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JOINT STATE-DEFENSE MESSAGE

SUBJECT: Diego Garcia

REFERENCE: A. Port Louis 0052  
 B. CNO R 081232Z Jan 71  
 C. Embassy London 352  
 D. State 007004

1. As indicated in para 2, ref D, Department and DOD concur  
recommendation Ref A that USG avoid all direct participation  
in resettlement of Ilois on Mauritius. Basic responsibility  
 clearly British under terms BIOT agreement between US and UK.  
Dept and DOD consider that USG has no obligation assist with  
logistics resettlement any inhabitants.

2. US does recognize obligation stemming from 1966 US-UK  
 agreement to give sufficient time to make adequate provision

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