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From: Chief of Naval Operations
To: Chief, Bureau of Yards and Docks

Subj: Fleet Support Activity at Diego Garcia (U)

Encl: (1) SECNAV Memorandum of 4 Feb 1966
(2) OP-6173 Memorandum ser C01554P01 of 14 Feb 1966
(3) Assistant SECDEF (ISA) Memorandum ser I-20843/66 of 19 Feb 1966

1. Enclosure (1) is the Navy's preliminary outline for a proposed Fleet Support Activity at Diego Garcia.

2. Enclosure (2) reports a conversation between the Assistant Secretary of Defense (ISA) and the Secretary of the Navy at a meeting on 11 February 1966. At this time it was agreed that the engineering studies for subject activity, at a cost of about \$600,000, should go forward this year. By enclosure (3) the Assistant Secretary of Defense (ISA) confirmed his assent.3. On the basis of enclosures (1), (2) and (3) the Chief, Bureau of Yards and Docks is authorized to initiate, on a NOFORN SENSITIVE basis, the necessary ASZ studies for the proposed facility.HARRY HULL
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Memorandum

Op-61

FROM : Op-61

SUBJECT: Fleet Support Activity or Design Data (S)

REF: (a) Op-61 Memorandum to CNO Ser 001194P61

dated 14 February 1966

(b) ASSISTANT Memorandum to SECNAV Ser 1-10843/66
dated 17 February 1966

1. Reference (a) reported on the 11 February conversation between Secretary Nitze and Assistant Secretary of Defense McNaughton and related that the engineering studies agreed at that meeting would be initiated.

2. Reference (b) confirmed Assistant Secretary of Defense McNaughton's assent to the conduct of the necessary "downstream" studies toward development of engineering plans for construction of logistic support facilities to serve the 8. interests in the United Ocean area.

3. On the basis of these references it is requested that authorization be granted the Chief, Bureau of Yards and Docks to initiate the necessary A and B studies on the proposed facility. In this connection it is noted that Mr. McNaughton's reference (b) directed that the studies should be carried out on a NONCOMMITTEE basis.