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REF A. BDLS CANBERRA I9M/K2D 210005Z AUG (CIVIL AIRCRAFT)(NOTAL)
B. FCO AAA/I9M 171500Z AUG (POL/MIL)

1. USAF BUILD-UP CONTINUES WITH NOW SOME 700 PERSONNEL, 20 B52, AND TANKERS. PERSONNEL LIKELY TO RISE TO 1,000 BY WEEKEND AND UNDERSTAND THERE ARE PLANS TO BRING IN FURTHER 8 B 52 AT SOME STAGE
2. HAVE RE-BRIEFED USAF ON POLITICAL APPROVAL IN LIGHT OF REF B
3. THE LACK OF A JOINT SERVICE COMMANDER ON-ISLAND IS CAUSING SOME FRICTION BUT THERE ARE NO SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS
4. STATE DEPARTMENT (SIDMAN) HAVE VETUED ANY FILMING BY USAF FILM CREW THAT ARRIVED UNANNOUNCED ON ISLAND AND THEY ARE BEING RETURNED TO CONUS
5. AFTER DISCUSSION WITH CONSF HAVE TURNED DOWN BDLS REQUEST FOR CIVIL AIRLINER REFUELLING (REF A)
6. USAF ARE CURRENTLY DECIDING WHICH MEMBER OF THE MARRIED COUPLE THEY INADVERTENTLY BROUGHT ON ISLAND WILL BE RTB

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