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Presidential Review Memorandum/NSC 25

TO:

The Vice President
The Secretary of State
The Secretary of Defense

ALSO: The Director, Arms Control and
Disarmament Agency
The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
The Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT:

Arms Control in the Indian Ocean Area

The President has directed that the Special Coordination Committee review U.S. policy with regard to possible arms control measures in the Indian Ocean area preparatory to the meeting of the U.S. - Soviet working group on this issue.

The initial study of this issue will be prepared by a working group of the SCC, under the chairmanship of the NSC Staff. The study should be completed for SCC review by April 29, 1977, and should:

1. Review past policy studies, summarizing U.S. security interests and objectives in the Indian Ocean area.
2. Identify alternative negotiating strategies available to the United States, with specific options for an initial negotiating position.
3. Make recommendations concerning the composition of a U.S. team to conduct discussions with the USSR and the establishment of a working group to support its efforts.
4. Propose consultative mechanisms to ensure that the views and interests of U.S. friends and allies are adequately represented in the preparation and conduct of bilateral discussions with the USSR.

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In examining alternative negotiating strategies available to the United States, the study should identify the principal tradeoffs (facilities, force levels, operating patterns) which will have to be considered in substantive discussions of this issue with the USSR. Each alternative should be evaluated in terms of its implications for:

- U.S. -Soviet rivalry in the region;
- Regional military and political developments;
- U.S. and Soviet objectives and capabilities in other areas;
- U.S. relations with Allies and other concerned states; and
- Crisis management in the Indian Ocean area.



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