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SUBJECT: SEYCHELLES PRESS CALLS FOR WITHDRAWAL OF BIG POWER
MILITARY FORCES FROM INDIAN OCEAN REGION

REF: VICTORIA 946 (NOTAL)

1. IN LEAD EDITORIAL SEPT 15, GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED DAILY
CALLED FOR WITHDRAWAL OF BIG POWER MILITARY FORCES FROM
INDIAN OCEAN. EDITORIAL MAKES REFERENCE TO RECENT
COMMENTS IN MOSCOW BY INDIAN FOREIGN MINISTER VAJPAYEE,
TO EFFECT THAT SOVIETS DESIRE RESUME BILATERAL TALKS ON
REDUCTION OF FORCES IN INDIAN OCEAN, WHICH WERE SUSPENDED
BY U.S. SIDE IN FEBRUARY. VAJPAYEE QUOTED AS ADVOCATING
INDIAN OCEAN FREE OF FOREIGN BASES, SPECIFICALLY INCLUDING
DIEGO GARCIA. USING VAJPAYEE'S REPORTED COMMENTS AS
POINT OF DEPARTURE, EDITORIAL CITES COMMENTS MADE FOUR
YEARS AGO BY PRESIDENT RENE CRITICIZING BIG POWER
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MILITARY BUILD-UP IN REGION. IT ASSERTS THAT RENE'S
VIEWS EXPRESSED THEN REMAIN VALID TODAY AS MADE CLEAR
RECENTLY WHEN HE (RENE) ANNOUNCED SEYCHELLES WOULD NOT PERMIT
ANY COUNTRY TO ESTABLISH MILITARY BASE IN ITS TERRITORY.
(SEE REFTEL) EDITORIAL CONCLUDES BY ASSERTING THAT SEYCHELLES
SAYS "NO" TO BIG POWER RIVALRY NOW GOING ON, AND CALLS NOT ONLY
FOR REDUCTION OF MILITARY FORCES, BUT FOR THEIR COMPLETE

WITHDRAWAL FROM REGION.

2. BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL IN COURSE NEXT CONVERSATION ON
OTHER MATTERS TO BRIEF FOREIGN MINISTER ON U.S. POSITION RE
INDIAN OCEAN TALKS PER STATE 184776. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION
TO DO THIS.
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