

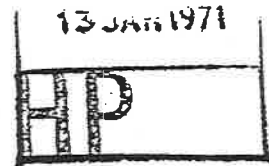
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Your tel no BIOT 2: Adult Re-settlement



Taking the points in your paragraph 2.

(a) (1) Seychellois with expired contracts will return to the Seychelles on the Nordvaer this month, followed by second consignment in March or April. The balance will return here or to Peros Banhos Selomon in July.

(11) Workers on the western side of Diego Garcia will move to the eastern side in March.

(111) The Ilois, and possibly some Seychellois, will move to Peros Banhos in July. Detailed timetable will be sent following the visit this month.

(b) Majority of contracts specify Chagos, but some the particular at  
(c) Better assessment will be possible after the visit but a month between the islands has not been uncommon in the past, and has not caused difficulty in most cases.

(d) Facilities on the eastern side will be better than on the western side.

2. Your paragraph 3, second sentence, corrupt. At present see no need for significant use of local labour diversion, we would prefer to avoid this even in the period up to July as it could add to reluctance to leave Diego Garcia. Please repeat corrupt sentence if necessary.

3. The Americans anxious to remove meteorological staff as soon as possible. I support this as they could form the focus of discontent. Removal in March would be best if the Americans can arrange to take observations then. Reconnaissance party will be studying the probl

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