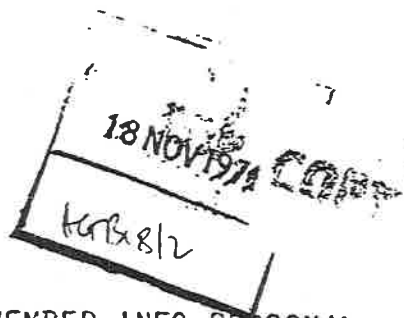


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TO PRIORITY PORT LOUIS TELNO 455 OF 16 NOVEMBER INFO PERSONAL  
GOVERNOR SEYCHELLES.

20) SEYCHELLES TEL BIOT 59. RESETTLEMENT OF ILOIS.

20) 1. YOU WILL SEE FROM TELEGRAM NO BIOT 58 TO SEYCHELLES THAT WE  
ARE ASKING GOVERNOR SEYCHELLES FOR A MORE DETAILED ASSESSMENT OF  
POSSIBILITIES OF EMPLOYMENT OF ILOIS IN AGALEGA, ON ASSUMPTION  
THAT MOULINIE IS ONLY INTERESTED IN COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS THERE.

195) 2. MEANWHILE WE ARE CONSIDERING POSSIBLE WAYS OF FULFILLING OUR  
RESETTLEMENT PLEDGE, IN ANTICIPATION OF RECEIVING LIST OF ENTITLED  
PERSONS FROM MAURITIUS AUTHORITIES. PROVISIONAL ESTIMATE OF SOME  
1,000 PEOPLE IN YOUR TELEGRAM NO 451, IS, HOWEVER, LARGER THAN  
EXPECTED. ACCORDING TO OUR FIGURES, TOTAL NUMBER OF ILOIS/MAURITIANS,  
INCLUDING CHILDREN, IN CHAGOS ARCHIPELAGO IN 1964 WAS 658. IN  
NOTE OF 17 SEPTEMBER, 1968, PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE IN PORT LOUIS  
NAMED 55 PERSONS AS FORMER EMPLOYEES OF CHAGOS AND AGALEGA COMPANY  
WHO HAD RETURNED TO MAURITIUS IN 1967, WITH THEIR FAMILIES AND STATED  
THAT A FURTHER 84 ADULTS AND 56 CHILDREN (UNNAMED) HAD ALSO  
ARRIVED IN MAURITIUS FROM CHAGOS IN COURSE OF 1968. THERE ARE  
STILL, ACCORDING TO SEYCHELLES TELNO BIOT 58, 332 PERSONS IN PEROS  
AND SALOMON. YOU WILL NO DOUBT HAVE THESE FIGURES IN MIND IN  
DISCUSSING LIST WITH MAURITIUS AUTHORITIES.

3. AS REGARDS THE MANNER OF FULFILLING PLEDGE, WE MUST CLEARLY HAVE  
REGARD TO EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS AND POLICIES OF THE MAURITIAN  
GOVERNMENT, SO THAT WHATEVER WE ARE PREPARED TO DO CAN BE DOVE-  
TAILED SATISFACTORILY INTO THESE. IT ALSO APPEARS FROM DIFFERING  
ATTITUDES REPORTED IN YOUR TELS. 432 AND 451 THAT MAURITIUS  
AUTHORITIES THEMSELVES HAVE NOT YET REACHED ANY DECISION AS TO  
KIND OF RESETTLEMENT SCHEME THEY REALLY WANT. AS WE SEE IT AT  
PRESENT, ANY SCHEME FOR PLANNED RESETTLEMENT WHICH MIGHT PUT

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EX-WORKERS FROM CHAGOS ON A DISTINCTLY HIGHER LEVEL OF OPPORTUNITY THAN STAY AT HOME UNEMPLOYED MAURITIANS MIGHT NOT BE ALTOGETHER WELCOME TO THE MAURITIUS PUBLIC AND GOVERNMENT. WITH THIS CONSIDERATION IN MIND, SOME FORM OF ONCE-FOR-ALL COMPENSATION PLUS REIMBURSEMENT TO MAURITIUS GOVERNMENT OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CONTRIBUTIONS MIGHT BE MORE ACCEPTABLE ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT ILOIS WOULD THEREBY EFFECT THEIR OWN RESETTLEMENT. WE REALISE DANGER OF APPEARING TO GO ROUND IN CIRCLES, BUT WE SEE VERY LIMITED VALUE IN OUR TRYING TO FORMULATE A CUT AND DRIED SCHEME WITHOUT KNOWING WHICH APPROACH TO THE PROBLEM THE MAURITIUS AUTHORITIES THEMSELVES WOULD PREFER.

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