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INFO RUSBKP/AMEMBASSY KARACHI
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CINCMEAFSA 05 DOD 11 FROM LONDON JULY 7, 7 PM

CINCMEAFSA FOR POLAD

NEW DELHI'S 41 TO DEPT

INDIAN OCEAN

FOLLOWING IS PERTINENT EXTRACT FROM ECONOMIST ARTICLE JULY 4
(WHICH PRIMARILY DEVOTED TO FUTURE OF ADEN):

"SEARCH (FOR ALTERNATIVE BASE) HAS PROPERLY BEEN ON FOR WELL-SITUATED, SPARSELY POPULATED, POLITICALLY UNEXPLOSIVE HAVEN IN INDIAN OCEAN. EYES, LOGARITHMS AND COMPASSES HAVE BEEN TURNED TO MAURITIUS AND SEYCHELLES; POINTERS SUGGEST THAT THERE IS GOOD DEAL TO BE SAID FOR ONE OF ISLAND DEPENDENCIES MAURITIUS, ONE AT LEAST OF WHICH DOES HAVE NATURAL HARBOUR AND WAS USED DURING SECOND WORLD WAR."

ARTICLE GOES ON TO STATE THAT POSSIBLE PURPOSE OF INDIAN OCEAN BASE (STEPPING STONE TO FAR EAST, MOUNTING POST FOR PEACE-KEEPING OPERATIONS AS IN EAST AFRICA, GUARD AGAINST ARAB TAKE-OVER BIDS LIKE KUWAIT INCIDENT IN 1961, WARNING EYE ON UK OIL

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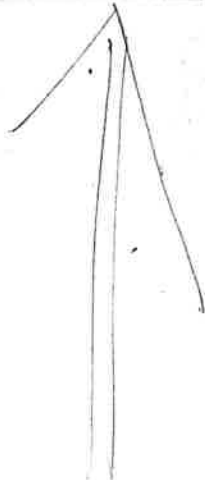
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INTERESTS) COLLECTIVELY JUSTIFY MILITARY EFFORT. LOGIC OF AMERICAN INSISTENCE ON STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE OF UK MOBILE FORCE IN AREA AND UK IMPATIENCE ABOUT UK POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES IN ADEN POINTS UNERRINGLY TO JOINT ANGLO-AMERICAN EXERCISE. THERE STILL EXISTS NEED FOR AUXILIARY FIREMEN OUTSIDE OF UN WHO CAN DO PEACE KEEPING JOBS QUICKLY AND WITHOUT FUSS AND WHOSE PRESENCE MAY ACT AS DETERRENT. SUCH EFFORTS SHOULD BE SHARED AMONG ALLIES. UK TREASURY WOULD BLESS US FOR ANY FINANCIAL HELP IF PROPERLY SURVEYED, PROFESSIONALLY IDENTIFIED AND POLITICALLY PRACTICABLE SUPPLEMENTARY BASE IN INDIAN OCEAN (AS NOW NOT UNLIKELY) SHOULD BE DECIDED UPON; IF HELP GOES BEYOND THIS - AND IT MAY WELL - ALL THE BETTER.

COMMENT: [CAT'S HEAD AT LEAST IS OUT OF THE BAG.] ←

GP-4. BRUCE.

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