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SUBJ: DIEGO GARCIA - RELOCATION

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1. FCO HAS CONSIDERED POSSIBILITY SUGGESTED BY PORT LOUIS THAT SOME OF ILOTS BE REBETTED IN SEYCHELLES, BUT HAS SET IDEA ASIDE AT LEAST FOR TIME BEING. BRITS CAST A FLY IN THIS DIRECTION DURING RECENT VISIT TO LONDON BY SEYCHELLES CHIEF SECRETARY. HE CITED THREE OBJECTIONS, NAMELY: (A) LARGE NUMBER OF SEYCHELLES-BORN WORKERS ALREADY SCHEDULED TO BE RETURNED FROM CHAGOS; (B) IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT TO ABSORB UNSKILLED "FOREIGN" LABOR IN SEYCHELLES; AND (C) ALLEGED SEYCHELLOIS ANTI-PATHY TOWARDS MAURITIANS. HAVING SAID THIS, CHIEF SECRETARY ALLOWED AS HOW PROBLEMS COULD BE OVERCOME FOR THE RIGHT PRICE.

2. FCO MAY DUST THIS ONE OFF AGAIN AT LATER STAGE OF POKER GAME, BUT WANTS TO SEE HOW MAURITIAN BIDDING GOES IN FIRST FEW HANDS. ANNENBERG.

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