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NATIONAL SECURITY ACTION MEMORANDUM NO. 289

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE SECRETARY OF STATE
THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL DEPLOYMENT

The President 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 March 15 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 United States.

In the light of this decision, it is requested that plans for regular intermittent deployments be developed and submitted.

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