, led by Johnson, and the 303 Committee, who met next door in the Executive Office Building.

Hounam: It was a successor committee to others that had been there in the past, but had been revised, in fact given slightly more power. Nelson: And that was comprised primarily by Walt Rostow, the National Security Adviser. Hounam: The idea of the 303 Committee was explained to me by Dick Helms, former head of the CIA. It was there to make sure that the President could pretend that he wasn't aware of some of the more sensitive issues that were being carried out by he American Military. LBJ was never present.

Nelson: He was in deep trouble with much of his constituency, not least of all the financiers that he worked closely with, people like Abe Feinberg and Arthur Krim. He relied on them as well for advice and counsel, and I think together somehow, a plan was designed around the sinking of an American ship.

Halsell: On June 3, Johnson traveled to New York to give a speech at a Dem Party fundraising dinner. He moved on to a "1000 a plate" dinner dance sponsored by the President's Club of New York, whose chairman was Arthur Krim. At the dinner Abe Feinberg leaned over the shoulder of Mathilde Krim, and whispered, "Mr. President, Israel's attack can't be held any longer, it's going to be within the next 24 hours."

Nelson: The war that had been planned to start on June 15<sup>th</sup> actually started 10 days early. Johnson and all of his aides had always insisted that it not start before June 15<sup>th</sup>. And the reason was that they were going to have to get the USS Liberty in place by the very start of the war, so that an attack could be made on that same day, on the start of the war. It was hastily moved and it was ordered to proceed at top speed [insert Phil Tourney statement]

Halsell: On June 5, Arthur Krim wrote a memo to the president saying, "Many armed shipments are packed and ready to go to Israel, but are being held up. It would be helpful if they could be released. Johnson got the shipments on their way.

Gen. Mordecai Hod on 60s TV: It's just a combination of American money, French equipment, and Israeli AF pilots.

Nelson: The larger operation was referred to as the "Front Let 615."

Hounam: James Ennes who wrote the book about the USS Liberty was trying to ferret out more information. He discovered this document, I think he was given it when he was asking for stuff about Operation Cyanide. Now he'd heard about a thing called Operation Cyanide from one or two members of the crew, and he was intrigued by it. Up pops a classified document from the 303 Committee, sanctioning a think called Front Let 615. about a submarine in Egyptian waters.

Helms: 303 Committee was simply a device for examining covert operations of any kind, and making a judgment on behalf of the President, so he wouldn't be nailed if it failed.

Lewis: It was pretty well confirmed that there was a periscope sighted in the water from the Liberty. Lt. Jim Ennes was officer of the day, that day, and he reported it in his log. I know there was a Russian submarine and two American submarines. My good friend, Gus Hubal, was the commanding officer of the submarine, the "Andrew Jackson," and to his dying day he refused to say a word to me, his classmate. Well, I'm sure he had a 900 mission on board. It means they were on a submarine stint, to go listen to foreign nations, intercept and then bail out as fast as they could. It was a black op, it was undercover, it may have been CIA-controlled. I'm afraid to say this, but deep down, I think they were there to sink us just in case, whose sole function was to make sure that nothing was captured. I think the other American submarine was engaged in Operation Cyanide, which was a program to extract information from the Mediterranean cable.

Hounam: Operation Cyanide, what was this thing? Of course, this became a huge focus for me 'cause I ended up writing the book, *Operation Cyanide*. And it really is the crux of the whole story. It was a plan, an agreement between Israel and the US admin to prepare for a war with Egypt. Because the Americans who I *think* are the prime movers wanted to get rid of President Nasser, who they saw was becoming a stooge and a dangerous man who's allowing communism to spread thru the Middle East, which they were petrified about.

Angleton on thee TVs: "World domination by the Soviet Union, ideological." Not changed his view since 1945.

Hounam: When the agreement was reached, way back in 1966, people from Israel and the American administration started planning for the war and it involved them having a pretext for doing it. So the Liberty was sent to that part of the Eastern Mediterranean, right into the middle of the war zone to be a target of some sort, to give America a pretext for launching a war on Egypt.

Lewis: Had Terry Halbardier not gotten the SOS out, and every last man was killed, and then Cairo was nuked, then Israel would come out looking like a good guy, nobody would ever know the difference. But they had to kill every last one of us to make that strategy work, and they, they failed at that.

Halsell: Far more than his failed policies in Vietnam, the Middle East policies that LBJ allowed to fall into place in the June 1967 war, would remain to haunt the US for decades to come. Hounam: Did Johnson order a coverup? Helms: No, not that I'm aware of. Hounam: But people were sworn to secrecy, the Naval inquiry is regarded by many as incomplete [farce] Helms: You ask McNamara about those questions, I'm not gonna answer those.

McNamara: I am not saying anything about the Liberty period.

Hounam: I like to think that really after what happened to the Liberty and all this skullduggery that was going on behind the scenes, Israel had America by the scruff of the neck. Such was the need to cover up what America had got up to during the Six Day War that Israel was in a position to influence, could even say blackmail America, into becoming the main supplier of arms and aid. And of course it's just mushroomed ever since.

Ernie: The Liberty is a microcosm of this much bigger problem in the Middle East. And Americans need to know what happened, the story has to be told. [Dwight farewell on TV the MIC speech.]

Bryce: "General Washington warned against alliances with foreign powers. An excellent showing of the French after the War of Independence. Here we are again enam-

ored of another foreign government, and they in effect control us. [pictures of Trump, Pelosi, the DC clowns]

Lewis: We won't defeat Zionism controlling America until you accept the truth of what has happened in the past. So we've pretty much uncovered the Liberty, but we haven't achieved justice. Nobody in Washington will accept the fact that it was a deliberate attack, with an attempt to eliminate us. The Zionists are an enemy of the United States and they've subverted the policy of the United States.

[Memorial shown for James Angleton in Jerusalem.]

Footage of the faux president, Biden, giving a pro-Israel rant in 1986.

Bowen: To think that we are still providing monetary support and military support to a country that's telling us what to do on a daily basis, it's crazy.

Ernie: There are certain people who don't want anything negative about Israel to be told whatsoever, because it's offensive, because it then flies in the face of this relationship, this holy relationship that we're supposed to have with the Israelis.

Cynthia McKinney on the pledge she refused to sign.

Ernie: So this relationship that we have, the US government, Israel, and to the American public, is there now, all right, and it's totally based on lies, deceit, and fabrication.

Moe: The careers of our senators and congressmen are not to just be there for two years of four years or whatever. They're there to have a life job. We write to senators all the time, still today, and nobody's going to defend us in that situation. We've had a couple try, and it's certainly not helped their careers. [picture McCloskey]

McCloskey: They play too big a role, I can't say they dictate it, but the fear of members of Congress and the Senate, is that they will be labeled anti-Semitic if they criticize Israel.

James Traficant: I was the number one target in the country of the Justice Department, the IRS, the American Israeli Public Affairs Committee. I brought home John Demjanjuk from Israel, I proved he was innocent, and they've hated me ever since, and they finally put me in prison. They have a stranglehold on it, I said that on a grid of (ind) show when I got out. But I believe that Israel has a powerful stranglehold on the American government, they control but members of the House and the Senate. They have us involved in wars in which we have little or no interest, our children are coming back in body bags, our nation is bankrupt over these wars, and if you open your mouth you get targeted. And if they don't beat you at the poll, they'll put you in prison.

McCloskey: I remember once an American general, I think he was Joint Chiefs of Staff, said to some Israeli person, when they wanted him to do something, he says, "Congress won't let us do that." And the Israeli said to him, "We own the Congress." And that's always kind of run in my eardrums.

Ernie: Understanding that our Congressmen are being controlled by AIPAC, that there are certain things that are totally un-American happening in our country right now, and that needs to be turned around.

McCloskey: I always thought AIPAC ought to be registered as a foreign agent with the Israeli government.

Gus Savage, Congressman in Illinois, speaking to an empty chamber.

McConnell: Love for Israel exists all across, and despite what conspiracy theorists say, advocacy itself is not the cause of the bond between Israel and the US. It's cause is the common history that draw America and Israel together.

Pelosi: Israel and America are together forever. To be anti-Semitic is to anti-American.

Bryce: We've been accused of being anti-Semitic all the time. It's a term thrown around without meaning, we just want our own govt to properly investigate [back-

ground headline on Liberty veterans being banned forever from national American Legion] while some of us are still alive.

Bipartisan support of Israel, quotes by Pelosi and McConnell. "And we will fight to protect the Jewish people, here in America and in the state of Israel." — Chuck Schumer, then the Hebrew charge at the end to AIPAC.

Tourney: Thousands of letters I wrote to Congress, literally thousands, and all of them come back the same way, from the Navy, from NSA, CIA, FBI, every Congressman and Senator I could write to: "Case closed, mistaken identity, we're very sorry."

Ernie: I mean, if America knew they tried to sink one of our ships deliberately? I mean, you know, they're killing American citizens and getting away with it. And getting away with it. Let that sink in.

Phil: How many human lives have been cost, have been changed or are killed protecting the Zionist State of Israel?

Moorer Commission:

Concluded that Israel's attack was deliberate and 'Israel committed acts of murder against American servicemen and an act of war against the United States. Congress has never investigated.

Captain Tully: Every US ship that has been sunk since the USS Maine in Havana Harbor in 1898 has been investigated by the Congress, and none of them have ever bothered to investigate the attack on the Liberty.

Pageler: I think it's more important that the two governments own up to it. As long as I say this is their motive, they're just going to say, "Well, he's just a disgruntled veteran."

Ron: When you tak an oath and you really mean it, and then the people who are supposed to support you took an oath, too, and they don't stand by it, what's that feeling? Is betrayal the word?

Conroy: To tell the sailors who have gone through this they're not to repeat or say anything about this because we don't want to threaten Israel, or injure our relationship with Israel, I think that's wrong.

Knutson: I certainly feel sorry for the loss of all our good shipmates on the Liberty, and the trauma that the rest of the crew has had to go through all these years trying to get recognition and get on with their lives, it's been a long struggle.

Bryce: Well, I wanted to get the word out, make sure they know about it. First of all, they're shocked: "Israel did this?" Yes, Israel did this.

Mickey: I mean there's so much anger at times at what they did to my shipmates and us, we just, we were raped, we couldn't do anything but sit there and take everything they gave us.

Lewis: 90% of the country doesn't know what the Liberty is, was, or what happened to it, and until we can get a hundred million people aware of it and energetic about it, it'll all be covered up because it convicts a president of treason.

Scarborough: Well, the guys that died, died for America, they certainly didn't die for Israel. And there's no question that Israel killed my shipmates and tried to kill me and wanted to kill me. [Ernie ringing the bell at ceremony for the fallen.] And there's no question in my mind that Lyndon Baines Johnson wanted me dead. I want people to realize that, I'd love for people to truly understand the kind of person that Lyndon Johnson and his cronies were.

TV 60s Ward Boston: The case should be reopened for nothing but to show the valor, the heroism, and the odds that these people took on to survive.

Malcolm Fraser (PM Australia 1975-1983): I have no doubt in my mind that the US had decided that, if it were proven that quite deliberately, the Israeli ships and aircraft had attacked the USS Liberty, that it would not be possible to sustain the unquestioning support for Israel. But it demonstrates that a major power, when it believes is vital

interests are involved, will sacrifice any number of its own people to preserve that vital interest. [Photo of LBJ looking out the oval office window, and a shaded image of Bryce Lockwood after the attack peering back through another window]

Hounam: In my view it's up to the Americans to come clean and to tell us what was going on. Because you have a huge scandal here that has been buried, the American press are not doing anything about it and never have. It's time they pricked up their ears and realize that something really serious happened that day. And I'm not just talking about something that happened in history, because what happened in the Six Day War completely altered the whole situation in the Middle East.

Bryce: This is about foreign government influence. Folks, this is our government, this is our way of life, and it's being attacked from within.

Ernie: Giving the benediction, with Voltaire quote: "To find out who rules over you, simply find out who you're not allowed to criticize."

McFarland: Want the truth to come out, what led up to it, what happened and what's happened afterwards.

Bowen: Our government should be *ashamed* of the way they treated us and *ashamed* of the fact that they refuse to investigate fully what happened. And tell you, the American public, that Israel deliberately attacked the ship with the intent of killing everyone on board, and sending that ship to the bottom of the Mediterranean Sea.

Lewis: Only hope and pray that this thing will go over so big, that even the president of the United States has to take action. It can't be solved otherwise. It was started by a president, it's got to be at the level of the White House to correct it.

[Footage showing dancing Israeli graphs, Netanyahu saying 911 was good, Iraq, Trump Heights, with final message INVESTIGATE THE USS LIBERTY, powerful graphic of the Ted Arens photograph, with passage from Luke.] More songs of a Christian benediction. You said Follow Me.<- Nice tune, folk quality. A long visual on the side of the hazing, names of the narrators on the left. Followed by listing of the 34 men killed. Then Got My Hand on the Gospel Plow, Keep your Hand on the Plow and Hold On. AT this point the right side is showing other deck scenes of sailors, flag, additional material. Actually both tunes are fine and popular.