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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

cc: Vice Chief of Naval Operations

Subj: Diego Garcia Population (U)

Ref: (a) CNO Comment Sheet 1314-70 R
(b) Op-61 memo ser 02125P61 of 18 December 1970

1. (C) In reference (a) you stated that contracts for local labor hired for the construction of the facility at Diego Garcia should specify transportation to permanent other home. Reference (b) is a memorandum explaining the status of the program for relocation of all copra workers from Diego Garcia as soon as possible.

2. (C) The 1966 US/UK agreement on the use of the British Indian Ocean Territory does specify that the U.S. will make as much use as possible of Mauritian and Seychellois labor in the construction of defense facilities. In the original concept of construction private contractors were to be utilized and probably would have hired local labor. With the change in concept in 1968 to use Naval Construction Forces, the decision was made within DOD that no local labor would be hired. The British were so informed in 1969. OSD continues to hold this position and has prepared a draft message to inform the British that this policy stands.

3. (C) The decision not to hire local labor, even for domestic work, was made on the basis that no local economy dependent on the facility should be created. To do so would make it more difficult to remove the workers when the facility becomes operational. If a native community of bars, laundries, etc. grew and then was required to be disbanded, the resultant publicity could become damaging. Another important factor is that presentations to Congress have stressed that there will be no indigenous population and no native labor utilized in the construction.

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CNO COMMENT SHEET

Subj: Diego Garcia Population

Ref: Amemb Port Louis 171210Z DEC 70

1. The CNO made the following comment/notation on referenced material:

Contracts should specify transportation to permanent other home to insure they don't remain on Diego Garcia after construction complete -- if politically feasible.

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SUBJ: DIEGO GARCIA POPULATION
 REF: PORT LOUIS 1114; LONDON 10391

1. WELCOME INFO LONDON REFTEL PROVIDES MUCH BACKGROUND NOT IN EMBASSY FILES. AS INDICATED PORT LOUIS REFTEL, WE STRONGLY SUPPORT EMBASSY LONDON'S RECOMMENDATION THAT REAL EFFORT NOW BE MADE PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT FOR SOME DIEGO GARCIA THERE DURING CONSTRUCTION PHASE. AMONG OTHER THINGS, THIS COULD BE EXPECTED HELP REDUCE MAURITIAN OPPOSITION TO RETURN PORTION BALANCE OF THESE PEOPLE TO THIS COUNTRY.

2. LOCAL CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS ALREADY INQUIRING WHETHER ANY POSSIBILITY THEIR SERVICES MIGHT BE NEEDED, WE HAVE BEEN PESSIMISTIC VIEW LANGUAGE ANNOUNCEMENT BUT WOULD APPRECIATE SPECIFIC GUIDANCE.
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