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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF STAFF  
Subject: Feasibility of Deployment of a Carrier Task Force in the Indian Ocean Area (U)

With reference to your letter of 17 August 1963, the

- Admiral Chiefs of Staff have concluded their study of the above subject, including consideration of alternative means for bringing US military power to bear in the area. Their conclusion, with which I generally agree, is that in light of the relatively lower strategic priority and the additional cost of maintaining a carrier task force there, the current and along, with which I generally agree, are that in light of the 11 objectives. In such instances, the selection of forces to be employed should consider the capabilities of all types specific situations, and in support of specific diplomatic 12 objectives. In such instances, the selection of forces to be employed should consider the capabilities of all types 13 alternatives, utilising the forces listed, collectively or individually; 14 appropriate selection can be made from among the following 15 alternatives. An intermittent deployment of a carrier task force 16 for periods not to exceed one to two months out of each 17 month is recommended. 18
- b. Intermittent deployment of selected elements of a carrier task force 19 for periods not to exceed one to two months out of each 20 month is recommended.
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2. All of the above alternatives are feasible, and each of 1  
them has specialized capabilities which could be employed to 2  
bring US military power to bear towards accomplishment of the 3  
objectives outlined in your memorandum to me, dated 17 August 4  
1963. 5

3. In arriving at the above alternative means of estab- 6  
lishing additional US presence, should the need arise, the 7  
Joint Chiefs of Staff advise that due consideration was given 8  
to the feasibility of a permanent Carrier Task Force deploy- 9  
ment to the area. This alternative was not recommended on the 10  
basis of the diversion of capability committed to support of 11  
other missions under current force levels and deployment 12  
schedules, and the infeasibility of increasing force levels 13  
to maintain a fulltime Indian Ocean deployment. 14

4. The Joint Chiefs of Staff have also examined your pro- 15  
posal that the Carrier Group (ESSEX) participating in MIDLINK 16  
VI be maintained on station for an extended period of time, 17  
while exploring the broader ramifications of this problem. 18  
It is feasible to extend this exercise deployment. However, 19  
the ESSEX is a CVS (Configured for antisubmarine warfare) 20  
and can provide only limited air support as compared to a 21  
CVA group. Therefore, its impact in the area would be 22  
limited in relation to the objectives outlined in your letter 23  
of 17 August 1963. In any event, it seems preferable for our 24  
purposes to follow the concept outlined in paragraph 1 above. 25

5. In view of the cost factors and maldeployment of forces 26  
associated with the above alternatives, it is militarily un- 27  
desirable to deploy any forces to the Indian Ocean area at 28  
this time. If, for political reasons, it is necessary to 29  
increase US military presence in the area, all means avail- 30  
able should be considered in relation to the nature of the 31  
requirement. However, if it is determined that the temporary 32  
deployment of a carrier task force is politically necessary 33  
at this time, the Department of Defense is prepared to take 34  
this action.

## APPENDIX B

PLANNED JOINT/COMBINED  
EXERCISES IN OR NEAR THE INDIAN OCEAN AREA

NAME	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TIME	APPROXIMATE FORCE PARTICIPATION	PURPOSE
SHABAZ IX EUCON (CENTO) (CORF)	Combined Air Defense Exercise	CENTO Area (Turkey, Iran, Pakistan)	2nd week Dec 63 (3 days)	UK, Turkey, Iran, Pakistan, US. USAF: 36 F-100 sorties in Turkey; 6 RB-66 sorties in Turkey and Iran; 1 C-130 for log support & weapons controllers. SAC: 9 aircraft sorties in Iran and Pakistan.	To exercise Air Defense Systems in Turkey, Iran and Pakistan.
MIDALINK VI CENTO (NELM) (COMP-NOPORN)	Major CENTO Maritime exercise	Arabian Sea vicinity of Karachi. Pakistan	Nov 63 (15 day duration)	US: 2 destroyers (CINCNEU) 1 anti- sub carrier group 2 submarines, auxiliaries as required (CINCLANT). Other nations participating: Pakistan, UK, Iran, Turkey	To exercise and train CENTO maritime forces
SHIKSHA (ORIENT EXPRESS) CINCILEM	Combined Air Defense Exercise	India	Nov 63 (30 day duration)	US: 4 ftr Sq; 2 mobile radar. UK: 1 ftr Sq. Indian air defense forces. RAAF: target sort and controller per- sonnel	To exercise and train Indian forces.

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MIDDLE EAST II CINCINELM (Final name to be mutually agreed by US and Iran) (SECRET-NOPORN)	US Army and AF units will deploy through Turkish bases and conduct tactical air drop demonstration at Teheran. Subsequently US Army units will operate in coordination with Iranian Army units at Teheran and Abadan respectively. Subsequent air operations will be coordinated with Iranian units in Teheran. Joint sponsorship - US - Iran.	Iran	15-30 Apr 64	Iran: Infantry Brigade (Teheran); Infantry Regt (Abadan). Air Wing (Teheran); Patrol Frigate Task Force (Persian Gulf).  US: Abn Bde (2BN) (STRICOM). Air Strike Force (2 Ftr Sq) (EUCOM). Troop carrier TV. NATO.	To demonstrate the capability and intention of the US to carry out commitments under the existing bilateral agreement to come to the assistance of Iran; to enhance the readiness of US forces to conduct contingency operations in the Middle East under CINCINELM OPLANS to provide training in bilateral coordinated operations.
SEATO TAC AIR EXERCISE PACOM SEATO-sponsored (SECRET)	Phase I of Grand Scale Exercise. TAC Air exercise involving deployment of fighter, bomber & recce A/C.	Thailand	Apr 64	Staff, HQs and representative members and types of A/C provided under SEATO Plan 6B/61. TAC Air participation from in-theater resources.	To exercise SEATO air units and develop coordination through AOC, to test SEATO standard procedures, to familiarize SEATO member air forces in probable area of operations, and to determine support and services requirements that may arise in this type of operation.
SHIKSHA II CINCINELM	Same as SHIKSHA I	India	Apr 64	US: 1 ftr Sq. UK: 1 ftr Sq. Indian air defense forces	Same as SHIKSHA I

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SEATO GROUND CPT (PACOM) SEATO sponsored (SECRET)	Phase I of a three phased Grand Scale Exercise which is follow-on to FY 63. Ground Defense Exercise. It is based on simulated implementation of SEATO OPLAN 6B/61 which resulted from overt aggression by DRV during exercise play of Ground Defense Exercise.	Thailand	1st half of Apr 64	Staff and HQ support personnel for SEATO Force, Field Force, Ground and Air Components, TF ALFA, TF CHARLIE, one Inf Div, HQ Base Area Command, Logistic Support Elements and CVA (acting as naval supporting elements under national control)	Routine annual SEATO exercise to provide combined training to member nations' forces operating together and familiarization of SEATO plans and terrain in possible area of operations.
SHAHBAZ X CENTO SUBMITTED BY EUCOM (CONF)	Fix and test of air defense systems of Turkey, Iran and Pakistan. Same as SHAHBAZ IX, Nov 63	Turkey Iran Pakistan Cyprus	1st week in May 64	Same as SHAHBAZ IX, Nov 63	Same as SHAHBAZ IX, Nov 63
MIDLINE VII CENTO-NEIM (CONF-INFORW)	Minor CENTO maritime exercise	Arabian Sea vicinity of Karachi, Pakistan	Nov 64 15 days duration	US: 2 destroyers (CINCNEIM) 1 submarine (CINCLANT) Other nations participating: Pakistan, UK, Iran, Turkey	To exercise and train CENTO Maritime forces.
SHAHBAZ XI CENTO (Sub- mitted by EUCOM) (CONF)	Fix and test of Air Defense systems of Turkey, Iran and Pakistan	Turkey Iran, Pakistan Cyprus	Nov 64	See SHAHBAZ IX. Nov 63	Exercise and test CENTO Air Defense System.

