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long range development and investment requirements relating to relocation problem is now being approached in terms of of the relocation to be HMG responsibility. Secondly, the that we consider both administrative and financial costs want to retain enough distance from the detailed arrangements for population relocation so as to assure to Brits several considerations which weigh against it. First, we construction and Agalega development plans, there are construction expert go to the Seychelles to help mesh Diego 2. Although we appreciate Embassy's suggestion that USN could start.

1. March 1971 is earliest possible date construction

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for time being.

hope Embassy will discourage follow-up to its suggestion

contacts between the Navy and Moxline and Company. We

to become apparent. We will want to avoid, for example,

between the relocations and our Diego construction plans

want to bide our time before permitting an association

the first increment of construction, we will even then

3. If Congress includes funds in the FY 71 budget for

strongly urge that it be maintained.

be in our best interest to continue this relationship and

FY 71 or in any specific year or years. We believe it to

to any US construction plans for Diego Garcia, either in

to the 1966 RIOT agreement itself, and is not related

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① DEPT'S POINTS TAKEN. THERE HAS BEEN NO FOLLOW-UP TO OUR
 SUGGESTION, AND WE EXPECT NONE SINCE WE MADE CLEAR TO FONOFF
 THAT WE WOULD ENVISAGE SUCH A VISIT ONLY AT A LATE STAGE
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