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1. POINTS RAISED IN REFTEL WERE DISCUSSED WITH GRAY (DEFENSE DEPT, FONOFF) ON 8 AUGUST. GRAY TOOK POINT ON "MIGRANT LABORERS", NOTING IT WAS GOOD TERM FOR COSMETIC PURPOSES ALTHOUGH IT MIGHT BE DIFFICULT TO MAKE COMPLETELY CREDIBLE AS SOME OF THE "MIGRANTS" ARE SECOND GENERATION DIEGO RESIDENTS. GRAY ALSO TOOK NOTE OF OUR PREFERENCE FOR RESETTLEMENT OF DIEGO MIGRANTS OUTSIDE OF BIOT. HE SAID THAT HMG WISHES TO MOVE FORWARD ON RESETTLEMENT AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE AND WOULD HOPE TO HAVE RESETTLEMENT IN PROCESS BEFORE MILITARY DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR DIEGO PUBLICLY SURFACED. GRAY ALSO SAID HMG APPRECIATED US VIEW FOR RESETTLEMENT OUTSIDE OF BIOT BUT NOTED DIFFICULTY INVOLVED IN RESETTLEMENT IN THE SEYCHELLES OR MAURITIUS BECAUSE OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND HIGH POPULATION DENSITY IN THESE ISLANDS. HE SAID HMG HAD NOT COME TO FINAL DECISION ON LOCUS FOR RESETTLEMENT BUT THAT COMMONWEALTH OFFICE IS EXAMINING VARIOUS ALTERNATIVES AS A MATTER OF SOME URGENCY. (COMMENT: EMBOFF SECURED IMPRESSION THAT FONOFF SHARES US VIEW ON

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