

Hon. Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam,
Prime Minister and Minister of Defence
and Internal Security and Minister of
Information and Broadcasting

32/1 Government House
Port Louis,
Mauritius

4th September, 1972

My dear High Commissioner

With reference to the communication No. 32/1 dated the 26th June, 1972, by the then Acting High Commissioner, I confirm that the Mauritius Government accepts payment of £650,000 from the Government of the United Kingdom (being the cost of the scheme for the resettlement of persons displaced from the Chagos Archipelago) in full and final discharge of your Government's undertaking given in 1965, to meet the cost of resettlement of persons displaced from the Chagos Archipelago since 8 November, 1965, including those at present still in the Archipelago. Of course, this does not in any way affect the verbal agreement giving this country all sovereign rights relating to minerals, fishing, prospecting and other arrangements.

In regard to the date and manner of the payment to be made I presume it will be in British pounds sterling made to the Government of Mauritius at the earliest date convenient to your Government.

The Government of Mauritius has no objection to the Government of United Kingdom making a public statement to this effect should the need arise.

With my warmest regards,


(S. Ramgoolam)
Prime Minister

His Excellency Mr. Peter A. ... CMG
British High Commissioner
Port Louis.