

ORIGIN PM-00

UNCLASSIFIED

E18

RELEASED IN PART
B1, 1.4(B), 1.4(D)

INFO	LOG-00	NP-00	AF-00	A-00	ACQ-00	CIAE-00	INL-00
	DOTE-00	DS-00	EAP-00	EB-00	EUR-00	FAAE-00	FBIE-00
	VC-00	H-00	TEDE-00	INR-00	CAC-00	VCE-00	M-00
	NEA-00	NSAE-00	OCS-00	TFBI-00	P-00	FMPC-00	IRM-00
	SSO-00	SS-00	SA-00	ASDS-00	EPAE-00	PMB-00	DSCC-00
	G-00	SAS-00	/000R				

125965

SOURCE: KODAKD.008024

DRAFTED BY: PM/ISO:JEHAYES/CPWILSON:NWS -- 06/07/04 7-9000

APPROVED BY: PM:LPBLOOMFIELD

SA:BWILKINSON AF/E:HRROWE EUR/UBI:EEWING

P:GFROWICK PM/ISO:CWILSON DS/IPAF:RCRAWFORD

CA:DANDRUCH D:JGASTRICHT L/PM:TMITCHELL SES-

O/CMS:CJAZYNKA M:ASISK

DESIRED DISTRIBUTION:

PMAT, PM/ISO

-----2B021D 080254Z /38

O 080252Z JUN 04

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY PORT LOUIS IMMEDIATE

INFO NSC WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6591

AMEMBASSY LONDON IMMEDIATE

SECDEF WASHDC IMMEDIATE 7198

AMEMBASSY NAIROBI IMMEDIATE

CDR USCENTCOM IMMEDIATE

HQ EUCOM VAIHINGEN GE IMMEDIATE

JOINT STAFF WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1275

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 125965

LONDON FOR DAMIAN LEADER

E.O. 12958: DECL: 06/07/14

TAGS: MARR, MOPS, PREL, CASC, ASEC, UK, MP, SE

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE REACTION TO IMPENDING UK

LEGISLATION BLOCKING RETURN OF CHAGOSSIAN TO DIEGO
GARCIA

CLASSIFIED BY DIRECTOR FOR PM/ISO COL. CHARLES P.
WILSON FOR REASONS: 1.5 (A) AND (D).

1. (U) THIS IS AN ACTION MESSAGE. SEE PARA 4.

2. (C) THE ISLAND OF DIEGO GARCIA, WHICH IS PART OF THE
CHAGOS ARCHIPELAGO IN THE BRITISH INDIAN OCEAN
TERRITORY, HOSTS A KEY JOINT UK-U.S. MILITARY FACILITY,

UNCLASSIFIED

WHICH AMONG OTHER THINGS SERVES AS A CRITICAL SUPPORT FACILITY FOR THE GWOT. ALTHOUGH THE UK AND THE U.S. ARE THE SUBJECTS OF SEPARATE CLASS-ACTION LAWSUITS FILED BY THE CHAGOSSIANS, WHO INHABITED DIEGO GARCIA BEFORE IT

BECAME A DEFENSE FACILITY, BOTH ARE COMMITTED TO KEEPING DIEGO GARCIA SECURE.

3. (C) HMG HAS INFORMED US THAT IT PLANS TO ADOPT A MEASURE ON JUNE 10, TO BE SIGNED INTO LAW BY THE QUEEN, THAT WILL LEGALLY BAR RESETTLEMENT OF THE CHAGOS ARCHIPELAGO BY ITS FORMER INHABITANTS. THIS RESPONDS TO A THREAT BY THE CHAGOSSIANS TO RESETTLE ON THE OUTER ISLANDS AND OUR OBJECTIONS TO ANY SUCH RESETTLEMENT. HMG VIEWS A RESETTLEMENT BAN AS ALSO BEING IN THE UK'S DEFENSE INTEREST.

B1

B1

POWELL

NNNN

UNCLASSIFIED