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I have the honour to enclose the text of the Declaration entitled "Programme for Peace and International Co-operation", adopted by the Second Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held in Cairo from 5 to 10 October 1964.

In view of the fact that the Declaration deals with items of which the United Nations is seized and which also appear on the provisional agenda of the forthcoming regular session of the General Assembly, I should be grateful if you would have the text of this Declaration circulated as a document of the General Assembly.

(Signed) Mohamed Awad EL KONY
Permanent Representative of
the United Arab Republic to
the United Nations

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MILITARY PACTS, FOREIGN TROOPS & BASES

The Conference reiterates its conviction that the existence of military blocs, Great Power alliances and pacts arising therefrom has accentuated the cold war and heightened international tensions. The Non-Aligned Countries are therefore opposed to taking part in such pacts and alliances.

The Conference considers the maintenance or future establishment of foreign military bases and the stationing of foreign troops on the territories of other countries, against the expressed will of those countries, as a gross violation of the sovereignty of States, and as a threat to freedom and international peace. It furthermore considers as particularly indefensible the existence or future establishment of bases in dependent territories which could be used for the maintenance of colonialism or for other purposes.

Noting with concern that foreign military bases are in practice a means of bringing pressure on nations and retarding their emancipation and development, based on their own ideological, political, economic and cultural ideas, the Conference declares its full support to the countries which are seeking to secure the evacuation of foreign bases on their territory and calls upon all States maintaining troops and bases in other countries to remove them forthwith.

The Conference considers that the maintenance at Guantanamo (Guba) of a military base of the United States of America, in defiance of the will of the Government and people of Cuba and in defiance of the provisions embodied in the Declaration of the Belgrade Conference, constitutes a violation of Cuba's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

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Noting that the Cuban Government expresses its readiness to settle its dispute over the base of Guantanamo with the United States on an equal footing, the Conference urges the United States Government to negotiate the evacuation of this base with the Cuban Government.

The Conference condemns the expressed intention of imperialist powers to establish bases in the Indian Ocean, as a calculated attempt to intimidate the emerging countries of Africa and Asia and an unwarranted extension of the policy of neo-colonialism and imperialism.

The Conference also recommends the elimination of the foreign bases in Cyprus and the withdrawal of foreign troops from this country. except for those stationed there by virtue of United Nations resolutions.

NAM Summit Declaration, 7-12 March 1983, New Delhi

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- 81. The Heads of State or Government expressed, in particular, their full support for Mauritian sovereignty over the Chagos archipelago, including Diego Garcia, which was detached from the territory of Mauritius by the former colonial power in 1965 in contravention of United Nations General Assembly resolutions 1514(XV) and 2066(XX). The establishment and strengthening of the military base at Diego Garcia has endangered the sovereignty, territorial integrity and peaceful development of Mauritius and other States. They called for the early return of Diego Garcia to Mauritius.

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status of the island, as the self-determination referendum held on 22 December 1974 remains the only valid consultation applicable to the entire archipelago.

IX. MALAGASY ISLANDS

the Malagasy Islands - Glorieuses, 136. Regarding Juan de Nova, Europa and Bassas da India - the Heads of State o. Government reaffirmed the vital need to preserve the unity territorial integrity of the Democratic Republic of Madagascar. In this connection, they strongly urged all the concerned to begin negotiations without delay accordance with the pertinent resolutions and decisions of the United Nations, the Hovement of Non-Aligned Countries and the Organization of African Unity, in particular United Nations General Assembly resolution 34/91 and resolution 794 of the thirty-fifth Ministerial Conference of the Organization of African Unity.

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MAYOTTE, MALAGASY ISLANDS AND CHAGOS ARCHIPELAGOS

Recalling the full support of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries to the sovereignty of the Islamic Federal Republic of the Comoros over the Island of Mayotte, to the sovereignty of the Democratic Republic of Madagascar over the Maiagasy Islands of Glorieuse, Juan de Nova, Europa and Bassas da India, and to Mauritian sovereignty over the Chagos Archipelago, including Diego Garcia,

Emphasizing their conviction that concrete action with a view to finding a solution to these problems would contribute to reinforcing peace and international security in the region,

The Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries:

- 1. Reaffirmed that the Comorian Island of Mayotte, which is still under French occupation, is an integral part of the sovereign territory of the Islamic Federal Republic of the Comoros:
- Took note of the dialogue between the French authorities and the Islamic Federal Republic of the Comoros on this issue;
- Expressed their active solidarity with the people of the Comoros in their legitimate efforts to recover the Comorian island of Mayotte and to preserve the independence, unity and territorial integrity of the Comoros;
- Called on the Government of France to respect the just claim of the Islamic Federal Republic of the Comoros to the Comorian island of Mayotte, in accordance with its undertaking given on the eve of the archipelago's independence, and they categorically rejected any new form of consultation which might be organized by France on the Comorian territory of Mayotte concerning the international juridical status of the island, as the self-determination referendum held on 22 Dacember 1974 remains the only valid consultation applicable to the entire archipelago.
- 2. With regard to the Malagasy islands of Glorieuse, Europa, Juan de Nova and Bassas da India reaffirmed that it is imperative that the unity and territorial integrity of the Democratic Republic of Madagascar be safeguarded. To that end, they strongly urged all parties concerned to begin negotiations without delay in line with the pertinent resolutions and decisions of the United Nations, the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries and the Organization of African Unity, in particular United Nations General Assambly Resolution 34/91 of 12 September 1979 and of Resolution 701 of the Thirty Fill Michiganization Conference of the Organization of African Unity.
- Expressed their full support for Mauritian sovereignty over the Chagos Archipelago, including Diego Garcia, which was detached from the territory of Mauritius by the former colonial power in 1965,
- Expressed their concern over the strengthening of the military base at Diego Garcia, which has endangered the sovereignty, territorial integrity and peaceful development of Mauritius and other States. They called once again for the return of Diego Garcia to Mauritius without delay.

NAM Summit Declaration, 1-6 September 1992, Jakarta EXTRACT

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benefit of its long-suffering people. While deploring the present internal hostilities against the legitimate government of Afghanisan and the atrocities inflicted upon the innocent people, they hoped that conditions for lolding free and fair elections could be restored as soon as possible, so that a permanent government which reflects the wishes and aspirations of the people and ensures political, economic and social stability, can be formed. The Heads of State or Government called upon the international community to participate actively and generously in the reconstruction of Afghanistan and to increase humanitarian and financial aid for the speedy, voluntary and safe return of Afghan refugees to their homeland.

NEW CALEDONIA

- The Heads of State or Government recognized that the South Pacific is one of the regions of the world that contains may of the remaining Non-Self-Governing Territories and reiterated the position they adopted at the Ninth Summit Conference concerning the inalienable right of the people of Nev Caledonia to self-determination in accordance with the United Nations Charter and Geneal Assembly resolutions 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 and 1541 (XV) of 15 December1960.
- They noted the positive measures undertaken by the French authorities in cooperation with the local inhabitants to promote the political, economic and social development of the Territory in orde to lay the groundwork for the peaceful transition to independence, and were encouraged by the constructive activities undertaken by all parties involved, including the tireless effects and support of the South Pacific Forum for the realization of the independence of New Caledonia.
- They further called on all parties involved to continue their efforts towards providing the necessary framework for the exercise of the right to self-determination and at the same time safeguarding the right of all New Caledonians.

MAYOTTE, MALAGASY ISLANDS AND CHAGOS ARCHIPELAGO

The Heads of State or Government reaffirmed their full support for the sovereignty of the Islamic Federal Republic of he Comoros over the islands of Mayotte and reiterated their solidarity with its people for the protection and preservation of the sovereignty,

independence, unity and territorial integrity of their country. They noted the ongoing dialogue between the French Government and the Islamic Federal Republic of Comoros. In this context, they urged the Government of France to honour its commitments under the referendum held in the Archipelago on 22 December 1974. They further urged the colonial power to expedite the process of negotiations with a view to ensuring the reintegration of Mayotte into the Islamic Federal Republic of Comoros.

- 13. The Heads of State or Government reaffirmed their support for the sovereignty of the Democratic Republic of Madagascar over the Malagasy Islands of Glorieuses, Juan de Nova, Europa and Bassas Da India. They took note of the ongoing dialogue between France and the Malagasy authorities. They expressed their solidarity with the Government of the Republic of Madagascar in its efforts to preserve the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Malagasy Islands.
- 14. The Heads of State or Government reiterated their full support of the sovereignty of Mauritius over the Chagos Archipelago, including Diego Garcia, and called upon the former colonial power to return the Chagos Archipelago without delay.

INDIAN OCEAN

15. The Heads of State or Government reiterated the position taken at Summit Conferences and Ministerial meetings of the Non-Aligned Countries on the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace and the determination to continue their efforts to achieve the goals contained therein and as considered at the Meeting of Litoral and Hinterland States held in 1979. They noted that efforts by the Non-Aligned Countries and others to convene a conference on the Indian Ocean continue to be impeded, although important progress has been made in the Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean. The recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee relating to the complex ramifications of the issues involved and differing perceptions on these issues as well as the Ad Hoc Committee's future role should be addressed comprehensively by the 48th session of the UNGA (1993) with a view to convening, as early as possible thereafter, the conference in Colombo with the participation of the permanent members of the United Nations Security Council and the Major Maritime Users of the Indian Ocean.

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Angola

168. They welcomed the positive advances made in the implementation of the provisions of the Lusaka Protocol, with a view to the restoration of peace and stability in Angola. They urged the Security Council to implement what has been agreed upon resolution 976 (1995), which provides for the dispatch of military components of UNAVEM III, since the conditions for their deployment are now propitious. They exhorted Member States to give a positive response to the call made by the Secretary-General to contribute to the full implementation of the Lusaka Protocol. They commended the resolution by the Angolan National Assembly to review the constitution with a view to granting to Mr. Jonas Savimbi, the UNITA's leader, one of the post of the vice-president of the Republic and called upon both parties to honour the compromises subscribed to by them in the Lusaka Protocol so that peace and stability can be instaured in Angola. They commended the Geneva Conference on Humanitarian Assistance to Angola and the Brussels Round Table on the National Programme for Community Rehabilitation and Reconciliation and called upon the international community to provide the pledged funds on a predictable and timely basis.

South Africa

169. The Heads of State or Government extended their heartfelt welcome and congratulations to South Africa on its return to the community of nations when it joined the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries at the Ministerial Conference in Cairo in July 1994. They emphasized the fundamental role that the Movement played from the beginning of the struggle against the racist regime of South Africa. They paid a warm and special tribute to President Mandela for his untiring struggle and capacity to lead his people, and his country peacefully toward democracy under a Government of National Unity. They also commended the people of South Africa for their role in overcoming the legacy of apartheid and in the reconstruction of their nation under new non-racial and politically pluralist realities.

Mayotte

170. They reiterated the unquestionable sovereignty of the Islamic Federal Republic of the Comoros over the island of Mayotte, as well as the fulfillment of the commitments acquired prior to the referendum of 22 December 1974 regarding respect for the unity and territorial integrity of the Comoros. They urged the Government of France to accelerate the process of negotiations with a view to ensuring the effective and early return of the island of Mayotte to the Comoros, in accordance with United Nations General Assembly resolution 49/18 of 6 December 1994, and other resolutions adopted by the General Assembly on this matter.

Chagos Archipelago

171. The Heads of State or Government reiterated the support of the Non-Aligned Movement for the sovereignty of Mauritius over the Chagos Archipelago, including Diego García, and called on the former colonial power to pursue the dialogue with the Government of Mauritius for the early return of the Archipelago. In this respect, they noted with satisfaction the initiation of certain confidence-building measures by the two parties.

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ANGOLA

- 224. The Heads of State or Government examined the situation prevailing in Angola in the framework of the implementation of the Lusaka Protocol. They commended the Government of Angola for the flexibility and political will demonstrated, aiming at a long and lasting peace in that country.
- 225. The Heads of State or Government held the leadership of UNITA, and specifically Mr Jonas Savimbi, personally accountable for the resumption of hostilities and deteriorating security situation in Angola, as evidenced by their persistent refusal to conform to the relevant decisions of the United Nations Security Council, regarding the Implementation of the Military and Political Aspects of the Lusaka Protocol, particularly the demobilisation and disarmament of its troops, as well as the extension of State administration. In this regard, they strongly condemned UNITA for its acts of armed aggression and re-occupation of the territory already handed over to the State Administration thus creating an unfortunate outflow of refugees to the neighbouring countries and displaced persons, and called once again on the Leaders of UNITA to undertake the total and unconditional demobilisation of their troops in accordance with the provisions of the Lusaka Protocol.
- 226. The Heads of State or Government appealed to the international community, in particular the United Nations Security Council to use all its power with a view to obliging UNITA to conform the provisions of the Lusaka Protocol. They also reiterated their appeal to the international community to increase the amount of humanitarian relief provided to the needy population as well as assistance for economic and social rehabilitation of Angola.

CHAGOS ARCHIPELAGO

227. The Heads of State or Government reaffirmed that Chagos Archipelago, including Diego Garcia, is an integral part of the sovereign territory of the Republic of Mauritius. In this regard, they reiterated their call to the former colonial power to pursue constructive dialogue expeditiously with Mauritius for the early return of Chagos Archipelago, including Diego Garcia, to the sovereignty of the Republic of Mauritius.

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parties, in accordance with the United Nations Charter and relevant United Nations resolutions, or any other political solution agreeable to the parties, in accordance with the United Nations Charter and relevant United Nations resolutions.

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184. The Heads of State or Government reaffirmed that Chagos Archipelago, including Diego Garcia, is an integral part of the sovereign territory of the Republic of Mauritius. In this regard, they again called on the former colonial power to pursue constructive dialogue expeditiously with Mauritius for the early return of Chagos Archipelago, including Diego Garcia, to the sovereignty of the Republic of Mauritius.

Sudan

- 185. The Heads of State or Government welcomed the signing on 22 July 2002 of the Machakos Protocol between the Government of the Sudan and the Sudan Peoples' Liberation Movement, which represents a significant breakthrough on major issues and a major step towards the realization of a just and lasting peace in the Sudan. In connection with that signing, they paid tribute first of all to the parties, the ongoing efforts by the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), led by Kenya, as well as the efforts exerted by other facilitators including the IGAD Partners Forum (IPF) and appealed to the parties to continue to work for a successful conclusion of a comprehensive and lasting peace.
- 186. Encouraged by those positive developments, the Heads of State or Government urged the international community to support efforts aimed at achieving peace in the Sudan. In this regard, they further urged the international community to provide assistance to meet the economic and developmental needs, including the reconstruction and rehabilitation of areas affected by the conflict, after the realization of peace in the Sudan.

ASIA

Situation between Iraq and Kuwait

187. The Heads of State or Government welcomed the assurances given by the Republic of Iraq to respect the independence, sovereignty and security of the State of Kuwait and to ensure its territorial integrity within its internationally recognised border with a view to steer away from any action that might lead to a recurrence of the 1990 events. They called for the adoption of policies that would set the aforementioned guarantees in an operational framework of good intentions and good neighbourly relations. In this regard, the leaders stressed the significance of halting negative media campaigns and statements toward the creation of a favourable environment that would reassure the two countries of their commitment to the principles of good neighbourliness and non-interference in domestic affairs.

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Havana, Cuba 16 September 2006

Chagos Archipelago

155. The Heads of State or Government reaffirmed that Chagos Archipelago, including Diego Garcia, is an integral part of the sovereign territory of the Republic of Mauritius. In this regard, they called on once again the former colonial power to pursue constructive dialogue expeditiously with Mauritius with a view to enable Mauritius to exercise its sovereignty over the Chagos Archipelago.

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XV SUMMIT OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT

Sharm el Sheikh, Egypt 11th to 16th of July 2009

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- The Heads of State and Government welcomed the deployment of the Lebanese Armed Forces in the region south of the Litani River, such that there will be no weapon or authority other than that of the Lebanese State as stipulated in the Taef National Reconciliation Document, and called on States to expedite their contribution to Lebanon as requested by Security Council Resolution 1701 (2006).
- The Heads of State and Government expressed full support for the Seven-Point Plan presented by the Lebanese Government, and emphasized the importance of the contribution of the United Nations in settling the issue of the Sheba'a Farms in accordance with the proposal mentioned in the aforementioned Seven-Point Plan and with UNSCR 1701 (2006), and called upon all relevant parties to cooperate with the United Nations to reach a solution to the Sheba'a Farms issue which protects Lebanon's sovereign rights including water rights in that area.
- The Heads of State and Government called for a generous contribution to the ongoing humanitarian relief efforts, and *urged* the international community to support Lebanon on all levels to assist the Lebanese in facing the tremendous burden resulting from the human, social and economic tragedy, and in enhancing the Lebanese national economy.
- 209 The Heads of State and Government held Israel responsible for the loss of lives and suffering as well as the destruction of properties and infrastructure in Lebanon, and demanded Israel to compensate the Republic of Lebanon and its people for the losses sustained resulting from Israel's aggression in 2006.
- 210 The Heads of State and Government welcomed the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Republic of Lebanon and the Syrian Arab Republic in order to strengthen their brotherly relations.
- The Heads of State and Government, pursuant to the failure of other means, *emphasized* the necessity of resolving the Arab-Israeli conflict based on relevant UN Resolutions leading to the establishment of a just, lasting and comprehensive peace in the Middle East as was called for by the Arab Peace Initiative of Beirut in 2002.

Africa

The Heads of State and Government welcomed the decisions by the thirteenth ordinary session of the Heads of State and Government of the Assembly of the African Union held from July 1-3, 2009 in Sirte, Libya and expressed their support for effective implementation of the decisions to promote peace, stability and socio-economic development in Africa

Chagos Archipelago

The Heads of State and Government *reaffirmed* that Chagos Archipelago, including Diego Garcia, is an integral part of the sovereign territory of the Republic of Mauritius. They noted that the former colonial power, the United Kingdom, and Mauritius held a first round of talks on the Chagos Archipelago issue in January 2009, and welcomed the initiative to pursue the dialogue through other rounds of talks. They called on the United Kingdom to expedite the process with a view to enable Mauritius to exercise its sovereignty over the Chagos Archipelago.

Lesotho

The Heads of State and Government, recalling the principles of the Movement on democracy, condemned the heinous attempt to assassinate the democratically elected Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Lesotho, Mr. Pakalitha Mosisili, on the 22nd April, 2009. And they

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Bali – Indonesia 23 – 27 May 2011

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Chagos Archipelago

260. The Ministers reaffirmed that the Chagos Archipelago, including Diego Garcia, which was unlawfully excised by the former colonial power from the territory of Mauritius in violation of UN Resolutions 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 and 2066 (XX) of 16 December 1965, forms an integral part of the territory of the Republic of Mauritius.

261. The Ministers further noted with grave concern that despite the strong opposition expressed by the Republic of Mauritius, the United Kingdom purported to establish a 'Marine Protected Area' around the Chagos Archipelago, further impeding the exercise of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Mauritius over the Chagos Archipelago in accordance with UN General Assembly resolution 2066(XX) as well as the right of return of Mauritian citizens who were forcibly removed from the Archipelago by the United Kingdom.

262. Cognizant that the Government of the Republic of Mauritius is committed to taking all appropriate measures to protect the legitimate rights of the Republic of Mauritius under international law with regard to its sovereignty and territorial integrity over the Chagos Archipelago, the Ministers resolved to fully support such measures including any action that may be taken in this regard at the United Nations General Assembly.

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of the Non- Aligned Movement
Coordinating Bureau

Sharm El Sheikh – Egypt 7 – 10 May 2012

SHARM EL SHEIKH FINAL DOCUMENT 283. The Ministers supported the efforts of the Lebanese Government to save Lebanon from all threats to its security and stability, and expressed their understanding to the policy the Government pursues vis-a-vis the developments in the Arab region.

Africa

284. The Ministers acknowledged the decisions by the seventeenth ordinary session of the Heads of State and Government of the Assembly of the African Union held from 30 June – 1 July 2011 in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea, and expressed their support for effective implementation of the decisions to promote peace, stability and socio-economic development in Africa. The Ministers also acknowledged the decisions by the Eighteenth ordinary session of the Heads of State and Government of the Assembly of the African Union held from January 29 – 30, 2012 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, which was convened under the theme "Boosting Intra-African Trade".

Chagos Archipelago

285. The Ministers reaffirmed that the Chagos Archipelago, including Diego Garcia, which was unlawfully excised by the former colonial power from the territory of Mauritius in violation of international law and UN Resolutions 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 and 2066 (XX) of 16 December 1965, forms an integral part of the territory of the Republic of Mauritius.

286. The Ministers further noted with grave concern that despite the strong opposition expressed by the Republic of Mauritius, the United Kingdom purported to establish a marine protected area around the Chagos Archipelago, further infringing upon the territorial integrity of the Republic of Mauritius and impeding the exercise of its sovereignty over the Chagos Archipelago as well as the exercise of the right of return of Mauritian citizens who were forcibly removed from the Archipelago by the United Kingdom.

287. Cognizant that the Government of the Republic of Mauritius is committed to taking all appropriate measures to affirm the territorial integrity of the Republic of Mauritius and its sovereignty over the Chagos Archipelago under international law, the Ministers resolved to fully support such measures including any action that may be taken in this regard at the United Nations General Assembly.

Libya

288. The Ministers expressed their support for the sovereignty, unity, independence and territorial integrity of Libya , and for the efforts made by Libya in cooperation with the United Nations in order to build a state based on the foundations of democracy, pluralism and respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms.

Somalia

289. The Ministers *reaffirmed* their respect for the sovereignty, territorial integrity, political independence and unity of Somalia, consistent with the Charter of the United Nations.

290. The Ministers welcomed the positive political and security developments, and progress made in the Djibouti peace process, including the appointment of H.E. Abdiweli Mohamed Ali as the Prime Minister of the Transitional Federal Government (TFG) of Somalia and assured their commitment and support.

Letter dated 14 January 1965 from the Counselor for Politico-Military Affairs at the US Embassy in London to the Head of the Permanent Under-Secretary's Department, UK Foreign Office



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Dear Geoffrey:

I am writing to advise you of the results of the United States review of the joint U.S./U.K. survey of certain Indian Ocean Islands for military purposes.

After considering the report of the survey group, we have concluded that the areas having the most potential for U.S. military requirements are:

A. Diego Garcia. As you are aware, this site is required for establishment of a communications station and supporting facilities, to include an air strip and improvement of off-loading capability. We consider that detachment proceedings should include the entire Chagos archipelago, primarily in the interest of security, but also to have other sites in this archipelago available for future contingencies.

With respect to the communications station and supporting facilities, we would expect to initiate architectural, engineer and design work as quickly as the site was available for detailed topographical surveys. We anticipate that we will break ground late in calendar year 1966 for the permanent facilities, and have the station operational late in calendar year 1968. In the interim, should circumstances demand, we would wish to establish austere communications on a van-mounted, concrete-pad-supported basis within a period of three to five months, assuming satisfactory arrangements can be made for the support of 40 to 50 operating personnel.

B. Aldabra. Although nothing specific has been planned and no funding requests are scheduled by the U.S. at this time, the obvious potential usefulness of Aldabra as a staging area for air operations impels a strong recommendation, that in joint long-term U.S./U.K. interest, this island be included in any detachment package.

G. G. Arthur, Esquire, Head, Permanent Under-Secretary's Department, Foreign Office.

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C. Coetivy, Agalega, Farquahar, Ile des Roches, and Cosmoledos. Since we appreciate your desire to undertake all detachment proceedings at the same time, we strongly urge that your Government consider favorably the inclusion of all, or some of these islands, in the order listed. They too have military potential, and again over the long-term, we consider that our mutual security interests in the Indian Ocean justify detachment on a precautionary planning basis, particularly if the resulting political and financial burden is not disproportionate to the indicated long-range advantages of assuring the availability of these islands.

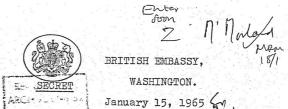
We recognize the difficulties that Her Majesty's Government will face in undertaking the necessary steps to detach these islands. Accordingly, we will respond as fully and promptly as possible to any questions which you may have in order to facilitate the necessary decisions on your part. More specifically, we are prepared to meet with United Kingdom representatives on relatively the same representational level and basis as the meetings of last February, should your Government consider that this would be helpful in furthering our joint interest in moving this project forward rapidly.

Sincerely,

George S. Newman fil.
Counselor for Politico-Military Affairs

Letter dated 15 January 1965 from the British Embassy, Washington to the UK Foreign Office

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Dear Ted,

As foreshadowed in Oliver Forster's letter 119101/65G of January 4 to Graham in P.U.S.D., Jeff Kitchen asked me to call today and read out to me the text of a State Department telegram instructing the American Embassy in London to speak to the Foreign Office about the islands in the Indian Ocean. In case it may be useful to you I enclose a copy of the substantive part of the telegram.

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- 2. When asked to give an idea of your reactions I said that you would be glad that the State Department had finally induced the Pentagon to divulge their ideas in detail, but I thought you might find that the amount of real estate involved was rather formidable. To this Kitchen replied that the United States were only immediately interested in the first two items in the list, but he understood that we were interested in Agalega and it had been thought in the State Department that it might be helpful to us for the American list to include these two islands. From the wider point of view, he believed that in five or ten years' time the United Kingdom and United States might be very glad to have all the islands named available for use in case of need, and, since you had said that we could not take two bites at the cherry of detachment, it had been thought only prudent to include all groups that were likely to be useful in the long run.
- 3. Kitchen said that if, after all concerned in London had had time to digest the information conveyed by the Embassy, you thought that it would be helpful to have another meeting on the lines of that which you chaired last year, the State Department would be very willing to send a team to the U.K. In reply to a question about the timing for any such meeting, he said he was thinking in terms of talks on the subject before the end of February, should we decide that such talks were required.

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4. A member of Kitchen's staff interjected that the State Department's telegram to their Embassy had not made clear that the Department of Defense would like the architectural and engineering design team necessary to undertake the preliminary planning on Diego Garcia, to reach the island before the end of May. Kitchen added in confidence that

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that as the Department of Defense had taken such an inordinately long time to formulate their requirements properly he did not think that it would matter too much if we said that this deadline was earlier than we could marge.

- 5. I asked whether the United States were still thinking in terms of "austere" installations and Kitchen said that they were. Something rather better than this would be required for the Communications station, but otherwise the need for austerity was very much in everyone's minds.
- 6. The question of adverse reactions in the United Nations or Africa did not seem to be worrying either Kitchen or Myers, who was also present. So far as the Committee of Twenty-Four is concerned, I gathered that its mandate would have to be renewed by the General Assembly, which could mean that the Committee would be in suspended animation for some time to come. In any case, Kitchen seems to believe even more strongly than before that a reference to the value of the proposed installations in support of possible future peace-keeping operations will soothe any savage breasts. He admitted, however, that recent events in the Congo might affect this.

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c. Coetivy, Agalega, Farquahar, Ile des Roches and Cosmoledos - Since UK intends quote single-bite unquote detachment proceedings (Deptel 3636), strongly urge Fonoff favorably consider stockpiling all or in order their listing some of these islands. They too have military potential and, again over long term, we consider our mutual security interests in Indian Ocean justify UK detach them on precautionary planning basis, particularly if resulting political and financial burden not disproportionate to indicated long-range advantages their availability.

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February 10, 1965

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Dear Geoffrey:

In our meeting on January 26 you requested urgent answers, even on a partial or tentative basis, to a number of specific questions regarding proposed facilities in the Indian Ocean islands.

I have now been authorized to provide you the following responses, keyed to corresponding sections of your letter:

(a) The Chagos Archipelago and Diego Garcia

We would not regard the detachment of the entire Chagos Archipelago as essential, but consider it highly desirable. It appears to us that full detachment now might more effectively assure that Mauritian political attention, including any recovery pressure, is diverted from Diego Garcia over the long run. In addition, as indicated in my letter of January 14, full detachment is useful from the military security standpoint, and provides a source for additional land areas should requirements arise which could not be met on Diego Garcia.

(b) Aldabra

Our interest in Aldabra arises in large part from the strong interest initially expressed by the U.K. in the development of an air staging base there, and our conclusion that there is an increasing need for dependable long-term accesses to Africa south of the Sahara. We have no immediate requirement for other facilities on Aldabra, and cannot predict when we will be in a position to fund for the concerted development of the air staging base itself. The requirements for a communication station at Diego Garcia antedates specific interest in Aldabra and, although staging facilities if constructed at these sites would be mutually supporting, the initial mission at Diego Garcia does not depend upon any development at Aldabra.

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(c) Remaining Islands

- (i) The priority order is based on the topographic and hydrographic data gathered in last summer's joint surveys, and the geographical position of the islands.
- (ii) Taking the islands as a group, we consider them to have potential usefulness for airstrips, anchorages, Pol supply points, pre-positioning of materiel, and support of space programs. We have not identified particular objectives for individual locations, except in the sense of concluding that certain facilities would be excluded by physical characteristics such as space limitations or poor anchorage.
- (iii) We do not have any schedule for facilities at these locations. This would depend upon the development of future military requirements.

(d) General

From our standpoint there would be no reason to relocate population prior to an island's coming into use to meet a requirement. This would apply to the other islands of the Chagos Archipelago so long as our activity was confined to Diego Garcia.

(e) Local Labor

We do not in principle exclude the use of local labor for construction work. As you will recognize, in practice the extent to which local labor can be used depends upon such factors as availability of appropriate skills, possible balance of payments considerations, and the value to the contractor of key personnel from his own staff.

I hope that this information will provide you sufficient basis for requisite political decisions within Her Majesty's Government, and with the governments concerned. Please let us know if you need anything further.

Sincerely,

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