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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

VIA: Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Plans and Policy)

Subj: JCS 2284/30-2 - Indian Ocean Islands (U) (CINCP 302-64)

SUMMARY

1. The paper is a "follow-on" to a previous JCS paper (JCS 2494/30-1) which stated that further recommendations regarding Indian Ocean Islands would be made by the JCS upon completion of the second half of the joint US/UK survey of these islands. The survey was completed 24 August. The paper provides a resume of the last half of the survey and concludes that Coevity Island possesses the greatest potential of the islands inspected and recommends that steps be taken to reserve it under British control so that US access will continue to be assured. The paper also recommends that the Chagos Archipelago be treated as a single entity and detached in its entirety from Mauritius. This last recommendation is based upon agreement reached in London in February 1964 that the UK Government should pursue, as rapidly as possible, "the transfer of the administration of Diego Garcia (and the remainder of the Chagos Archipelago) from Mauritius."

DISCUSSION

2. The survey reports of USAF and USMC survey participants have not yet been circulated to other services for information. The Joint Staff and USAF feel that this paper should not be addressed by the JCS until these reports are available to all services.

RECOMMENDATION

3. Support paper as written. As fall-back position, accept deferral of paper's consideration until survey reports are circulated.

COORDINATION

4. a. OPNAV: Ops 40, 61, 93, 94;
- b. Other Services positions:
 - USMC - will support as written;
 - USA - will probably support as written;
 - USAF and Joint Staff - will press for deferral.

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