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TO PRIORITY FCO TELNO 148 OF 4 MAY 1971
AND INFORMATION GOVERNOR SEYCHELLES (PERSONAL)
MIP: BIOT RESETTLEMENT.

1. MOULINIE CALLED THIS MORNING (4 MAY). HE CONFIRMED THAT SUBJECT TO SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENTS COVERING BOTH HIS COSTS AND COMPENSATION FOR DISPLACED ILOIS (HE SAYS RS 500 PER FAMILY WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE) HE COULD PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT FOR 50 (FIFTY) FAMILIES. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT AGALEGA PLANTATIONS WERE RIPE FOR DEVELOPMENT AND SAW NO REASON WHY, IN THE LONG TERM, ISLAND COULD NOT TAKE AS MANY AS 2,000 (TWO THOUSAND) FAMILIES. PRESENT MARKETS FOR COPRA (MAINLY ISRAEL, INDIA AND EUROPE) WERE BOUND TO DEVELOP IN FUTURE. HE HAD HIGH HOPES IN PARTICULAR OF INCREASING EXPORTS TO ISRAEL, WHICH WAS ALREADY TAKING 2,000 TONS PER ANNUM.
2. IF HE IS TO BE BELIEVED, IS IT NOT WORTH CONSIDERING GIVING HIM SUFFICIENT FINANCIAL INDUCEMENT TO TAKE ALL 163 FAMILIES NOW TO BE RESETTLED (YRTEL 78) RATHER THAN PURSUE SEARCH FOR SCHEMES IN MAURITIUS TO CATER FOR 169 INDIVIDUALS ALREADY HERE PLUS ADDITIONAL 53 FAMILIES WHICH SHOWS LITTLE SIGN OF BEING SUCCESSFUL? MAURITIUS GOVERNMENT WOULD CERTAINLY WELCOME IDEA- WOOLVERTONS MINUTE OF 3 MAY (COPIED TO COUNSILL AND WATT) SHOWS PROBLEM OF FINDING SUITABLE SCHEME FOR 169 ILOIS ALREADY HERE IS FAR FROM SOLUTION. FURTHER CONSIDERATION IS THAT RESETTLEMENT OF 53 FAMILIES IN MAURITIUS IS BOUND TO COST US MORE IN LONG RUN.
3. I HAVE ARRANGED FOR MOULINIE TO SEE RINGAEOO FOR GENERAL CHAT ON RESETTLEMENT.
4. PLEASE INFORM CARTER (CARE EAD) OF THIS AND MIP TELEGRAMS.
5. FCO PASS GOVERNOR SEYCHELLES.

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