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SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS

Diego Garcia

- Appreciate ongoing close U.S./UK cooperation both on the island and in capitals.
- As UKG is well aware, U.S. strongly believes Diego Garcia is of critical long-term strategic importance to both our Governments.

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Longbird Bridge on Bermuda

- We note that there seems to be a locally held impression in Bermuda that the USG is liable for reimbursement of any and all work undertaken on the bridge, whether done with our without or authorization, and that we are even liable to provide a replacement for this bridge.
- This is not consistent with our understanding.
- We are working with DOD to determine how best to address this.

(If raised) Bermuda base cleanup

- Understand you are meeting with DOD/DAS Bolling and that you may convey new information about environmental conditions on the islands
- Will encourage DOD counterparts to give this serious review.

(If raised) Devil's Ashpit

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