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SUBJECT: ILOIS ISSUE "SETTLED"

REF: PORT LOUIS A-168

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1. NOW RPT NOW UNDERSTAND FROM BRITHICOM CARTER THAT PRIMIN RAMGOOLAM PROVIDED POSITIVE RESPONSE TO HMG ON ILOIS RESETTLEMENT ISSUE JUST PRIOR HIS SEPT 4 DEPARTURE FOR UNGA. ACCORDING CARTER, CONFIDENTIAL EXCHANGE OF NOTES PROVIDES: (A) BRITISH OFFER 650,000 STERLING AS "FULL AND FINAL" SETTLEMENT THIS ISSUE; AND (B) GOM REPLY ACCEPTING GRANT WITH STIPULATION THIS IN NO WAY DEROGATES FROM "ORAL AGREEMENT" RE PRESERVATION CERTAIN RIGHTS IN CHAGOS AREA. (COMMENT: LATTER PHRASE OBVIOUSLY REFLECTS PRIMIN'S CONTINUING EFFORT SEEK KEEP DOOR OPEN FOR MINERALS EXPLOITATION NOTWITHSTANDING NEGOTIATING HISTORY SUMMARIZED OUR A-77. CARTER COMMENTED PRIMIN HAS BEEN TOLD IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS AT HIGH LEVEL IN FCO THAT THIS QUESTION WILL REMAIN "FROZEN" UNTIL HMG DECIDES THERE NO FURTHER DEFENSE USE FOR CHAGOS.)

2. ON RELATED SUBJECT, CARTER HOPED FINAL 190-ODD MARUITIAN ILOIS MIGHT BE BROUGHT HERE FROM CHAGOS IN OCTOBER-NOVEMBER IN NEWLY REPAIRED "NORDVAIR". HOWEVER, HE DEFERRING SEEKING GOM CONCURRENCE THIS OPERATION UNTIL PRIMIN RETURNS SEPTE 29, LEST ACTING PRIMIN DUVAL LET SLIP SOMETHING TO PRESS. CARTER

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INDICATED HMG HOPES GOM WILL THEREAFTER CARRY RESETTLEMENT BALL  
BUT THAT HE FEARS MAURITIANS MAY SUBSEQUENTLY REQUEST BRIT  
EXPERT TO ASSIST IN PERMANENT RELOCATION ILOIS IN THIS COUNTRY.  
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