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SUBJECT: REINDEER STATION

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1. IN RESPONSE TO OUR REQUEST FOR HMG'S ASSISTANCE  
 IN STAGING FOR EIGHT-MAN SURVEY PARTY (PARA 7 REF A),  
 AND IN LIGHT OF FCO'S DESIRE TO HAVE NAVY REP BRIEF  
 ADMINISTRATOR TODD AND POSSIBLY ACCOMPANY HIM TO DIEGO  
 GARCIA, FCO HAS MADE FOLLOWING SUGGESTION:

2. TODD HAS SCHEDULED A NORDVAER SAILING FROM  
 SEYCHELLES TO DIEGO GARCIA ON JANUARY 9. SHIP HAS  
 ACCOMMODATION FOR TWELVE PASSENGERS, AND TODD WOULD  
 BE PREPARED TO TAKE ENTIRE PARTY, I.E. BRIEFER PLUS  
 EIGHT, WITH HIM. SURVEY PARTY COULD REACH SEYCHELLES  
 VIA AMPHIBIAN FLIGHT FROM MOMBASA ON JANUARY 7.  
 NAVY BRIEFER WOULD REQUIRE A BIT MORE TIME, AND FCO  
 NOTES THERE IS A CIVIL FLIGHT (AIR KENYA) FROM  
 MOMBASA TO SEYCHELLES ON JANUARY 4 WHICH WOULD  
 BE IDEAL. SEATING IS TIGHT ON LATTER FLIGHT, BUT  
 IF DESIRED FCO PREPARED TO USE INFLUENCE TO OBTAIN  
 SINGLE SEAT. AS FALLBACK TO ABOVE PLAN, TODD WOULD  
 BE PREPARED TO DELAY NORDVAER SAILING FOR REASONABLE

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TIME, I.E. A FEW DAYS. SHIP WOULD STAY WITH PARTY AT DIEGO GARCIA AND RETURN THEM TO SEYCHELLES.

3. WE UNDERSTAND FROM USNAVEUR THAT MIDEASTFOR HAS MADE TENTATIVE PLANS TO CARRY PARTY TO DIEGO GARCIA. WE BELIEVE TRANSPORTATION VIA NORDVAER IS PREFERABLE ALTERNATIVE, SINCE IT WOULD SAVE MONEY AND PROVIDE VALUABLE OPPORTUNITY FOR EARLY OPERATIONAL COOPERATION WITH TODD.

4. U.S. NAVY BRIEFER SHOULD OF COURSE BE COMPLETELY INFORMED REGARDING PHYSICAL DETAILS OF CONSTRUCTION PLAN AS WELL AS POLITICAL PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN RELOCATION OF COPRA WORKERS. ONE OF HIS MOST IMPORTANT TASKS WILL BE TO WORK OUT WITH TODD ON SPOT HOW CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE CAN BE MESHED WITH MOVEMENTS OF WORKERS. IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF HE COULD STOP BRIEFLY IN LONDON ENROUTE TO MOMBASA.

5. IF DEPT WISHES TO TAKE UP BRITISH OFFER, SUGGEST THIS AND OTHER RELEVANT MESSAGES BE REPEATED TO MIDEASTFOR, OL-9 MAHE, AND AMEMBASSY NAIROBI.

6. USNAVEUR CONCURS WITH THIS MESSAGE, AND IN VIEW OPERATIONAL PROBLEMS, PARTICULARLY RE-FUELING STOP AT GAN, CONSIDERS UK PROPOSAL ACCEPTABLE ALTERNATIVE.

7. ADVISE SOONEST. FCO HAS COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEM WITH TODD AND NEEDS MAXIMUM LEAD TIME TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS.  
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