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TAGS: OPDC, MARR, PREL, PBTS, PGOV, UK, MP

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S RESPONSE TO FM GAYAN ON DIEGO GARCIA

REF: (A)PORT LOUIS 359, (B)PORT LOUIS 343, (C)LONDON 1828,  
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(U) CLASSIFIED BY SECRETARY OF STATE COLIN L. POWELL FOR  
REASONS 1.5 (B) AND (D).

1. (C) REF A REPORTED THAT MAURITIAN FM GAYAN HAD RAISED  
THE TOPIC OF DIEGO GARCIA WITH THE SECRETARY LAST MONTH IN  
MONTERREY, AND THAT THE SECRETARY HAD AGREED TO LOOK INTO  
THE MATTER UPON HIS RETURN TO WASHINGTON. EMBASSY PORT  
LOUIS IS INSTRUCTED TO DELIVER THE TEXT OF THE FOLLOWING  
LETTER TO GAYAN. NO SIGNED ORIGINAL WILL FOLLOW.

2. (C - REL MAURITIUS) BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR MR. MINISTER:

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IT WAS A PLEASURE SPEAKING WITH YOU LAST MONTH DURING THE  
FINANCE FOR DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE IN MONTERREY. DURING  
OUR TALK, YOU RAISED THE ISSUE OF DIEGO GARCIA, AND I

PROMISED TO LOOK INTO THE MATTER ONCE I RETURNED TO  
WASHINGTON.

AS YOU KNOW, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN IN CONSULTATIONS  
WITH HMG REGARDING YOUR GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSAL THAT  
SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE CHAGOS ARCHIPELAGO BE TRANSFERRED TO  
MAURITIUS. THE UNITED STATES IS PLEASED WITH THE CURRENT  
SOVEREIGNTY ARRANGEMENT. GIVEN THE IMPORTANCE OF DIEGO  
GARCIA TO THE WAR ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY IN THE REGION,  
WE WOULD OPPOSE ANY USE OF THE CHAGOS ARCHIPELAGO THAT  
MIGHT DEGRADE THE MILITARY SECURITY OF DIEGO GARCIA OR THE  
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OPERATIONAL MISSIONS SUPPORTED FROM IT.

AGAIN, IT WAS A PLEASURE MEETING WITH YOU.

SINCERELY,

COLIN L. POWELL

END TEXT.  
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