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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Subj: Meeting with Mr. Kitchen on Diego Garcia (S)

1. (C) At 1830 on 16 May, the following attended a meeting held in Mr. Kitchen's office at his request:

Mr. Kitchen
Mr. Moyers, State
Captain Coward, State
Mr. Ray Bronez, ISA
Colonel Jack Rogers, ISA
Rear Admiral James Calvert, Op-61

2. (TS) The purpose of the meeting was to insure that Defense and State were in agreement as to what Mr. Kitchen will discuss with the British during his coming visit which starts on 18 May. It was agreed that:

a. Mr. Kitchen would make no mention, direct or indirect, of our interest in Diego Garcia.

b. He would attempt to elicit information concerning British plans for Diego Garcia.

c. He would attempt to draw the British out with regard to the proposed US-UK cost-shared RAF base at Aldabra (part of the British Indian Ocean territory).

3. (TS) There was further conversation concerning State Department reaction to the Defense Department plans for Diego Garcia:

a. Mr. Alexis Johnson thinks the Navy plan is well conceived and within practicable limits.

b. State believes that the British would probably pick up a small (less than 10%) portion of the total Diego cost.

c. The British would expect the base to fly the British flag, have a British commander, and provide British usage

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rights for all logistic facilities.

d. In State's opinion, such an arrangement would be an acceptable step in the direction of keeping the British involved East of Suez at a reasonable cost to the United States.

e. State feels that tying Diego to Aldabra is more likely to succeed than any attempt to tie it in with the so-called Four-power Far East Pact.

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