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1. Maumoon Abdul Gayoom and Mohamed Musthapha Hussain, two-man Maldivian delegation to 31st UNGA called on Ambassador Reed morning September 17. Party plans to leave Colombo September 19 via Swissair flight to Zurich and continue on to New York by the next available connecting flight.
2. Ambassador again expressed appreciation for Maldivian support on Korea question and said he hoped this would continue. Gayoom made no commitment but indicated GOM continues to accept our arguments on issue. We feel we can again count on Maldivian support on Korea.
3. Delegates indicated some concern over difficulty in finding suitable housing and administrative requirements needed to re-establish "Permanent Mission." In fact, we were told delegation will probably stay no more than six months.

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They plan to cover on regular basis only plenary and Committees I and II. We suggested that Maldivians get in touch with USUN if they had particular problems. Gayoom was grateful for this suggestion.

4. COMMENT: Embassy believes a little attention paid to Maldivian delegation could pay dividends on various issues other than Middle East. Maldivians are sensitive to slights or ridicule based on their country's smallness. If at all possible, would recommend that Ambassador Scranton plan short meeting with Gayoom at mutually convenient time. We believe it would be ten minutes well spent. We are sending biographic information by septel.


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