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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

Subject: Special Navy Task Force Africa-Indian  
Ocean Area

1. The attached report to me of Navy/State discussions of creating a Navy Task Force in the African-Indian Ocean area is in accord with your discussions with me of ten days or so ago. The attached cable indicates that State has some reservations as to the political desirability of this action, and State is exploring with their Ambassadors in the area their feelings in this regard.
2. I consider that the proposal has some merit and possibly should be implemented. On the other hand, I am firmly of the opinion that the formation of a Task Force such as this should be considered by the Joint Chiefs of Staff.
3. Accordingly, I recommend that you discuss this proposal informally with the Joint Chiefs of Staff at an early date.

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Lt. General, USA  
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