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APPENDIX B

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Subject: Indian Ocean Task Force Deployment (U)

1. Reference is made to your letter, dated October 17, 1963, 1
on the deployment of an Indian Ocean Task Force, and to subse- 2
quent letters which revise the guidelines for a cruise in the 3
Indian Ocean area. 4
2. In this regard, the conclusions of the Joint Chiefs of 5
Staff on the feasibility of deploying an Indian Ocean Task 6
Force were provided to you by my letter of 2 October 1963. 7
The Joint Chiefs of Staff have subsequently indicated that 8
they are keeping the military situation in Southeast Asia 9
under continuing review with respect to the military desira- 10
bility of withdrawing any forces from the Far East. It is 11
possible that events may dictate a request for cancellation 12
of the Indian Ocean Task Force deployment. 13
3. The attached proposed schedule is provided for con- 14
sideration. Further, in view of your objections to the words 15
"Indian" or "Seventh Fleet" in connection with the designation 16
of the task force, the Joint Chiefs of Staff recommend that 17
the force be designated "Task Force 90." If a name is con- 18
sidered more appropriate, "Operation WHITEHAT" is recommended. 19

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