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*Dear Porter,*

Resettlement of Mauritians formerly  
resident in B.I.O.T.

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Further to previous correspondence and our telegram No. 387 of 3 October on this subject, I now enclose a copy of a communication from the Prime Minister's office setting out the Mauritian case in greater detail.

In an effort to obtain additional background information on this problem I spoke last week with Mr. Rene Maingard, Chairman of Rogers & Co., Port Louis, the Mauritius agents for the Chagos and Agalega Company. A copy of my report of that interview is also attached.

A lengthy article drawing attention to the plight of the distressed islanders appeared in the "Mauricien" of 21 September under the headline "After the transfer of Chagos - what will Ramgoolam do for the Malis?" and deploring the lack of humanism by the Wilson government.



As requested in our cable, guidance and advice is urgently required.

*Yours sincerely*  
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