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MEMORANDUM FOR COLONEL ZANE E. FINKELSTEIN
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SUBJECT: JCS - Position on Archipelagos (U)

(S) With respect to the above (JS (JCSM-353-74)) can you advise:

- what is to be the technical/legal meaning of "archipelagic passage area?" Will it be the same as "free and unimpeded transit," or will it be a "high seas freedom," or otherwise defined?

- is it possible to formulate a "definition" that can be used, and recommended, to ensure that the conditions called for are fully accommodated?

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