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August 3 is the day of Clive's
Brewell lunch.

2. The arguments for and against seeing this man are finely balanced. His government is vociferously claiming Diego Garcia and will probably go on doing so whatever we say.

3. but he is head of a Commonwealth Government and some frank speaking about Diego Garcia would do us harm.

4. Agree to talks for 45 minutes
— but regret inability to give lunch if
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Mauritius



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Note for the file:

re Pym's office

telephoned to say that the PM
of Mauritius was not, after all, coming.

The meeting on 3/8/82 is therefore
cancelled.

D.J.T. Collins

Duty clerk

2/8/82

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29 July 1982

VISIT BY PRIME MINISTER OF MAURITIUS

Thank you for your letter of 27 July. As I told you on the telephone today, the Prime Minister will not be able to give lunch for Mr. Jugnauth on 3 August but would be able to receive him for talks at 1100 on that day. I should be grateful if you could let me have a brief as early as possible on 2 August.

A. J. COLES

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

27 July, 1982

Dear John,

Visit by Prime Minister of Mauritius

We have just learned that the new Prime Minister of Mauritius is passing through London at the beginning of August on his way to the OAU Summit in Tripoli. His office have indicated that he would be available for talks on 3 August. I attach a copy of his CV. It would be helpful if the Prime Minister could offer to see him for a short talk and, if at all possible, host a lunch in his honour. It is his first visit to this country since coming to power after winning an overwhelming victory in the June election over the moderate government of Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam.

The new government's policies are leftish, in external affairs they have declared their intention to follow a strictly non-aligned course and pledged solidarity with the third world. They are also making strong noises about sovereignty over the British Indian Ocean Territory (Diego Garcia) which they claim was wrongly detached from Mauritius before independence. They have amended their constitution to include the British Indian Ocean Territory as part of the territory of Mauritius, and they intend to launch a diplomatic campaign at the various international fora for its recovery.

Mr Pym gave lunch to the Mauritian Foreign Minister last week and left him in no doubt about our views on Diego Garcia. It would be useful for Mr Jugnauth to have the same message before his appearance at the OAU summit, when he is expected to launch his campaign.

On the positive side, the Mauritian Foreign Minister emphasised to Mr Pym his government's wish to maintain and strengthen their country's traditional good relations with Britain. Attention by the Prime Minister to Mr Jugnauth would serve to assure him of our continuing interest in Mauritius. On the other hand, a refusal to see a newly appointed Commonwealth Head of Government would certainly be taken as a snub, at a formative stage in the attitudes of the new Mauritian government.

Yours ever,
Francis Richards

A J Coles Esq
Private Secretary

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Private Secretary

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MR ANEEROOD JUGNAUTH, QC

Member of the Legislative Assembly for Piton-Riviere. President of the Mouvement Militant Mauricien (MMM), the dominant partner in the ruling coalition. Appointed Prime Minister in June 1982.

Born 1929. Hindu. Lawyer. Married, with a daughter who was at Cambridge and a son at present studying law at the University College at Buckingham.

Former Magistrate and Crown Counsel. Minister of Labour 1965 - 67. Took part in London Constitutional Conference 1965. Joined MMM 1971.

He is a quiet man of moderate ability. Well disposed towards Britain.



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