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SUBJECT: Diego Garcia - Relocation of Copra Workers

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1. Reftel indication of favorable prospects for relocation of Diego Garcia copra workers on Agalega is encouraging.

Seabee commander on Diego Garcia reports that copra workers and dependents are being removed from island at fairly regular intervals when BIOT ship NORDVAIR calls.

2. However, in early May some copra workers were apparently brought back to Diego Garcia from Peros Banhos by NORDVAIR. Result was that worker census in May was about same as in

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