

Do you have any comment on former Ambassador Moynihan's reactions and comments?

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Guidance: At the time of the Administration's request for funds for the construction of this base, ample justification was provided the Congress and the public and I would refer you to the record on that. I would have no specific reaction to Ambassador Moynihan's comments and it would be appropriate for the State Department to comment on U.S. contacts with the countries bordering the Indian Ocean with regard to Diego Garcia.

FYL: If asked whether the President will provide Congress with the necessary ^{de}termination that Diego Garcia is vital to the security of the United States, you should say that you expect he will but have no information on when he might do so. End FYL