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SUBJ: RESETTLEMENT CHAGOS WORKERS

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1. MINHEALTH SIR HAROLD WALTER RETURNED MARCH 4 AFTER HIS
INVESTITURE CEREMONY LONDON AND TALKS WITH BRITISH MINISTRY
OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT RE ILOIS RESETTLEMENT. WALTER ANNOUNCED
AT AIRFIELD THAT GOM HAD SUBMITTED PROJECT AMOUNTING TO APPROX-
IMATELY TEN MILLION RUPEES (ROUGHTLY \$2 MILLION) COVERING
"INDIVIDUAL RESETTLEMENT" WITH LODGING, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND
ANCILLARY FACILITIES, PLUS "DEPARTURE ALLOWANCE" FOR INITIAL
SIX TO NINE MONTHS.

2. COMMENT: FOREGOING OF INTEREST IN CONNECTION IMPENDING
US/US AFRICA TALKS WASHINGTON (PARA 7 REFTEL). WHILE WALTER'S
INVOLVEMENT FOR GOM SOMETHING OF NEW DEVELOPMENT, PROPOSAL
SEEMS CLOSELY SIMILAR THAT CONTAINED PARA SIX REFTEL. WE SUSPECT
HMG DID MOST OF SPADE-WORK AND WALTER MERELY DISCUSSED PROPOSAL
SIMPLY AS MEANS MOVING PROJECT ALONG. GP-3.
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