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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.

YOU ADVISE THEREFORE: WHEN JOHNSON CAN SUBMIT HIS REPORT, TIME REQUIRED FOR REEVES TO COMPLETE HIS END REP MA:ADS

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