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Mac -

I'm inclined to agree with attached rationale for holding off on Indian Ocean cruise for a while. Am passing by you because of your interest. I'll tell State we want another reading by 15 October.

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I notified S/S (christenson)

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1965 AUG 5 AM II 07 MEMORANDUM FOR MR. McGEORGE BUNDY THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Naval Visits to the Indian Ocean

NSAM 289 of March 19, 1964 approved the concept of periodic naval task force cruises in the Indian Ocean, and directed that plans for regular intermittent deployments be developed and submitted.

Two successful Concord Squadron cruises have since taken place under this concept and, until recently, planning for a third Concord Squadron cruise was actively in process. State and Defense have concluded, however, that it would not be practical for Navy to program a carrier task force, given the heavy drain on naval resources for current operations in the Caribbean and the South China Seas, as well as the continuing Cyprus situation. Moreover, we would prefer to avoid stimulating the kind of adverse reaction to a Concord Squadron cruise which might affect the US/UK negotiations for military facilities on islands in the Indian Ocean, presently at a rather critical stage.

On balance, State and Defense, with the concurrence of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, agree that a Concord Squadron cruise should not now be scheduled. We will reconsider this matter in a few months, looking to the possibility of a Concord cruise later this year.

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