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1. Refair reports transfer to Agalega or the Seychelles of possibly as many as 300 of the Diego Garcia residents (Ilois) initially evacuated to Peros Banos and Solomon. Refair also points out failure of British and Mauritian Governments during last twelve months to agree on formula for compensation of Ilois now resident Mauritius.

2. While USG agrees HMG has basic responsibility under terms of agreed confidential minute to Para 2(a) of BIOT agreement for resettlement Ilois, USG also realizes it may well share in any criticism levied at British for failing meet their responsibilities re inhabitants' welfare. Therefore, Embassy requested inform FCO that USG has received reports of transfer to Agalega and Seychelles of Ilois initially evacuated to Peros Banos and Solomon. Embassy

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