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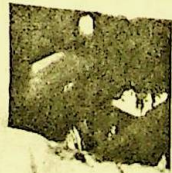
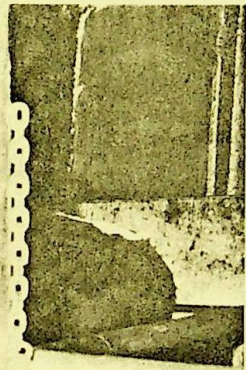
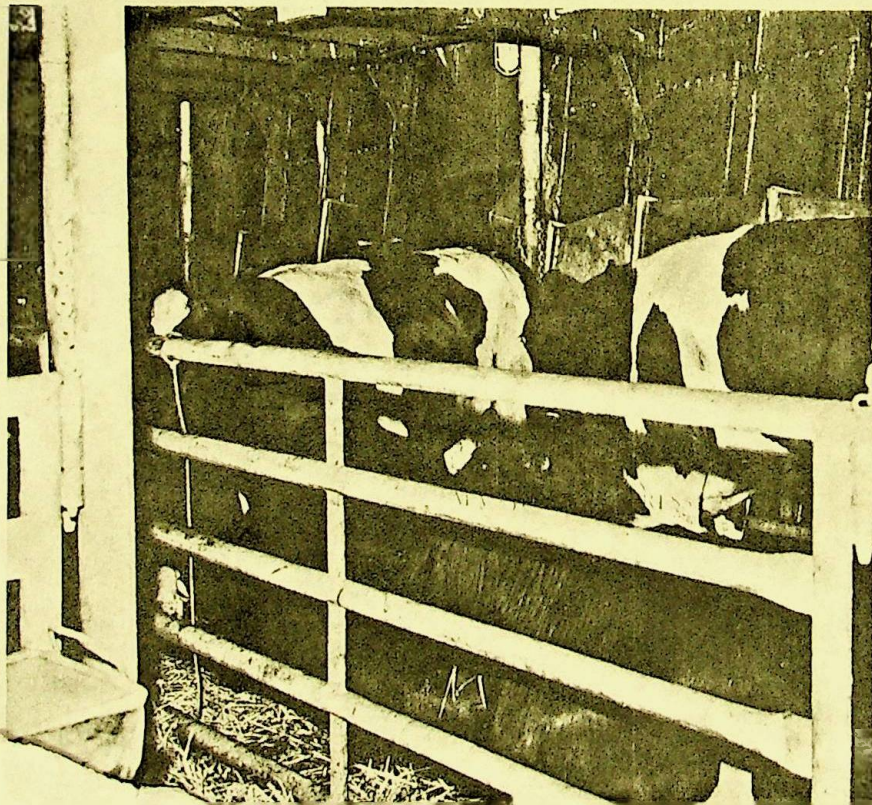
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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Our Ref: 264/4

9th August 1982

E W H Christie Esq
Falkland Islands Office
2 Greycoat Place
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LONDON, SW1

*Reynolds Shipping
Collyer Money
222-7730*

Dear Bill,

FALKLANDS APPEAL

Many thanks for your telex of 20 July to John Cheek. He, Tony Blake and I have been pursuing the points you raised and, with the help of our local advisory committee, we have now decided on the following list of requirements:

- (1) three sets of playground equipment for children. These are for East and West Stanley and Goose Green. In view of the hazard of minefields outside Stanley and Goose Green, we consider that it is most urgent to provide these facilities for children so that they are not tempted to wander outside the town or settlement. If one of them could be designed along the lines of an adventure playground, so much the better;
- ✓ (2) small weekly lodging allowances to six families rendered homeless by war damage, currently staying with friends who cannot afford to keep them indefinitely. These payments would continue until they were able to return to their own homes or move into new ones;
- ✓ (3) a cash float to the FIG Social Worker to enable her to buy clothes and furnishings locally for those in need. There are eight people in Stanley to date who require this sort of help;
- ✓ (4) cash for paying local contractors for repairs to private houses. We have organised four local contractors with their own work teams, labour from the Army and materials from FWD to effect repairs to damaged houses to enable them to be re-occupied as soon as possible. Contractors have agreed to work for normal FWD handymen's rates and we should like to pay from the Appeal immediately. This would be on the written undertaking that householders would refund the Appeal once their official claims for compensation were met;

/(6) Replacement



- (5) replacement of domestic hens and ducks. Most people in Stanley and Camp kept hens and ducks and these have been ravaged by the war. We need replacements urgently. The best method would be to send out eggs and an incubator by air, followed by pullets in the next available vessel. If this is feasible, we can give you detailed numbers;
- (6) seeds for vegetables. Most gardens in Stanley were raided by the Argentines and denuded of vegetables. The most important seeds required are potatoes, carrot, cabbage and swedes. A large shipment of suitable seed potatoes should be organised so that Spring planting can go ahead. The variety should be limited to two early types and two main crop types. We have not yet been able to estimate the amount required but I am sure it would amount to several tonnes.
- (7) animal foodstuffs for the Stanley Dairy. The dairyman, Malcolm Ashworth, was one of the heroes of the occupation. He continued to deliver milk through shelling and bombing until his dairy herd had been reduced from 65 to 16. His dairy paddocks were mined and he can now use less than one quarter for grazing. He needs 20 tonnes of 16% dairy concentrate from the end of September. He will also require about 80 tonnes of hay. He runs Ayrshire cattle and would like to import 15 to 20 Ayrshire heifers certified Brucellosis-free etc and would prefer most of these in calf with the dates staggered and five dry. An approach to J Lawson, General Secretary, Ayrshire Cattle Society, 1 Race Course Road, Ayr may result in a donation;
- (8) cash for restoring Waverley House as an old people's home. This house is presently occupied by the military but, with suitable redecorating, furnishing and repairs to plumbing and central heating, it could be turned into a reasonable old people's home and thus create more beds in the hospital where the old people are currently housed;
- (9) furniture and soft furnishings. We are preparing an inventory of all those that were damaged in private houses and hope to place a bulk order with you shortly.

We have over \$2,000 in the Government Savings Bank here from local donations to the Appeal and I should think that a transfer of \$3,000 from the Appeal funds in London to our Appeal account here would cover the above requirements for the time being.

I am most grateful to you for the good news about Cheryl Bonner. I know the Ockenden Venture well from my Saigon days and visited their home in Sussex to see some Viet Nameese orphans whom I had helped to evacuate in the closing months of the war. Harry Bonner is naturally relieved to know that she arrived safely and is being well looked after. It was most kind of you and your wife to meet Cheryl at Wroughton and to accompany her to Camberley. Harry would be grateful for her permanent address as soon as you know it.

/We are ...



We are trying to arrange a suitable venue and date for a children's party. Unfortunately, the food parcels from Tesco and Sainsburys have not yet turned up. I wonder if you or General Mills could let us know when and by what means they were despatched? We were delighted to hear that HRH the Princess of Wales will send a message to the children of the Islands and we shall let you know the appropriate time as soon as possible.

We have asked Islanders to send individual letters to General Mills describing conditions generally here. I have also asked successive British journalists who have visited here over the past weeks to let him have photographs of damage in Stanley and I hope some have by now found their way to the Appeal Office. Of the local photographers, only one, Ian Strange, has produced any to date, and he has promised to let me have copies soon.

Many thanks for Sir John Barlow's best wishes, which we reciprocate.

We were delighted to hear that £250,000 from the £5 million offered by the States of Jersey had been allocated to the Appeal. This is just the sort of boost we needed at this end.

With best wishes from John Cheek, Tony Blake and myself.

*Yours ever,
R M Hunt*

R M Hunt
HM Civil Commissioner

Copy to: M Jackson Esq, FCO

*Roberts E L
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September 1982

Major General A O G Mills
Honorary Director
Falklands Appeal
12 Greycoat Place
LONDON SW1

FALKLANDS APPEAL

In my letter to Bill Hunter Christie of 9 August, I mentioned various requirements that our local Advisory Committee had identified. I hope that he passed these on to you and that you have been considering how the Appeal could best help. Our major work to date has been repairing private houses damaged during the occupation. I have now advised the building contractors and they are making good progress in repairing damaged houses to their pre-occupation condition. It will be the course to receive this money back into the Appeal as householders' official claims are met from the compensation scheme.

We have been looking again at the requests we made for replacement of livestock. I do not know whether you have had any response from the Ayrshire Cattle Society to Malcolm Ashworth's request for 15-20 Ayrshire heifers. We have been searching for a means of getting livestock down here and the FCO have told us that a private company will have a ship sailing from UK in mid-October for Australia. On her outward journey she will be practically empty and could be diverted to the Falkland Islands. She is fitted to carry livestock. I do not know whether the company are offering to divert the ship here as a donation or whether they are expecting full freight charges. But it is certainly worth pursuing and I suggest you get in touch with Alex Smith of the Falklands Unit in the FCO for further details.

It would clearly be out of the question to divert the ship on full freight costs for Ashworth's 20 heifers, and we have been trying to ascertain our other livestock requirements and whether we could make up a reasonable load. Unfortunately, the mine problem still makes it impossible to do an accurate count of our sheep losses, and most farmers will not know their true extent until the end of the shearing season in March. It seems fairly clear, however, that there will be little, if any, demand for sheep from Britain. We have had generous offers from the National Sheep Association and from the Romney Sheep Breeders Society; but the popular breeds of sheep here are the Australian Corriedale and Poleworth, and we shall probably be looking in that direction for our re-stocking needs. The Australian Government have already expressed a willingness to help, and we shall be pursuing this with them as soon as we have a more accurate idea of numbers.

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The Agricultural Officer considers that there are plenty of pigs on the Islands and we have no need to import any from Britain.

This leaves us with cattle. I asked the Agricultural Officer if he would provide details along the lines supplied by Ashworth of cattle required by other farmers and he is still working on this. At a rough guess I should say that our needs will not exceed 100 and I doubt whether this number would warrant diverting the ship if we have to pay for the extra. I shall let you have details as soon as the Agricultural Officer has compiled them, but, in the meantime, you may wish to make some preliminary enquiries from cattle breeders. One offer already received is from the Rare Breeds Survival Trust Ltd, who have suggested a group of approximately six in-calf heifers and an unrelated bull calf from their herd of Shetland cattle. They have offered them as a gift and also offered to pay for their transport to the Falkland Islands. Our Government Veterinary Officer, Steve Whitley, received this offer in a letter from a Mr J M Watson MRCVS, The Rare Breeds Survival Trust Ltd, 4th Street, National Agricultural Centre, Stoneleigh Park, Kenilworth, Warwickshire CV8 2LG (tel Coventry 541441). One of our farmers, Robin Lee of Port Howard, has agreed to look after the herd and build it up.

I do not know how you view our proposal to replace domestic hens and ducks by sending out eggs and an incubator by air freight. The school lost an incubator during the occupation and they could take charge of hatching the eggs and distributing them (with the help of our Agricultural Department) if you could find a suitable supplier, eg Ross Poultry Ltd. We are going on the local radio to ask people to let us have their requirements and we should be able to give you an idea of numbers within the next two or three weeks. Even without an incubator, this time of year would be suitable for sending out settings of eggs and we should have no problem in finding sufficient broody hens. The main problem will be air freight, and I should be grateful if you would pursue this from your end.

I am sorry that I have not yet been able to give you an order for furniture and soft furnishings. My party of volunteer ladies who were going to undertake this failed to materialise, and I am having to wait for Public Works Department, who naturally have to compile an inventory of Government losses first.

I should be grateful to know whether any photographs came your way from the professional journalists who were down here. I am afraid that I am still awaiting photographs from Ian Strange, and no other local photographer has come up with anything.

With best wishes,

R M Hunt
Civil Commissioner

cc: E W Hunter Christie Esq, A D Smith Esq, FCO.



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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

15 September 1982

R S Whitley Esq
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OBAN
Argyll

Dear Steve,

Many thanks for your letter of 24 August and glad to hear that you are looking forward to getting back here again. If you manage the end of September, you may be coming back with me again (I recall that we returned from leave together last year). The FCO have been human for a change and have invited me back for consultations to coincide with Diana's wedding.

I think it was a marvellous effort from the people of Sue's home town in Wales though, as you say, it must have been quite a strain on you. I agree that the trust that you have set up should be as broadly based as possible to allow maximum flexibility and I am sure that Councillors and the Education Department will welcome what you have done. I shall mention it at our next Council Meeting and doubtless the Standing Education Committee will wish to consider in detail how best they can use the Trust to the benefit of Falkland Islands youth. I am glad that you went ahead with the £10,000 worth of drugs etc from Crown Chemicals and that the publicity you got out of it resulted in your being given an operating table by the RSPCA.

I cannot remember if I told you before you left that Robin Lee offered to have the breeding herd of Shetland cattle from the Rare Breeds Survival Trust. We have had other offers of sheep from the UK but, as you know, most farmers here would prefer sheep from Australia or New Zealand. One thing we shall be looking to the NFU to provide is an Agricultural Officer. Adrian Monk leaves next week and we will have a nasty gap until Owen Summers returns from his two years course. The NFU have offered us help with materials, stock or people, and Jim Clement and I think that the best input they could make at the present time would be to loan us the services of one of their experienced agricultural officers for two or three years to work closely with John Ferguson and the GTU and to run the Government Agricultural Department until we have a local trained to take over. I shall be pursuing this with the NFU and ODA, but would be grateful for any help that you can give in this direction through your contacts.

I hope that, despite all your activities on our behalf, you have been able to have a restful holiday.

With best wishes,

*Yours ever,
R M Hunt*

R M Hunt
Civil Commissioner



House of Commons

London, SW1A 0AA

21st September, 1982.

Dear Rex,

I trust you are keeping well and that the situation continues to improve, particularly as the better weather should by now be with you.

Would you please be kind enough to arrange for the appropriate people to consider the following offer which was made to me earlier this week by Miss Isabel Vaughan-Morgan who is a relative of Lord Reigate. She is a cattle breeder and her address is Warren Crest Farm, Wick Hill Lane, Finchampstead, Berks. RG11 3PX.

I was speaking to the Reading South Conservative Women's Branch about the Falk and Islands earlier this week when Mr. Vaughan-Morgan asked me about the breed of cattle which were present in the Falkland Islands. I could not give her the information she required off the cuff. She told me that she was of the opinion that the Red Pole strain of cattle was an ideal dual purpose beast for both milk and beef and would be ideal in the Falkland Islands. She very kindly offered to donate free of charge an appropriate quantity of semen to enable the necessary breeding to take place. I do not know whether you have a female Red Pole cow in the Falkland Islands but if not possibly Miss Vaughan-Morgan might be willing to give some idea of the cost of acquiring one or she might even be persuaded to donate one if it could be shipped out to you. Subject to the availability of this animal, plus the necessary supply of semen, then presumably it would be possible for breeding to commence.

I know that Miss Vaughan-Morgan has made this offer as a gesture of her support for the Falkland Islands and a desire to be of assistance. I wonder, therefore, if you would be kind enough to arrange for those concerned to consider the offer and if it is of interest perhaps you would be kind enough to let me know.

Best wishes.

H.E. Rex Hunt, Esq., CMG,
Civil Commissioner,
The Falkland Islands,
Government House,
Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

3rd November 1982

0049/RSW

H.E. Sir Rex Hunt Esq. CMG.
Civil Commissioner,
Government House,
Stanley.

Dear Sir,

With reference to the letter from Michael Shersby regarding Red Poll Cattle, I would suggest that the idea of importing purebred animals is much more appropriate, at this stage, than trying to organise a "High-intensive" artificial insemination programme. If Miss Vaughan-Morgan can be persuaded to donate one or more animals, they could join Noahs' Ark and I am sure that I can find a home for them here !

Yours sincerely

R.S. Whitley MBE, BVMS MRCVS.

GRASSLANDS TRIALS UNIT

Port Stanley, Falkland Islands, South Atlantic.

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Letter Broadcast pm 6/10/82 and copies sent to all farms.
Copies to H.E. Mr Rex Hunt and Major General A.O.G. Mills.

Good evening and hello again.

I hope you are all healthy and happy and prepared to put up with me again.

Whilst in U.K., I have been in contact with many veterinary and agricultural friends who not only were very hospitable but also have been exceedingly generous in their offers of help both in cash and in kind.

On the veterinary side, we have been given £10,000 worth of drugs by Crown Chemicals of Lamberhurst in Kent who are also paying the freight on this fantastically generous gift. The Chairman of Crown Chemicals is a Mr William Montagu who visited the Falklands in 1952 on HMS Superb, and it was he who organised the consignment. The 66 packages which have already arrived here contain disinfectant, spray marking fluid, wound dressings, telmin syringes, teat ointment, lamb tonics, vitamin tonics, and linaments as well as a few purely veterinary drugs.

The publicity caused by this gift set in motion a sequence of events which not only kept me very busy but also resulted in donations of drugs and equipment from all sorts of people who want to help us.

The RSPCA have given a super new operating table for my surgery which will also be furnished with gifts of an instrument trolley, a black medicine box and a stethoscope all from Southern Veterinary Supplies. With that lot - and an ophthalmoscope/auroscope from the Cats' Protection League - the moggy population had better watch out !

The Veterinary Drug Company in York are sending me 5000 vacutainers plus needles to get the blood testing programme on it's feet again although how much testing we will be able to manage this year I don't yet know.

Hoechst and Merke, Sharp & Dohme are sending antiparasitic drugs for cattle and sheep and the two Army Vets are organising a consignment of drugs from May and Baker. So all in all we should be pretty well stocked for the future. Even though all these drugs and chemicals have been given free and for nothing, I propose - and the SOA has agreed with the idea -

to make a very small charge for most of the items. This means that the Veterinary fund will have some cash with which to continue in the future and it thereby means that the benefit is spread more evenly amongst everyone.

I hope this meets with your approval.

We have also been given a tranquilising dart gun, which should make capture and restraint of untamed horses easier, better and safer for the horses and for the vet.

I would like to acknowledge the work done by Brian Thompson and Neil Roach of the RAVC. I am most grateful to them for their efforts whilst I've been away.

Now, turning to the animal side of the things : As you know, we have been offered all sorts of birds and beasties by people wanting to help us restock. But it's my opinion that we must make haste slowly on this matter - we don't want to import nasty diseases with the animals.

In the light of various factors such as the loads being carried by ships coming down here, the uncertainty of when the ships are due to depart from U.K., and the uncertainty of when they can unload here, together with the absence of a quarantine station or any paddocks around town, I think we ought to consider a sort of "Noah's Ark" which could bring the whole lot out at once and which could act as a floating quarantine station both on the way and when it gets here. This suggestion has met with the initial approval from various quarters and already I have a Vet lined up to travel down with the ship to supervise the animals' welfare. If this succeeds then it is possible we will not have another importation for a while afterwards. There are no definite arrangements yet for the cost of the animals or the food with which to feed them or the cost of the ship. We may have to pay but the money could well be found from other sources, so don't jump to conclusions.

What I would like to know as soon as possible please is what you would like. Now that we have the opportunity to get new blood into the Islands, let's make the best use of it. So if you want dogs, horses, cattle, sheep, poultry, goats or pigs, let me know and I'll see what can be done. Almost certainly it won't be possible to please everyone, but if you can give me as many details as possible about breed, age, type and numbers required I'll have a better chance of getting things right. Please remember that all the stock for this shipment is coming from U.K., but if anyone would like animals from other countries we may be able to make other arrangements.

The definite offers which I know about at the moment - and there may well be others which I haven't caught up with yet - include 6 Shetland in-calf cows, 2 in-calf Welsh Black Hefers and Belted Galloway Cattle with the strong possibility of goats and Ayrshire Cattle being put on the list soon.

So it's over to you know. Let me know what you would like.

Thankyou for listening and I hope to see you soon.

R.S.Whitley MRCVS.

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1st November, 1982.

R.S. Whitley, M.R.C.V.S.,
Grasslands Trials Unit,
Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands,
South Atlantic.

Dear Steve,

Thank you for your letter of 6th October and for letting us have the list of those firms who have helped you. It is most impressive.

I am glad to hear that the eggs arrived safely and I hope that the second consignment were equally safe in the capable hands of Gerald Cheek.

We are all looking forward to the 'Noah's Ark' project and the National Farmers Union have expressed interest in it.

I hope that the de-mining is proceeding reasonably smoothly and that you will soon be able to count sheep & cattle.

The Appeal fund has topped £483,000. Please let us know if there is anything we can do for you.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

Alan

ALAN MILLS,
Hon. Director.

4th November 1982

0061/RSW

H.E. Sir Rex Hunt CMG.
Civil Commissioner.

Dear Sir,

IMPORTATION OF LIVESTOCK/REHABILITATION.

I would like to summarise the situation at present and then make a few suggestions which the Rehabilitation Committee might like to consider.

1/. The offers of material help and general assistance about which I am aware include :-

a/. U.K.

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| Miss Isobel Vaughan-Morgan | Red Poll Semen (or Cows?) |
| Hereford Herd-Book Society | Hereford Semen. |
| Rare Breeds Survival Trust | 6 Shetland Cattle. |
| National Farmers' Union | Assistance. |
| Mr G Pickering | Poultry. |
| National Sheep Association | Assistance. |
| Andes Trading Company | Rumevite Feed Blocks. |
| Romney Sheep Breeders Association | Romney Flock. |
| Belted Galloway Cattle Society | Assistance. |
| Mr Tim Millers Uncle | Poultry. |
| Mrs D Sawyer | Assistance with Goats. |
| Upjohn Ltd | Veterinary Assistance. |

b/. Antipodes.

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| Mr H D Moodie, Victoria, Australia | Assistance/Corriedales. |
| Mr H D Matson, Wellington, N.Z. | Romney/Corriedale/Assistance. |
| Roberta Stewart,Ltd, Hobart, Tasmania | Vague offer. |
| Mr Trevor Halliday, Penguin, Tasmania | Assistance. |
| Mr Max Burr,(MP), Launceston, Tasmania | Assistance. |

Some of these offers of general assistance may well metamorphose

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into material aid if specific requests are put to the donor.

2/. Following a broadcast and circulated request to be given details of peoples' requirements, a very rough list of animals which could be imported includes :-

a/. U.K.

17 Horses (from Arabs to Shetland, Stallions and Mares)

11 Goats

7 Dogs

2 Pigs

50 Cattle (including 15-20 for Mr Ashworth)

300 Poultry (assorted species)

10 Cats

9 Sheep

Miscellaneous items (fruit trees, rooted poplar cuttings etc.)

b/. Antipodes.

Dogs (New Zealand Huntaways)

Sheep 100 assorted breeds including Corriedales, Polworths, Perendales, Romneys.

There are various points to be taken into account :-

1/. People have made enquiries and let me have their requests without knowing whether or not freight would be charged to them. If by some arrangement either the animals or the freight was free, I believe the list would lengthen.

2/. If myself, can probably lengthen the list of "useful items" from U.K. by the addition of things such as budgerigars, cattle feed, poultry equipment (incubators and arks etc).

3/. The importation of goats would have to be approved by Government because they are a species not here at the present. In my opinion, permission to import goats should be granted.

4/. In order to establish long term breeding populations, it may be necessary to persuade some potential importers to alter the breed of animal requested so that sufficient numbers of fewer breeds are imported.

5/. One person has expressed an interest in flying an animal (a ram) from Tasmania to U.K. so that it may travel out on any livestock boat which may be arranged.

6/. The cattle for the dairy in Stanley should be imported irrespective of Mr Ashworth's intentions as to whether or not he continues to run the farm.

farm./

The animals can always be given to someone else.

7/. No consideration has yet been given to the large numbers of sheep lost by Murrel, Mount Kent, Long Island, Sparrow Cove, Moody Valley Farms. Do we import breeding populations to start these people off again or do we rely on regeneration of their flocks from local suppliers ?

ACTION TO BE TAKEN AND FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS.

1/. I would like to suggest that the Rehabilitation Committee consider the possibility of financing a Livestock ship to act not only as a means of conveying this assortment of animals from U.K. to the Falklands but also to act as a quarantine station should there be any need for one. A further advantage would be in that the ship might be able to deliver the animals to their relevant camp stations.

The NPU could be asked if they would help with finance for the project.

2/. If the idea is acceptable, the ECO could contact MAFF or NPU to locate a suitable vessel and determine when she would be available and how many animals could be transported.

3/. The project would require a U.K. based co-ordinator to arrange matters such as suppliers of food-stuffs for the animals, dates for delivery, Veterinary inspections and health regulations etc.

4/. A veterinary surgeon is available to travel with the ship - Mr Andrew Coulson from Upjohn Ltd.

5/. Once the project is approved in principal, potential suppliers of animals can be approached - itself a time consuming operation - and prices (hopefully favourable) negotiated.

6/. In order that the Stanley dairy can produce milk during next winter, the requirement is to have cows due to calve in April. This means that the vessel must sail in mid-February at the latest.

7/. Any vacant space in the vessel should be used to transport other items such as cattle feed with which to feed these animals during their first winter.

8/. The question of ownership of animals donated must be resolved. Obviously those purchased by private individuals or farms will be their property even if the freight is free.

9/. The Australian Government should be approached to see if they can provide assistance with the shipment of sheep from Tasmania to the Falklands. It could be expected that such a shipment would take place at the end of the season (i.e. March/April). The shipment would include those purchased by

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individuals to improve their existing blood lines and also a much larger number provided to help in the re-establishment of those badly damaged flocks. It is not envisaged that the flocks should be thus re-formed on a one-lost/one-imported-and-replaced basis. The smaller number of new animals donated to those farms would act as a nucleus for their own future development and would give a selling advantage when dealing with other FI farms.

It may be necessary for the ship to travel via New Zealand to collect animals from there, but preferably, Tasmania will be the main source of supply.

10/. Due to the difficulties in transferring funds from the Falklands to U.K., it may be necessary for a U.K. based organisation to act as guarantor for the purchases of some animals.

11/. The Falkland Islands Appeal can, of course, help at any stage.

The scale of the project is somewhat daunting but if it materialises we have the opportunity not only to assist those farmers who have lost so much but also to extend the pool of genetic material in the Islands and complement the existing healthy livestock population.

Yours sincerely

R.S. Whitley MBE, BVM&S MRCVS.

5th November 1962

0062/RSE

H.E. Sir Rex Hunt CMC.
Civil Commissioner.

Dear Sir,

1/. I attach a summary of the "Noah's Ark" situation. Several copies are appended for distribution at your discretion, to those people most involved. Obviously, I am only too willing to help in any way.

2/. Hay for the dairy : just a thought on this subject - to circumvent the problem of the vast cost of freighting hay from U.K. Would it be possible for the Appeal/Rehabilitation Committee to fund the purchase and application of fertiliser to existing hay fields on a contract basis ? i.e. the farms involved would agree to supply so-many tons in exchange for fertiliser which would be applied to their hay fields. Possible settlements might be Chartres, Pebble, Port Howard, Goose Green, Fitzroy and Hill Cove.

No stocks of a really suitable fertilizer are available here so purchase and shipment would be of a high priority. Also, farmers need to plan their management system now.

And just in passing whilst on the subject of cows :- a possible use for timber at present being discarded and burned might be to stockpile it to be used at a later date for construction of some sort of shelter for cows in the Dairy Paddock area. Could this be "sold" to a unit as a project ?

3/. Hereford Herd Book Society :- you will have received a copy of my letter to the Society on the subject of Hereford Semen. I intended that your seal of approval should have been given before the letter was sent but regret that this didn't happen. I hope you have no objections to the reply.

Yours sincerely

R.S. Whitley MBE BVMS MRCS.

26th November 1982

0092/RSW

H.E. Sir Rex Hunt CMG.
Civil Commissioner,
Government House,
Stanley.

IMPORTATION OF LIVESTOCK/REHABILITATION.

I wonder if you could let me know the progress of the "Noah's Ark" suggestion for the importation of animals from UK ?

As the details were sent to you on November 4th, I am sure you will agree there is a great sense of urgency if we are to have any hope of getting heavily pregnant cows here before the dairy runs dry in April.

With many thanks,

Yours sincerely

R.S. Whitley.

cc. J T Clement.

J Reed.

Major Gen. A Mills.

6th December 1952

0105/RSW

H.E. Sir Rex Hunt CMG.
Civil Commissioner,
Government House,
Stanley.

IMPORTATION OF LIVESTOCK/REHABILITATION.

I am in receipt of a copy of a letter from Mr Roberts of the Romney Sheep Breeders Society to Mr Colin Smith. In this letter, Mr Roberts states that the Kent WPU have offered to double the original suggested donation of about 100 sheep from the Romney Society to the Farmers of the Falklands.

In his reply Colin Smith explains some of the problems that we have had here and also indicates that the farmers are most grateful for the offers. I am most grateful to Colin for his assistance in this but am perturbed that Mr Roberts has not received the letter of thanks and explanation from Jim Clement which was sent some time ago.

However, this correspondence shows that people who have been kind enough to offer help us may be going "cool" in the absence of any action from here.

In order to reply to such people and to "keep the pot boiling", I must know soon whether or not the idea of ^alivestock ship (Noah's Ark - proposal in letter of November 4th) has met with approval and secondly if you still hope to get pregnant cows out for the Stanley dairy so that there will be a supply of fresh milk next winter ?

Yours sincerely

R.S. Whitley

cc Mr J Clement.

Major Gen. A Mills.

Mr J Reed.



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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

7 December 1982

R S Whitley Esq MBE
STANLEY

Dear Steve,

150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

I enclose for your information copies of letters that I have sent out to all farmers in the Falkland Islands asking for their support for a stock show, sheep dog trials and sheep shearing competition in Stanley during the 150th Anniversary celebrations in the last week of February.

I realise the difficulties but I hope that, with good will and a joint effort by everyone concerned, we shall be able to overcome them and have a successful meeting. Any help that you can give in your travels around the Islands or during your broadcasts would be gratefully appreciated.

Yours ever,
Rex.

R M Hunt
Civil Commissioner



9 December 1982

R S Whitley Esq MBE
Veterinary Officer
STANLEY

Dear Steve.

IMPORTATION OF LIVESTOCK

I am sorry for the delay in replying to your letter of 26 November asking what progress has been made regarding your Noah's Ark project.

I have been in touch with General Mills and he and his trustees are keen to help with funds from the Falklands Appeal. He says that they require 6 weeks notice for inspection and injections etc of livestock before shipment and would like details of the stock listed in para 2a of your letter of 4 November. If you could identify the possible supplier, this would be helpful. With any luck, we should be able to aim for a sailing date in mid-February.

I consider that the simplest arrangement would be for the Falklands Appeal to foot the bill and for the livestock to be distributed here free of charge. As you say, this will probably mean a lengthening of the list of livestock required and I should be grateful if you would round up the figures accordingly.

I omitted goats from the list forwarded to General Mills in view of strong opposition from some of our Councillors. If you feel strongly that we should include goats I suggest a paper setting out the pros and cons for consideration by Executive Council.

*Yours etc,
Reep.*

R M Hunt
Civil Commissioner

16th December 1981

O112/RSW

H.E. Sir Rex Hunt CMG.
Civil Commissioner.

IMPORTATION OF LIVESTOCK

Thank you for your letter of 9th December regarding the "Noah's Ark" project.

What with the delay in postal services over the Christmas period, I think that it is impossible for us to complete arrangements in order to meet a mid-February sailing date. The sense of urgency has also disappeared due to the situation at the Dairy. We also have the problem of who is going to act as purchaser of the animals.

I feel very strongly that Councillors have shown an unwarranted prejudice against goats. I think that their decision is very restrictive. Goats not only provide the smallholder and householder with the opportunity of providing themselves with fresh milk and meat but also can utilise areas of vegetation not normally used by anything else. You will be aware that many people do not like cows milk - even when they can get it - and also that a sizeable proportion of the human population is allergic to cows milk. Therefore I think that the council's decision should be reconsidered.

Yours sincerely

R.S. Whitley

cc J.F. Clement.

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6 January 1983

R S Whitley Esq MBE
The Grasslands Trials Unit
Stanley
FALKLAND ISLANDS

Dear Steve

We are very perturbed that we have not yet received a definitive list of livestock for shipment in your "Noah's Ark". Our concern began when we received a copy of your letter of 26 November 1982 to Sir Rex, particularly as he had said in a letter dated 10 November that he was awaiting a list from you.

To cut a long story short the only information we have as to requirements was contained in a telex dated 13 December as follows:

'50 cattle (including 15-20 for Ashworth), 17 horses (from Arabs to Shetland, stallions and mares), 300 poultry, 9 sheep, 2 pigs, 10 cats and 7 dogs. Further details follow by bag.'

We then sent a telegram:

'No letter in most recent bag concerning Noah's Ark livestock. Supplementary information to your recent telex essential. How many cattle and what breeds should be heavily pregnant? What breeds of horses and how many of each? What strains of sheep? Sexes of pigs? Suppliers of all types need six weeks' notice of sailing date.'

The reply was as follows:

'I regret that the Veterinary Officer has not yet been able to furnish details of livestock requirements. As you will appreciate communications with Camp are difficult and take time.'

While not wishing to embarrass Sir Rex behind his back you will surely appreciate our difficulty. The principle of the Noah's Ark has been agreed by all as an excellent idea, but to get it off the ground we need to know specifications and numbers of livestock so that we can approach suppliers. We cannot arrange a ship until we know how many animals by type are to be carried, and we must give the suppliers at least six weeks' notice of the sailing date. We need to ensure that the ship will complete the journey to Stanley without breaching quarantine regulations on the way.

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R S Whitley Esq

6 January 1983

Would it be possible for you to write to me direct giving the information we need?

Finally can you give me the address of Upjohn Limited so that I can get in touch with Andrew Coulson who, I understand, would be able to travel in the ship?

With best wishes from all of us for a much happier and prosperous year ahead.

Yours sincerely



Alan Mills

PS: We have been offered one boar and three sows 'Oxford Black and Sandy'. Would these be acceptable?

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R.S. Whitley Esq., MBE,
Grasslands Trials Unit,
Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

11th January 1983

Dear Steve,

Further to my letter of 6th January and the card enclosed with it :

1. Pigs

Mrs. Nancy Howard, Vice-Chairman, South West Pigkeepers Association offers :

Breeding pairs or trios of Oxford Black and Sandy pigs, Tamworths or Gloucester Old Spot crossed with Tamworth.

She recommends Oxfords being similar to original pigs taken to the Pacific and Australia by the early explorers.

All her strains breed well and are used to living out, providing they have access to a dry bed. They are of a friendly disposition and easily handled by any member of the family.

2. Horses

My sister, Miss Pamela Mills, is President of the Arab Horse Society, and has now written to say she is sure she can help, both through the Arab Horse Society, and the National Pony Society. She would be grateful for the following information :

Numbers, age, sex, breed, height (if necessary), use to which the animals will be put (e.g., breeding, hacking, racing, shepherding etc); who will ride them (e.g. men, women, children).

Are there any Ministry qualifications such as disease regulations to the Falkland Islands ?

If possible she would like the information this month or early next month to get things moving in time for the Noah's Ark.

Yours,



Alan Mills
Hon. Director

20th January 1983

0158/RSW

Major General A.O.G. Mills,
Honorary Director,
Falklands Appeal,
12 Greycoat Place,
London SW1.

Dear Alan,

Very many thanks for your letters which have just arrived, I am very sorry that you have been put in such a frustrating position and thoroughly sympathise. In order to complete the background, I enclose copies of the correspondence that I've had with Rex. You will see that he was given a tentative list on November 4th - in fact there were 4 copies of the letter sent to him so that he could forward them to involved people including, of course, yourself.

One of the problems is that, as far as I can find out, there have been no decisions made on three of four major subjects :- (1) Is the Stanley Dairy to continue where it is or at a new location? Malcolm Ashworth's need for cattle will obviously depend on the outcome of this decision. Will he continue to run the dairy, does he need calves or cows etc. etc.?

The difficulty about the present dairy is three-fold. Firstly, the location is such that Malcolm has lost some of his paddocks to the Military for instalations and some to mines which haven't been cleared yet. Secondly, the grazing on the common has disappeared for similar reasons and thirdly the relatively cheap source of concentrated from Argentina has, of course, dried up. He has calculated that to continue economically at the same site importing concentrates from UK, the price of milk would have to be around 40p per pint! So a move would seem sensible and necessary. Thus, until the future of the dairy is decided Malcolm doesn't want any precious beasts because he hasn't any where to put them especially during the winter and, quite rightly, he considers that to import animals and then not to look after them properly would be scandalous.

(2) An individual - Mr Ken Halliday of Fox Bay - is contemplating a small poultry business but is awaiting a decision by Government as to the location and scale of financial assistance. So he may want a reasonable number of birds and a great deal of equipment - or he may not.

(3) The ownership of the animals is going to be a problem especially as most of them are not for "rehabilitation". Only Malcolm & Claude Molkenbuhr (from the list) can strictly speaking, be said to warrant rehabilitation, the others are new imports/schemes. My opinion is that if the Appeal is kindly going to pay for the shipping and other arrangements, then, apart from Malcolm & Claude, the animals ought to be purchased by the prospective owners here. Ownership is then established and we circumvent the problem of some people getting something for nothing and others being resentful at a later date.

(4) Quite a number of people want to have goats and I can see no reason why this should not be so. However, Government has, for the time being, been "unenthusiastic" about the idea. Hopefully they will soon reverse the decision.

So, the state of play at the moment is that there is no urgency for Noah's Ark now and, in my opinion, the most suitable time for the importation to take place would be in the spring when an awful lot of problems should have been ironed out. I would like to stress that this is only my opinion. I shall be

I shall be /

writing to Rex on the subject as soon as I have finished this letter.

I append a list of the requirements as they stand at the moment. Let me emphasise that these are, at present, at the level of "an interested enquiry" rather than a definite order. Everyone wants to know the prices first, of course.

I really hate being so vague, Alan, and I do appreciate how frustrating it must be. I hope to be able to sort out a few problems in the next couple of weeks and will keep you informed accordingly.

I am copying this letter to Andrew Coulson so that he knows what is going on as well. Incidentally, his address is :- Ag/Vet Technical Services Manager, Upjohn Ltd, Fleming Way, Crawley, West Sussex RH10 2NJ (Crawley 31133)

We have also received an offer from a Miss Ann Dodgson of the Welsh Agricultural College, Llanbadarn Fawr, Aberystwyth, Dyfed, to assist with the shipment as a general assistant/stable girl/general factotum if it can fit in with her other plans. With the probable delay in the shipment she may not be available in August/September.

A further copy is also going to Marshall Watson MRCVS of the Rare Breeds Survival Trust Ltd, National Agricultural Centre, Stonleigh Park, Kenilworth, Warwickshire CV8 2LG. He is the prime mover of the Rare Breeds offer of Shetland cattle.

Finally, on a personal level, I have informed ODA that I do not wish to renew my contract which expires in February. I have informed the Government that I am prepared to stay here until a replacement civilian vet has been found but I may be back in UK sooner than I expected! This doesn't necessarily mean that I shall leave the Islands because various options are open to me but I do not want to change the basis of my employment here as it is most unsatisfactory at the moment.

I do hope that this has eased your situation but please let me know if there are any more immediate difficulties. It would be really useful if you could contact potential suppliers - see appended list - and find out costs etc. Where I am unable to suggest suppliers, I am sure your contacts will be able to put you in touch with the right people - (Farmers Weekly and NFU can probably help quite a bit).

The poultry might prove a bit of a problem and I'm writing to Mr Gordon Bickering, MAFF, Beeches Road, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 2RV to see if he considers our chances of success greater by shipment of live birds by sea or eggs by air.

When the shipment actually materialises, we should consider filling up every nook and cranny on the ship with fodder and other agricultural supplies which may be of assistance, especially to the smaller farmers.

I think that completes the situation report for now.

Best wishes to you all.

Yours Sincerely

R.S. Whitley.

P.S. I enclose copies of the Veterinary Certificates for a variety of animals - any others will have to be made anew

20th January 1983

0159/RSW

Sir Rex Hunt CMG.,
Civil Commissioner,
Government House,
Stanley.

IMPORTATION OF ANIMALS/REHABILITATION.

Dear Sir,

I append a list of animals about which enquiries have been made with a view to their importation. I must stress that these are not definite orders as the enquirers still want to have more details about the source of supply and the cost.

As I mentioned in my last letter of December 16th, the urgency for the arrangements to be completed has decreased due to the uncertain situation concerning the dairy in Stanley.

A further impediment to the completion of the list has been the possibility that Claudio Molkenbuhr and others might have their sheep flocks re-established by importation of animals from Tasmania. So far, it has been impossible to arrange a discussion between the various interested parties in order to establish whether the Murrel Farm is compensated/rehabilitated with the sheep or with money. Naturally sheep are of more use to Mr Molkenbuhr and if he were to be supplied with sheep from Tasmania the farm would be put on a good footing for the future. Unless a large number of sheep are purchased on behalf of the Murrel farm, the shipment will not take place at all and so restocking will have to take place from the meagre local supply that is available.

I understand that no final decision has been made concerning Mr Ken Halliday's poultry enterprise. When this is given the go-ahead and he has a budget to which to work, the possibility exists to use the animal ship to import equipment necessary for the project.

I have not heard whether or not Council has modified its opinion on the importation of goats. As you will see from the appended list, there is quite a demand and I believe that there have been strong opinions expressed to councillors that goats would be an asset to the community and would improve the quality and variety of life here. I do not think that prejudices should prevent their re-establishment in the community.

I wonder if you could tell me whether there has been a final decision on the question of the ultimate ownership of the imported animals and their offspring? In my opinion, those people - such as Mr Molkenbuhr and Mr Ashworth (if he continues in the dairy business) - who suffered less should be given their animals. Anyone who is setting up a new project - such as Mr Halliday - should also be given his stock but all other people should pay the cost price of their animals but shipment costs could come from the Appeal. The principle must be established before we can go any further otherwise horrendous problems will be encountered in the future along the lines of the bitterness caused over the mares and stallions given by Argentina a few years ago.

Finally, the most suitable time for the shipment to arrive here will now be in late August or September.

Yours Sincerely.

R.S. Whitley.
cc. J.T. Clement: Major General Mills.



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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

26 January 1983

R S Whitley Esq MBE
Veterinary Officer
STANLEY

Dear Steve,

Many thanks for your letter of 20 January and subsequent enclosure giving details of animals required. I have written to General Mills passing on the details and asking for further information about the sources of supply and cost.

I agree with you that the principle should be established that the Appeal will meet shipping costs but that customers should pay the cost price of the stock. People who suffered loss during the occupation such as Claude Molkenbuhr and Malcolm Ashworth, must decide whether they want to take cash from the Claims Officer under the Government compensation scheme and pay for their replacement stock or whether they take replacement in kind and not cash from the Claims Officer. They cannot have it both ways.

Goats: I went back to Executive Council on this and there is no objection to individuals importing goats as long as they look after them.

Ken Halliday's poultry enterprise depends upon whether or not we can buy Packes. We need the money from HMG and HMG have not yet decided.

The Tasmania offer looks like falling through because of lack of response from farmers. I understand from Jim Clement that the demand is nowhere near the minimum figure offered by Tasmania. This may mean more Romney sheep from England. I should like to suggest a meeting between you, John Ferguson and Jim Clement to look into the problems like the Murrell Farm and, after discussion with the people concerned, to come up with formal recommendations as to replacement or cash compensation and the best sources of supply. I am aware of Claude's difficulties and am in touch with General Thorne on clearing more of his land. This is obviously a prerequisite for restocking.

Yours ever,

Rex.

Sir Rex Hunt
Civil Commissioner

cc: J T Clement Esq

16th February 1983

0204/RSW

Major General A O G Mills,
Honorary Director,
Falklands Appeal,
12 Greycoat Place,
London SW1.

Dear Alan,

I wonder how you are getting on with the "Noahs' Ark" ?
Have you been able to establish contact with appropriate suppliers ?

Further to the list submitted on 10.1.83, I have been informed by Claude Molkenbuhr of the Murrel that he would like up to 500 Romneys. Although he hasn't specified the sex ratio of these animals I think that all but 25 should be young ewes.

I am sure the Romney Sheep Breeders Society will be able to help with appropriate suppliers. Bearing in mind that these sheep will be going to a very poor piece of land, selection should be biased towards toughness rather than prolificacy.

Best wishes

R.S. Whitley.

cc Civil Commissioner.

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Please note new address: 1st Floor Orchard House
14 Great Smith Street
London SW1 3BU

R S Whitley Esq
Grasslands Trials Unit
Port Stanley
Falkland Islands

23 February 1983

Dear Steve

Thank you for your letter 0158 of 20 January with your most comprehensive list of livestock required by various people in the Islands, and for your follow-up letter 0204/RSW of 16 February.

The subject of the Noah's Ark and the contents of your letter were discussed at a meeting of the Trustees here on 9 February. The Trustees agreed with the principle that the Appeal would pay the freight charges, and the cost of any animals in direct replacement for those lost due to the invasion which are not donated. However the problems of the dairy farm and of ownership were seen as needing resolution before approaches can be made to shippers and suppliers of livestock.

Fortunately Cindy Buxton, who is a Trustee, attended the meeting and I provided her with a very comprehensive brief for her visit to the Islands for the 150th Anniversary celebrations. She hoped to stay on for another week and call a meeting of the Local Committee to try to resolve some of the problems which face us here. I look forward to her return, and hope that she will be able to give the Trustees here sufficient information for us to start active planning.

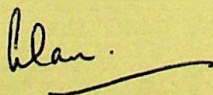
I was sorry to hear of your personal problems, and trust that they will soon be resolved to your satisfaction.

This letter will no doubt reach you after Cindy has left, and you may have had talks with her on a number of subjects of your concern. But rest assured that as soon as the problems are resolved we shall burst into action.

I hope the celebrations were a great success and were concluded without interference from across the water.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely



Alan Mills

0296/RSW

Major General A O G Mills,
Honorary Director,
Falklands Appeal,
12 Greycoat Place,
London SW1.

Dear Alan,

I am most disturbed by your telex which arrived 27.4.83.

1/. I have been under the impression that the project had more or less folded up - much to my disappointment.

a/. Your letter of 23.2.83 paragraph 2 : quote "However the problems of the dairy farm and of ownership were seen as needing resolution before approaches can be made to shippers and suppliers of livestock". End quote. As far as I know, the problem of the dairy farm has still not been resolved and if 20 in-calf heifers were to arrive here the present dairy would not be able to cope with them.

b/. At a meeting at Government House on 19.3.83 with Sir Rex Hunt, Dr J Ferguson & Mr J Clement, I was led to believe that the Appeal had decided that the demand for animals was not sufficient to warrant a livestock boat and, therefore, the idea of livestock containers was being investigated.

c/. Even though Claud Molkenbuhr had requested Romney sheep, opinion was expressed that he should be restocked from local supplies.

2/. Veterinary Health Certificates : copies of those that are available were sent to you on 20.1.83. Any further certificates (such as for goats) will have to be drafted specially - this is in hand at the moment.

3/. To quote my letter 0158/RSW of 20.1.83 :- quote " Let me emphasise that these are, at present, at the level of "an interested enquiry" rather than ~~an~~ definite order, Everyone wants to know the prices first, of course". End quote.

To quote the list of 20.1.83 : quote " Please note that this list should NOT be regarded as a definite "order". All enquirers still need to know the cost of animals". End quote.

I have heard nothing from Sir Rex Hunt concerning the importation of animals since the meeting of 19.3.83. I have heard nothing from London since 23.2.83.

Is the project going ahead? If so in what form? What about the dairy? What poultry? How big a boat is it or how small are the containers?

The people who indicated their interest in various types of animal still hav not been given a rough cost and so none of ~~them~~ can confirm or deny their "order".

I hope these points can be clarified as soon as possible.

Yours Sincerely.

R.S.Whitley.

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16 May 1983

R.S. Whitley Esq MBE
Grasslands Trials Unit
Port Stanley
Falkland Islands

Dear Steve

Thank you for your letter of 28th April.

I hope that by now you will have had sight of Sir Rex Hunt's letters to me of 21st and 30th March and that the telexes that I have been sending you about prices and quarantine make sense.

We have asked the Crown Agents to arrange for a shipment of mixed livestock along the lines of the requirements stated in Sir Rex Hunt's letter of 21st March less the needs of Malcolm Ashworth which we will try to meet as soon as he is ready to receive them in 1984. They are investigating all possibilities including containers and it may be that the animals may have to be shipped piecemeal if the cost of construction of pens aboard a cargo vessel proves to be prohibitive. A cattle ship such as those suggested by Mr Upson of AN-TOR Shipping would seem to be out of the question as the capacity would be far too great for our needs.

Suppliers have been asking about quarantine regulations and conditions of travel. Sir Rex tells me that provided animals come from the United Kingdom in a ship which does not call at a foreign port on the way, quarantine prior to shipment is not necessary. Perhaps you will have replied to my telex on this one.

We realise that final totals of each breed cannot be settled until the F.I. farmers have had a chance to consider prices but I hope that my telexes containing quotations will have given them that chance. However mid-July or early August seems to be the latest date for shipment of cattle expected to calve late September/early October. I have been told that the calving date could be allowed to slip a bit if we cannot meet the mid-July sailing date.

My Trustees have said that the Appeal will meet all ancillary costs including freight charges but if these exceed, say, £100,000 they may well have second thoughts about the viability of the project.

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R.S. Whitley Esq MBE

16th May 1983

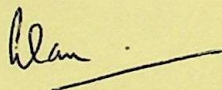
The Romney Sheep Association have promised 50 sheep free and the Kent Branch of the National Farmers Union a further 50 with distribution probably 80 females, 20 males. These are in addition to the other sheep specified which will have to be paid for but for which we have not yet had quotations.

I realise that you are having to write a veterinary health certificate for goats but thank you for the copies of conditions for bovines and sheep which I could not find amongst those which you sent me with your letter of 21 January.

I hope that this letter clarifies the situation somewhat and I am copying it to Julian Chandler who has kindly agreed to act as our contact on all matters connected with the Appeal.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely,



Alan Mills

cc. J Chandler Esq.

GRASSLANDS TRIALS UNIT
Port Stanley, Falkland Islands, South Atlantic.

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File C6.

18th August 1983

Your Ref.

Our Ref. 0437/JAF.....

His Excellency,
The Civil Commissioner,
Government House,
Stanley.

Dear Sir

IMPORTATION OF ANIMALS TO THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

I have been informed by the Falkland Islands Government Administration that I have been appointed to the post of Agricultural Officer and am now ultimately responsible for all agricultural and related matters in the Falkland Islands. As an officer in the Falkland Islands Government Administration I am now in a position somewhat different to that of being the team leader of the FIARDC/GTU.

When still solely the FIARDC/GTU team leader I argued against the early importation of animals - particularly sheep and cattle. I am of course aware that arrangements are well advanced to import animals into these islands, but I would be derelict in my new duties if I did not emphasise that until proper quarantine arrangements and veterinary services back-up are available these proposed importations are against the colony's best interests. I, therefore, must urge most strongly that you, sir, will ensure that these proposed importations are delayed until we are better equipped to handle them.

*Yours faithfully,
John A. Ferguson.*

Department of Agriculture

18 AUG 1983

FALKLAND ISLANDS

Dr J A Ferguson,
Team Leader FIARDC/GTU.

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R S Whitley Esq MBE
Grasslands Trial Unit
Stanley : Falkland Islands

25 August 1983

Dear Steve

I am sorry that you feel starved of information about the Noah's Ark, but there has been very little to tell recently.

1. ANDALUCIA STAR. Sailed from Portsmouth on 22 August carrying:
Cats: 3 Toms, 2 Queens, supplied free by Mrs B Revoly, Cat Protection League, Barnjet, Cuttinglye Rd, Crawley Down, West Sussex.
Budgerigars: 10 Cocks, 10 Hens, supplied at £5 per bird by Mr P Snatchfold, 26 Bedden Lane, Oxted Surrey.
Total cost £100 ex premises. The birds are in two cages, one for cocks and one for hens.

Breeding cages: Four 24" x 10" x 15". Cost £8.72 each)
Three 29" x 10" x 15" " £10.06 ") 12½%
One 36" x 10" x 15" " £14.16 ") discount
Two 46" x 10" x 15" " £15.80 ")

We would not charge for any of the above which are replacements for pets destroyed as a result of the invasion, but we would expect a contribution from other prospective owners!

2. DINA KHALAF. This cattle carrier, owned by Clauson's is on her way back to the UK from the Yemen. Capt. Collins (MAFF) has flown to Suez at Clauson's expense to inspect the ship and measure up. We expect his report shortly by telex to the Crown Agents.

Clauson's have agreed to carry out any modifications needed to bring the ship up to British standard at their own expense, and we expect the ship to be ready to sail from Poole on 20 September.

Enclosed is the complete schedule of animals ordered. The only ones which will not be in this ship are the horses (deck height too low), some of the ponies (depending upon the number which can be carried in the ship) and the dogs.

3. DOGS. These will be carried in two successive ships in October because it is thought that the puppies' yapping might upset the other animals.

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R S Whitley Esq

25 August 1983

4. HORSES and remaining PONIES. Because of escalating costs and an absolute ceiling of £200,000 the Trustees decided to save £25,000 by cancelling these animals. However if costs allow they will be shipped in containers, as and when convenient.

5. STAFF. The 'DINA KHALEF' has her own handlers as part of the crew, and the only additional personnel will be two veterinary surgeons who are kindly giving their time for the cause. Their names are Graham Joss and Roger Mason.

We have had many applications from people who want to accompany the animals, and it may be possible to accommodate some of these with the dogs and horses.

6. PAYMENT. The amounts shown at the left side of the list of animals are those which the Appeal will have to pay, and those at the right side are those which we expect to recover from individuals. I hope that you have the agreement in writing of all those concerned, as it is important that we recover some £33,000 from this source.

7. OFFLOADING POINTS. Enclosed is copy of a letter from David Britton (FIC) questioning the validity of Goose Green as the second unloading point. John Cheek and Tony Blake say that farmers in West Falklands will have to pay onward freight charges which would be very unfair.

They suggest either Fox Bay or Port Howard, and I shall be grateful for your comments on this matter urgently. John Cheek is very doubtful that you will be able to enlist help free-of-charge from the Services. Are FIC going to levy disembarkation charges?

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I hope that this brings you up to date. I will telex you as soon as we know the state of the 'DINA KHALAF'.

With best wishes

Alan

Alan Mills

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12th August 1983.

17 AUG 1983

Dear Alan.

Thank you for letting me have sight of the Noah's Ark shipping list. I am glad that you did because unless there are some factors of which I am unaware, Goose Green makes no sense as the second port of discharge, and it would not be too late to change this.

For your interest I have analysed the list and identified the most appropriate point for the second discharge.

Column (1). Stanley.

This should include animals destined for Green Patch subdivisions, Port Louis, Johnsons Harbour, Teal Inlet, Bluff Cove, Ricon Grande and Salvador. Douglas is perhaps nearer to Goose Green but I think access overland to Stanley is easier. Sea Lion Island involves transshipping so Stanley is as good as anywhere.

Column (2). West Falklands.

Any animals for the west or the small islands should surely go to a port on the west. Port Howard has a good jetty or Fox Bay East which is now F.I.G owned if the jetty which was damaged in the war is sound enough for the Ark.

Column (3).

Shows remaining animals due for farms with the best access to Goose Green. i.e. Lively Island, North Arm, San Carlos and Port San Carlos.

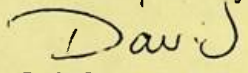
In fact if there really is to be one alternative port only it would probably be better to be Port San Carlos which is a Grade A Port (subject to checking depth of water etc). There are nearly as many animals for San Carlos and Port San Carlos as Lafonia and if transshipment to the west is necessary it is nearer.

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	<u>Total</u>	<u>Stanley Discharge</u>	<u>West Farms</u>	<u>Goose Green & Local</u>	
CATTLE	32	22	10	-	
GOATES	4	4	-	-	
PIGS	4	2	2	-	
CATS	5	2	1	2	(both San Carlos)
HORSES	11 + F.I.C.	Not being taken			
PONIES	27	13	6	8	(2 for San Carlos)
SHEEP	168	164	4	-	
DOGS	46	12	23	11	(6 San Carlos)

I hope this is helpful information. Meantime I have contacted Eric Goss our manager at Goose Green to see if anyone had approached him about discharge on his farm.

Yours sincerely,



D.A. Britton
Managing Director.

Monday 20

(355-11) Week 52

Telephone Call 31/12/83

from Alan Muir.

Slip due to call at Stanley only

20 horses all together

including 18 ponies & 2 Arabs.

2 Ayrshires failed tests → 13

1 Shetland failed quarantine post-mortem

→ 5 if heifers + 1 bull.

Slip due to sent 20th Sept.

2 September 1983

Dr J A Ferguson
FIARDC
STANLEY

IMPORTATION OF ANIMALS TO THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

Many thanks for your letter of 18 August about the proposed importation of animals into the Falkland Islands by the Falklands Appeal.

As I explained to you when this project was first mooted and more recently on my visit to your headquarters, I have always had my doubts about this project but those doubts have been based on cost rather than on the animal husbandry aspect. You will recall our meeting with Jim Clement and Steve Whitley on 19 March when we discussed the project exhaustively. Neither Jim Clement nor I were convinced that we should - or indeed could - prevent individual farmers from importing the livestock of their choice provided, of course, that the animals had a clean bill of health. You were strongly opposed to the project. Steve Whitley was strongly in favour of the project. This remains the position.

I therefore have to choose between advice from my agricultural adviser and advice from my veterinary adviser. As this is primarily a veterinary matter, I consider it right to take my veterinary adviser's advice rather than yours.

You have made your position clear and the responsibility for any consequences that might result from the importation of these animals will not fall on you as Agricultural Officer to the Falkland Islands Government.

Sir Rex Hunt
Civil Commissioner

cc: D Lawless Esq
FID ODA
R S Whitley Esq MBE ✓



GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

264/4

12 September 1983

R S Whitley Esq MBE
Grasslands Trials Unit
STANLEY

Dear Steve,

Many thanks for your letter of 1 September about the Noah's Ark project. I regret that I did not get the time to discuss the points you raised with my local fellow trustees, as they spent all day in Joint Councils and Standing Finance Committee and Tony Blake was in a hurry to get out to Camp. I have no hesitation, however, in speaking on their behalf and agreeing to you sending out the letters as drafted. I also think that it is a good idea to send out the payments slip hoping to get some donations towards the Appeal.

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achieve*

I shall recommend to Standing Finance Committee that charges are waived for the shipment of animals on MV Forrest. I am pursuing with the military the possibility of getting help from them.

I confirm that you may issue import licences for the animals as soon as you know the details. I take it that you will be able to make provision for them to be isolated on arrival, on the race-course or wherever, for such time as you consider necessary for health purposes.

Yours ever,

Rex

Sir Rex Hunt
Civil Commissioner

GRASSLANDS TRIALS UNIT

File C7

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Port Stanley, Falkland Islands, South Atlantic.

1st September 1983

Your Ref.

Our Ref. 0463/RSW.....

Sir Rex Hunt,
Civil Commissioner,
Government House.

Dear Sir,

NOAH'S ARK.

A few points for fairly urgent consideration by the local branch of the Appeal :

1/. I enclose a copy of each of two letters I intend sending out to people who are expecting animals. The only difference between the two is in paragraph 8 which allows for the different sources of the animals concerned.

Have you any objections to these ?

2/. I also enclose a copy of a "payment" slip which also hints at donations towards the cost of expenses.

Is this O.K. ?

3/. Although, Goose Green was originally proposed by me as a second port for the offloading of animals, the fact that the number of horses to be carried was reduced dramatically made this unnecessary. I have been unable to get precise details of which ponies are being sent and therefore have informed Alan Mills that all animals should be offloaded at Stanley (he had to have an immediate decision on this).

Thus some beasts will require onward shipment and, for this, I suggest we use the MV Forrest. Les Halliday says that she will be available at the end of October but the question of cost arises.

Could Exco waive all charges ?

Animals to go to the West :

Saunder Island	2 pigs.
Port Howard	6 Shetland cattle.
Golding Island	2 Jersey cattle.
Packes Port Howard	4 sheep.

and possibly one pony each to Port Howard, Keppel, Dunbar and just possibly on Arab to either Saunders, or Hill Cove or Fox Bay.

The Crown Agents have still not formally applied for licenses to import any animals and so I do not know the ages (and therefore sizes) of many beasts. However it is thought that one trip of the

the/

Forrest would suffice.

However , agreement in principal must come first and then I can proceed with the fine details afterwards.

Of course, an alternative would be to use a ship like the Brandon as long as we don't have to pay.....!

Is it worth suggesting it to the Military Liaison Officer in view of the considerable publicity attached to the project ?

Yours Sincerely.

R.S. Whitley MBE, BVM&S MRCVS.

GRASSLANDS TRIALS UNIT

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Port Stanley, Falkland Islands, South Atlantic.

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Your Ref.

Our Ref.

Dear

You will have heard the good news that the "Noah's Ark" is on its way with many of the animals which are being sent either to replace those lost during the war or to enhance and improve the breeding quality of livestock in the Islands.

Your request for _____

has been organised by the Falkland Islands Appeal in London and, barring accidents, the animal(s) should arrive towards the end of October.

The ship is due to call at Stanley and to offload all animals there and I would ask you now to consider what advance arrangements are necessary to ensure that the animals are properly cared for on arrival. If there is any doubt about their health, it may be necessary for them to remain in Stanley for a few days under Veterinary supervision, in which case arrangements will be made on your behalf.

As I am sure you are aware, the journey from the U.K. is very long and arduous for the animals and, whilst all precautions have been taken to ensure the animals' welfare, no liability by the Falkland Islands Appeal or the Falkland Islands Government can be accepted in the unhappy event of a loss.

You will have heard that, due to the cost of the enterprise, some animals have had to be omitted from this shipment but there is a possibility that they may follow on future ships. The deciding factor will be the cost of future shipments in relation to the amount of money available from the Appeal.

In order for arrangements to have reached this stage and not including the vast cost of the shipment, the Appeal has committed itself to an expenditure in excess of £78,000 for the purchase of animals for our rehabilitation and welfare.

Therefore I would ask that, as soon as possible, you send your remittance of _____ which was the average/purchase cost of _____

Remittances should be sent to the Falklands Appeal, c/o Treasury, Stanley.

I hardly need to remind you that the more quickly money is returned to the Appeal, the greater the opportunities for the outstanding animals to be purchased and sent here.

Although, I do not expect any further charges to be made to you, the possibility does exist that expenses may be incurred in connection with the welfare of the animals on arrival in Stanley. If this does happen then you may be liable for these - but, again, I stress that I do not expect any further charges.

If you have any problems or questions concerning the arrival of your animal(s), please don't hesitate to contact me.

You may be interested to know that your animal(s) were supplied by _____

to whom you may like to write with news of the animal(s) and their progress in their new environment.

Yours Sincerely.

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Whilst your _____ was/were supplied to the appeal free of charge, it would seem an excellent idea if you were able to make a donation towards the cost of shipment of the animals(s). (If I can be of any help in suggesting a suitable size of donation then please contact me). Remittances should be sent to the Falkland Islands Appeal, c/o Treasury, Stanley.

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TO: FALKLANDS APPEAL,
c/o TREASURY,
STANLEY.

FROM :

DATE :

Dear Sir,

I herewith enclose payment of £_____.

This sum is in respect of _____

which are due to arrive on the "Noahs' Ark".

This sum includes a donation of £_____ to help
with the expenses of the shipment.

Yours Sincerely.



GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

7 October 1983

S Whitley Esq
FIARDC
STANLEY

Re: Steve,

1. Many thanks for your letter 0528/RSW of 5 October.
2. I agree that the best plan of action is to offer the bull to Claude Molkenbuhr.
3. Tim Dobbys would be entitled to restocking but he told me he would not be interested in taking on more heifers until at least the turn of the year.

Yours ever

Julian

J CHANDLER