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JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

1. Congressional deliberation on FY 71 funding for Diego Garcia is not completed. ~~Senate~~ Senate MILCON hearing has not been scheduled and may be delayed until the latter part of this year. We will not have final knowledge of Senate views until the Committee reports out our bill. Outcome is unpredictable at this point. You will recall negative sentiment in the Senate last December when FY 70 MILCON was considered.
2. Information contained para one reftel A. makes it clear

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that our previous understanding that relocation to Agalega would be relatively easy was not correct. Other alternatives suggested reftel A. involve many new problems including a necessity of early consultation with government of Mauritius. In view of these difficulties we feel it would be best for HMG to defer talks with GOM or any other non-HMG agency until we have a better idea of whether project will be funded.

3. Recognize that above course of action risks presence on Diego Garcia of workers at same time that construction scheduled to start but we prefer that to creating international problems for ^{project} ~~project~~ which may not be funded.

4. We note that FONOFF intends to pursue Agalega possibility with Moulinie in August and hope that this consultation will take place even though relocation there now appears remote.

