

This is the ACTUAL transcript of a radio conversation  
between a US Navy ship and The British authorities,  
off the coast of England in October 1995.  
The transcript was released by the M O D on 10/10/95.

**BRITISH :** Please divert your course 15 degrees to the South, to avoid collision.

**U.S.NAVY :** Recommend you divert YOUR course 15 degrees to the North, to avoid collision.

**BRITISH :** Negative. You will have to divert your course 15 degrees  
to the South to avoid collision.

**U.S.NAVY :** This is the Captain of US Navy ship. I say again, divert YOUR course.

**BRITISH :** Negative. I say again. You will have to divert your course.

**U.S.NAVY :** THIS IS THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER USS LINCOLN THE SECOND  
LARGEST SHIP IN THE UNITED STATES' ATLANTIC FLEET.  
WE ARE ACCOMPANIED BY THREE DESTROYERS,  
THREE CRUISERS AND NUMEROUS SUPPORT VESSELS.  
I DEMAND THAT YOU CHANGE YOUR COURSE 15 DEGREES NORTH.  
THAT'S 15 DEGREES NORTH, OR COUNTER MEASURES  
WILL BE UNDERTAKEN TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THIS SHIP.

**BRITISH:** We are a lighthouse. **Fuck Off!**