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20th August, 1973.

The Administrator,
B.I.O.T.,
Victoria,
Mahe.

*See other copy
in 10 min 1974 letter*

Dear Sir,

We would refer to your letter dated 14th June 1973 asking for the breakdown of costs involved in closing down the Chagos plantations as distinct from normal running costs.

After considerable research, we have extracted figures which are given below, covering the period October 1971, i.e. the date of the closure of Diego-Garcia to this date. These are given in Appendix I. and their total is, we believe, a close approximation of the total expenditure incurred on compensations and repatriations for leaving the closing down of the islands. Appendix II. gives a classification of the items according, as far as possible, to the categories shown in your letter.

We are of the opinion that the period from April 1971 to June 1973 should be considered as a period of evacuation and resettlement. Any money we have been able to get from the sales of the coconuts during this lapse of time should be considered, not as an agricultural revenue, but as sums of money recouped during the process of abandoning the islands. To such sums the present and future sales of the material to have brought back from the Chagos Islands should be added.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) M. Loustau-Lalanne.

A. G. G. L. L.
Moulinie & Co. (Sey) Ltd.

I.S. For your information, we have received today, claims from three other Ilois, one receiving medical treatment here, and two working at Agalega.

APPENDIX 1.

			<u>Rs.</u>	<u>Cts.</u>
<u>1971.</u>	Oct.	(1) Compensations to labourers for contracts terminated. 44 Seychellois from Diego-Garcia	9376.20	
	"	(2) Transport of baggage	747.00	
	"	(3) Food for labourers proceeding to Mauritius	150.00	
	"	(4) Hotel accommodation to employees proceeding to Mauritius	1420.00	
	"	(5) Passages for employees proceeding to Mauritius	2250.00	
	"	(6) Compensations to 3 Seychellois labourers for contracts unfulfilled	543.25	
	"	(7) Resettlement scheme, Cargo expenses	960.00	
<u>1972.</u>	July.	(8) Passage of Mr Raphael Louis, to Mauritius by B.O.A.C. (Mr Raphael Louis, employee from Diego-Garcia and Peros Banhos repatriated by air)	680.00	
	"	Compensations to labourers on repatriation to Mauritius	5900.00	
		(9) (Paid by Rogers & Co. Mauritius, 13 Ilois-4 of whom were originally from Diego-Garcia)		
	August	(10) Hotel accommodation Mrs Douce & Mr Gangiah at Comtinentel Hotel 3 days @ Rs.35.00 per person in transit to Mauritius	210.00	
		(11) Passport charges. 16 Passports Oct. '71 160.- 12 " July '72 120.-	280.00	
		(12) M.V. Mauritius. Cost of passages Mahe-Mauritius. 11 @ Rs.300.00 each 3,300.- 13 @ Rs.150.00 " 1,950.-	5250.00	
	Nov.	(13) Compensations to 62 employees on repatriation to Mauritius. Paid by Rogers & Co. Mauritius	39400.00	
	"	(14) Food for passengers M.V. Nordvaer	10102.00	
<u>1973.</u>	May	(15) Food for passengers M.V. Nordvaer	10363.80	
	June	(16) Paid by Rogers & Co. Mauritius - Compensations to labourers from Diego-Garcia. Voy. 331 of 14.10.71 14 @ Rs.300.00	4200.00	✓
		(17) Paid by Rogers & Co. Mauritius. Compensations to 74 labourers	22700.00	✓
	July	(18) Paid by Rogers & Co. Mauritius. Compensation to Yvon Dyson from Peros Banhos	2436.00	✓
			<u>11,6768.75</u>	
	"	(19) Compensation for loss of employment: Henry Sauzier	4200.00	✓
'73	June	(20) Compensation for loss of employment: W. Prosper	1188.00	✓
		(21) " " " " " : Mrs Prosper	2376.00	✓
		(22) " " " " " : R.d'Offay	1584.00	✓
		(23) " " " " " : M.d'Offay	2400.00	✓
	"	(24) Food for labourers M.V. Nordvaer to Mauritius	3343.30	
			<u>Rs. 131,860.05</u>	

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APPENDIX 11.

	(b)	(c)	(a) (d)	(e)
(3)	150.00	No such payments	(1) 9376.20	(2) 547.00
(4)	1420.00	can be traced in our	(6) 543.75	(7) 960.00
(5)	2250.00	accounts in respect	(9) 5900.00	
(8)	680.00	of Seychellois labourers.	(13) 39400.00	
(10)	210.00	The payments were made either direct	(16) 4200.00	
(11)	280.00	by the B.I.O.T. office or included in (b).	(17) 22700.00	
(12)	5250.00		(18) 2436.00	
(14)	10102.00		(19) 4200.00	
(15)	10363.80		(20) 1188.00	
			(21) 2376.00	
			(22) 1584.00	
			(23) 2400.00	
			(24) 3343.30	
			<u>Rs.99647.25</u>	
	<u>Rs.30705.80</u>			<u>Rs.1507.00</u>

Total: Rs.131,860.05

- Notes: 1. Items (a) & (d) of your letter have been lumped together as no reliable records are available of the number of labourers, transferred to Peros Banhos. Taking however items (9) and (15) of Appendix (1), it would seem that there were 27 labourers transferred from Diego Garcia to Peros Banhos and eventually repatriated to Mauritius and that the compensations paid to them amounted to Ts.10,100.00
2. The numbers involved are as follows:-
- 27 Ilois labourers transferred from Diego-Garcia to Peros Banhos and later to Mauritius.
- 44 Seychellois repatriated from Diego Garcia.
- 62 Ilois labourers transferred from Salomon and Peros Banhos to Mauritius in November 1972.
- 74 Ilois labourers transferred from Peros Banhos to Mauritius in May 1973 on final closure.