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FM AMEMBASSY PORT LOUIS
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5948
INFO SOUTHERN AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY
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AMEMBASSY LONDON

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SENSITIVE

E.O. 12958: N/A
TAGS: PREL, MARR, UK, MP
SUBJECT: JUDGMENT ON ILOIS' SUIT ON CHAGOS ISLANDS
(DIEGO GARCIA) EXPECTED NOVEMBER 3

REF: STATE 186650

(U) SENSITIVE BUT UNCLASSIFIED. PLEASE PROTECT
ACCORDINGLY.

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1. (SBU) BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER [REDACTED] PHONED
DCM OCTOBER 30, TO INFORM THE LATTER THAT THE JUDGEMENT
IN THE LAWSUIT BROUGHT AGAINST HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT
BY THE ILOIS OVER THE LATTER'S REMOVAL FROM THE CHAGOS
ARCHIPELAGO, WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, AT
09:30 LONDON TIME, OR 13:30 MAURITIAN TIME.

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2. (SBU) [REDACTED] SAID THAT HIS ANSWER TO PRESS
INQUIRIES FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE JUDGEMENT WILL BE
THAT HE IS AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS FROM LONDON, AND THAT
HMG'S RESPONSE TO THE OUTCOME OF THE LAWSUIT WILL BE
TRANSMITTED TO THE MAURITIAN GOVERNMENT, NOT TO THE
MAURITIAN MEDIA.

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3. (SBU) DCM INFORMED THE HIGH COMMISSIONER THAT
EMBASSY'S REPLY TO ANY PRESS INQUIRIES WILL BE THAT ALL
INQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE BRITISH HIGH
COMMISSION AS THIS CONCERNS A CIVIL LAWSUIT BETWEEN
PLAINTIFFS AND THE UK (REFTEL).
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