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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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should add that report, if accurate, is disquieting in view earlier reports there would not be employment for Ilois on Agalega for another year.

3. Embassy should repeat request initially made to FCO in response para 4 reftel for information on housing, employment, social services, etc. to be provided Ilois on Agalega, noting our concern at reports [Moulinie's allegedly callous treatment inhabitants Diego Garcia.]

4. Embassy should note USG concern at delay in working out modalities of providing benefits for Ilois now in Mauritius, pointing out that continued failure resolve these issues [exposes both HMG and USG] to local criticism which could be picked up and amplified elsewhere.]

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