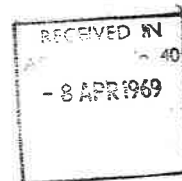


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[WORKING PAPERS ON B.I.O.T.]

With my minute of 11 March I forwarded copies of the B.I.O.T. Working Papers Nos. 1, 2 and 6.

2. At the suggestion of U.N. (Pol.) Department the order of Papers 4 and 5 has been changed. The list of Papers will now read as follows:-

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| Paper No. 1 | General Background. |
| No. 2 | H.M.G. Undertakings to the Mauritius Government |
| No. 3 | The Problem of the People Living in the Chagos Archipelago. |
| No. 4 | Relocation of Diego Garcia plantation workers on Peros Banhos and Salomon. |
| No. 5 | Evacuation and Resettlement of Inhabitants of Chagos Archipelago. |
| No. 6 | Mineral Rights and Exploration for Oil in Chagos. |

3. We have received a number of suggested amendments to Papers Nos. 3, 4 and 5. It will not be possible to clear these amendments with the other Departments concerned before tomorrow's meeting. We are accordingly circulating second drafts of these Papers in the hope that this will be helpful to those attending the meeting. I should be grateful to receive any further comments on these drafts as soon as possible so that the Papers can be finalised.

4. There is also an amendment of detail in Paper No. 1; please substitute the revised print of pages 2 and 3 attached.

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