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MEMORANDUM FOR REAR ADMIRAL HOWE

SUBJECT: Status of Negotiations with Portugal (U) -- INFORMATION
MEMORANDUM

The Portuguese have agreed to hold the first round of negotiations in Lisbon 14 April. Circular 175 authority (Tab A) has been approved for Ambassador Bloomfield to open negotiations for an expanded defense relationship. In addition to the renewal of the Lajes agreement, we will be seeking authorization for contingency use of mainland facilities by RDP forces enroute to NATO and Non-NATO destinations as well as agreement on the use of Beja and on establishing a new site for a Ground Based Electro-optical Deep Space Surveillance System (GBODSS).

Both we and the Portuguese see the need for some type of an umbrella or connector agreement to provide for our use of facilities in mainland Portugal as well as those in the Azores. During this round, we will attempt to establish the general direction which the form will take so that we will be in a position to propose specific texts as the basis for the second and subsequent rounds. We do not envision any exchanges of texts at this first round.

While we recognize that our desire for a 10-year agreement will probably pose a difficult negotiating problem, our offer of "best efforts" for the defense support based on annual US legislation is a concept we intend to introduce early in the negotiations.

(U) Washington participants on the US side are Capt Hilty, USN, OASD/ISP; LtC Lynn Thompson, USAF, OJCS; Bob Kubul, FMRA; and Bill Garland; Portuguese Desk Officer, State.

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