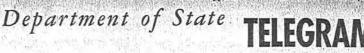
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1. BRITISH HICOM CARTER: CALLED BECEMBER 31 TO DISCUSS DECEMBER: 29 FCO RPT FCO: TELEGRAM ON DIEGO GARCIA, ACCORDING: CARTER, FCO BELIEVES ANY US "RE-VICTUALLING" SHOULD BE BASED SEYCHELES AND NOT RPT NOT MAURITIUS. FCO REASONING APPARENTLY THAT ANY AMERICAN REPLENISHMENT EXERCISE (PARA 2:STATE REFTEL) HERE WOULD FOCUS GOM ATTENTION ON DIEGO GARCIA OPERATION, THUS COMPLICATING BRITISH EFFORTS: WORK OUT ILDIS ISSUE WITH GOM. TOLD CARTER THAT, ON CONTRARY, ANY ARRANGEMENTS WHICH PROVIDED AT LEAST SOME EMPLOYMENT AND INCOME FOR MAURITIUS WOULD SEEM LIKELY MAKE DIEGO EXERCISE MORE! PALATABLE HERE, PARTICULARLY VIEW USG INABILITY USE! MAURITIANS PN CONSTRUCTION. CARTER SAID HE AGREED, NOTING! IT WOULD HARDLY BE POSSIBLE AVOID KINDLING ON INTEREST HERE! IN PROJECT AS CONSTRUCTION COMMENCES. HE INDICATED!

2. CARTER REFERRED POSSIBILITY FIRST SHIP ARRIVING HERE MIDDLE MARCH AND I EXPLAINED DETAILS ALONG LINES PARA 2

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STATE REFIEL. CARTER AGREED THAT TRANSIT AMERICAN SAILORS:
FROM AIRPORT TO SHIP WOULD CAUSE CONSIDERABLE PUBLIC NOTICE!
AND WOULD SOMEWHAT WEAKEN GOM CASE IN REFUSING ANY SIMILAR O
REQUEST BY SOVIETS HOWEVER, HE COMMENTED JOKINGLY THAT ONLY REAL
MAURITIAN CONCERN WOULD BE THAT SAILORS NOT STAYING HERE.
CARTER WHBINED GOM LIKELY RESIST ANY SIMILAR SOVIET REQUEST
WHETHER OR NOT PROPOSED AMERICAN FLY-IN TAKES PLACE.

3. FCOTHAS ASKEDICARTER PROPOSE DEVELOPMENT A LIPSCHEME!
WHICH WOULD MAKE POSSIBLE ILDIS ABSORPTION MAURITIUS. HIGH
COMMISSION NOW MAKING SOME PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES COSTS:
INVOLVED, BUT CARTER INTENDS POINT OUT TO LONDON IT
DIFFICULT MAKE ANY FIRM ASSESSMENT UNMRRAHE AUTHORIZED:
DISCUSS WITH GOM: MOREOVER, WHILE GOVERNOR SEYCHELLES HAS:
REPORTED HIS AREA UNABLE ABSORB ANY BEYOND LEGITIMATE
SEYCHELLOIS, IT STILL UNCLEAR HOW MANY ILDIS MIGHT BE
ABSORBED AGALEGA. CARTER NOTED SOME POLITICAL PLAY ALREADY
MADE BY OPPOSITION: ASSEMBLYMAN OLLIVRY OF FACT 300 ILDIS
HAVE RETURNED HERE. I RECALLED GLLIVRY IS DEPUTY FOR
RODRIGUES AND SUGGESTED PORION ILLOIS, AT LEAST, MIGHT
HAVE ROOTS THERE IF SO, MIGHT BE SOMEWHAT LESS:
DIFFICULT REINTEGRATE GROUP RODRIGUES THAN MAURITIUS
PROPER. CARTER SEEMED INTERESTED.

COMMENT: CARTER: CLEARLY SHARES VIEWS EXPRESSED PORT LOUIS:
REFIEL RE: DESTRABILITY USG SEEKING: INVOLVE: MAURITIUS IN: DIEGO
REPLENISHMENT: THIS PARTICULARLY USEFUL: VIEW POSSIBILITY
THIS: MIGHT EVOLVE INTO: LONG-TERM ARRANGENENTS (PARA 4:STATE:
REFIEL) WHICH WOULD: HELP: ALLEVIATE: CURRENT MAURITIAN ECONOMIC:
WOEF: ACCORDINGLY HOPE WE: MAY BE AUTHORIZED: TAKE INITIAL: SOUND:
INGS HERE: SHORTLY (CF: CANBERRA 6566) IF SO, WOULD: BE: USEFUL: FOR MEMBER BRIEFING: TEAM VISIT HERE WHILE IN AREA (PORT LOUIS: 1135).
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