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1. We have recently made a study on the Indian Ocean Fleet. I have discussed the possibilities of island bases in the Indian Ocean, the Indian Ocean Fleet, the need for island bases in other parts of the world, the prospects of limited war, etc. with the SecNav. He suggested we might consider moving all or part of the Sixth Fleet from the Med. to the Indian Ocean. I explained, generally, the difficulties in moving the Sixth and Seventh Fleets, stressing that Greece and Turkey, in particular, are absolutely dependent on the Sixth Fleet during any kind of altercation, especially a big one.

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2. However, it is requested that the study of the Indian Ocean Fleet be dusted off and re-examined. The study might consider using some ships perhaps from the Sixth and Seventh Fleets, and some increase in the Navy for the additional ships.

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3. Op-06, with the help from other info adees, draw up a general outline for discussion with me before putting too much work in it. We will want to get a lot of general Naval philosophy into this study. Perhaps we will want to put on a briefing on the various alternatives that we could do.

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