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TAGS: MARR, PREL, UK
SUBJECT: DIEGO GARCIA: HMG APPROVAL TO EXPAND SATELLITE
TRACKING STATION RECEIVED

1. During a December 7 meeting, FCO Director for Americas and Overseas Territories Robert Culshaw handed PM A/S Bloomfield a letter noting HMG approval for the existing tracking station and approval of US request to upgrade that satellite tracking station on Diego Garcia. The letter has been faxed to PM's Bruce Nichols and the text of the letter follows. Other details of the meeting reported septel.

2. Begin text:

Dear Lincoln,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 29 November 2004 concerning the satellite tracking station on Diego Garcia, British Indian Ocean Territory.

In accordance with the Exchange of Notes concerning the availability for defence purposes of the British Indian Ocean Territory of December 30 1966 and the Exchange of Notes concerning a US Navy Support Facility on Diego Garcia of 25 February 1976, I can confirm that the arrangements set out in your letter are acceptable to the Government of the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland.

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You letter with its annex and this reply will place on record the understanding of our two Governments in this matter.

Yours Ever

//s//

Robert Culshaw

Director Americas and Overseas Territories

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