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C O N F I D E N T I A L PORT LOUIS 1114  
SUBJ: DIEGO GARCIA POPULATION

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1. DURING CONVERSATION OTHER SUBJECTS DECEMBER 16, FINLIN  
RINGADOO REFERRED DIEGO GARCIA ANNOUNCEMENT AND EXPRESSED  
HOPE US NAVY WOULD BE ABLE EMPLOY NUMBER "OUR PEOPLE"  
(PRESUMABLY DIEGO GARCIA) DURING CONSTRUCTION. AMBASSADOR  
SAID LACKED DETAILED INFO HOW CONSTRUCTION WOULD BE ORGANIZED  
OR STAFFED. RINGADOO MADE NO CRITICISM PROPOSED PROJECT.

2. COMMENT: PARA (7) (A) OF 1966 US/UK EXCHANGE NOTES INDICATES  
WORKERS MAY POSSIBLY BE EMPLOYED "FROM MAURITIUS." WE PRESUME  
LANGUAGE WOULD COVER ANY MAURITIANS LOCALLY RECRUITED ON DIEGO  
GARCIA. US/UK ANNOUNCEMENT STATES "UNITS OF US NAVAL CONSTRUCTION  
FORCE WILL BUILD IT" (STATE 202722) BUT UNCLEAR WHETHER THIS  
PRECEDUES CONTRACT EMPLOYMENT LOCAL LABOR. APPRECIATE GUIDANCE,  
SINCE UNEMPLOYMENT SERIOUS POLITICAL ISSUE HERE AND GOM OFFICIALS  
CAN BE EXPECTED CONTINUE PRESS POINT. GP-3.  
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