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From: Peter Beckingham (Sensitive)
Sent: 28 October 2015 18:50
To: FCO Official
Cc: FCO Officials
Subject: TCI: Continuation of CFO Role

[Redacted], I saw the Premier and FM today. I'll send a longer note of our discussion tomorrow, but the short message is that the Minister of Finance would indeed welcome your proposed visit asap to discuss next steps. He is here for the next 2 weeks, after this week, and would very much like you to come here in that period.

I think it is important we keep to our offer, so hope you can make one of those weeks. I believe you indicated you would be available in that period. All the best - Peter

Hi Peter,

Are you free for a quick call? Perhaps on Friday?

Kind regards,
[Redacted]

From: Minister of Finance
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2015 01:03 PM
To: Peter Beckingham (Sensitive); FCO Official
Cc: Premier, CFO

Gentlemen,

We agreed to meet in the UK for further discussion relating to the CFO function after February 2016.

I am following up for myself and the Premier. We would very much like to have the meeting, to include any one else suggested as critical to the decision.

Please let us know when you will be available

Regards,

Minister of Finance

Extract from the FCO record of FCO Minister Mr Duddridge's Meeting with Premier, Turks and Caicos Islands, 3 December 2015

Chief Financial Officer (CFO)

The Premier and the Minister of Finance stated that the CFO role should end at the expiry of the DFID loan guarantee in 2016. Meanwhile, they welcomed the financial oversight the role provided but argued that the CFO should have less involvement in the day to day financial management of the government. The Premier added that this was a political issue that would feature during the election campaign. Mr Duddridge clarified that the CFO role was conditional on the loan guarantee but that there was never an agreement as to when the role would end. However, he hoped that there would be no long term need for the role. Mr Duddridge confirmed that the role would continue until at least March 2017 but stated that he was open to ideas as to how CFO responsibilities might be transferred in a way that continued to provide TCI with oversight resource and also provided comfort for HMG. Mr Duddridge would ask the Governor and officials to take forward thinking **(Action: OTD, DFID and TCI Governor's Office)**.

From: FCO Official
Sent: 23 September 2016 17:18
To: Peter Beckingham (Sensitive)
Cc: FCO Officials
Subject: Teleconference re CFO

Peter

Tried to call and IM but with no success.

We should like to hold a teleconference with you at 1600 (UK) on Monday to discuss the CFO issue particularly around what may or may not have been said to the Premier about the future of the role and the timing of any proposed changes. At this stage we should like to keep attendees to you, [Redacted] and myself.

Please let me know if the timing is inconvenient and I will reschedule.

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