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- 1. MOFA DEPUTY PERMSEC KITI REQUESTED MEETING WITH CHIEFPOLOFF ON "IN DIAN OCEAN ZONE FOR PEACE" AND U.S.-SOVIET DISCUSSIONS ON INDIAN OCEAN. MEETING SCHEDULED MAY 14.
- 2. IN CONVERSATION WITH MOFA UNDER SECRETARY MAITHA(UN AND AMERICAS) JULY 28, POLOFF WAS QUERIED ON STATUS U.S.-CONFIDENTIAL

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SOVIET DISCUSSIONS ON INDIAN OCEAN AND REPLIED ALONG LINES REF C. IN AUGUST 4 CONVERSATION WITH MAITHA, LATTER SAID HE HAS PASSED SUBSTANCE EARLIER CONVERSATION ON TO KITI WHO PRESENTLY WORKING ON GOK POSITION RE INDIAN OCEAN ZONE OF PEACE. KITI USUALLY PREPARES GOK POSITIONS FOR UNGA AND WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY BE ON GOK DELEGATION TO 33RD UNGA.

- 3. EMBASSY NOTES INDIAN OCEAN ZONE OF PEACE FIGURED IN FINAL DECLARATION OF BELGRADE NAM CONFERENCE (PARA 9 REF B) AND MAITHA MENTIONED POSSIBILITY OF UPCOMING METTING THIS SUBJECT HOSTED BY SRI LANKA.
- 4. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, GOK HAS ESPOUSED PUBLICLY INDIAN OCEAN ZONE OF PEACE CONCEPT AND HAS OBJECTED TO BIG POWER RIVALRY WHICH LIKELY TO ENGULF LITTORAL STATES. HOWEVER, TOP-LEVEL KENYAN LEADERSHIP HAS WELCOMED U.S. NAVAL PRESENCE MOMBASA AND HAS OFFERED US ACCESS FOR P-3 STAGINGSM AS IF OFTEN CASE, FOREIGN MINISTRY DOES NOT REFLECT TURE POSITION KENYAN GOVERNMENT.
- 5. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING FROM DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE FOR UPCOMING TALK SHOULD IT BE USEFUL TO PASS ON MORE THAN WHAT CONTAINED REF C. ALSO, AS DIEGO GARCIA BASE SURELY TO BE RAISED BY KITI, WOULD WELCOME SPECIFIC GUIDANCE THIS POINT.

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