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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

SUBJECT: Indian Ocean Deployment Planning Guidance for FY 1977-1977

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(L) I have reviewed the proposal for revised Indian Ocean deployment planning guidance for FY 1977-1977 as contained in JCSM-73-76. I approve those proposals subject to the following provisions:

- a. Indian Ocean task force deployment schedules will continue to be coordinated with the State Department as they are completed.
- b. Because of the particular strategic importance attached to the Persian Gulf/Arabian Sea, each of the three deployments (including the carrier group) during FY 1977-1977 should include substantial presence and operations in the Arabian Sea area.
- c. The planning guidance for FY 78 and beyond will be reevaluated in consultation with the State Department in the spring of 1977, when the future status of the MIDEAST Force and basing at Bahrain is clearer.

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