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There's a 50-50 chance The Washington Post tomorrow may break a front-page story on US-UK plans to set up Indian Ocean island facilities. Robert Estabrook filed a detailed story in mid-June for use at Al Friendly's discretion. Greenfield and Kitchen talked him out of using it then on grounds that it would upset delicate negotiations with local leaders. Now Friendly says The Economist has the full story and doesn't want to be scooped. State is trying to find out from London how much The Economist really has.

I'm attaching a note for the President in case you think there's any danger in his being taken by surprise. I don't know how well briefed he is on this.

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