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TAGS: MARR, MP
SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR CONTINGENT PRESS GUIDANCE ON DIEGO
GARCIA IN ANTICIPATION OF UK COURT VERDICT

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ACCORDINGLY.

1. (U) ACTION REQUEST IN PARAGRAPH 3.

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2. (U) THE MAURITIAN PRESS IS REPORTING THAT A VERDICT
IS EXPECTED IN THE UK COURT CASE BROUGHT BY ILOIS SEEKING
TO RETURN TO THE CHAGOS ARCHIPELAGO. THE EMBASSY IS
RECEIVING AN INCREASING NUMBER OF INQUIRIES FROM THE
MEDIA REGARDING THE U.S. POSITION ON THIS ISSUE. WE ARE
REFUSING ALL COMMENT.

3. (SBU) ACTION REQUEST: EMBASSY REQUESTS CONTINGENT
PRESS GUIDANCE SO THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO RESPOND QUICKLY
TO INQUIRIES FROM THE MAURITIAN GOVERNMENT AND/OR MEDIA
FOLLOWING ISSUANCE OF THE UK VERDICT, NO MATTER WHETHER
THAT VERDICT FAVORS THE ILOIS OR THE UK'S POSITION. IF
CONTINGENT GUIDANCE IS NOT DOABLE AHEAD OF TIME, WE
REQUEST THAT PRESS GUIDANCE BE PROVIDED AS SOON AS

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POSSIBLE ONCE THE VERDICT IS ISSUED.
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