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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Subj: Reindeer Station (U)

1. (S) At 1700 this date I received word from CDR MYERS of NAVCOMPT that the Senate Appropriations Committee had approved the Senate version of the FY 71 MILCON Appropriations Bill. Included in this Bill is funding for Reindeer Station.

2. (S) MR. REXROAD, Senate counsel for the Appropriations Committee, informs us that the House-Senate Conference on the MILCON bill will not take place until after the 14 October - 16 November recess of Congress. Assuming that there are no undue delays, it can be expected that the FY 71 MILCON Appropriations bill will become law by late November and that OSD apportionment will take place shortly thereafter.

3. (S) Although there are pitfalls remaining, it would appear that the principal obstacle to Reindeer Station -- convincing Senator Mansfield of its necessity -- has been surmounted. There remain several pending actions in the diplomatic field which must be initiated soon:

- a. the British must be informed so that they may make firm plans for removing the contract copra workers from Diego Garcia,
- b. a firm commitment must be obtained from them regarding increased participation in the project,
- c. preparation must be made for informing the governments of the Indian Ocean littoral of our intentions, and
- d. we must firm up plans for declassifying the project and for making public announcements.

All of the above must be planned for at this time, but should await apportionment for execution.

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