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TO IMMEDIATE F C O TELNO BIOT 5 OF 4 FEBRUARY INFO MAURITIUS.

(X) YOUR TELNO BIOT 10. RESETTLEMENT. MOULINIE HAS ENQUIRED

FROM ROGERS AS TO COST AND AVAILABILITY OF M.V. MAURITIUS

TO REMOVE ILOIS FROM PEROS BANHOS AND SALOMON. THERE IS

NO INTENTION TO REMOVE THEM AT THIS STAGE AND NORDVAER

IS LEAVING THIS WEEK ON ROUTINE VISIT AND WILL REVISITUAL

THE ISLANDS WITH NORMAL THREE MONTH SUPPLIES. 2. WHEN

IT IS DECIDED TO EVACUATE THE ISLANDS WHICH IS NOT REPEAT

NOT ENVISAGED BEFORE COMPENSATION PROBLEM IS SETTLED IT WOULD

BE MORE ECONOMIC TO USE MAURITIUS

WHICH CAN PERFORM OPERATION IN ONE VOYAGE RATHER THAN NORDVAER

WHICH WOULD TAKE THREE VOYAGES SPREAD OVER ABOUT SIX WEEKS.

IT MAY BE HOWEVER THAT THERE WOULD BE ADVANTAGES TO MAURITIUS

GOVERNMENT IN ILOIS ARRIVING OVER THIS 364 LONGER PERIOD WHICH

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WOULD OFFSET EXTRA COSTS. 3. MOULINIE WOULD LIKE TO SEE

ISLANDS CLOSED AS THEY ARE NO LONGER PROFITABLE TO HIM ON

PRESENT BASIS BUT NO FIRM PLANS ARE BEING MADE FOR ILOIS

TO BE REMOVED WHILST COMPENSATION QUESTION REMAINS UNSETTLED

NOR WILL ANY PRESSURE BE PUT ON THEM TO CHOOSE RETURN TO

MAURITIUS. WE WILL IN FACT DO EVERYTHING TO DISCOURAGE

ANY OF THEM FROM LEAVING ON NORDVAER AS WE HAVE NO ONWARD

SHIPPING TO MAURITIUS BEFORE MAY AND THEIR PRESENCE HERE WOULD

BE POLITICALLY UNDESIRABLE. 4. POSITION ON AGALEGA REMAINS

UNCHANGED I.E. MOULINIE IS PREPARED TO ACCEPT ILOIS THERE

BUT WISHES THEM FIRST TO RETURN TO MAURITIUS AND BE RECRUITED

IN NORMAL WAY. 5. NO PLANNED EVACUATION WILL TAKE PLACE

WITHOUT FULL CONSULTATION WITH YOU. F C O PLEASE PASS TO

MAURITIUS.

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