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TO PRIORITY F C O TELNO BIOT 58 OF 3 NOVEMBER INFO PORT LOUIS.

RESETTLEMENT CHAGOS.

1. ISLE OF FARQUHAR RETURNED MAHE ON 31 OCTOBER HAVING COMPLETED EVACUATION OF DIEGO GARCIA. PASSENGERS WERE 9 SEYCHELLOIS MEN AND ONE ILOIS WOMAN WITH CHILD. LATTER IS HERE FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR CHILD AND WILL THEN RETURN TO CHAGOS.

Probably report?? of some staff

2. POPULATION OF PEROS AND SALOMON IS NOW 65 MEN 70 WOMEN AND 197 CHILDREN ALL ILOIS INCLUDING 18 MEN 18 WOMEN AND 49 CHILDREN TRANSFERRED FROM DIEGO GARCIA. THOSE TRANSFERRED FROM DIEGO GARCIA HAVE EXPRESSED DESIRE TO TRANSFER TO AGALEGA. REMAINDER INSIST ON REMAINING ON PRESENT ISLANDS AND WILL AGREE TO LEAVE ONLY FOR MAURITIUS AND THEN ONLY IF COMPENSATION (UNSPECIFIED) IS PAID. ATTITUDE OF EX DIEGO GARCIA LABOUR MAY WELL CHANGE BEFORE NEXT BOAT.

not modern

3. CHAGOS/AGALEGA/CAN TAKE THOSE FROM DIEGO GARCIA AND ALSO 30 FROM MAURITIUS AS PART OF NORMAL RUNNING OF ISLAND.

4. PROPOSAL IN PORT LOUIS TELEGRAM NUMBER 432 OF OFFER OF LUMP SUM AS ALTERNATIVE TO RESETTLEMENT IN AGALEGA WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY AS SEEN FROM HERE LEAD TO ALL OPTING FOR LUMP SUM. PRACTICAL CHOICE SEEM TO US TO BE EITHER RESETTLEMENT ON AGALEGA OR LUMP SUM BUT WITHOUT OPTION BEING GIVEN. PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION COULD LEAD TO CLAIM FOR SIMILAR TREATMENT FROM SEYCHELLOIS FORMERLY EMPLOYED ON CHAGOS WHEREAS RESETTLEMENT WOULD PROBABLY AVOID THIS.

GREATBATCH

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