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FROM: CNO WASHINGTON DC TO: CINCPACFLT PEARL HARBOR HI COMSEVENTHFLT SECRET SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR ADM DAVIS AND VADM TROST FROM FOLEY //N00000// SUBJ: WAR AT SEA IN THE INDIAN OCEAN {U} 1. {U} PRIOR TO RELIEVING BILL CROWE I WAS ASKED TO SPEND SEVERAL DAYS WITH THE OPNAV STAFF REVIEWING HOW THE U.S. NAVY COULD BEST FIGHT AND WIN A WAR AT SEA AGAINST THE SOVIET NAVY IN THE INDIAN OCEAN. OF PARTICULAR INTEREST WAS THE IDENTIFICATION OF ACTION ITEMS WHICH SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN TO IMPROVE OUR READINESS POSTURE. SINCE OUR CONCLUSIONS WERE BRIEFED TO THE CNO I THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL FOR ME TO SHARE THEM WITH YOU. 2. {S} DESPITE SEVERAL IMPROVEMENTS WHICH ARE LIKELY TO BE MADE IN BOTH U.S. AND SOVIET NAVAL FORCES IN THE I.O. OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS, TWO MAJOR FACTORS APPEARED PREDOMINANT IN DETERMINING OUR COURSE OF ACTION: A. SURVIVAL FROM A COORDINATED PREEMPTIVE ATTACK WILL HAVE FIRST PRIORITY. THIS WILL NOT BE CHANGED TO ANY IMPORTANT DEGREE											
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UNTIL AFTER AEGIS HAS ENTERED THE FLEET IN SUBSTANTIAL NUMBERS AND MORE PERMISSIVE ROE HAVE BEEN ARRANGED. B. SOVIET LAND-BASED ASM BOMBERS WILL CONTINUE TO OUTRANGE OUR CARRIER AIRCRAFT. THIS WILL NECESSITATE CARRIER "HIT AND RUN" TACTICS AND MAKE CARRIER LEVEL-OF-EFFORT BOMBING SUPPORT OF FRIENDLY GROUND FORCES FIGHTING THE SOVIETS DIFFICULT. ONLY THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SURE CAPABILITY TO KILL SOVIET ASM BOMBERS BEFORE THEY CAN LAUNCH THEIR MISSILES WILL CHANGE THE SITUATION. 3. {S} IN ADDITION TO THE FOREGOING, THE FOLLOWING LIST OF NEAR-TERM ACTIONS WERE IDENTIFIED FOR CONSIDERATION: A. IMPROVE HF COMM CAPABILITIES, ESPECIALLY SECURE HF. B. EXPAND SHIPBOARD DF CAPABILITY AND OUTLAW SHARK. C. EXPEDITE FILLING FUEL TANKS ON DIEGO GARCIA AND KEEP THEM TOPPED OFF. D. INCREASE HARPOON AND WALLEYE STOCKS AND AS A QUICK FIX TO AMMO AVAILABILITY DEPLOY A T-AE TO DIEGO GARCIA. E. EXPEDITE INSTALLATION OF CHAFF LAUNCHERS AND DELIVERY OF SUPER RAPID BLOOM OFFBOARD CHAFF {RBOC} ROUNDS. F. MAINTAIN SUFFICIENT DIRECT SUPPORT ELEMENTS {DSE} ON KEY									
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SHIPS AND SUBMARINES.

- G. MAINTAIN AT LEAST ONE TASS/TACTASS SHIP IN I.O.
- H. MOVE VS BEACH DETACHMENT TO DIEGO GARCIA FOR MORE RAPID RESPONSE TO SUBMARINE THREAT.
- I. ACCELERATE DIEGO GARCIA DEFENSE PREPARATIONS {VMF SQUADRON/ I-HAWK BATTERY}.
- J. ARRANGE FOR QUICK SHIFT OF NATIONAL SENSOR PRIORITIES WHEN NEEDED TO SUPPORT WAR AT SEA.
- K. ARRANGE FOR AT LEAST ONE KC-135 CURRENTLY DEPLOYED TO DIEGO GARCIA TO SUPPORT NAVAL AIRCRAFT. {ACTION COMPLETED}
- L. ACCELERATE DELIVERY OF IMITATIVE COVER AND DECEPTION AND SHIP-TOWED ACOUSTIC DECEPTION DEVICES {ICAD/STADD}.
- M. PROVIDE FULL-TIME AWACS SUPPORT.

4. {U} AT THIS TIME IT IS NOT CLEAR WHAT ACTIONS WILL BE TAKEN OR WHAT EFFECT THIS QUICK LOOK AT THE I.O. WILL HAVE ON INCREASING THE READINESS OF OUR NAVAL FORCES DEPLOYED TO THAT AREA. HOWEVER I THOUGHT OUR FINDINGS MIGHT BE USEFUL TO YOU.

5. {U} WARM REGARDS AND VERY RESPECTFULLY.

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