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“So many things can happen...

The weather can turn on you. It can go from day to night....
“... it allows them the opportunity to destroy the contraband....
“... They could run into the territorial waters of a third state...

so we would like to see the process speeded up...”

Commander, USCG Seventh District ..... May 16, 1985
43 Comprehensive Bilateral Maritime Law Enforcement Agreements

29 of which are with countries located in within the Western Hemisphere
Seven Key Elements of a Successful Bilateral Agreement

Maximum Operational Flexibility

- Shiprider
- Pursuit / Entry to Investigate
- Overflight
- Order to Land
- International Maritime Interdiction Support (IMIS)
- Ship Boarding
- Boarding Policies
2015 – OPERATIONAL SUCCESSES

- Interdicted 503 suspected smugglers
- 144 metric tons of cocaine
- 76,000 pounds of marijuana
  
  Valued at estimated $4.5 billion
The vision becoming reality...

February, 2016: MT MAXIMUS in the Gulf of Guinea
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