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TO IMMEDIATE FCO TELNO 066 OF 18 FEBRUARY 1972 REPEATED IMMEDIATE GOVERNOR SEYCHELLES (PERSONAL)

(10) YOUR TELNO 73: RESETTLEMENT OF ILOIS.

1. FOLLOWING ARE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF PROPOSALS FOR RESETTLEMENT TO BE CONSIDERED BY CABINET LATER TODAY:

(A) CONSTRUCTION OF TWO HOUSING ESTATES COMPRISING 180 AND 150 HOUSES RESPECTIVELY, EACH ON ONE-EIGHTH ACRE OF LAND.

TOTAL COST RS 5,300,000 (TO INCLUDE PURCHASE OF LAND AND PROVISION OF AMENITIES AND UTILITIES). A NOMINAL RENT WOULD BE CHARGED TO COVER ADMINISTRATION COSTS, INSURANCE AND MAINTENANCE. OWNERSHIP WOULD PASS TO OCCUPIER AFTER 25 YEARS.

(B) A PIG BREEDING COOPERATIVE TO BE ESTABLISHED ON LAND ADJOINING EACH OF THE TWO SITES AT (A) ABOVE FOR TOTAL OF 250 PERSONS (I.E. TO EXCLUDE THOSE (80) ALREADY IN FULLTIME EMPLOYMENT AND OLD AGE PENSIONERS). TOTAL COST RS 500,000 (TO INCLUDE PROVISION OF

FIRST STOCKS, BUILDINGS AND SALARIES OF TWO INSTRUCTORS FOR 1 YEAR

(C) LOANS TOTALLING RS 75,000 WOULD BE REQUIRED TO FINANCE PURCHASE OF FEED AT THE OUTSET. THESE WOULD BE INTEREST FREE AND REFUNDABLE OVER 5 YEARS.

(D) FURTHER, A GRANT OF RS 100 PER HEAD OF FAMILY WOULD BE MADE TO FINANCE VEGETABLE GROWING AND E.G. RABBIT BREEDING, ON LAND ATTACHED TO HOUSES. TOTAL COST RS 33,000.

2. TOTAL COSTS ARE THUS:

TWO HOUSING ESTATES	RS 5,300,000 (£ 397,500)
TWO PIG BREEDING COOPERATIVES	500,000 (£ 37,500)
GRANT FOR VEGETABLE GROWING	33,000 (£ 2,475)
	RS 5833000 (£ 437,475)
LOAN FOR FEED	RS 75,000 (£ 5,625)

3. THE ABOVE FIGURES RELATE TO 330 HEADS OF FAMILIES AND SINGLE MEN NOW IN MAURITIUS. IT ASSUMES THAT ALL WOULD WISH TO JOIN SCHEMES. FROM SURVEY CONDUCTED AMONGST 296 HEADS OF FAMILIES, MAURITIUS GOVERNMENT ARE CONFIDENT THAT GREATER PART WILL WISH TO JOIN. FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT (NOT) WISH TO DO SO, IT IS PROPOSED THAT GRANTS SHOULD BE PAID ON BASIS OF RS 4,000 FOR

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MARRIED COUPLE AND RS 3,000 FOR SINGLE MEN. THESE GRANTS WOULD BE PAID OVER AN UNDETERMINED PERIOD AND WOULD BE IN LIEU OF PARTICIPATION IN THE RESETTLEMENT SCHEME.

4. ON THE BASIS OF PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 2 ABOVE, A FURTHER RS 2.5 MILLION (£187,500) WOULD BE REQUIRED TO RESETTLE THOSE 130 PERSONS NOW IN PEROS BANHOS AND THE SALOMONS (GOVERNOR SEYCHELLES TELEGRAM NO BIOT 5), ASSUMING 100 PERCENT PARTICIPATION IN THE SCHEME.

5. TO THESE FIGURES MUST BE ADDED RS 225,000 (£16,875) TO COVER COST OF SOCIAL SECURITY PAYMENTS TO DATE BY MAURITIUS GOVERNMENT TO THOSE ALREADY ON THE BEACH.

6. IF ACCEPTED IN ITS ENTIRETY AND ASSUMING PARTICIPATION IN THE SCHEME BY 460 HEADS OF FAMILIES AND UNMARRIED MEN, TOTAL COST TO HMG WOULD BE RS 8.558 MILLION (£6.642 MILLION APPROX)

7. I WILL REPORT AS SOON AS CABINET APPROVAL IS KNOWN. SCHEME PROPOSED IS MUCH MORE WORKMANLIKE THAN EARLIER PROPOSALS, WHICH CONTAINED NO PLANS FOR RESETTLEMENT, BUT I WOULD VEFER TO WITHHOLD COMMENT UNTIL DETAILS HAVE BEEN DISCLOSED.

8. FCO PLEASE PASS IMMEDIATE GOVERNOR SEYCHELLES (PERSONAL).

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