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SUBJECT: EMBASSY ARRANGES CORRECTION OF ERRONEOUS PRESS  
REPORT ON "COMPENSATION" FOR CHAGOS ISLANDERS

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1. IN A NOVEMBER 19 PAGE FOUR ARTICLE COVERING THE NOVEMBER 13 MEETING BETWEEN U.S. AMBASSADOR MARK W. ERWIN AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CHAGOSSIAN SOCIAL COMMITTEE (REFTEL), THE WEEKLY "LE DIMANCHE" ERRONEOUSLY ATTRIBUTED TO THE AMBASSADOR A COMMENT THAT HE "THINKS THE USA MUST PAY A COMPENSATION" TO THE CHAGOSSIAN ISLANDERS FOR THEIR EXILE FROM DIEGO GARCIA AND THE REST OF THE CHAGOS ARCHIPELAGO.

2. PAO, ON NOVEMBER 20, CONTACTED "LE DIMANCHE" SENIOR EDITOR RAYMOND NAUVEL TO ADVISE HIM THAT THE AMBASSADOR HAD NEVER MADE SUCH A COMMENT. NAUVEL RESEARCHED THE ORIGIN OF THE ARTICLE, AND SUBSEQUENTLY ADVISED THE EMBASSY THAT HE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
REVIEW AUTHORITY: ARCHIE M BOLSTER  
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WILL PUBLISH A RETRACTION OF THE MISINFORMATION IN THE NEXT EDITION OF THE "LE DIMANCHE" ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26.

3. THE AMBASSADOR HAS NOT COMMENTED ON THE SUBJECT OF THE CHAGOS ARCHIPELAGO TO ANY MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES.  
ERWIN

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