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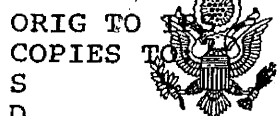
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ACTION MEMORANDUM

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TO: The Secretary

FROM: PM - Lincoln P. Bloomfield, Jr.

SUBJECT: Recognition of Superior Performance of the United Kingdom's Royal Navy Party 1002 on Diego Garcia

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Issue for Decision

- Whether to send a letter recognizing the superior performance of the United Kingdom's Royal Navy Party 1002 on Diego Garcia.

UK support at Diego Garcia was essential to executing Operation ENDURING FREEDOM successfully and maintaining stability in the Arabian Gulf region. The UK detachment, led by the British Representative Commander Adam Peters, RN, JP exemplified the highest standard of cooperation between an ally and the United States. The detachment's unsurpassed cooperation was evident during the development and implementation of a combined U.S.-UK (USN-USAF-Royal Marine) defense force for Diego Garcia to support strategic objectives of the United States and Coalition partners.

Commander Peters' flexibility in facilitating UK permission allowing four Coalition countries to use Diego Garcia as a staging base is greatly appreciated.

Recommendation

That you approve the attached letter recognizing the superior performance of the United Kingdom's Royal Navy Party 1002 on Diego Garcia.

Approve

Disapprove

Attachment:

Proposed Letter for Delivery to United Kingdom's Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs

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