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NATIONAL SECURITY ACTION MEMORANDUM NO.

MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY OF STATE
SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Indian Ocean Naval Deployment

The President warmly approves both the concept of periodic naval task force cruises in the Indian Ocean and the initial deployment recommended in the Secretary of State's 15 March memorandum to him on "Cruise of 'Concord Squadron' in Indian Ocean." He regards this as a most appropriate use of mobile air/sea power in an area of considerable strategic importance to the US.

The President would also be interested in our plans for regular intermittent deployments once these are firmed up. In view of his interest I suggest that this report also include an analysis of the longer term possibilities for a permanent deployment in the area.

McGeorge Bundy

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