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SUBJECT: INDIAN OCEAN ISLAND FACILITIES

CINCPAC, CINCLANT, CINCSRIKE FOR POLADS

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PURSUANT REFTTEL, EMBOFF ADVISED FONOFF (GRAHAM AND MORLAND,
PERM UNDER-SEC DEPT) OF PRESENT US MILITARY REQUIREMENTS
INDIAN OCEAN ISLANDS.

FONOFF HAD ANTICIPATED PRESENTATION, BASED ON ITS REPORT
THAT MAJOR STATE-DOD MEETING WAS HELD JAN 6. EXHIBITED
MILD SURPRISE, AND SOME CONCERN, THAT US WOULD WISH BITE
OFF SUCH SIZEABLE NUMBER OF ISLANDS IN ABSENCE OF CLEARLY
DELINEATED REQUIREMENT AND REASONABLE PROSPECTS OF FUNDING
CONTEMPLATED FACILITIES IN NEAR FUTURE. GRAHAM AND MORLAND
DOUBTED WHETHER HMG COULD DETACH ALL ISLANDS LISTED SUBPARA
C REFTTEL (SEE PARA 2D, EMBTEL 6438, JUNE 25 RE SPECIAL CIR-

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CUMSTANCES COETIVY AND ILE DES ROCHES). EMBOFF NOTED US RESPONDING TO OFT-REPEATED BRIT REQUEST THAT WE NOT APPROACH DETACHMENT PROCESS ON PIECEMEAL BASIS, BUT INSTEAD SHARE RESPECTIVE LONG-RANGE NEEDS FULLY AND FRANKLY ON BOTH SIDES.

PECK (ASST UNDER-SEC, FAR EASTERN DEPT, FONOFF) TO WHOM MATTER ALSO BROACHED, NOTED ON PERSONAL BASIS THAT DETACHMENT ALL CHAGOS ARCHIPELAGO, NOT DIEGO GARCIA ALONE, WOULD BE MOST SENSIBLE PROCEDURE. ADDED THAT MAURITIUS CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE NOW SCHEDULED JULY.

FONOFF APPRECIATED OFFER THAT US TEAM COME TO LOND TN ON SAME BASIS AS FEBRUARY 1964, BUT RESERVED JUDGMENT PENDING CONSULTATIONS WITH COLOFF AND MOD. ALSO RAISED TWO ADDITIONAL POINTS:

1. IMPERATIVE NEED TO HAVE SUITABLE JUSTIFICATION FOR MINISTERS AND PLAUSIBLE EXPLANATION TO PUBLIC OF MILITARY NEED FOR ADDITIONAL ISLANDS. COMMUNICATIONS SITE IS SATISFACTORY STORY SO FAR AS DIEGO GARCIA CONCERNED, BUT THIS COULD HARDLY BE EXTENDED TO COVER ALDAERA, FOR INSTANCE. OVER LONG RANGE, WOULD OF COURSE BE DESIRABLE TO HAVE THIS SITE AS ALTERNATIVE IN EVENT ADEN NO LONGER AVAILABLE, BUT NOT FACING THIS PROSPECT NOW.

2. UK WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING US PLANS REGARDING REST OF INDIAN OCEAN AREA, PARTICULARLY STATUS OF DISCUSSIONS// WITH AUSTRALIA RE COCOS ISLANDS.

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