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THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20301

JCSM-220-64
16 March 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

Subject: Indian Ocean Carrier Task Force Deployment (U)

1. In accordance with your request, dated 18 November 1963, subject as above, and subsequent Department of Defense guidance, the attached proposed schedule (Appendix A hereto) for a carrier task force deployment in the Indian Ocean is submitted.
2. By JCSM-735-63, dated 24 September 1963, on the above subject, the Joint Chiefs of Staff informed you that they consider it is militarily undesirable to deploy any forces to the Indian Ocean at this time, but that if it is determined that the temporary deployment of a carrier task force is politically necessary, they are prepared to take this action. The views of the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, were contained in CM-918-63, dated 26 September 1963.
3. While submitting the attached proposed schedule, the Joint Chiefs of Staff advise that they have the military situation in Southeast Asia under continuing review, and events could develop which might result in a request for cancellation of the deployment.
4. In accordance with Department of Defense verbal guidance that for political considerations the Department of State considers it undesirable that the word "Indian" be associated with the designation of the task force or that it be associated with the Seventh Fleet, the Joint Chiefs of Staff recommend that the force be designated Task Force 90. If a name rather than a numerical designation is considered more appropriate, "Operation WHITEHAT" is recommended.

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5. The Joint Chiefs of Staff recommend that you forward a memorandum, substantially the same as that contained in Appendix B hereto, to the Secretary of State providing these views.

For the Joint Chiefs of Staff:

SIGNED

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Chairman
Joint Chiefs of Staff

Attachments

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