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NOTE FOR JIM JONES

Jim:

The problem of Aldabra has disappeared as of this morning. A cable came from Healey to McNamara (Attachment A) which says they are not going ahead with the project because of the economy measures announced on the weekend. So in a way the President doesn't have to see Dr. Ripley because the issue has disappeared. He could, of course, opt to see him anyway. ←

I am attaching a copy of the brief paper (Attachment B) that went to Secretary McNamara to get the British to attempt to change the island to Farquhar. A team went over in September to talk to Healey and he was adamant that the British would not change unless the bird strike problem was unsurmountable. The following attachments are also included: |

Attachment C - Healey letter to go ahead with project

Attachment D - Trip report on negotiation in September referred to above

Don

Any other questions you have I'll be glad to answer on the phone
JR.

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