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1. RE PARAGRAPH 5 REFTEL, WE URGE THAT WE BE AUTHORIZED TO PASS TO SINGAPORE GOVERNMENT MATERIAL IN PARAGRAPH 4 REFTEL IN ADDITION TO THAT IN PARAGRAPHS 2 AND 3. SINGAPORE GOVERNMENT IS DEEPLY INTERESTED IN INDIAN OCEACN DEVELOPMENTS, ESPECIALLY US-SOVIET PRESENCE. SINGAPORE IS ALSO MORE CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH US ACTIVITIES IN INDIAN OCEAN THAN MOST OF THOSE ADDRESSES SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH 4. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, SUPPLY FLIGHTS TO DIEGO GARCIA ARE STAGED THROUGH SINGAPORE, P-3 FLIGHTS ARE OVER-FLYING SINGAPORE AIR SPACE, AND WE ARE IN PROCESS OF SEEKING GOVERNMENT PERMISSION TO STAGE P-3 FLIGHTS THROUGH SINGAPORE. THIS IS, OF COURSE, IN ADDITION TO SINGAPORE FACILITIES USED BY U.S. NAVAL VESSELS, INCLUDING THOSE INVOLVED IN INDIAN OCEAN ACTIVITIES.

2. GIVEN THIS DEGREE OF INTEREST AND DIRECT ASSOCIATION, WE BELIEVE IT HIGHLY IMPORTANT THAT GOS BE GIVEN FULLEST POSSIBLE BRIEFING ON US-SOVIET INDIAN OCEAN TALKS. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST. CONFIDENTIAL

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