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TO HERTFORD AND YORK FROM STARBIRD - INFO TO REEVES, FILLER AND JOHNSON

IN CONFIRMATION OF OUR DISCUSSION HERE I AGREED TO TRY TO SECURE A FINAL DECISION ON USE OF TAONGI FOR HARDTACK. IN THIS CONNECTION WE AGREED THAT

- (A) JOHNSON WOULD FORWARD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THROUGH ALOO (WITH COPY DIRECT TO ME) HIS REPORT ON TAONGI ALTERNATIVE;
- (B) REEVES WOULD SUPPLEMENT THIS TO GIVE ALTERNATE ABC COSTS (AND A STATEMENT AS TO ADDED JTF SUPPORT REQUIRED WHERE COSTS CANNOT BE ESTIMATED BY ALOO) FOR: (1) USING TAONGI; (2) USING ONLY THE TWO EXISTING ATOLLS.

I BELIEVE IT DESIRABLE THAT WE REACH A FINAL DECISION AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE SO AS TO FORESHORTEN THE NECESSITY FOR INTERIM DUPLICATE PLANNING. WHEN YOU ADVISE THEREFORE, WHEN JOHNSON CAN SUBMIT HIS REPORT, TIME REQUIRED FOR REEVES TO COMPLETE HIS END REF MA, ADS

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