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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION LIST

Subj: Navy Overseas Bases; status and implications (U)

Encl: (1) Listing of overseas bases/ facilities indicating their importance and possible alternates (less Security Group, PMR, LORAN, Sound Search Stations, etc.)

1. The Chief of Naval Operations directed that a study be quietly conducted covering each overseas base -- what it means to us now, effect of loss on presently deployed forces, alternative if political pressure forces us out, wartime alternatives, and what we are doing to eliminate our need for overseas bases.

2. Overseas bases are important to us now because they provide an economical means to support our deployed forces thereby compensating for our reduced mobile logistic support forces. Their prepositioned stocks represent a capability to absorb the initial logistic drain on overseas support which invariably accompanies contingency actions. Many bases perform functions which cannot now be performed in any other manner, e.g. SCS, land based AEW and ASW air operations, VLF communications, etc. Due to political complications, use of Iran and Algerie has been avoided in the last few years. The future availability of Port Liberty is in question at present. Trinidad, Cuba, Iceland and the Philippines are sensitive areas. However, the majority of our overseas bases are still considered reasonably secure from loss or denial due to political pressures.

3. A thorough examination of the Navy's overseas base structure and related support operations indicates that a withdrawal from all overseas bases would not be realistic. Mobile logistic support ships cannot now replace our overseas bases or facilities, due primarily to force and budget limitations. The cost in peacetime dollars and people would be several times greater to assure an equal readiness. Overseas bases/facilities provide a most economical way to meet current and foreseeable overseas commitments under present restrictions. This is particularly relevant since

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	Important for our operating forces in light of existing international relations	Important for pre- positioning of supplies*	Important for land based aircraft operations	Important for Strategic reasons	Important for other reasons	Associated with irrevocable agreements (NATO etc.)			
ALGERIA Oran	-	POL, AMMO	-	X	-	X	None at present	Rota, Gibraltar	Rota, Gibraltar
BAHREIN Bahrein Island	X	-	-	-	-	-	Relocation petroleum inspection activity	Abadan, Kuwait	Abadan, Kuwait
CYPRUS Larnaca	-	POL	-	-	-	-	Reduced AVGAS storage & dispersion**	Beirut, Iskenderun	Beirut, Iskenderun
EGYPT Cairo	-	-	-	-	"Foot-in-door" medical unit viewed favorably by Egypt	-	None at present	None	None
ERITREA Asmara	X	-	-	-	-	-	Poor Eastern Mediterranean & Indian Ocean Communications	Communication Relay Ships	Communication Relay Ships
Massawa	X	POL	-	-	-	-	Reduced support Asmara NAVCOMM UNIT Reduced POL storage & dispersion**	Air supply NAVCOMM UNIT Mobile Logistic Support	Mombasa, Diego Garcia
FRANCE Nice	-	-	-	-	-	-	Change home-porting 6th Fleet Flagship	Naples, Barcelona	Not required
Solenzara	-	-	-	-	-	X	Less Air Weapons Training Capability	Decimomannu	Decimomannu
GIBRALTAR Gibraltar	-	Dry-docking spares	-	-	-	-	Loss of Dockyard availability	Rota, Malta	Rota, Malta
GREECE Piraeus	-	POL	-	-	-	-	Reduced AVGAS storage & dispersion**	Izmir	Souda Bay, Larnaca
Souda Bay	X	POL, AMMO, AWSF (NP)	X	X	-	X	Reduced land based air operational capability in Eastern Mediterranean	Antalya, Adana, Izmir	Tobruk, Piraeus, Cyprus
ITALY Augusta	-	POL, AMMO	-	X	-	X	Loss of supporting port for Sigonella Less POL & AMMO storage & dispersion**	Bizerte, Souda Bay	Taranto, Bizerte
Cagliari	-	POL	-	-	-	-	Loss of supporting port for Decimomannu Reduced POL storage & dispersion**	Rota, Bizerte	Gaeta, Augusta
Decimomannu	-	-	X	X	-	X	None at present	Solenzara	Solenzara
Gaeta	-	POL	-	-	-	X	None at present	Rota, Bizerte	Cagliari, Augusta
La Maddalena	-	POL	-	-	-	-	Reduced POL storage & dispersion**	Rota, Bizerte	Cagliari, Naples
Naples	X	POL	X	X	-	X	Loss SIXTHFLT main POL storage** Change home porting	Rota, Bizerte	Rota, Augusta
Palermo	-	POL, AMMO	-	-	-	-	None at present	Cartagena, Bizerte	Augusta, Souda Bay
Sigonella	X	POL, AMMO, AWSF	X	X	-	X	Reduce land based aircraft capability in Central Mediterranean	Halfar	Decimomannu, Halfar
Taranto	-	POL	-	-	-	-	Reduced POL storage & dispersion**	Rota, Bizerte	Augusta, Cagliari
LEBANON Beirut	-	POL	-	-	-	-	Reduced AVGAS storage & dispersion**	Souda Bay, Iskenderun	Souda Bay, Iskenderun
LIBYA Tobruk	-	-	-	X	-	-	None at present	Souda Bay	Souda Bay
MALTA Halfar	X	POL, AMMO	-	-	-	-	Loss of aerial mine storage	Sigonella	Sigonella
Valletta	-	Dry-docking spares	-	-	-	-	Loss of Dockyard availability	Gibraltar, Taranto	Gibraltar, Taranto

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Dry-docking spares - Small attack of tail

**Plus increased need for mobile
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MOROCCO Port Lyautey	X	POL, AMMO, AWSF	X	X	-	-	Reduced communication capability; and need to relocate other functions	Rota, Londonderry	Rota, Londonderry
SPAIN Barcelona	-	POL	-	-	-	-	Change home-porting 2 ships	Rota, Golfe Juan	Rota, Golfe Juan
Cartagena	-	POL, AMMO	-	-	-	-	Reduced POL & AMMO storage & dispersion**	Gibraltar, Oran	Rota, Gibraltar, Oran
Madrid	-	-	-	-	Continued close liaison with Govt. of Spain	-	None at present	Rota, Barcelona	Rota, Barcelona
Mahon (Balearic Is.)	-	POL	-	-	-	-	Reduced POL storage & dispersion**	Gibraltar, Oran	Rota, Cartagena
Rota	X	POL, AMMO, AWSF	X	X	-	-	Reduced fleet support**	Gibraltar, Oran	Gibraltar, Lisbon
TUNISIA Bizerte	-	POL, AMMO	-	X	-	X	None at present	Palermo, Cagliari	Palermo, Cagliari
TURKEY Amasra	X	POL, AMMO	-	X	-	X	None at present	Piraeus, Souda Bay	Piraeus, Souda Bay
Antalya	-	-	X	X	-	X	None at present	Souda Bay, Nicosia	Adana, Souda Bay
Iskenderun	-	POL	-	-	-	-	Reduced AVGAS storage & dispersion**	Larnaca, Beirut	Larnaca, Beirut
Izmir	-	POL	-	-	-	-	Reduced POL storage & dispersion**	Souda Bay, Beirut	Souda Bay, Beirut

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AZORES									
Lajes	X	POL, AWSF	X	X	-	X	Loss of Staging Base	Argentia, Rota	Argentia, Rota
Ponta Delgada	X	POL, AMMO	-	X	-	X	None at present	Bermuda, Rota	Funchal, Bermuda
BERMUDA									
Bermuda	X	POL, AMMO, AWSF	-	X	-	-	Large loss of ASW coverage	Jacksonville, San Juan	Jacksonville, San Juan
CANADA									
Argentia	X	POL, AMMO, AWSF	X	X	-	-	Forced relocation of Barrier Operations and rerouting trans Atlantic flights	Iceland, Azores	Iceland, Azores
CUBA									
Guantanamo	X	POL, AMMO, AWSF, NSD	X	X	-	-	Forced relocation of Fleet Training	Roosevelt Roads, Trinidad	Roosevelt Roads, Trinidad
FRANCE									
Lann Bihoue	X	POL, AMMO, AWSF (NP)	X	X	-	X	None at present	St. Eval, St. Mowgan	Lannveoc-Poulmic, St. Eval
Lannveoc-Poulmic	-	-	-	-	-	X	None at present	Montijo, Espinho	Lann Bihoue, Montijo
ICELAND									
Hvalfjordur	X	POL, AMMO	-	X	-	X	None at present	Argentia, Clyde	Argentia, Clyde
Keflavik	X	POL, AMMO, AWSF	X	X	-	X	Loss of AEW coverage	Argentia, Grondal	Grondal, Argentia
MOROCCO									
Casablanca	-	POL	-	-	-	-	Reduced POL storage dispersion	Rota, Gibraltar	Rota, Lisbon
NETHERLANDS									
Valkenberg	-	-	-	-	-	X	None at present	Wick, Lossiemouth	Wick, Lossiemouth
NORWAY									
Andoya	X	POL, AMMO, AWSF (NP)	X	X	-	X	Loss of alternate airfield Reduced POL & AMMO storage dispersion	Keflavik, Lossiemouth	Bodo, Oerlandet
Bodo	X	POL, AMMO, AWSF (NP)	X	X	-	X	Loss of alternate airfield Reduced POL storage dispersion	Keflavik, Lossiemouth	Andoya, Oerlandet
Oerlandet	X	POL	X	X	-	X	Loss of alternate airfield	Keflavik, Lossiemouth	Andoya, Bodo
PANAMA CANAL ZONE									
Canal Zone	-	-	-	X	-	-	Decreased redeployment capability, logistic and communication support	Roosevelt Roads, San Juan	Roosevelt Roads, San Juan
PORTUGAL									
Espinho	-	-	-	-	-	X	None at present	Lann Bihoue, Rota	Montijo, Lann Bihoue
Lisbon	X	POL, AMMO	-	X	-	X	None at present	Rota, Gibraltar	Rota, Gibraltar
PUERTO RICO									
Roosevelt Roads	X	POL, AMMO AWSF	X	X	-	-	Dilution of fleet training, especially missiles	Guantanamo Bay, Trinidad	Guantanamo Bay, Trinidad
San Juan	X	-	-	-	-	-	Forced relocation communication and Caribbean Headquarters facilities	Guantanamo Bay, Balboa	Roosevelt Roads, Balboa

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SPAIN El Ferrol	-	POL	-	-	-	-	Reduced POL storage dispersion**	Gibraltar, Lisbon	Rota, Lisbon
UNITED KINGDOM Clyde & Loch Ewe	X	POL, AMMO, AWSF (NP)	X	X	-	X	None at present	Hvalfjordur, Brest	Plymouth, Milford Haven
Invergordon	-	POL	-	-	-	-	Reduced POL storage dispersion**	El Ferrol, Hvalfjordur	Clyde, El Ferrol
London (incl. Blackbushe)	-	-	-	-	Continued close liaison with Admiralty and other U.K. Govt. agencies	-	Forced relocation CINCELM Headquarters	Rota, Brest	Clyde, Plymouth
Londonderry	X	-	-	X	-	-	Reduced communication support	Port Lyautey, VLF Maine	Port Lyautey, VLF Maine
Milford Haven	X	POL, AMMO	-	X	-	X	None at present	Brest, Cherbourg	Plymouth, Clyde
Plymouth	-	AMMO, Dry- docking spares	-	-	-	-	Reduced Ammunition storage dispersion**	Brest, Cherbourg	Falmouth, Milford Haven
Rosyth	X	-	-	X	-	-	None at present	Brest, Keflavik	Clyde, Londonderry
Stornoway/ Lossiemouth	X	POL, AMMO, AWSF (NP)	X	X	-	X	None at present	Keflavik, Bodo	Machrihanish, Kinloss
WEST INDIES FEDER- ATION Trinidad	-	-	-	X	-	-	Change homeporting COMSOLANT	Roosevelt Roads, Guantanamo	Roosevelt Roads, Guantanamo

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ALASKA									
Adak	X	-	X	X	-	-	Reduced ASW coverage	Kodiak, Attu	Kodiak, Attu
Kodiak	X	AWSF	X	X	-	-	Reduced ASW coverage	Adak, Attu	Adak, Attu
HAWAII									
Barber's Point	X	AWSF	X	X	-	-	Reduced ASW coverage or dangerous overcrowding of airfields	Kaneohe, Midway	Kaneohe, Midway
Kaneohe	X	-	X	X	-	-	Require redeployment of First Marine Brigade	El Centro	El Centro
N.A.D. Oahu	X	AMMO, AWSF	-	X	-	-	Reduced ammunition storage and dispersion**	Continental and Western Pacific Bases with mobile support	Continental and Western Pacific Bases with mobile support
Pearl Harbor	X	POL, AMMO, NSC	-	X	-	-	Major change in deployments and relocation of Pearl units and reduced fleet support**	Continental and Western Pacific Bases with mobile support	Continental and Western Pacific Bases with mobile support
Lualualei/Wahiawa	X	-	-	X	-	-	Inadequate fleet communications	Guam, San Francisco	Guam, San Francisco
JAPAN									
Atsugi	X	AWSF	X	X	-	-	Forced redeployment Marine Air Group	Naha, Guam	Iwakuni, Naha
Iwakuni	X	AWSF	X	X	-	-	Reduced patrol/ASW coverage Forced redeployment Marine Air Wing	Naha, Guam	Futema, Naha
Kami Seya	X	-	-	-	-	-	Reduction fleet communication support	Guam, San Miguel	Guam, San Miguel
Oppama	X	-	-	-	-	-	Require shipment dud aircraft to West Coast CONUS	West Coast CONUS	Atsugi, Iwakuni
Sasebo	-	POL, AMMO	-	X	-	-	Reduced fleet operational readiness**	Subic Bay, Guam	Yokosuka, Subic Bay
Yokosuka	X	POL, AMMO, NSD	-	X	-	-	Reduced fleet operational readiness**	Guam, Subic Bay	Sasebo, Guam
OKINAWA									
Camp Butler	-	-	-	X	-	-	Require redeployment of Third Marine Division	Guam, Philippines	Japan, Guam
Naha	-	AWSF	X	X	-	-	Reduced Patrol/ASW coverage and ammunition storage and dispersion**	Japan, Taiwan	Japan, Taiwan
PACIFIC ISLANDS									
Chichi Jima	-	AWSF	-	X	-	-	Reduced ammunition storage and dispersion**	Guam, Subic Bay	Guam, Subic Bay
Guam	-	POL, AMMO, AWSF, NSD	X	X	-	-	Reduced fleet support **	Philippines, Trust Territory Is.	Philippines, Trust Territory Is.
Kwajalein	-	POL	-	-	-	-	None at present	Eniwetok, Majuro	Eniwetok, Majuro
Midway	X	AWSF	X	X	-	-	Require change in Early Warning Barrier Operations	Barbers Point, Adak	Barbers Point, Adak
Pago Pago	-	POL	-	-	-	-	Reduced POL storage and dispersion	Fiji Islands, Kwajalein	Fiji Is., Kwajalein
Saipan	-	-	-	-	-	Administration U.S. Trust Territorial Agreement (U.N.)	None at present	Guam	Guam
PHILIPPINES									
Cubi Point	X	POL, AWSF	X	X	-	-	Reduction of air support capability	Guam, Taiwan	Sangley Point, Guam
Sangley Point	X	POL	X	X	-	-	Reduced all weather capability and patrol/ASW coverage	Guam, Taiwan	Cubi Point, Guam
San Miguel	X	-	-	-	-	-	Reduction fleet communication support	Guam, Kami Seya	Guam, Kami Seya
Subic	X	POL, AMMO, AWSF, NSD	-	X	-	-	Reduced fleet support**	Guam, Yokosuka	Guam, Yokosuka
TAIWAN									
Kaoshiung	X	-	-	-	-	-	Reduced support of Taiwan Patrol**	Subic Bay, Buckner Bay	Keelung, Subic Bay
Keelung	-	-	-	-	-	Support GRC and MAAG	Curtailment of support to forces ashore and transient ships	Subic Bay, Buckner Bay	Kaoshiung, Subic Bay
Taipei	-	-	-	-	-	Support GRC and MAAG	Reduced coordination Taiwan Defense and MAAG activities	None - Collocation with GRC Headquarters is essential	Collocation with GRC Headquarters is essential