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1. AS OF OCTOBER 21, FCO'S LATEST INFORMATION ON RESETTLEMENT OF ILOIS WAS 14 DAYS OLD AND CONTAINED NOTHING TO THROW ANY REAL LIGHT ON ALLEGED "JAILING" OF ILOIS IN SEYCHELLES. FCO HAS BEEN UNDER SAME IMPRESSION AS THE REST OF US: I.E. THAT ALL ILOIS OF MAURITIAN ORIGIN WOULD BE TAKEN TO NORTHERN ISLANDS OR, IF CONTRACTS AT END, TO MAURITIUS. FCO'S LAST REPORT WAS THAT THERE WERE ONLY EIGHT PEOPLE IN LATTER CATEGORY.



2. FCO HAS CABLED GREATBATCH FOR STATUS REPORT AND WILL: KEEP CARTER AND US INFORMED OF WHATEVER IT LEARNS. MEANWHILE, BRITS TAKING SURPRISINGLY PHLEGMATIC VIEW OF BERENGER'S ACTIVITIES. WE HAVE URGED UPON THEM THE THOUGHT THAT MATTER IS AT VERY LEAST OF ENOUGH IMPORTANCE TO WARRANT ROUTINE USE OF BETTER COMMUNICATIONS THAN MONTHLY DIPLOMATIC BAG.

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