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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

INFORMATION
15 November 1971

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MEMORANDUM FOR: GENERAL HAIG
FROM: ADMIRAL WELANDER
SUBJECT: Pakistan/India Contingency Planning

Prior to the 12 November WSAG meeting on the Pakistan-India Situation, HAK was advised that General Ryan, the Acting Chairman, might bring up a CINCPAC proposal to ready a WESTPAC attack carrier task group for Indian Ocean operations to dissuade "third party" involvement.

The matter was not broached during the WSAG meeting. The JCS considered the matter Saturday morning and have advised CINCPAC in the attached that his concept is approved for planning purposes only and, should the situation deteriorate, that he may place a carrier task group on 48 hours readiness for such deployment.

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1. (S) REF FORWARDED CINCPAC RECOMMENDATION FOR CONTINGENCY DESIGNATION OF ONE WESTPAC CVA TASK GROUP FOR DEPLOYMENT TO INDIAN OCEAN ON 48 HOURS NOTICE IF DIRECTED.

2. (S) YOUR DISCUSSION OF THE FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE POSSIBLE USE OF A CARRIER TASK GROUP IN THE INDIAN OCEAN ARE APPRECIATED AND THIS COURSE OF ACTION WILL BE FULLY CONSIDERED, TOGETHER WITH OTHER OPTIONS, AS THE SITUATION DEVELOPS FURTHER. IN THE MEANWHILE, IF YOUR ANALYSIS OF CURRENT OR FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS CAUSE YOU TO CONSIDER IT PRUDENT TO DESIGNATE A CVA TASK GROUP FOR

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SUCH DEPLOYMENT WITHIN 48 HOURS, NO OBJECTIONS ARE IMPOSED FROM
HERE; HOWEVER, YOU SHOULD CONSIDER THE OVERALL CONCEPT CONTAINED
IN THE REFERENCE AS APPROVED FOR PLANNING PURPOSES ONLY.

WARM REGARDS

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