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MEMORANDUM FOR: Messrs. McGeorge Bundy, Rostow, McChes,  
Amory, Bissell, and Nitze

SUBJECT: Assessing a Future Base Structure in the African-  
Indian Ocean Area

I am sending you herewith a study proposing a new approach to the problem of retention of long-term bases for strategic areas overseas. In my view the study has considerable appeal as a possible solution to the dilemma posed by our continuing problem of maintaining an overseas base structure. Although this particular study is concerned specifically with the African-Indian Ocean area, the concept is equally applicable to the Pacific Ocean area. The study has not been formally staffed within the Department of Defense but is currently being studied within the Joint Staff.

I would hope for an opportunity for some discussion of the proposal set forth in the paper on an appropriate occasion at one of the Tuesday luncheons.

McG. Bundy - C-70514  
Mr. Rostow - C-70515  
Mr. McChes - C-70516  
Mr. Amory - C-70517  
Mr. Bissell, C-70518

(Signed) Henry S. Rowan

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