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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

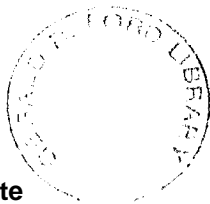
SUBJECT: President's Meeting with the Cabinet
DATE & TIME: Wednesday - July 16, 1975
11:00 a.m.
PLACE: The Cabinet Room

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President: I would like Jim to say something about the controversy over Berbera. I claimed in a press conference last fall that the Soviet Union had a base there. They denied it; we showed our photos, and the Somalis asked some Congressmen to visit.

Schlesinger: The Soviets have had a tracking station there for some time. Recently our photo reconnaissance showed clear evidence of major construction, including the largest airfield on the Indian Ocean and a missile storage and handling facility. We took some releaseable photos. The upshot was that a group of reporters and eight Congressmen went there. [He described the visits] The upshot has been that American

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credibility is upheld and those who opposed Diego Garcia on the faith of Soviet statements are in disarray. Diego Garcia should therefore pass. It also indicates the success of verification by National Technical Means. Heretofore, many have argued that we could not rely on it without having on-site inspection.

President: We do have a reliable technical surveillance capability. The Congressmen have verified the reliability of that technical means through this trip. The important point is our verification capability has been enhanced.

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