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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORT ON ILOIS SETTLEMENT

1. MAJOR LOCAL DAILY EXPRESS FEATURED ON OCT 16 ARTICLE ON  
ILOIS SETTLEMENT SUMMARIZED PARA 2.

2. ACCORDING EXPRESS, GOM, NOT ILOIS, WILL RECEIVE "10 MILLION  
RUPEES" PRINCIPALLY FOR RESETTLEMENT AND ECONOMIC REINTEGRA-  
TION. "LONG MONTHS" LIKELY PASS BEFORE GOM RESPONSIBILITY  
DISCHARGED. SPECIAL PRIME MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE SET UP LOOK  
AFTER ILOIS HAS NOT BEEN ACTIVE. ISSUE DEMONSTRATES LACK FORE-  
SIGHT AND PLANNING ON PART GOM AND HMG. "ALL EXPELLED PEOPLE DO  
NOT COME FROM UGANDA". THIS REPRESENTS "ONE OF SADDEST EPISODES"  
OF RECENT MAURITIAN HISTORY. BOTH GOM AND HMG KNEW WELL BEFORE  
"SALE" OF DIEGO TO UK THAT PEOPLE OF DIEGO GARCIA "WHO ARE  
LEGALLY MAURITIAN" WOULD HAVE TO BE TRANSFERRED. SINCE  
RELOCATION ON AGALEGA WITH MOULINIE COMPANY PROVED UNECONOMIC,  
PEOPLE OF DIEGO GARCIA HAD TO BE RETURNED MAURITIUS FROM OUTSET,  
BUT GOM RELUCTANT WELCOME THEM, IN SPITE OF REALITIES. DIFFERENT  
GOVERNMENTS INVOLVED, MAURITIAN, BRITISH AND AMERICAN, BATTED  
ISSUE BACK AND FORTH LIKE TENNIS BALL. FINALLY "UNDER PRESSURE  
OF USG FOR PROMPT SOLUTION, THAT GOVERNMENT NOT WISHING TO BE  
INVOLVED IN DETERIORATION OF SOCIAL SITUATION IN THE CONTEXT  
OF DEFENSE TREATY IN INDIAN OCEAN AND FEARING INTERNATIONAL  
COMPLICATIONS", AN AGREEMENT WAS REACHED BETWEEN BRITISH AND

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MAURITIAN GOVERNMENTS. ACTUALLY 300 FAMILIES (OR 1250 PEOPLE)  
ALREADY IN MAURITIUS AND "ACCORDING CERTAIN INDICATIONS" 150  
OTHER "FAMILIES" ARE EXPECTED.  
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