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SUBJ: BIOT

QM BROOKE TURNER, DEF DEPT, FONOFF, SOUNDED OUT EMBOFF TODAY ON WASHINGTON'S DESIRES RE DIEGO GARCIA SURVEY. POINTED OUT US HAD INDICATED IN MID-SEPT (REF A) DESIRE FOR EARLY INITIATION OF SURVEY. ON THIS BASIS HMG HAD MOVED FORWARD WITH SOME DESPATCH AS MANIFESTED BY AGREEMENT (REF B) TO PROCEED WITH SURVEY AT ANY TIME ON 45 DAYS NOTICE. MEANWHILE NECESSARY ORDER-IN-COUNCIL FOR COMPULSORY ATTACHMENT OF LAND HAS GONE FORWARD AD, ACCORDING TO BROOKE TURNER, IS NOW IN HANDS OF GOVERNOR OF SEYCHELLES FOR COMMENT.

2. FOR REASONS ELABORATED IN PARA 1A, REF B, UK DOES NOT WISH TO SURFACE FACT OF SURVEY PERMATURELY TO MOULINIE. BRITS FEEL LEAK WELL IN ADVANCE OF ACTUAL SURVEY COULD A) INVITE UNNECESSARY POLITICAL STATIC AND B) HAVE SOME AFFECT ON NEGOTS WITH MOULINIE ON FAIR PURCHASE PRICE FOR DIEGO. MEANWHILE HMG PLANS TO CONTINUE NEGOTS WITH MOULINIE ON PRICE ON ASSUMPTION SURVEY WILL PROCEED IN RELATIVELY NEAR FUTURE.

3. IN VIEW OF FOREGOING EMB STRONGLY RECOMMENDS IT BE AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE FONOFF AT EARLIEST PRACTICABLE DATE CURRENT US VIEWS ON TIMING OF SURVEY AND ANY OTHER ASSOCIATED PARTICULARS. IN THIS CONTEXT WISH TO

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EMPHASIZE THAT DEF DEPT, FONOFF, HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY
FORTHCOMING IN TAKING LEAD AND MARSHALLING OTHER
INTERESTED MINISTRIES TO SUPPORT US-UK CONCEPT
OF UTILIZATION OF BIOT. KAISER

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