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FROM CAPT H. D. Graessle, Program Coordinator, Reindeer Station

TO RADM F. J. Fitzpatrick, Program Sponsor, Reindeer Station

SUBJ Reindeer Station Briefings

1. Attached is a trip report of the Reindeer Station briefing team.
2. The team traveled to London, Nairobi, and the Seychelles. (CDRs Crockett and Sylva - London only) during the period 2-15 January 1971.
3. The cooperation and support provided at each location was outstanding.

Very respectfully  
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Tuesday, 5 January 1971

First met with Mr. R. J. Murray (the Political-Military Officer) at the American Embassy London. Discussed brief to be presented to Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) and Ministry of Defense (MOD). Mr. Murray concurred in general but made some suggestions as to approach in problem areas.

At 1015 the team presented the brief to ADM Wendt, RADM Swanson, RADM Trum, and other members of the CINCUSNAVEUR staff. Much interest was shown by the staff and the briefing was well received.

At 1130 the brief was given at the FCO (attendees are listed on attachment 1. After the brief, discussions followed which are reported in attachment 2.

I also made a call on RADM Trum (at his request). He stated that ADM Wendt was ready to fully support the project. He requested that CNO officially task them to perform such functions as we deem desirable.

All participants (Embassy, CINCUSNAVEUR, FCO, MOD, and team) agreed that we should encourage service-to-service contact and liaison now that many of the political/military problems are solved. Mr. Pritchard (MOD) indicated that he had already discussed this with ADM Dunlop (UK Naval Attache in Washington).

Wednesday, 6 January 1971

A meeting was held with members of the MOD, RN, and the two members of the briefing team (CDRs Crockett and Sylva).

The UK reps seemed interested in determining if the facilities could be expanded to accommodate a possible UK communications requirement. They were advised that facilities could be expanded but they would have to also provide for support; i.e., barracks, water, power, etc. as well as operational space. After questioning, UK reps indicated requirement was well into future.

See attachment 3 for other items of discussion.

Met with American Ambassador to Kenya (Mr. Robinson McIlvaine). Deputy Chief of Mission (Allen Lukens), Political Officer (Howard Funk), and Assistant Political Officer (Bob Blackwill). We presented the standard brief. The Ambassador stated that GOK has shown little interest in the

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project thusfar. The main thrust of the Ambassador's questions were related to the strategic implications of any US presence in the Indian Ocean and the importance of the project in this context. The team limited its responses to the requirement for adequate Naval Communications in the Indian Ocean area, but did indicate that the US policies for the Indian Ocean area are under review at the highest levels in Washington. The Ambassador asked if the station could replace our facilities in Asmara. Our response was "no", not as presently configured. We further stated that all US functions (i.e., ASA) being performed at Asmara could not be accomplished at Reindeer even if Reindeer capabilities were increased. The Ambassador also suggested that it would be politically desirable to relocate the AF tracking station from the Seychelles to Diego Garcia. The team made no response. The Embassy Staff later indicated that the Ambassador was most pleased that the plans for staging and support of construction do not require extensive use of Kenya. They did make clear that Kenya could be used, on an ad hoc basis, if necessary.

The team, in company with the Embassy Staff (DCM) briefed the UK Deputy High Commissioner (Mr. Len Allynson) and members of his staff. Again, the standard brief was presented, with the debrief of our meeting with the FCO London added. It was well received and appreciated. Their questions were routine with the exception of "Can the station maintain position data on Russian ships through the use of this station?" The team replied by stating that collection and processing of this type of data was in the intelligence community, and not a communication function, per se, and that we had only a Naval Communication Station. The point was not pressed.

Both the Embassy and High Commissioner's Office requested a debrief of the team's visit to Mahe.

Friday, 8 January 1971

We met with Governor Greatbatch and BIOT Administrator Todd. Delivered the standard briefing which was well received. Our message (Attachment 4) reports on items of substance which were discussed. LCOL Nash, CO, OL-9, was also present.

Other information developed during the meeting was:

a. Moulinie. Diego Garcia was originally owned by Chagos Archipelago Co. (CAC) in which Mr. Moulinie had one third interest. BIOT purchased from CAC the island and leased it back to CAC on percentage basis. This operation

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operation failed and the BIOT took over Copra production using Moulinie as manager. Significant is that all local labor are employees of Moulinie, but Moulinie takes direction from BIOT. Thus, there is no question of compensation caused by relocation of personnel from Diego Garcia to other Moulinie areas of operations. ] \*

b. Diego Garcia population on 1 July 1970:

250 Seychellois

✓ 108 Ilois

1 Mauritian

Adult male population:

98 Seychellois

✓ 30 Ilois

1 Mauritian

Todd expects final relocation of Ilois will be Agalega, which is owned by CAC, but Moulinie has not made final decision on this yet.

c. The Recon Team had been in Mahe three days prior to our arrival. It was very apparent that they had made an extremely favorable impression on local officials and the populace. Due to the short notice of their arrival and the lack of detailed requirements locally, there was some confusion relating to customs, purchase of explosives, etc. The team solved all problems prior to our arrival and developed a good relationship with officials. (This done even though the American image is not very good due to the conduct of USAF contract civilian employees).

d. The Governor mentioned that he had informed Mr. Jimmy Mancham, leader of the just elected government. His reaction was that he wished it were a bigger project so he could possibly benefit from it.

Met with LCOL Nash in the afternoon, who reported that his parent command had become concerned that the tracking station might be adversely affected by Diego Garcia. He said that thanks to the briefing on the facility and the description of staging and construction planning, he was no longer concerned and would so report to his parent command.

Had dinner at Government House with Governor Greatbatch 1930, 8 January. Mr. and Mrs. Todd, Mr. and Mrs. Moulinie, and LCOL and Mrs. Nash were other guests. At Governor's ]

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request, we gave an unclassified description of project to Moulinie. Moulinie concurred in plans for relocation (all labor off western side by March, total relocation by July). Governor and Mr. Todd invited Moulinie to accompany Recon Party. He tentatively accepted. Todd and Moulinie probably will visit Peros Banhos and Salomon during Recon period so assume no problems there.

Tuesday, 12 January 1971

Met with Ambassador McIlvaine and political staff and reported on meetings held on the Seychelles. Also met with representatives of British High Commissioner's staff and made essentially same report.

Debriefs contained info previously reported. No questions were asked which were outside of substance of reported information.

Thursday, 14 January 1971

Met with American Embassy (Mr. Oplinger) and FCO (Mr. Massingham presiding) and briefed them along the lines of our report in message from Seychelles (OL-9 message attachment 4).

Conversations followed were reported by American Embassy London message (attachment 5).

Briefed CINCUSNAVEUR (ADM Swanson, RADM Trum and staff). No unusual questions asked. CINCUSNAVEUR indicated much eagerness to participate and support the project. A tasking message was requested.

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FCO 5 JANUARY 1971 MEETING

ON DIEGO GARCIA

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CAPT H. D. Graessle

Mr. C. E. Dillery

CDR John Sylva

CDR Bill Crockett

LCDR J. L. Miller

CAPT Alpine McLane

CAPT Marshal Ward

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command

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CINCUSNAVEUR Staff, N4

CINCUSNAVEUR Staff, N6

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LONDON 2391

SUBJ: DIEGO GARCIA

1. DIEGO GARCIA BRIEFING TEAM MET ON 5 JAN. WITH EMBASSY AND CINCUSNAVEUR AND, LATER, WITH UK FCO AND MOD REPRESENTATIVES.
2. PRESENTATION TO EMBASSY AND TO ADMIRAL WENDT AND STAFF WAS WITHIN CONTEXT PREPARED BRIEF AS REVIEWED BY OP-01 31 DECEMBER. BRIEF WAS WELL RECEIVED. CINCUSNAVEUR INDICATED FULL SUPPORT AND WILLINGNESS TO ASSIST IN COORDINATION WITH MOD AS ISSUES ARISE WHICH REQUIRES NAVY-MOD ACTION.
3. TEAM ALONG WITH CINCUSNAVEUR AND EMBASSY REPS MET FOR TWO HOURS WITH FCO AND MOD. TONE IF MEETING WAS MOST CORDIAL. TEAM AGAIN MADE PREPARED PRESENTATION. HMG REPS WERE RECEPTIVE TO FACTUAL PORTIONS AND GENERALLY POSITIVE IN DISCUSSIONS OF POLITICO-MILITARY PROBLEMS.
4. RESETTLEMENT OF COPRA WORKERS, FCO (MASSINGHAM, PACIFIC INDIAN OCEAN DEPT) STATED IT IS HMG INTENTION TO REMOVE ALL NATIVE WORKERS. HMG DOES NOT WANT TO LEAVE BEHIND A LOCAL CIVILIAN POPULATION WHICH WOULD REQUIRE CIVILIAN ADMINISTRATOR AND, IN EFFECT, CREATE NEW COLONY. PLAN IS TO RETURN SEYCHELLOIS TO SEYCHELLES. OTHERS WILL PROBABLY BE REMOVED TO PEROS BANHOS AND SALOMON ON TEMPORARY BASIS IN HOPE SOME ARRANGEMENT

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can be worked out in future with Mauritius, FCO unable to indicate timing out, if possible, will meet USG desired time schedule. HASSINGHAM ASKED TEAM MEMBERS TO DISCUSS FURTHER WITH TODD IN MAHE.

6. EMPLOYMENT OF LOCAL LABOR. FCO CONTINUED TO EXPRESS HOPE FOR SOME USG USE OF LOCAL LABOR ON DIEGO GARCIA DURING CONSTRUCTION AND/OR SUBSEQUENT PHASES. FCO EXPECTS, BUT HAS NOT YET RECEIVED, INQUIRY FROM GOM ON THIS POINT. WHEN THEY RECEIVE THEY WILL REFER TO USG FOR ANSWER. FCO UNDERSTANDS RESPONSE WILL BE NEGATIVE. THEY ASKED THAT WE AT LEAST DISCUSS THIS WITH TODD IN MAHE. BRIEFING TEAM WILL CONTINUE HOLD LINE NO LOCAL LABOR.

6. STAGING AND POSSIBLE REPLENISHMENT (MAIL, ETC.) THROUGH MAURITIUS. HMG HAS NO OBJECTION TO US APPROACH TO GOM. FCO CONCURS THAT PROSPECT OF ECONOMIC GAIN FROM REPLENISHMENT MIGHT ASSIST IN RELOCATION PROBLEM. TEAM RECOMMENDS EMBASSY PORT LOUIS BE REQUESTED TO TAKE SOUNDING WITH GOM.

7. ENVIRONMENT. TEAM ASKED STATUS ROYAL SOCIETY DRAFT REPORT OF 1980. FCO INDICATED ROYAL SOCIETY ALREADY HAS INDICATED IT WISHES TO PUBLISH WITH REPORT. FCO HAS ASKED ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PUBLICATION LOOK IN ORDER TO ASSURE FINAL REPORT IS ACCURATE. IN ADDITION TO ROYAL SOCIETY, FCO CONSULTED BRITISH MUSEUM AND NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH COUNCIL BEFORE INFORMING PARLIAMENT. UK SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY IS CALM ABOUT DIEGO GARCIA. US ACQUIESCENCE TO THE ROYAL SOCIETY REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS WAS MOST HELPFUL.

8. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING. DISCUSSION POTENTIAL LEGAL PROBLEMS LED TO REITERATION HMG DESIRE HAVE OVERALL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON PROJECT. (SEE LONDON 10242.) FCO SAID THAT HMG NOW CONSIDERING WHAT MIGHT BE INCLUDED IN AN MOU AND MODALITIES FOR CONCLUDING SAME. (MOD APPARENTLY HOPES TO HAVE MOU AT SERVICE-TO-SERVICE LEVEL, BUT FCO NOT YET DECIDED WHETHER CERTAIN THINGS (E.G., NATURE OF FACILITY, BIRD SANCTUARIES) SHOULD BE AT GOVERNMENT LEVEL.)

9. US CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES ON DIEGO GARCIA. RE STATUTES GOVERNING CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES, FCO RECOGNIZES THAT SITUATION IS NOT CLEAR. THIS IS ANOTHER MATTER TO BE DISCUSSED WITH TODD. TEAM WILL DO SO. (PARENTHETICALLY, FCO SAID IMMIGRATION GUARANTEE IS BEING PREPARED TO PROHIBIT GENERAL IMMIGRATION TO DIOT. ACTION IS AWAITING UK ATTORNEY GENERAL DECISION ON TIMING.)

10. UK PARTICIPATION. MOD (PRITCHARD) INDICATED POSSIBLE

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NEED TO SATISFY UK "PECULIAR PERSONNEL SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS." HE URGED THAT USG APPOINT A PERSONNEL POINT OF CONTACT WITH HIGH HQG COULD DISCUSS HANDING PROBLEMS. HE ALSO REQUESTED INFORMATION ON CONSTRUCTION OF SUPPORT FACILITIES TO ASSURE THESE REQUIREMENTS MET OR AT LEAST BE AWARE THEY MIGHT NOT BE MET. SYLVA AND CROCKETT WILL MEET MOD WORKING LEVEL MORNING 6 JAN. TO DISCUSS TECHNICAL ASPECTS CONSTRUCTION IN MORE DETAIL AND THUS GO SOME WAY TO SATISFY MOD ON THIS POINT.

11. MOD REPS INDICATED THEY PARTICULARLY PLEASED TO GET INFO ON PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF FACILITY. THEY HOPED USG PLANNING WOULD ALLOW FOR POSSIBLE EXPANSION IF UK IDENTIFIES REQUIREMENTS FOR FACILITIES; E.G., ADDITIONAL ANTENNAS AND INCREASED POL STORAGE. MOD REPS EMPHASIZED NO CURRENT REQUIREMENT OR FUNDS AVAILABLE THIS TIME. (SEE NEXT FOLLOWING TELEGRAM.)

12. FCO WAS MOST INTERESTED IN FACT THAT THIRD INCREMENT DREDGING WOULD BE PUT UP FOR INTERNATIONAL BIDDING IF APPROVED.

13. FCO RAISED QUESTION OF USN ASSUMPTION METEOROLOGICAL OPERATIONS NOW BEING CONDUCTED ON DIEGO GARCIA BY MAURITIUS FOR UK. THEY ASKED WHEN US COULD ASSUME THIS RESPONSIBILITY AND INDICATED MAURITIUS WILL BE GLAD TO GIVE IT UP SINCE PERSONNEL (APPROXIMATELY 40) MOST DIFFICULT RECRUIT. HE INDICATED HE COULD LOOK INTO PROBLEM AND PROBABLY COULD TAKE OVER WHEN INTERIM AIRSTRIP IS OPENED.

14. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF BRIEFING TEAM NOW EN ROUTE WANE TO BRIEF TODD COULD RETURN TO WASHINGTON VIA LONDON.

15. EMBASSY WISHES TO COMMEND TEAM FOR EXCELLENT BRIEFINGS.  
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FROM: CDR. J. SYLVA, OP-441F  
SUBJ: DIEGO GARCIA  
REF.: LONDON 132

1. THIS MESSAGE SUPPLEMENTS REFTEL.

2. USN REPS MET 6 JAN WITH MOD UK AND RN REPS TO DISCUSS REINDEER STATION PROGRAMMING AND DETAILS OF CONSTRUCTION EXECUTION. UK REPS CONTINUED TO SHOW KEEN INTEREST IN PROJECT AND INTENT TO PROVIDE FULLEST COOPERATION. IN THIS REGARD, MOD UK MEETING CHAIRMAN PRITCHARD AFFIRMED THAT HMG SOUGHT ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN OPERATION OF THE JOINT COMM FACILITY AND QUOTE WOULD NOT BE SATISFIED WITH ROLE LIMITING UK PERSONNEL TO MERELY BEING CARRIERS OF WATER AND HEWERS OF WOOD UNQUOTE.

3. IT WAS REAFFIRMED THAT REINDEER STATION PROVIDES AN AUSTERE COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY, WITH OTHER THAN COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES BEING REQUIRED SOLELY FOR ITS LOGISTICS SUPPORT. IN RESPONSE TO RN QUERIES, IT WAS ACKNOWLEDGED THAT CURRENT DESIGN CONCEPT PERMITTED READY RESTORATION OF ELEMENTS DELETED FROM INITIAL CONCEPT AND THAT SOME DEGREE OF NEW FACILITY DEVELOPMENT, SOLELY IN SUPPORT OF UK REQUIREMENTS AND FUNDED BY UK, COULD POSSIBLY BE ACCOMMODATED THEREIN. THESE POTENTIAL REQUIREMENTS COULD STEM FROM EXECUTION OF UK CONTINGENCY PLANS INVOLVING:

A. LOSS OF GAN AS BULK FUEL STORAGE SITE AND,

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B. LOSS OF COMMUNICATION FACILITIES IN MAURITIUS AND GAN.

4. RENEWAL RN TENURE AT GAN COMES UP IN 1980. RN COULD INITIATE PROJECT FOR RELOCATION OF GAN FUEL HULK (30-35 FT. DRAFT WITH ABOUT 120,000 BBL STORAGE CAPACITY) TO DIGBO GARCIA OR PROVISION OF EQUIVALENT TANKAGE CAPABILITY ASHORE. ANY SUCH PROGRAMMING IS NOT ENVISIONED PRIOR TO MID-1970'S.

5. A POSSIBLE RN COMM REQUIREMENT COULD RESULT IN REQUEST FOR INSTALLATION OF SIX TRANSMITTING ANTENNAS AND RELATED COMM FACILITIES. IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT ANY RN EQUIP WOULD REQUIRE ADDITIONAL ELEC GEN AND/OR DIST, AND MUST ACKNOWLEDGE 50 CYCLE/60 CYCLE PROBLEM. ALSO THAT ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL SUPPORT FACILITIES WOULD BE REQUIRED TO SUPPORT THE 24 OR MORE COMM PERSONNEL INVOLVED.

6. RN NOW UNDERSTANDS THAT ACHIEVEMENT OF OPERATIONAL COMM CAPABILITY IS SCHEDULED ONE YEAR EARLIER THAN COMPLETION OF ALL CONSTRUCTION; AND THAT THIS WILL AFFECT THE TIMING FOR AVAILABILITY OF RN PERSONNEL. RN HAS REQUESTED SPECIFIC DETAILS OF TOTAL MANNING PICTURE IN ORDER TO MAKE MAXIMUM PERSONNEL CONTRIBUTION. CONCERN WAS EXPRESSED AS RELATES TO CLEARANCES AND ACCESS TO NATIONAL CLASSIFIED COMMUNICATIONS, SPECIFICALLY, CRYPTOLOGY. RN EAGERLY AWAITING DESIGNATION OF USN REP TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS.

7. PRITCHARD PREFERS MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING TO BE AT SERVICE TO SERVICE LEVEL, ALTHOUGH POSITION NOT CLEARED BY PCO.

8. MEETING ADJOINED WITH COMMON UNDERSTANDING THAT MEETING WAS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY, WITH NO COMMITMENTS INTENDED.  
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SUBJ CLN DIEGO ARCIA BRIEFING TEAM (U).

1. (C) TEAM MET WITH GOVERNOR GREATBATCH AND BIOT ADMINISTRATOR TODD AM 8 JAN. TEAM GAVE STANDARD PRESENTATION WHICH WAS RECEIVED MOST CORDIALLY.
2. (C) RELOCATION OF COPRA WORKERS WAS FIRST POINT OF DISCUSSION. TEAM STATED WE WOULD LIKE ALL PERSONNEL REMOVED BY DAY. TODD STATED FCO INSTRUCTED ALL WORKERS OFF WESTERN HALF OF ISLAND WITH COMPLETE RELOCATION BY JULY. TODD STARTING NOW TO ACCOMPLISH THIS WITH 250 SEYCHELLOIS TO BE RETURNED TO SEYCHELLES, 108 ILOIS AND ONE MAURITIAN WILL BE MOVED TO PENOS BANHOS AND SALOMON ON TEMPORARY BASIS. MOVEMENTS WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY NORDVAER. TODD CONFIRMED THAT SMALL NUMBER PERSONNEL NOW ON WESTERN HALF WILL BE MOVED TO EASTERN HALF PRIOR TO ARRIVAL CONSTRUCTION FORCES. NO FURTHER COPRA OPERATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED ON WESTERN HALF AFTER MOVEMENT.
3. (C) GREATBATCH AND TODD STATE THIS IS FASTEST THEY CAN ACCOMPLISH RELOCATION WITH USE AVAILABLE RESOURCES AND IS ONLY SOLUTION OTHER THAN TO QUOTE DROP ILOIS ON PIER AT MAURITIUS AND SAIL AWAY QUICKLY UNQUOTE. THIS PLAN WILL RESULT IN TOTAL RELOCATION BY INTERIM AIRSTRIP OPERATIONAL DATE. GREATBATCH AND TODD WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION THAT THIS PLAN ACCEPTABLE TO USG AND HMG. WE INDICATED WE WOULD SO RECOMMEND. WE RECOMMEND THAT MESSAGE BE SENT TO HMG SOONEST CONCURRING IN ABOVE PLAN.
4. (C) TEAM STATED USG OPPOSED TO ANY USE OF LOCAL LABOR DURING ANY PHASE OF PROJECT. GREATBATCH AND TODD CONCURRED. TODD AND G.O. OF NMCR WILL ESTABLISH SYSTEM TO INSURE COMPLETE SEGREGATION OF LOCAL POPULATION AND US PERSONNEL DURING PERIOD MARCH-JULY.
5. (U) RECON PARTY NOW SCHEDULED SAIL 16 JAN. TODD WILL ACCOMPANY.

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6. (C) TODD STATED THAT SEYCHELLES CRIMINAL LAW APPLIES IN BIOT. TODD IS INVESTIGATING APPOINTMENT RN LIAISON OFFICER OR EVEN US NAVAL COMMANDER IN ABSENCE BRITISH PERSONNEL AS JUSTICE OF THE PEACE OR MAGISTRATE FOR ADMINISTRATION JUSTICE FOR CIVILIANS ON DIGGO GARCIA. REQUEST PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION WHETHER USN OFFICER COULD ACCEPT THIS DESIGNATION;
7. (C) IMMIGRATION ORDINANCE PROHIBITING ENTRANCE TO BIOT EXCEPT FOR OFFICIAL BUSINESS WILL BE PROMULGATED SHORTLY. ORDINANCE SETTING 12 MILE FISHING LIMIT AND THREE MILE TERRITORIAL SEA CLAIM EXPECTED TO BE ISSUED COINCIDENT WITH SEYCHELLES SPRING 1971.
8. (U) GREATBATCH AND TODD SUGGESTED USN ASSUMPTION OF METEOROLOGICAL RESPONSIBILITIES NOW BEING PERFORMED BY MAURITIAN PERSONNEL FOR UK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. RECON PARTY WILL INVESTIGATE REQUIREMENTS AND REPORT OF RETURN CONUS.
9. (C) GREATBATCH AND TODD CONCUR IN CONCEPT OF STAGING AND SUPPORT FOR CONSTRUCTION OPERATIONS AS BRIEFED. INDICATED HOWEVER THAT MORE USE COULD BE MADE OF SEYCHELLES ON AD HOC BASIS IF NEEDED. GREATBATCH SAID NO LOCAL REACTION TO ANNOUNCEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION OF FACILITY.
10. (C) ASSUMING USG CONCURRENCE IN RELOCATION PLAN GREATBATCH AND TODD FEEL THAT CONSTRUCTION PLAN AS BRIEFED IS COMPLETELY FEASIBLE AND ACCEPTABLE.
11. (C) TEAM BRIEFED AMBASSADOR MCILVAINE AND UK DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER NAIROBI 6 JAN. BRIEFINGS WERE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL BUT NO ACTION ITEMS DEVELOPED. AMBASSADOR REQUESTED DEBRIEFING WHEN TEAM RETURNS THROUGH NAIROBI.
12. (U) REQUEST CN MAKE DISTRIBUTION THIS MESSAGE AS APPROPRIATE.
13. (U) GRAESSLE/DILLERY SEND. GPR4.

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SUBJECT: DIEGO GARCIA  
REF: STATE 4729 (NOTAL)

1. NAVY BRIEFING TEAM MET WITH FCO/MOD AM 14 JAN. TEAM GAVE DEBRIEF ON MEETINGS WITH GREATBACH AND TODD ALONG LINES OF TEAM MESSAGE TRANSMITTED BY OL-9 MAHE.
2. HMG REPS WELCOMED REPORT OF GREATBACH AND TODD ESTIMATE THAT INITIAL RELOCATION FROM DIEGO GARCIA TO PEROS BANIOS AND SALOMON CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED WITH MINIMUM OF PERSONAL INCONVENIENCE FOR COPRA WORKERS AND WITH LOW VISIBILITY OPERATIONS BY NORDVAER. FCO CONTINUES TO BE CONCERNED, HOWEVER, ABOUT PROBLEM VIS-A-VIS MAURITIUS SINCE FINAL RELOCATION OF ILOIS TO MAURITIAN TERRITORY WILL HAVE TO BE WORKED OUT WITH GOM. PRESENCE OF ABOUT 100 EX-DIEGO GARCIA WORKERS IN MAURITIUS AT PRESENT KEEPS ISSUE ALIVE THERE AND MAKES IT UNLIKELY THAT LONG-TERM AGALEGA SOLUTION CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED BY MOULINIE WITHOUT GOM INVOLVEMENT. FCO INDICATED THAT IT HOPES TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS WITH GOM SOON AND IN MEANTIME REQUESTED THAT USG DEFER TO HMG REGARDING ANY DISCUSSIONS ABOUT RELOCAATION WITH GOM.
3. FCO NOTED TODD'S SUGGESTED SOLUTION TO LEGAL PROBLEM OF APPOINTMENT RN (OR EVEN USN) OFFICER AS JUSTICE OF PEACE. THEY THINK OVERSEER OF COPRA WORKERS COULD BE DESIGNATED J.P. UNTIL JULY AND THUS POSTPONE NAVAL

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OFFICER DESIGNATION UNTIL THEN, FCO WILL EXAMINE THIS POSSIBILITY.

4. NOW BIOT IMMIGRATION ORDINANCE WILL ALSO REQUIRE DESIGNATION SOMEONE ON DIEGO GARCIA TO ADMINISTER. MAIN REQUIREMENT WOULD BE TO DEAL WITH PRIVATE YACHTS WHICH OCCASIONALLY STOP DIEGO GARCIA, FCO WILL ASK CREATCH AND TODD VIEWS ON THIS BUT SUGGESTED HE ALSO LOOK INTO POSSIBILITY USN OFFICER ACCEPTING THIS DESIGNATION IF NECESSARY.

5. MOD NOTED THAT LEGAL AND IMMIGRATION PROBLEMS ARE MINOR FACTORS IN REACHING DECISION ON WHETHER TO ASSIGN RN OFFICER DURING CONSTRUCTION PHASE, MOD INDICATED THEY WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE RESIDENT RN OFFICER SOMETIME AFTER AUGUST 1971 BUT NO LATER THAN JANUARY 1973, MOD WILL MAKE DETERMINATION AND INFORM USG.

6. EMBASSY HAD PREVIOUSLY ALERTED FCO THAT WE HAD BEEN AUTHORIZED TO DELIVER DIPLOMATIC NOTE CONTAINED STATE 4729, FCO STRONGLY PREFERRED THAT WE NOT FORMALLY TABLE NOTE UNTIL QUESTION OF WHAT MOU SHOULD COVER AND AT WHAT LEVEL IT SHOULD BE EXCHANGED RESOLVED, EMOFF THEREFORE PRESENTED COPY OF NOTE AS DRAFT, IT WAS AGREED THAT THERE WOULD BE WORKING LEVEL MEETING ON 21 OR 22 JAN AMONG FCO/MOD, CINUSNAVEUR AND EMBASSY TO DEVELOP GENERAL FRAMEWORK OF MOU, IDENTIFY MAJOR SUBJECTS TO BE INCLUDED, AND DISCUSS LEVEL AT WHICH IT SHOULD BE SIGNED, MOD HAS IDENTIFIED SOME HEADINGS WHICH THEY FEEL SHOULD BE INCLUDED, AND AFTER CONSULTATION WITH FCO WILL GIVE THESE TO US BRIEFING TEAM 15 JANUARY TO CARRY BACK TO WASHINGTON IN HOPE USG CAN PROVIDE GUIDANCE FOR CINUSNAVEUR/EMBASSY BEFORE MEETING NEXT WEEK, EMBASSY BELIEVES FCO WILL NOT RESIST EVENTUAL EXCHANGE OF NOTES TO EFFECT THAT US/UK JOINT ANNOUNCEMENT CONSTITUTES AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE REQUIRED BY PARA 2 OF 1966 AGREEMENT, BUT WOULD PREFER TO DEFER ACTUAL EXCHANGE UNTIL WE HAVE JOINTLY DETERMINED FORM AND CONTENT OF MOU, GREENE

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