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FOLLOWING REPEAT MOSCOW 16168 SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO  
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QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L MOSCOW 16168

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PARM, MARR, UR, US, XO

SUBJECT: INDIAN OCEAN: TASS ACCUSES U.S. OF FREEZING  
TALKS, BUILDING UP FORCES

REF: (A) MOSCOW 15918 (NOTAL), (B) PORT LOUIS 761 (NOTAL)

1. TASS WIRE OF JULY 11 CARRIES ITEM BY "ANALYST"  
ALEKSEI PETROV (ASSUME FBIS HAS PROVIDED TEXT) ON  
INDIAN OCEAN TALKS. MAJOR ELEMENTS OF PIECE,  
OSTENSIBLY POSING TWO QUESTIONS CONCERNING WHY THE  
U.S. HAS "FROZEN" TALKS AND WHY THE U.S. IS "INTENSIVELY  
WIDENING ITS MILITARY ACTIVITY" IN THE INDIAN OCEAN, ARE:  
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-- DESPITE PRESIDENT CARTER'S ASSERTION, NEGOTIATIONS  
"HAVE ACTUALLY BEEN DISCONTINUED," WHICH HAS TAKEN  
PLACE "BY NO MEANS ON THE SOVIET UNION'S INITIATIVE;"

-- THE U.S., AUSTRALIA, AND NEW ZEALAND PLAN "LARGE-  
SCALE NAVAL EXERCISES" IN THE INDIAN OCEAN THIS AUTUMN;

-- CONSTRUCTION "IS FULL SPEED AHEAD" ON DIEGO GARCIA; AND

-- TALKS HAVE RESUMED "ON THE CREATION OF A MILITARY  
BLOC IN THE PERSIAN GULF AREA."

THE ITEM CONCLUDES WITH A RHETORICAL QUESTION  
SUGGESTING THAT THE U.S. HAS FROZEN INDIAN OCEAN  
TALKS "IN ORDER TO FACILITATE A BUILD-UP OF ITS  
MILITARY ACTIVITY IN THAT AREA."

2. COMMENT: AS REFTELS SUGGEST, THE SOVIETS APPEAR  
TO BE BUILDING UP PRESSURE ON THE U.S. ON THE  
SUBJECT OF INDIAN OCEAN TALKS AND THEY PROBABLY  
LOOK TO ARTICLES SUCH AS PETROV'S TO INTENSIFY  
THIS PRESSURE. MORE OF THE SAME CAN PROBABLY BE  
EXPECTED. MATLOCKK

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