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MEMORANDUM FOR: Rear Admiral William L. Read
Military Assistant to the Secretary
Department of Defense

SUBJECT: Schedule of Significant Military Exercises
for the Next Twelve Months

There are no objections to the proposed schedule of significant exercises forwarded by your memorandum of April 18. The following qualifications, however, should be noted:

-- The following restrictions should apply to SMPO PX-49:

. The ships and aircraft involved, including those of other participating SEATO nations, should at no time approach closer than 100 miles from the southern coast of the People's Republic of China, including Hainan Island. In addition, the SEATO forces should maintain a distance of at least 100 miles away from the Paracel Islands, and at least 50 miles away from Macclesfield Bank and the Spratley Islands, all of which are claimed by the PRC. These stipulations are without prejudice to the US position on the conflicting claims to these islands and atolls.

. All publicity concerning the exercise disseminated by US Government agencies should be confined to a minimum of brief factual press releases and responses to press inquiries; no reference, direct, or indirect, should be made to the PRC in connection with this exercise; and the cooperation of other SEATO participants should be sought in these respects.

-- The ROK exercises, FOAL EAGLE and FLY-A-WAY 74, should be carefully examined by State and Defense in terms of the possible impact each may have on the South-North talks.

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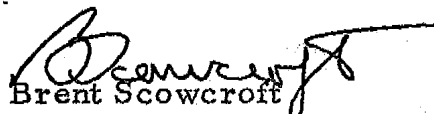
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-- KANGAROO I should not be scheduled for earlier than the last quarter of the current year.

-- State and Defense recommendations for both the ROK and KANGAROO I exercises should be submitted for White House approval at least six weeks prior to the critical date for Presidential cancellation. In addition, we will wish to review all of the exercises prior to implementation within the context of prevailing conditions.

It would be useful to indicate, on the schedule, the date each exercise was last held.


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