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*Mr Whitshall
Figures long awaited
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Dear Foye*

73) Would you please refer to the Commissioner's letter BIOT/157/172/II of 16th June, 1969 in which we promised to send you up to date population figures for Chagos.

2. I am enclosing the tables with this letter and I hope that the form I have chosen to set them out in is clear. It is not quite the form in which you asked for it but I am afraid that the family mobility which is a feature of Ilois life makes any other form of presentation complex and cumbersome. The figures were compiled at a time when some of the inhabitants were leaving by ship and others had just arrived and you will see that there are a number of family households without an adult male. This will no doubt have been rectified by the time you receive this letter and it is an indication of one further problem we shall have to face if we have to resettle the population.

79) 3. The figures were compiled by the island managers who submitted detailed lists giving names of the members of each family. So far as possible we have checked this against our records to ensure that the division between Seychellois, Mauritians and Ilois is as accurate as possible. The only figure which causes me some concern is that for adult female Ilois on Peros Banhos. This has fallen from 43 in March 1968 to 27 now but the number of Ilois children has only decreased by 9. I will seek an explanation when I go to the island. However, as the position is never static I think we can accept the figures as sufficiently accurate for general consideration of the problem and the attached summary of the position may be useful. As you will see from this summary and from our telegram BIOT 24 it may be possible to settle all the Ilois now in Chagos on Agalega. Those in Mauritius, however, remain unaccounted for.

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POPULATION OF CHAGOS - JUNE 1969

DIEGO GARCIA

1. Population

Seychellois
Mauritians
Ilois

TOTAL

	ADULTS		Total	CHILDREN	TOTAL
	Male	Female			
Seychellois	108	32	140	49	189
Mauritians	5	3	8	4	12
Ilois	27	30	57	72	129
TOTAL	140	65	205	125	330

2. Household Size

No. of persons in household	SEYCHELLOIS	MAURITIANS	ILOIS	TOTAL
1	75	3	-	78
2	16	1	12	29
3	7	1	4	12
4	2	1	3	6
5	4	-	1	5
6	1	-	3	4
7	1	-	3	4
8	1	-	2	2
9	1	-	-	1
10	-	-	1	1
11	1	-	1	2
Single persons	75	3	-	78
Families	33	3	30	66
Total no. of Households	108	6	30	144

3. Incomplete family units

Seychellois
Mauritians
Ilois

TOTAL

FAMILIES WITHOUT		TOTAL
ADULT MALE	ADULT FEMALE	
-	1	1
-	1	1
3	-	3
3	2	5

PEROS BANHOS

1. Population

	ADULTS			CHILDREN	TOTAL
	Male	Female	Total		
Seychellois	10	3	13	3	16
Mauritius	3	2	5	3	8
Ilois	38	27	65	75	140
TOTAL	51	32	83	81	164

2. Household Size

No. of persons in household	SEYCHELLOIS	MAURITIANS	ILOIS	TOTAL
1	7	1	17	25
2	1	-	5	6
3	1	1	5	7
4	1	1	6	8
5	-	-	2	2
6	-	-	4	4
7	-	-	3	3
8	-	-	1	1
9	-	-	-	-
10	-	-	-	-
11	-	-	1	1
Single persons	7	1	17	25
Families	3	2	27	32
Total no. of Households	10	3	44	57

3. Incomplete Families

	FAMILIES WITHOUT		TOTAL
	ADULT MALE	ADULT FEMALE	
Seychellois	-	-	-
Mauritians	-	-	-
Ilois	5	1	6
TOTAL	5	1	6

SALOMON

1. Population

	ADULTS			CHILDREN	TOTAL
	Male	Female	Total		
Seychellois	14	7	21	22	43
Mauritians	1	-	1	-	1
Ilois	40	29	69	84	153
TOTAL	55	36	91	106	197

2. Household Size

No. of Persons in household	SEYCHELLOIS	MAURITIANS	ILOIS	TOTAL
1	8	1	25	34
2	1	-	2	3
3	1	-	3	4
4	-	-	4	4
5	2	-	5	7
6	2	-	5	7
7	-	-	-	-
8	1	-	2	3
9	-	-	2	2
10	-	-	1	1
Single persons	8	1	25	34
Families	7	-	24	31
Total no. of households	15	1	49	65

3. Incomplete families

	FAMILIES WITHOUT		TOTAL
	ADULT MALE	ADULT FEMALE	
Seychellois	1	1	2
Mauritians	-	-	-
Ilois	5	-	5
TOTAL	6	1	7

TOTAL CHAGOS

1. Population

	ADULTS		Total	CHILDREN	TOTAL
	Male	Female			
Seychellois	132	42	174	74	248
Mauritians	9	5	14	7	21
Ilois	105	86	191	231	422
TOTAL	246	133	379	312	691

2. Household Size

No. of Persons in household	SEYCHELLOIS	MAURITIANS	ILOIS	TOTAL
1	90	5	42	137
2	18	1	19	38
3	9	2	12	23
4	3	2	13	18
5	6	-	8	14
6	3	-	12	15
7	1	-	6	7
8	1	-	5	6
9	1	-	2	3
10	-	-	2	2
11	1	-	2	3
Single Persons:	90	5	42	137
Families	43	5	81	129
Total no. of households	133	10	123	266

3. Incomplete Families

	FAMILIES WITHOUT		TOTAL
	ADULT MALE	ADULT FEMALE	
Seychellois	1	2	3
Mauritians	-	1	1
Ilois	13	1	14
TOTAL	14	4	18

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Todd's Room

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RESETTLEMENT OF POPULATION OF CHAGOS

To be moved at 6 months notice from Diego Garcia

SEYCHELLOIS

Total 189

75 single persons

33 families (65 adults and
49 children)

All to be returned to Seychelles unless
U.S. can provide employment for men.

MAURITIANS

Total 12

3 single persons

3 families (5 adults and
4 children)

To be returned to Mauritius.

ILOIS

Total 129

30 families (57 adults and
72 children)

[To be sent to Peros Banhos and Salomon
in first instance.]

To be removed gradually from Peros Banhos and Salomon?

SEYCHELLOIS

Total 59

15 single persons

10 families (19 adults and
25 children)

To be returned to Seychelles.

MAURITIANS

Total 9

2 single persons

2 families (4 adults and
3 children)

To be returned to Mauritius.

ILOIS (including those transferred from Diego Garcia)

Total 422

268

42 single persons

81 families (149 adults and
231 children)

[To be resettled in Agalaga and Mauritius?]