

The Court, after inquiring into all the facts and circumstances connected with the incident which occasioned the inquiry, and having considered the evidence, finds as follows:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Available evidence combines to indicate the attack on LIBERTY on 8 June was in fact a case of mistaken identity.
2. The calm conditions and slow ship speed may well have made the American Flag difficult to identify.
3. The ship's westerly heading at the time of attack - in the general direction of Egyptian ports may have reinforced elements of doubt in the minds of the several Israeli pilots who looked the ship over in the forenoon.
4. The colors were shot down early in the action and were