

ence but that the Chagos Archipelago (Diego Garcia) would be detached.

Kitchen suspects that the Brits may have over-read a new development—we now wonder whether a commo relay station in Diego Garcia would be as useful as a communications satellite. This is simply technological progress, not a loss of interest. At any rate, the Navy is simply holding up budgeting till this matter is sorted out.

You probably know better than I that the Brits are probing for US subsidies on various specifics East of Suez. I gather our position is that these matters can only be discussed as part of a much larger issue, including our support of sterling.

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<sup>1</sup>Source: Johnson Library, National Security File, Name File, Komer Memos, Vol. II. Secret.