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Bob:

In the attached memo the Chiefs indicate that the US military requirement for these islands warrants payment of detachment costs as high as \$15 million if necessary, in return for perpetual US access. They would prefer to jointly finance a US-UK airfield on Aldabra in lieu of defraying detachment costs (this airfield was originally planned as a UK facility).

Another alternative suggestion is that we reduce surcharges on the British F-111 purchase in lieu of paying detachment costs.

The Chiefs feel that it is most important to keep the UK tied in on the Indian Ocean project.

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