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1. Are there any US naval units in the Indian Ocean?

In addition to the regular force there under COMMIDEASTFOR in addition,

Answer: Yes. At present the Concord Squadron is making a cruise in Indian Ocean waters. Our COMIDEASTFOR ships have been visiting there for some years past. US carriers both in the Mediterranean and Pacific have visited there from time to time.

2. Did they come from the Seventh Fleet?

Answer: These particular ships happened to have come from the Pacific. US naval ships are never permanently assigned to any particular fleet; they rotate.

3. Which units are they?

Answer: Concord Squadron commanded by Rear Admiral R. B. Moore, consisting of USS BONHOMME RICHARD from Carrier Division 5; three destroyers--USS SHELTON, USS FRANK KNOX, USS BLUE, ^{EE} Fleet Oiler USS HASSAYAMPA.

4. When did they enter the Indian Ocean?

Answer: April 4.

5. By what route?

Answer: Malacca Straights.

6. How long will they remain in that Ocean?

Answer: The cruise is expected to last approximately six weeks.

7. About where in the Indian Ocean are they now?

Answer: They are proceeding toward Madagascar where the first port visit at Diego Suarez will take place beginning April 14th. In the course of this visit Admiral Moore will pay a courtesy call on the President of the Republic as well as the Minister of Foreign Affairs and various other authorities of the Island.

8. Will they move along the East African Coast?

Answer: They will proceed north toward the capital of Oman.

9. Where will they stop?

Answer: Subsequent port calls will be announced.

10. What disposition is being made of the two remaining carriers in the Seventh Fleet?

Answer: No comment.

11. Are there any Marine units without the Concord Squadron--that is units bigger than security details aboard individual vessels? What size units?

Answer: No.

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Subj: Overseas Base Planning and Mobile Logistic Support

1. In the general area of overseas base planning and mobile logistic support planning there are currently underway or under consideration a number of separate study efforts. While these were initially addressed in some cases to limited aspects of problems of local focus, the growing number of efforts, their increase in scope and broadened attention to the entire field now indicates a need to give them a measure of correlation. The following partial list is indicative of the growing complexity of the overall problem:

a. "Sea Based Logistic Support Study" established by Op-34 Memo No. 0074-64 of 20 February 1964 to be completed by 30 April 1964.

b. "Strategic Implications of Overseas Bases and Island Possessions", study concept approved by SECNAV 1 June 1963; parameters proposed in Op-60 Memo to CNO serial BM-0502-64 of 26 March 1964.

c. "Balanced Sea-Shore Support Analysis" proposed by Op-401D Memo Ser 00351P401 of 23 March 1964; proposed completion 1 September 1964.

d. SECNAV Questions on base rights planning and relationship between mobile logistics and base support in CNO NPC ACTION Memo No. 4-64; Action assigned to Op-06; briefing of SECNAV scheduled for 4 May 1964.

e. Joint State-Defense "Survey of U.S. Overseas Bases" as outlined in Department of State message 031123Z April 1964.

2. It is apparent from the listed current efforts and a review of preceding efforts that the subject of base planning and mobile logistic support has implications requiring attention from most of OPNAV, particularly 03, 04, 06, 94 and 090. Of immediate concern to the CNO are:

a. Discussions with SECNAV on the overall subject now scheduled for 4 May under the cognizance of Op-60.

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b. Coordination of the three efforts initiated or proposed by Op's 03, 04 and 06.

3. To the end of effecting coordination of these two immediate problems I request that working representatives of the addresses meet in room 5D 635 at 1330 Monday, 20 April 1964. My own representatives will be Captain Weymouth, 090C liaison and Captain Swope, 91C.

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