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DECL: March 1, 2013

TO: PM - Lincoln P. Bloomfield, Jr.

FROM: PM/ISO - Charles Wilson

SUBJECT: Your Meeting with FCO Director for Americas Dick  
Wilkinson on February 7, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. for 30  
Minutes

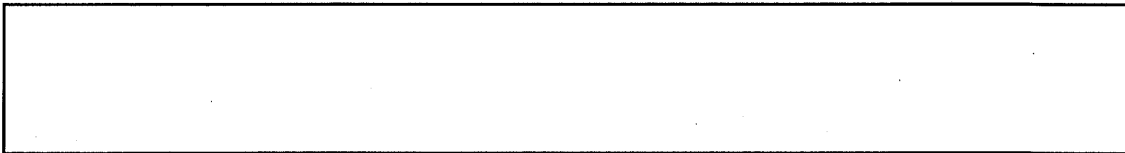
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Thanks

(U) Your meeting with FCO Director for the Americas and  
Overseas Territories Dick Wilkinson is a preliminary to the pol-  
mil dialog on Diego Garcia (DGAR) we will hold this May in  
Hawaii. Our objectives:

- To discuss the status of issues described in tab 1 and  
achieve consensus where possible.

OEF-A and the GWOT demonstrated the operational and strategic  
importance of DGAR support facilities. Last year's productive  
pol-mil talks demonstrate the U.S. and UK's common understanding  
of this importance. However, the following key issues will  
likely dominate this year's dialog:

- (U) UK and U.S. pending court actions concerning the  
Chagos Archipelago
- (U) Return of former inhabitants to the outer Chagos  
Archipelago
- (U) Mauritius' desire for sovereignty over the Chagos  
Archipelago



- (U) U.S. desire to expand military facilities on DGAR
- (U) While not part of the upcoming pol-mil talks, Mr.  
Wilkinson is also likely to bring up the topic of  
commercial air charters on Ascension Island.

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Attachments:

Tab 1 - Key Issues with Background.

Tab 2 - Participants

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