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This email is in response to your request for information about an investigation on the USS Liberty attack that occurred on June 8, 1967.

I was unable to locate a copy of a Congressional investigation into the USS *Liberty* incident. According to "The Spy Ship Left Out in the Cold: A half-century after one of history's most controversial attacks on a U.S. Navy ship, the wounds from the Liberty incident remain unhealed," by James M. Scott, *Naval History Magazine*, June 2017 (Volume 31, Number 3), there has been no congressional investigation.

I searched through <u>Congress.gov</u>, ProQuest Congressional, the Washington Report on Middle East Affairs, the website of the Liberty Incident by A. Jay Cristol, and Congressional Quarterly, but found no congressional investigation or legislation directly focused on the attack.

However, in June and July 1967, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, *Foreign Assistance Act of 1967*. 90 Cong. 1 sess. conducted hearings regarding Foreign Assistance and mentioned the *USS Liberty* three times within the hearings on p. 233-234/PDF p.6-7, and p. 266-270/ PDF p. 9-Armed Services Committee *Review of Department of Defense Worldwide Communications*, 92 Cong., 1 sess. completed an investigation into DoD communications, it discussed the *USS Liberty* within that context on p. 6-11/PDF p. 12-17 on attached "House Armed Services Committee Investigation 1971."

The National Security Agency completed a now declassified report in 1981 by William Gerhard and Henry Millington, *Attack on a SIGINT Collector U.S.S. Liberty*, U.S. Cryptologic History. (See attached "Attack on a SIGINT Collector the *U.S.S. Liberty*."). Within this report on p. 59-60/PDF 67-68, there is a reference to the 1968 House Appropriations Committee Survey and Investigations "Report on the Effectiveness of the Worldwide Communications Systems and Networks of the DOD, *U.S.S. Liberty* Incident." I was unable to locate a copy of that report, it may not have been publicly released.

For additional information, see the National Security Agency's archive of declassified documents on the USS *Liberty* and the attached article, "The USS *Liberty* Story," Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) Today magazine, June 2016, starting on p. 18/PDF p.3.

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