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From: Chief of Naval Operations  
To: Commander Harry S. Hart, U.S. Navy

Subj: Terms of Reference for Site Survey in Indian Ocean, (S)

- Encl: (1) Considerations Concerning Possible Uses of Indian Ocean Sites  
(2) General Requirements for DCA/Navy Communications Station  
(3) List of U.S. Site Survey Team Members  
(4) Summary of US/UK Agreed Recommendations

1. You are hereby designated chief of a site survey team to determine the suitability of stockpiling base rights to designated islands in the Indian Ocean currently under British control. Acquisition of access rights to certain of these islands could have a major impact upon the future posture of U.S. Naval Forces in this area. The primary purpose of the survey is to determine the feasibility of utilizing Diego Garcia as a site for a logistic air strip and anchorage in support of a CVA Task Group. In addition, the technical feasibility of establishing the DCA/USN "Asian Gateway" communications station at this site will be determined.

2. The survey of Diego Garcia will take approximately 10 days and should specifically assess its potential as a "Ulithi" type anchorage for in-area support of naval forces with maximum practicable reliance placed upon mobile logistic support units. Additional requirements and considerations are listed in enclosure (1).

3. Upon completion of the survey of Diego Garcia, the survey party is tentatively scheduled to proceed to islands of the Seychelles group, Desroches and Coetivy. These islands will also be inspected regarding their possible use in providing secondary support air strips and anchorages.

4. The general requirements for the communications station are set forth in enclosure (2). Additional members of the survey team are listed in enclosure (3). A summary of the agreement between the United States and the United Kingdom in regard to possible development of Indian Ocean islands for military use is contained in enclosure (4).

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8. The practicability of expansion of the logistic airstrip  
to handle other than logistic aircraft. A parking area for  
two to four squadrons of aircraft should be available.

NOTE: Repair, supply, administrative and other similar  
support would remain afloat.

- envisaged.
- (4) Construction by Mobile Construction Battalion is
  - (3) Ammo storage, possibly afloat, for 750 tons.
  - (2) POL storage for 350,000 PBLIS NSFO, 100,000 PBLIS  
JP-5, 10,000 PBLIS AVGAS, 5,000 PBLIS MOWAS.
  - (1) Deep water (10 fathoms) anchorage for a CVA, one  
squadron of DDG, a fleet oiler, and a repair ship.

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The following vessels fleet support facilities:

- e. Protection afforded from the elements and requirements  
for harbor defense.
- d. Manuever area and possible shiping problems for  
ships in the anchorage.

operations.  
station or may military support facility.  
survey may result in the establishment of a communications  
to any non-U.S. personnel, or from intimating that the  
disclosing feasibility information obtained from this survey  
All survey team members are enjoined to refrain from

- c. Evaluation of the military support potential of  
other islands you may visit, depth.
  - 3. For Diego Garcia, the survey will examine:  
communications specialists of the team.  
for electronic feasibility and requirements prepared by the  
2. A technical report concerning communications/  
1. The suitability of Diego Garcia to fulfill the  
criteria of paragraphs 1 and 2 above.
5. You will submit a report to include the following:

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1. The immediate Navy objective is the stockpiling of base rights in the area for possible future use. ]

2. A requirement for shore based logistic support of naval forces does not exist at this time.

3. For Diego Garcia, the survey will examine:

a. Anchorage capacity and depth.

b. The approach and entrance channel with particular regard to possible dredging, removal of coral heads, navigation, emergency sortie, and evasive maneuvering room upon sortie.

c. Susceptibility to mining and close-in submarine operations.

d. Maneuver area and possible shiphandling problems for ships in the anchorage.

e. Protection afforded from the elements and requirements for harbor defense.

f. The capability of Diego Garcia to meet possible future requirements for the following austere fleet support facilities:

(1) Deep water (10 fathoms) anchorage for a CVA, one squadron of DDs, a fleet oiler, and a repair ship.

(2) POL storage for 250,000 bbls NSFO, 100,000 bbls JP-5, 10,000 bbls AVGAS, 5,000 bbls MOGAS.

(3) Ammo storage, possibly afloat, for 750 tons.

(4) Construction by Mobile Construction Battalion is envisioned.

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g. The practicability of expansion of the logistic airstrip to handle other than logistic aircraft. A parking area for two to four squadrons of aircraft should be available.

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h. Possibility of developing a small boat pool anchorage and austere boat repair capability.

i. Feasibility of utilizing "over the beach" techniques vice pier facilities for major and minor loading and off-loading.

j. Existence of remote anchorage areas for ammunition ships.

k. The availability of a suitable area for possible prepositioning of ground force equipment which will not interfere with the other possible uses.

4. For other Indian Ocean islands visited examine:

a. Characteristics and potential for establishing secondary logistic support anchorages and logistic airstrips.

b. Capability for staging and prestockage.

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GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR DCS/  
NAVY COMMUNICATIONS STATION

Ref: (a) JCS 222/613

1. A DCS Asian Gateway Station to satisfy communications requirements (reference (a)) in and through the Middle East and for an alternate route between the Middle and Far East. A Navy ship/shore, fleet broadcast facility and an Air Force air/ground/air facility will be co-located with the DCS station.
2. Capability for providing communications for contingency operations in the area.
3. Maximum use of transportable and prefabricated facilities.
4. Specific circuit requirements are listed in reference (a) and in Service Plans.
5. Sufficient support facilities for communication and support personnel.
6. Diesel fuel storage to power generators.
7. Approximately 2100 acres of land for transmitter, receiver and support facility areas. Transmitter and receiver sites must be separated by a minimum of 10 miles with a desired separation of 25 miles.

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LIST OF U.S. SITE SURVEY TEAM MEMBERS

1. Chief of Survey Team and Project Officer  
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2. General Construction  
Mr. F. D. McGuire, GS-15 (BUDOCKS)
3. General Construction  
Commander D. M. Feinman, CEC, USN (DIREURMIDEASTDOCKS)
4. Facilities Construction  
Lieutenant O. R. Carden, CEC, USN
5. Communications Engineer  
Mr. Vance Vaughan, GS-14 (NAVCOMMSYS)
6. Communications Engineer  
Mr. R. L. Clinkenbeard, GS-11 (INDMAN, PRNC)
7. Technician  
R. M. Young, ETCM, USN (NAVCOMMSYS)
8. Technician  
M. J. Mesiji, RMC, USN (NAVCOMMSYS)
9. Major H. J. Gall, USAF, General Construction
10. Mr. G. M. Marks, CivEng (From USAFE, GEEIA)
11. Mr. H. J. Pansch, CivEng (From USAFE, GEEIA)

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ENCLOSURE (4)

SUMMARY OF AGREED RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The U.K. delegation agreed to recommend to the U.K. governmental authorities that they should:

- a. Consider favorably the possibility of the development by the U.S. of such facilities on U.K. island possessions as they may require, on the following general principles:
  - (1) H.M.G. should be responsible for acquiring land, resettlement of population and compensation at H.M.G.'s expense.
  - (2) U.S. Government should be responsible for all construction and maintenance costs.
  - (3) U.S. Government would share these facilities, during development and subsequently with the U.K.
  - (4) The two governments would consult as necessary about the establishment of any possible U.K. military facilities that might be required.
- b. Pursue as rapidly as possible the feasibility of transfer of the administration of Diego Garcia (and other islands in the Chagos Archipelago) and the Agalega Islands from Mauritius.
- c. As soon as politically practicable, facilitate a joint survey of Diego Garcia and any other islands under British sovereignty in the Indian Ocean area that the U.S. may require.

2. The U.S. delegation agreed:

- a. To recommend to the U.S. Governmental Authorities acceptance of the proposals set out in paragraph 1. above.
- b. To consider further the location of a site for an air staging post in the Western Indian Ocean.
- c. To consider further whether jointly to approach the Australian Government regarding possible use of facilities in the Cocos/Keeling Islands.
- d. To communicate further with the U.K. regarding all the above.

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SUBJECT INDIAN OCEAN ISLAND FACILITIES

1. FONOFF (ROSE-PERM UNDERSEC DEPT) INFORMED EMBASSY THAT GOVERNOR MAURITIUS HAD FAVORABLE REACTION FROM RAMGOOLAN ON GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF DEVELOPING INDIAN OCEAN ISLAND FACILITIES. RAMGOOLAN, HOWEVER, EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS ON INTENTION OF BRITS TO DETACH ISLANDS FROM MAURITIUS ON GROUNDS THAT ISLANDS MIGHT IN FUTURE HAVE ECONOMIC BENEFITS FOR MAURITIUS. APPARENTLY THIS MATTER FINESSED FOR TIME BEING. BRITS ARE NOW SENDING INSTRUCTIONS TO GOVERNORS MAURITIUS AND SEYCHELLES TO INITIATE DISCUSSIONS WITH OTHER LOCAL OFFICIALS. GENERAL EXPLANATION WILL BE GIVEN TO OTHER MAURITIAN MINISTERS AND SEYCHELLES EXEC COUNCIL OF NEED FOR DEFENSE FACILITIES AND PLANS TO GO AHEAD WITH UK/US SURVEY CERTAIN ISLANDS. NO MENTION IS TO BE MADE OF PROPOSED DETACHMENT AT THIS TIME. NOT LIKELY THERE WILL BE ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION DETACHMENT OF ISLANDS UNTIL AFTER SURVEY COMPLETED AND FURTHER TALKS WITH RAMGOOLAN.

2. PLANS ARE TO COMMENCE SURVEY WITH JULY 17 DEPARTURE FROM GAN, AND SURVEY CHAGOS, AGELAGA, COCTIVY AND DESROCHES. DETAILS OF SURVEY BEING WORKED OUT AT US/UK SERVICE LEVEL.

3. ON QUESTION INFORMING KEY COUNTRIES IN EAST AFRICA AND INDIAN OCEAN LITTORAL BRITS HAVE NOT DEVELOPED THEIR FINAL VIEWS THIS MATTER. ROSE PRESENT PERSONAL INCLINATION NOT SAY ANYTHING,

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SIMPLY RESPOND ALONG LINES GENERAL PRESS GUIDANCE PROVIDED  
THEM. ROSE PROMISED CONSULT SOONEST WITH CRO AND MOD IN ORDER  
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