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1. Ambassador discussed at some length facilities Soviets are building in Somalia during March 4 meeting with Deputy Minister of Defence and Foreign Affairs Lakshman Jayakody. Letter was also given to Jayakody summarizing main points of presentation and enclosing background information, drawing on guidance provided by Washington.
2. Jayakody said evidence of Soviet military activity in Somalia was convincing and asked that he be kept informed of further Soviet military involvement there, as well as elsewhere in Indian

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Ocean Region. He noted that he had been called upon to comment on Brezhnev's statement to CPSU Congress regarding Soviet "bases" in Indian Ocean and said he felt he could not publicly challenge Brezhnev's statement in press conference. He said, however, that he knew that Brezhnev's statement did not contain "the whole truth."

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