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SUBJECT: MILITARY FACILITY NEGOTIATIONS: TURKS AND CAICOS

REF: NASSAU 1672

1. SUMMARY: UK/GOVERNMENT OF TURKS AND CAICOS (GOTC)
REPRESENTATIVES MET WITH U.S. TEAM IN DEPARTMENT OCTOBER 12
AND 13 FOR FIRST ROUND OF DISCUSSIONS ON FUTURE ARRANGE-
MENTS FOR OUR FACILITIES IN TURKS AND CAICOS. ROUND ONE,
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WHICH SERVED TO CLARIFY GOTC DEMANDS AND ESTABLISH BASIC
U.S. POSITION TOWARDS VALUE OF FACILITIES, ENDED WITH
UK/GOTC REJECTION OF DOLLARS 125,000 OFFER PER FACILITY
(EXCLUDING USCG LORAN STATION) FOR ANNUAL RENTAL OF
DOLLARS 250,000. ANTICIPATED NEXT STEP WOULD BE LOW-KEY
U.S. TECHNICAL TEAM VISIT TO GRAND TURK IN NEXT SEVERAL
MONTHS TO EXAMINE UK/GOTC ADMINISTRATIVE PROPOSALS.

SECOND NEGOTIATING ROUND WOULD FOLLOW. END SUMMARY.

2. NEGOTIATIONS PROCEEDED IN THREE STAGES. FIRST, U.S. TEAM CONSIDERED NUMBER OF MINOR, QUOTE ADMINISTRATIVE UNQUOTE PROPOSALS TABLED BY GOTC, SUCH AS REVERSION OF UNUSED LAND, LEAKAGE INTO LOCAL ECONOMY OF DUTY-FREE GOODS, ACCESS TO FACILITY TELEVISION TRANSMISSIONS, AND JOINT USE OF AIRFIELD. WE WERE ABLE TO AGREE TO ABOUT HALF

OF THESE PROPOSALS, INCLUDING ALL MENTIONED ABOVE.

3. THE SECOND STAGE INVOLVED A LIST OF GOTC CAPITAL PROJECTS, MOST OF WHICH WERE NOT FEASIBLE BECAUSE OF DOD CONSTRAINTS ON FUNDING PROJECTS FOR WHICH THERE IS NO MILITARY JUSTIFICATION.

4. THIRD AND MOST IMPORTANT STAGE CONSIDERED ANNUAL RENTAL. BASED ON DOD ESTIMATES OF VALUE OF FACILITIES AND COST TO USG OF THEIR RELOCATION, U.S. SIDE OFFERED DOLLARS 125,000 PER FACILITY. U.S. TEAM MADE CLEAR THAT DOD WOULD PAY RENT ONLY FOR NAVFAC AND ETR. USCG LORAN STATION WOULD BE INCLUDED IN OVERALL AGREEMENT BECAUSE OF ITS PUBLIC SERVICE NATURE. TOTAL ANNUAL RENTAL AMOUNTED TO DOLLARS 250,000.

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7. UK NEGOTIATORS INDICATED THAT THEY WILL ADVISE WHEN THE TIME IS RIPE FOR LOW-KEY VISIT AND RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS. EMBASSY WILL BE INFORMED AS OUR POSITION DEVELOPS. RECORD OF ROUND ONE NEGOTIATIONS PLUS SOME BACKGROUND INFO ON TURKS AND CAICOS BEING POUCHED. VANCE

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