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MEMORANDUM FOR HOWARD WILLENS

SUBJECT: Some Information on U.S. Bases Overseas

Prior to my vacation, I asked Nancy Schuh to seek some specific information about four overseas base arrangements which I thought might be possible analogies -- the Azores, the Spanish bases, Okinawa, and Diego Garcia. [Mike Helfer and I have since discussed how he will assume the major responsibility for this work with Nancy as part of his task on military leases, with me only keeping informed as part of my responsibility to help determine how we might argue effectively that the U.S. military is asking for too much land or for land in the wrong places.]

Nancy earlier provided Helfer and me with some preliminary results from published sources. She has just received some very useful information from the Defense Department through a friend of mine on the Senate Armed Services Committee. I suggest you skim this attached material for a quick briefing. Presumably Mike's future memorandum will cover much of this.

Briefly,

-- The Azores base seems to be an especially useful analogy. The base there is slightly smaller (in number of

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personnel at least) than the planned Tinian base and has no more, if not less, military value. As we discussed at our Monday meeting, the terms which the U.S. accepted for the present five-year agreement are most generous and include an array of types of assistance -- from excess military equipment to grants for educational development projects.

-- The Spanish Bases Agreement might also provide some good ideas on possible legal terms of an agreement and do^{oo} involve generous U.S. payments. However, the bases involved are much larger and serve some very different missions (e.g., Polaris submarines) than the apparent plans for Tinian.

-- The Okinawa case is useful to help appreciate the pressures on the U.S. for shifting to other Pacific bases (Marianas?) and does provide some comparative data on size of bases, the amount of U.S. investment and the number of personnel.

-- The Diego Garcia case unfortunately appears to be of limited value. Although I have heard rumors that the base will eventually be a major one, the planned base looks very small. The legal arrangement is a joint one with the British in which very little, if any, financial assistance is involved.

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