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Commission here now estimates that there are 1000 Ilois in Mauritius, here this year.) A more exact figure will be reported when the current SOM census of the Ilois is completed. Additionally, possibly 300 Ilois have been transferred to Agalega (a "dependency" of Mauritius) or the Seychelles. Those on Agalega include families which were moved from transferred from those islands because the UK wished to avoid an inquiry into their condition by the UNSA Committee of 24. Number and Condition of the Ilois. Although our files contain

We strongly suspect that they are badly treated, for Marcel Moulinie or Moulinie Ltd., who managed the copra plantations on Diego, also operates visiting U. S. Naval officers from Diego as the "worst kind of Franco-ith his "equels," has only the faintest paternalistic concern for his for the Catholic Ilois for two years; there was no provision for medical care or constitutional justice; there was one school teacher for over month, housing, and a weekly ration of 10 lbs. of rice, 1/2 litre of oil, the months before their departure from Diego, e.g. leaving them without information as to their future, and using physical cruelty that Moulinie inflicted on the British food, without information as to their future, and using physical force to ested to develop Aralers as a resettlement scheme. In effect, the Ilois in ferowas their home. "They liked it there, and most would go back."

Besides, many were better off then than now. We know almost nothing of the number or status of the Ilois on Agalega, except that the local Catholic Church is sending them a school teacher. We strongly suspect that they are badly treated, for Marcel Moulinie of

Some came freely; a returning to Diego. We have not inquired deeply into the condition of Ilois in Mauritius because we did not wish to excite local political appetites and have noted the Department's position that this issue should be left completely to the British. Our information is thus gathered from press reports and casual conversations. others same . The Ilois have been erriving here since 1963. Here same on vacation and were prohibited from Those workers who left Disgo this year were promised is thus gathered from press reports and have been erriving here since 1960.

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Re. SOO in severence pe has not been delivered. unsottled were claims a in severence pay by Moulinie; according to the press, this mone been delivered. In addition, the workers have several other of wage claims against Moulinie and his principals in Mauritius, Money

friends or relatives. Many are conditiond accommodations, usually with skirts of Port Louis, one of which is a public housing project abandoned the ing the 1968 Mosler-Creola riots. Those who cannot find work in the hard-pressed Mauritian accounty receive normal SOM relief payments. For example, a family with three children below age 14 can receive As. 10 per month if their income does not exceed As. 225 per month. Widows, orphans, and the infirm may have monthly "outlook. per month if their income does not exceed As. 225 per month. Midows, orphens, and the infirm may have monthly "outdoor relief," i.e., As. A per child, As. 15 per adult, and helf of the rent payment up to As. 12. The British have agreed to compensate the GOM for these relief payments and understand the total amount due has now reached As. 300,000. special production provision was made to receive t ave lived where they could find the returning Dois in Mauritius,

tion. Pe HiCom, of his sadou. Reports, consultations, ation to deal with the problem speedily and effectively. One of the most comprehensive statements (London 4528) showed British relocation British Rehabilitation Efforts. Reroading a year's messages of this subject, one is impressed with the haphazard nature of British thinking on this subject and the appearent absence of any real determination to deal with the problem speedily and effectively. One of the BXCUSE 5-year fears Perenthetically, it should be noted that the Britis it easy to deal with Moulinie, since he tends to his that his "Board of Directors" would not agree to a ... pinned primarily on Agalegan development option," in that the GOM might œ oulinie established r a detailed plen, and larme—scele Agaladar large-scale Agalegan responding to the other to been abandoned as, according to the sed to expand production and employment a more valuable and GOM and HMG over a more valuable planta that the British have not he tends to hide behind the approval given proposel to the ," including determin because plantathere. t (100 exew

sought to encourage the GOM to produce a development scheme which HMG would finance. This initiative was foredoomed on two accounts. First, it would be politically impossible to single cut the Orecle Ilbis for special projects using scarce resources (land or industrial apportunition while the unemployed local Hindus, Orecles, and Moslams received no such benefits. Second, the GOM has lacked the imagination, drive, and managerial talent to use existing UK aid money; it could hardly be expected to take on a new special project. The Hilam, when realizes this and is convinced that the only feasible rehabilitation project is a lump sum To rehabilitate the Ilois in Mauritius, tsought to encourage the GOM to produce a the British have unsuccessfully opportunities

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in egreement on this approach. payment to the Ilris. The HiOom seys Primo Minister Bengoolam is elmost

of about Rs. 1,500 annually. Mauritian Crecles are not generally thrifty, future-oriented poople, and large lump-sum payments would predictably not last long or be wisely apent in their hands. Additionally, the ADM will have to assume the burden of social services for the Ilois and should be appropriately componsated. We believe an equipped vocational training M london 1445 of February 19 stated that the British estimated spanding total of lass than half a million starling on rehabilitation. Three months later London 4528 spake of secuding a gyarter million pounds or Aralegan development in addition to As. 500/to workers in dislocation appropriately compensated. We believe an equipped vocational training school, open to all, would be usoful as a project grant for the GCM. This compares with the lowest wage for Mouritien unskilled workers

USA Peshansibility and Passible Political Renarcussions. It seems metter of common sease to us that the USA, which required that the Ilcishe removed from Diego and which resisted 60M and HMG efforts to permit of our responsibility are spelled out in a memorandum from I dated December 28, 1970. Regrettably, the record available to us shows that we have done almost nothing to define in concrete terms, or to meet, our legal and moral obligations toward the Ileis. Instead, we have followed the quidance laid down in State 019430 that "basic responsibility clearly eritish under terms BIOT Agreement..." No line of reasoning justifying Ildis to remain as employees of the facility, should be concerned over this issue from two points of view: (a) We cannot avoid moral responsibility for the situation we have done so much to creats; and (b) we would find ownselves subject to censure at the UN and before world opinion should the problem ever be ventilated by unfriendly elements. this position was advanced nor was any citation from the Agreement offered, but it is interesting that, "USG also realizes it will share in any criticism levied at British for failing meet their responsibilities re inhabitants' welfare." Numbered point 2(c) of the Agreement does make clear that "measures to ensure the welfare of the inhabitants are taken" Pritish under terms BIOT Agreement..." but does not say clearly by whom. The legal aspects

The present GOM has shown only moderate and sporadic concern for the welfare and rights of the Ilois, generally becoming interested in their have not pushed a true campaign on behalf of the Ilois. Clearly, the have not pushed a true campaign on behalf of the Ilois. Clearly, the 1300 miserable and uneducated refugees have no political clout locally 1300 miserable and uneducated refugees have no political clout locally Nor is it clear that this issue is likely to provoke much stir at the Nor is it clear that this issue is likely to provoke much stir at the Nor is it clear that this issue of the sale of Diego to the Briun, should a future GOM make an issue of the sale of Diego to the Briun. problem when needled by opposition politicians. UN, should a future GOM make an issue of Similarly, Clearly, the the latter the British.

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not ne Ilais presently have no organization, and their current status of constitute a serious political problem for the U.S. Neverthele believe it would be the best of wisdom to deal with this problem afone, rather then after, it could become a political football. We believe that justice should be done. Nevertheless,

the a Action Requested. The plight of the Ilois is a classic example of perpetuation of hardship through bureaucratic neglect. Not only is responsibility for the Diego issue spread within the USC, but the problem is further complicated because of the essentic self-interest of Mouldinia Ltd., the evident lack of any real SOM concern, and Aritish offerts se far to cope with those problems. To help deal with this situation, we recommend following: Not only is responsi-

- to undertaking prompt messures to insure the wolfers of the within the meaning of perograph 2(c) of the US/NK Exchange Notes of December 30, 1966; and That Alade specific exchanges be undertoken with HWC with a View income the Tloic j.
- recommendations regarding the magnitude of this extent of measures which the USA should appropries of the following it. Among relevant issues are the following the magnitude of this be centralized within the appropriate Aureau of the Department. Such centralization would be designed to facilitate full study and That responsibility for following this the following: essentially political issue Department. :t
- porticulor Same specific timetable ections; for the accomplishment of
- (b) Clerification, and presible modification, of responsibility as among HMG, the GDM, the USG, and Utd. for the performance of preservibed activities; and Moulinia
- (c) The sum to be paid to each evacuated Ilais. We helieve this should include consideration of compensation on the basis of individuals, rather than limited to each worker as presently contemplated; and
- in whole or part, for a vacational training school, is to be preferred to a simple transfer of funds which might be misused by the 90M or confined solely to the Ilois who, after all, form only a portion of the Mauritian citizenry. (d) The question of how best compensation should be paid to the GOM. On this point, we helieve some concrete project which would benefit all Marmitians, such as a contribution of funds, in whole or part, for a vocational training school, is to be

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