An aerial photograph of a Maldivian island, showing a central landmass with buildings and palm trees, surrounded by a shallow lagoon with visible coral reefs and a deeper outer lagoon. The water transitions from light turquoise to deep blue.

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An underwater legacy

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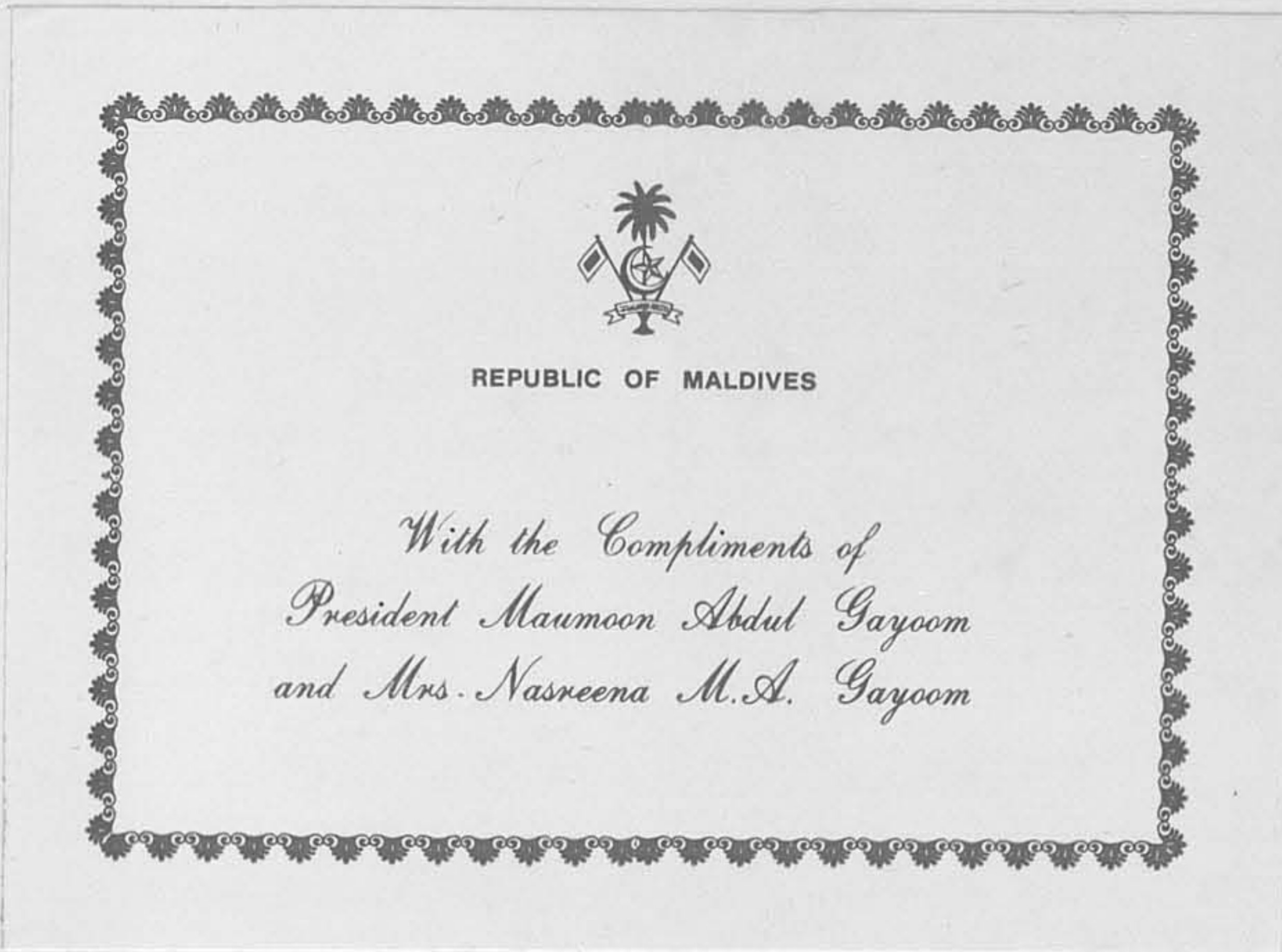
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Vabbinfaru Paradise Island

Dr. Mahathir,
I hope you find
this portrayal of our
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A view of the Maldives focusing on its rich underwater life is amply captured in the work of Didier Noirot. "Maldives - An Underwater Legacy" provides the reader with not only an insight into the almost pristine marine environment of the country but also reveals some of its history, geography and traditions which the reader is likely to find quite unique.

I appreciate the vivid descriptions of the Maldives illustrated in the coming pages, and thank the author for the admirable work he has done in publishing this pictorial production. I am sure that his efforts to collect material for the book will not be lost and that the present work will serve to enrich the reader's knowledge of our nation of islands.

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