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**INCOMING TELEGRAM**

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Action

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DE RUDTLN 316C 11/1810Z  
O R 111730Z ZFA  
FM AMEMBASSY LONDON  
TO RUEHCR/SECSTATE WASHDC  
INFO RUEPDA/DEFENSE DEPT  
RUCQKXB/CINCMFAFSA  
RUHLHQ/CINCPAC  
RUCKHC/CINCLANT  
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S E C R E T ACTION IMMEDIATE DEPT *6159* INFO DEFENSE DEPT UNN  
CINCMFAFSA 61 CINCPAC 286 CINCLANT 56 FROM LONDON JUNE 11, 6 PM  
LIMDIS

SUBJECT: INDIAN OCEAN ISLAND FACILITIES

ROBERT ESTABROOK, WASHINGTON POST, RECENTLY VISITED MIDDLE  
EAST AREA INCLUDING ADEN. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF TODAY  
HE STATED HE UNDERSTOOD EFFORT BEING MADE FIND ALTERNATE TO  
ADEN IN UK-US BASE IN INDIAN OCEAN AREA. RELATES THIS TO  
INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM BRITISH SOURCE IN MIDDLE EAST, THAT  
ALTERNATE BASE NEEDED AS BRITS FIGURE THEY AT MOST HAVE ONLY  
CFN 6159 61 286 56 11 6

PAGE 2 RUDTLN 316C S E C R E T  
FIVE YEARS LEFT IN ADEN. INDICATED BRITS HAD BEEN CONSIDERING  
PERIM ISLAND IN RED SEA NEAR ADEN, WHICH ALREADY HAS AIRSTRIP  
BUT LACKS WATER. ESTABROOK IMPLIED ISLAND SURVEYS BEING MADE  
SINCE HE UNDERSTANDS U.S. NAVY APPARENTLY FAVORS PARTICULAR SITE  
NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION BY U.S. AIR FORCE NOT HAPPY ABOUT IT.  
IT DOUBTFUL IF ESTABROOK KNOWS ANY SPECIFIC LOCATION OR GENERAL  
AREA BUT HE APPARENTLY AWARE SPECIFIC ISLAND UNDER CONSIDERATION.

ESTABROOK INDICATED THAT HE EVEN MADE INQUIRES AT FONOFF  
AND MOD BUT HAS DRAWN BLANK. FONOFF HAS SEPARATELY ADVISED  
EMBASSY OF ESTABROOK QUERY.

EMBOFF IN DISCUSSION WITH ESTABROOK DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE  
OF ANY ARRANGEMENTS OR MOVES TO HAVE UK/US BASE AS ALTERNATE  
TO ADEN.

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NOTE: ADVANCE DELIVERY TO S/S-O AT 1:56 PM, 6/11/64  
PASSED WHITE HOUSE AT 2:05 PM, 6/11/64.

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