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Honorable John Stennis, Chairman
Committee on Armed Services
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

With reference to our telephone conversation this afternoon on the subject of Diego Garcia and the Soviet presence in the Indian Ocean, I am enclosing for your information a copy of a letter which I sent to Chairman George H. Mahon attaching a number of press reports commenting on my testimony. As I indicated in that letter, I feel that many of the press reports do not reflect the real thrust of the briefing which I gave to Senator Symington's Military Construction Subcommittee.

I am also enclosing a statement which I submitted to the House Armed Services Committee on 9 August 1974 in response to their request for our position on Soviet reaction to U.S. moves on Diego Garcia. Finally, I am enclosing a statement which we prepared at Gordon Nease's request for Senator Symington on 4 September 1974 on the Soviet military presence in Somalia.

I understand Ed Braswell has given you a copy of the unsanitized transcript of my testimony before the Military Construction Subcommittee. I look forward to seeing you on Monday to discuss this subject in further detail.

Sincerely,

/s/ W. E. Colby

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Director

Enclosures

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