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Thank you for your email of 1 July 2015 asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

I have been passed a collection of documents (attached) in which two items were pointed out to me:

1). *Le Mauricien of 27 June "The Resettlement of the record of the Chagossians was still relevant earlier this week with the appeal of the Chagos Refugee Group in the High Court in London. The Chagossians are challenging the decision of the Law Lords in 2008 because, according to the advice of their lawyers, "Were Withheld key document for the Chagossians from lawyers and the judges, qui Would Have Significantly Impacted on the box. "These documents relate to a draft of the 2002 Draft Feasibility Study and all related correspondence and comments FCO Scientific Adviser, Charles Sheppard." (Google translate from French)*

2) *Interview with Mr Mardemootoo: "Fourthly, the documents reveal evidence of an amazing lack of objectivity in Dr Sheppard;s input in the study. "*

Can you kindly pass to me copies of what these documents are?

I am writing to confirm that we have now completed the search for the information which you requested.

I can confirm that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) does hold information relevant to your request.

Please find attached the information that the FCO can release to you – we are disclosing everything you have requested.

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Yours sincerely,

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