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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

Subj: Establishment of Minimum Fleet Support Activity at Diego Garcia

This is to remind you that yesterday at the su der board session you and Admiral McDonald decided to put in some minimum-type base at Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean. You may wish to discuss this matter with Mr. McNamara tomorrow morning.

Discussions with OP-06 indicate that a fueling station for USN ships transiting the Indian Ocean is one option which would provide a suitable justification for the facility. OP-06 recommends that the proposal be for a minor Fleet Support activity sufficient to provide a modest but tangible evidence of "intent".

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