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-JOINT US/UK SURVEY OF INDIAN OCEAN ISLANDS (S)

1. FOLLOWING MSG HAND CARRIED FROM GAN TO LONDON BY LT O.R. CARDEN, USN, FIRST PHASE US TEAM MZMBER AND IS BEING TRANSMITTED AS RECEIVZD:

QUOTE:

CDR HART INDIAN OCEAN ISLANDS SURVEY TEAM SENDS. PRELIMINARY EVALUATION/OBSERVATIONS PHASE ONE.

1. PHASE ONE COMPLETED 2 AUG.

2. UK RQMTS

A. COMM FACILITIES AS EXTENSIVE AS PROJECT KATHY.

B. 350,000 LONG TONS POL ASHORE. POL JETTY.

C. AIRFIELD- RQMT PLAYED DOWN BY RAF WITH STATEMENTS INDICATING UK TEAM SHOULD TRY TO GET QUOTE THE AMERICAN AIRFIELD UNQUOTE MEET OR NOT BE INCOMPATIBLE WITH REF NEEDS 10,000 FT RUNWAY AS ALTERNATIVE TO GAN. CONVERSATIONS INDICATE RQMT IS URGENT AS REPLACEMENT FOR GAN NEXT THREE TO FOUR YEARS.

3. EVALUATION DIEGO GARCIA:

A. ENTRANCE CHANNEL HANDLE ALL BUT CVA AND LARGE AG NOW. CHART ESSENTIALLY CORRECT. ANCHORAGZ EXCELLENT WITH MINIMUM BLASTING CORAL HEADS.

B. BEACHES WITH MINIMUM CLEARING EXIST FOR OVER BEACH LANDING HEAVY EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES. NO UNLOADING PIER RQMT.

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- C. LOGISTIC AIRSTRIP FEASIBLE SOUTHEAST FORM EAST POINT.
 - D. LOGISTIC AIRSTRIP FEASIBLE NORTHWEST FROM MARIANNE POINT.
 - CANTING TO CLEAR SIMPSONS POINT NOT MOST ECONOMICAL.
 - E. ISLAND EXCELLENT FOR COMMSTA REGARDS INTERFERENCE AND GROUND CONDUCTIVITY.
 - F. ACREAGZ EXISTS VICINITY ECLIPSE/SIMPSONS POINTS MZET COMBINED KATHY/UK XMTR RQMTS.
 - G. ACREAGE EXISTS SOUTHEAST CORNER MEET COMBINED RCVR RQMTS. | TEN MILE SEPARATION MET.
 - H. RN POL DEPOT/JETTY PROBABLY AT OBSERVATION POINT.
 - I. SUFFICIENT LAND AVAILABLE OTHER SUPPORT AS REQUIRED.
 - J. ROAD IMPROVEMENT REQUIRED.
4. CDRS HART/FEINMWN ALSO VISITED FOL CHAGOS ATOLLS- EGMONT, PEROS BANHOS, SOLOMONS. DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL NIL TO SLIGHT ON PEROS BANHOS.
5. SHIP WILL TRY REACH GAN IN TIME LIFT PHASE TWO PARTY 24 AUG. IF NOT NEXT LIFT 27 AUG.
- UNQUOTE

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