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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

Subj: Diego Garcia (U)

1. (S) While you have been away, the British have finally made a firm proposal on an RAF air staging facility on Aldabra. (The U. S. would pay one-half the estimated \$50 million cost in return for joint use. The U. K. has asked the U. S. to participate in a survey of the island in September).
2. (S) Seizing this opportunity, as we had previously agreed, Ray Bronez has given Mr. McNaughton a memo proposing 3 alternatives:
 - a. Agree to finance half the U. K. installation on Aldabra but tie in the Navy fleet support activity on Diego and ask the U. K. to participate in its financing. Surveys for both could then go forward in September.
 - b. Defer the question of assisting the British with the Aldabra project but accept their invitation to send U. S. representatives on the Survey mission.
 - c. Inform the U. K. we do not wish to participate in the survey but are interested in being kept informed of their plans.
3. (U) Bronez strongly recommended the first alternative. Mr. McNaughton reacted favorably to this recommendation and he has directed Bronez to prepare a more detailed McNaughton to McNamara memo setting forth essentially the concept described.
4. (U) Kitchen is aware of and approves what is being done.

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