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MEMORANDUM FOR: Members of the United States Congress

FROM: Nathan Bronson
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SUBJECT: **Developing Situation and International Relations in the South
 China Sea Update #4**

The intelligence community is ready to confirm to Congress that the vessel seized by the PRC Navy is, in fact, a Japanese spy ship with ties to the United States intelligence community. The spy ship was on a covert spy mission to discover more information on PRC activity in the Paracel Islands as well as PRC naval fortitudes at Hainan.

Taiwan was not informed of the Japan's attempt to disguise a spy ship as a fishing vessel and is now requesting additional assistance from the US given the PRC's renewed interest in fully pulling Taiwan under PRC's umbrella.

The National Security Agency has set up a secure line with the PRC and has admitted to Japan and the United States' actions in the region.