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VISIT OF MR. D.H. BRAUN.



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Mr. D.H. Braun

3rd - 20th March Falkland Islands

Falkland Islands: To inspect the project for sheep and cattle improvement financed under technical assistance; familiarisation.

Your Ref: CLA284/35/07

6 November, 1969.

Thank you for your letter reference CLA284/35/07 of 30th September enclosing a copy of the provisional programme of visits by Ministry of Overseas Development staff.

The proposal that Braun should visit the Falklands between 3rd and 20th March is very welcome to us here.

I myself expect to be away on an Antarctic visit during the second part of his stay but I have no doubt that such a visit will be very useful to all concerned and in my absence there will be plenty of people here to look after him.

B.A. Thorpe, Esq.,  
Ministry of Overseas Development,  
Eland House,  
Stag Place,  
LONDON, S.W.1.

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C.S. for Secretariat filing please

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A.C.S. To note pp.1-2. Pl. mention to Mr Davies, leader of the Agric. Team, at a convenient opportunity, the tentative date for a purpose of Mr Braun's visit.

2 BU file to use on 10.12.

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AKS.

Current intention is that Mr Braam will stay at GH, visit camp, stay at Lubicon & spend a few nights also at the hotel.

Please request a programme for him, bearing in mind that his visit is both for familiarisation purposes & to see how the Agric. Dev. Team is getting on, within the following framework:

4-9 March. At Stanley (GH)  
10-16 March. Outside Stanley  
16-20 March. At Stanley. (Lubicon, 16-18 March.  
Hotel, 19-20 March.)

The hotel is, I understand, due to open at the New Year & I suggest a letter is written to the management asking for a provisional booking for Mr Braam for the night of 19 March.

J/10/12

OK for treatment of Mr Braam

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cs. X/- please ascertain

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Y/- we can have Braun 28.11.18265  
for part of time but I shall be  
away w.e.f 10 March. Please discuss

LM 28/11

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GOVERNOR

FALKLAND ISLANDS

MODEV 50 YRLET 6 NOV TO THORPE ODM VISITS PROGRAMME

SEA PASSAGES TO AND FROM FALKLAND ISLANDS BOOKED FOR BRAUN THROUGH  
BOT LDN BUT EXIT PASSAGE ON 20 MARCH IS FOR WAITLIST NUMBER TWO ONLY  
STOPN GRATEFUL YOUR ASSESSMENT STRENGTH OF WAITLISTING SINCE X  
TIMING OF VISIT RESTRICTED

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Staggie has agreed  
to make berth available.

COL 50.6 ODM 20

LHZ265 XLH453 LTF GOVERNOR PAGE2/19

TO 3-20 MARCH IN COMPLICATED ITINERARY INTERRELATED WITH  
DATES FOR FALKLANDS VISIT ALSO GRATEFUL YOUR CONFIRMATION  
ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE Y

MINISTRANT

COL 3-20

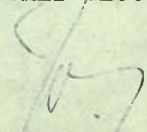
12th December,

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Visit of Mr. Braun, Ministry of Overseas Development:  
4 - 20 March, 1970

The purpose of this brief personal memorandum is merely to place on record the fact that you were kind enough to inform me recently by telephone that an exit passage for Mr. Braun of the British Ministry of Overseas Development whose projected visit to the Colony was timed for the 4th to the 20th March, has now been firmly booked on the "Darwin" of the 20th March. I am grateful for your consideration and co-operation on this matter.



J. A. Jones  
Colonial Secretary.

Mr. A. Sloggic,  
Darwin Shipping Company,  
STANLEY

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to MINISTRY FOR OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT

Despatched: 10.12.69      Time:      Received:      Time

MODEV 61

Your Modev 50. Exit passage for Braun 20th March now firm.

It is confirmed accommodation will be available for Braun also

Governor

P/L : ARA

7th January,

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Dear Sir,

I refer to our conversation of this afternoon and confirm that overnight accommodation for the 19th March 1970 is sought for Mr D.H. Braun of the Ministry of Overseas Development. I would be grateful to receive your confirmation that a booking has been made.

Yours faithfully,

for COLONIAL SECRETARY

The Manager,  
Upland Goose Hotel,  
Stanley.

ARA.



A.C.S.

Official Posts: Ministry of Nuclear Development

Articles  
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I recently had a sub. file with approximately the above-mentioned title opened. You can obtain it from G.C.

2. Mr Braun, an official of the Ministry of Nuclear Development, is visiting the Colony from 14-20 March & I believe I passed to you, a couple of weeks ago, a request for some hotel bookings for Mr Braun & for a draft itinerary, including a camp visit or visits, (since his visit is primarily to see how the Agriculture Advisory Team is getting on). Grateful if you would let me know what progress is being made with these matters. (As regards the camp visits it would be advisable to consult Mr Davies, Team Leader, before preparing a draft).

J.P. 11

CS.

Jan 9 + 14.

Wed. Suggest something on these lines.

Wed 4<sup>th</sup> - Sat 8<sup>th</sup> March Meet Agric. Advisory Team  
Fly over island with lunch  
break at some suitable point on  
flight scheduleMeet Development Committee  
Tour Govt. Depts. & Places of Interest  
Meet representatives of SOA and  
G.E.W.

Tuesday

~~Monday~~ 10<sup>th</sup> - Monday  
16<sup>th</sup> March

Visiting farms.

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March -Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March

Meet Exco

Meet A.A. Team + Development  
committee.Perhaps we could discuss the detail after I have  
been able to consult with Mr. Davies of the A.A. Team.

A booking at the Island C. has been secured

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Y.E.

The first stab at a programme for W Braun of O.D.M. is at b.o.f. The declared object of his visit is to acquaint himself with the progress of the Agriculture Advisory Team's work & to familiarise himself with the Colony. I do not however have any proper knowledge of W Braun's exact function & for that reason the programme is a bit thin in content at the moment. However, there is time to expand it & in any case W Davies, the team leader, has to be consulted about it. The main purpose in showing you the draft at the moment is to indicate that the matter is in hand.

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Cs I share your ignorance of Mr Braun's proper function. Braun may well expect an outline programme awaiting him in Montevideo on 27 Feb but we have time in hand.

Please BV again when you have seen Mr Davies.

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TELEGRAM SENT.

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From MINISTRY FOR OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT to GOVERNOR

Despatched : 9.1.70      Time : 1245      Received : 9.1.70      Time :

MODEV 2.

Your Modev 61 Brauns visit 3-20 March confirmed his complete itinerary lasts 18th January to 2nd April

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P/L : ARA

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Approved as  
outline *NA* 18  
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DAY 1 (Wednesday, 4th March)	Arrive Stanley Proceed to Government House	At G.H.
DAY 2 (Thursday, 5th March)	a.m. Round Islands flight by F.I.G.A.S. p.m. Discussions with Development Committee Agriculture Advisory Team	At G.H.
DAY 3 (Friday, 6th March)	a.m. Visits to local experiments of Agriculture Advisory Team p.m. Visit Team's laboratory	At G.H.
DAY 4 Saturday, 7th March)	a.m. Discussions with Government Officials . <i>Agricultural Show</i>	At G.H.
DAY 5 Sunday, 8th March)	At leisure	At G.H.
DAY 6 (Monday, 9th March)	a.m. Stanley-Darwin by F.I.G.A.S. accompanied by Mr. T. H. Davies & Mr. T. C. McCrea.	At Darwin
DAY 7 (Thursday, 10th March)	Darwin - a.m. Walker Creek and back overland, accompanied by Mr. T. H. Davies & Mr. T. C. McCrea	At Darwin
DAY 8 (Wednesday, 11th March)	<i>Port-Sun Cruise by air</i> a.m. Darwin - Fitzroy overland accompanied by Mr. T. H. Davies <del>and Mr. T. C. McCrea</del>	[ At Fitzroy ] <i>ok ???</i>
day 9 (Thursday, 12th March)	<i>P.S.C.</i> a.m. Fitzroy - Fox Bay East by F.I.G.A.S., accompanied by Mr. T. H. Davies <del>and Mr. T. C. McCrea</del> <i>to Stanley. 1st. Darwin Stanley to F.R.S</i>	At Fox Bay E.

DAY 10  
(Friday, 13th March)

a.m. Fox Bay East - Charters overland, accompanied by  
Mr. H. Mead and Mr. I. A. Dickson

At Chartres

DAY 11  
(Saturday, 14th March)

a.m. Chartres - Roy Cove overland, accompanied by  
Mr. H. Mead and Mr. I. A. Dickson

At Roy Cove

DAY 12  
(Sunday, 15th March)

At Roy Cove

DAY 13  
(Monday, 16th March)

a.m./  
p.m. Roy Cove - Stanley by F.I.G.A.S., accompanied by  
Mr. H. Mead and Mr. I. A. Dickson

At Sullivan House

*- Roy Cove to Port San Carlos.*

DAY 14  
(Tuesday, 17th March)

a.m./  
p.m. Visiting Government Departments in Stanley

At Sullivan House

DAY 15  
(Wednesday, 18th March)

a.m./  
p.m. Visiting Government Departments in Stanley,  
Discussions as necessary

At Upland Goose Hotel

DAY 16  
(Thursday, 19th March)

Discussions with Agriculture Advisory Team

At Upland Goose Hotel

DAY 17  
(Friday, 20th March)

Leave for Montevideo on R.M.S. "Darwin"

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EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 2/70 HELD ON 10TH AND 11TH FEBRUARY, 1970.

2454/A 20. VISIT OF MR. D. H. BRAUN, MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT

Council noted that a programme was now being prepared to cover the period of Mr. Braun's visit from 4th to 20th March.

(H. L. Bound)  
CLERK OF COUNCILS.

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20th February, 1970.

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I am enclosing a copy of the outline programme for the visit to the Colony of D.H. Braun of the Ministry of Overseas Development and will be grateful if you will put it in his hands on his arrival in Montevideo.

(J.A. JONES)  
COLONIAL SECRETARY

K.F.X. Burns, Esq.,  
British Embassy,  
Montevideo.

ARA.



21st February, 70.

To: Director of Civil Aviation,

From: Colonial Secretary.

Stanley.

Copy: Agric. Advisory Team.

Visit of Mr D.H. Braun of the Ministry of  
Overseas Development

The above official is scheduled to arrive in the Falklands on 4th March and a programme has been drawn up to enable him to visit several camp settlements in company with the Agricultural Advisory Team. The flights required are:-

- Thursday 5th March - Mr Braun to accompany mail-drop on round islands flight.
- Monday 9th March - Stanley to Darwin with Messrs. Braun Davies and McCrea.
- Wednesday 11th March - Darwin to Port San Carlos with Messrs Braun and Davies.
- Thursday 12th March - Mr Braun Port San Carlos to Fox Bay East.  
Mr Davies Port San Carlos to Stanley.  
Mr Dickson Stanley to Fox Bay East.
- Monday 16th March - Mr Braun Roy Cove to Stanley.  
Messrs Mead and Dickson Roy Cove to Port San Carlos.

I should be grateful if you would make the necessary arrangements and debit Head II. 10.

for COLONIAL SECRETARY

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NEWS.

Visit of Mr D.H. Braun of the Ministry of Overseas

Development

Mr D.H. Braun of the British Ministry of Overseas Development is one of the passengers of R.M.S. 'Darwin's' southbound voyage N.3. arriving Stanley on the 4th of March. Mr Braun is visiting the Colony for two weeks and has a double object, first, to familiarise himself with the Colony, its people and conditions, and second, to take the opportunity of familiarising himself in particular with the work of the Agriculture Advisory Team, which, as listeners will recall, has been supplied to us under the auspices of the Ministry.

The Ministry of Overseas Development's function is to formulate and carry out British policies regarding the provision of aid. The Ministry is responsible for the British Economic Aid programme, as a whole and its detailed composition; the terms and conditions of aid; the size and nature of the programme for each country; the management of financial aid and technical assistance; relations with international aid organisations; and relations with voluntary bodies concerned with aid and development. In discharging these functions the Ministry, in so far as its relations with dependent territories are concerned, acts in consultation with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

Against this background it can be seen that Mr Brauns visit is an important one to us. During his stay here he will have the opportunity to see something of the islands and of getting to know people as he will be travelling and visiting with the Agriculture Advisory Team in camp.

We look forward to welcoming Mr Braun.

A.C.S. Do you need fto ffa?

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C.S.

I note that Mr. Braun is now scheduled to move to Upland Goose on Wed. 18<sup>th</sup> March. At the moment we have a booking for overnight accommodation for the 19<sup>th</sup>. Should I at this stage advance the booking to the 18<sup>th</sup>?

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A.C.S.

by

Yes, please

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Arranged with Mrs King on 16.2.70

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Pa



30 May, 1970.

*social - not on file*

Thank you very much for your letter of 22nd April written on your return to London.

My wife and I were very glad that you enjoyed your visit to the Falklands despite the fact that the weather was somewhat uncooperative. You will be interested to know that today is the seventh in succession that we have had fine calm days here - a pity you are not with us so as to help to dispel the fiction that Falkland Islands winters are rugged. Some time they can be but by no means always.

I was most interested to read your report on your visit and thought you covered the various aspects of life here very comprehensively.

Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of my address to Legislative Council at the opening of the budget meeting. Some of the contents are parochial but I should be glad if you could see that the appropriate people in the Ministry of Overseas Development are aware of how much we appreciate the assistance we have had from the Ministry.

I shall be sending a copy of the address to Sir Edwin Arrowsmith.

*CW*

D.H. Braun, Esq.

*Cl. for filing in Secretariat.*

*File in W Braun's (O.D.M.) case 7.*

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REPORT ON A VISIT TO ST HELENA (INCLUDING CAPE TOWN EN ROUTE)  
COLOMBIA, THE ARGENTINE, URUGUAY, THE FALKLAND ISLANDS & BRAZIL  
JANUARY - APRIL, 1970 BY D H BRAUN

## INTRODUCTION

For the first time I visited these countries and dependent territories between 18 January and 2 April, 1970. A note of my main itinerary is attached, local travel is detailed in the country reports attached as six appendices.

Within CLA Department of the ODM I have full desk responsibilities for St Helena and the Falkland Islands and responsibility for some special large scale technical assistance projects in Latin America (including projects in ~~each of~~ those countries which I visited). My responsibilities for UK participation at ECLA are also relevant. Time spent in Cape Town was taken up with meetings arranged by the British Consulate there, for discussions with the Consulate and South African business interests about St Helena.

Prior to my visit I had briefing meetings at the FCO about St Helena and the Falkland Islands and with the CDC. I am grateful for their help and advice.

A broadcast prepared at the ODM with the BBC and put out on their overseas programme gave St Helena and the Falkland Islands an early indication of my visit and added to the local interest shown in it. I am grateful to the BBC. I also had the opportunity of broadcasting in the Falklands for which I was grateful.

The somewhat complicated arrangements made for my international journeys by Passages Section were wholly satisfactory - only one flight plan was changed from BUA to Air France, otherwise everything went as planned. Everywhere I went the arrangements for official business and hospitality were never less than excellent and I cannot speak too highly of the kindness, interest and ability of those who received me in the dependent territories, posts (including the British Council posts) and some of our technical assistance experts. The same may be said of the South Americans whom I had the pleasure to meet although the deficiencies of Latin American bureaucracy sometimes gave the appearance of inhibiting the ability of one or two of their officials. I make these points to show that, in my experience, the posts and the British Council serve us well within the limits of available staff. On an individual basis we are really fortunate in the South American officials with whom we deal. In the main they are strongly enthusiastic, anxious to co-operate and dynamic - it is the limitations of the Latin American style bureaucracy which tends to inhibit the progress we would like to make.

It will be understood by posts and British Council Representatives that my first priority on return to London is to take action here as quickly as possible on the many, many, points of immediate concern. Much as I am desperately anxious to process and reach conclusions on all the points which came up for discussion I am afraid it will take some time. I will do my best to get the priorities right and hope that action in London can show some returns for all the efforts made in arranging my programmes.

/Distribution

Distribution:-

Mr R B M King  
 Mr Leach  
 Mr M G Smith (Appendix A only)  
 Mr Burr  
 Mr D M Smith  
 Mr G C Lawrence (Appendix A only)  
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 Miss Young (Appendix B only)  
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ITINERARY

18 January London to Johannesburg

19 January Johannesburg to Cape Town

Sea passages { Cape Town/St Helena Left 21/1 arrived 24/1  
 { St Helena/Cape Town left 1/2 arrived 4/2

7 February Cape Town - Johannesburg - Lisbon

9 February Lisbon to Bogota

20 February Bogota to Buenos Aires

25 February Buenos Aires to Montevideo

Sea passages { Montevideo/Falkland Islands left 27/2 arrived 3/3  
 { Falkland Islands/Montevideo left 18/3 arrived 22/3)

27 February Montevideo to Rio de Janeiro

1 April Rio de Janeiro to London arriving 2/4.

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## VISIT TO THE FALKLAND ISLANDS, 4 - 18 MARCH 1970

The total population of the Falkland Islands is about 2,000 (all of British stock) with 1,000 living in Stanley. The economy is based to all intents and purposes solely on the wool crop. Port Stanley, the only town, is the administrative base for the Camp (everything outside Stanley) and the Camp maintains the sheep industry. The islanders are 100% pro-British and there is strong feeling against any loss of relationship with Britain. Up until recently the economy has been soundly based financially but a drop in world prices for wool has had a radical adverse effect in recent years. Cold climate wars have provided boom periods for the Falkland Islands economy due to the increased demand for wool. The effect of the boom periods has now ended and the budget is now showing a deficit which is being balanced from island resources but it is clear that support will be needed if the Falkland Islands are to avoid a financial situation which they could not hold on their own.

2. Stanley is a pleasant town but quite unsophisticated in a modern sense. The Camp is a vast area of plain with little high ground, no trees and no shelter outside the farm buildings and shepherds' cottages. The climate is very changeable in any period of 24 hours but with strong winds in almost constant attendance. In Camp I experienced the prelude to winter - snow, sleet, ice, below freezing temperatures and gales.
3. Apart from other qualities the islanders are a tough, courageous people.
4. So far as I was concerned travel to the farms from Stanley and in Camp was either by Beaver aircraft or landrover. There are no roads outside Stanley and travel by landrover in the Camp is uncomfortable in the extreme. For travel in the Camp I was fortunate enough to be able to borrow very heavy, cold weather clothing from the British Antarctic Survey and our own Agricultural Team.
5. Although the activities of our Agricultural Team were of particular importance to me my programme was formulated on a much wider basis. It had to be revised as time progressed because of changes in flight times necessitated by impossible flying conditions.
6. Unfortunately, plans to fly me on a complete circuit of the islands on my first day had to be abandoned (bad weather). My programme was to visit all Government departments for discussions and other organisations (Falkland Islands Company, British Antarctic Survey, European Space Research Unit) for familiarisation. It was also my intention to spend as much time in the Camp as possible. A note of the programme is attached.
7. The Falkland Islands Government does not seek budgetary aid. Nevertheless, the visit was an opportunity to discuss all aspects of the budget and I met with full co-operation in my enquiries wherever I went. I formed the following impressions.  
The fall in world market prices for wool has had a serious adverse effect on the economy and in this connection the provision of an Agricultural Advisory Team to study the sheep and cattle industries under technical

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assistance arrangements is most timely. I only hope that as well as indicating lines for the improvement of pasture lands and the sheep industry the team is able to make recommendations for the cattle industry in an attempt at diversification.

8. Most of the sheep farms are organised as companies and whether the companies are public or private, the majority of the share holders live abroad and the dividends are paid outside the islands. Although the possibility of a local seaweed industry is now being explored there is at present no opportunity for investment within the Colony and nearly all private or corporate savings are normally sent abroad. The only exception of any significance is the Government Savings Bank which has assets of well over £1 million sterling but even these assets are in fact held in the form of overseas securities, as are other Government funds. The Government could have eased their recent deficit position by realising on assets held abroad, but the market has not been advantageous and it was thought that the position must improve.

9. Apart from internal revenue (say £135,000 pa), Posts and Telecommunications (say £70,000 pa) is the largest source of revenue and within this the sale of stamps provides, say, £40,000 pa.

10. The development of the seaweed industry is promising and plans are well advanced for the setting up of a pilot scheme by Alginate Industries Ltd. Under arrangements by ODM, and as a charge on technical assistance funds, the Valuation Office is conducting negotiations with the firm on behalf of the Falkland Islands Government.

11. The Government is grateful for the help we are giving, under technical assistance arrangements, in the production of a new geological map of the islands. This study is about to be extended, under technical assistance arrangements, to cover the study of available information on the continental shelf surrounding the islands and the oil bearing potential of those areas.

12. Facing up to a situation where the market price of wool is unfavourable the Government must look for a means of radical diversification while at the same time improving the quantity and quality of the wool crop. Our Agricultural Team was provided in the light of this situation and are studying both the sheep and potential cattle industries. Efforts to develop a seaweed industry are also in the direction of diversification.

13. Thought is also being given to the possibility of developing tourism. In this connection perhaps I should mention that while I was in Stanley the islands were visited by the Linblad Explorer. The ship had on its staff such people as a previous Governor of the Falklands (Sir Rayner Arthur), a British glaciologist, a retired US naval captain (an expert in antarctic operations), and US experts in wild life who gave lectures on board the ship. The passengers (about £1,500 a head) were, in the main, US wild life enthusiasts. The islands abound with wild life. It is a treasure house.

14. In connection with the possibilities of a tourist industry, an airfield or an amphibious base to link the islands with elsewhere (as opposed to the

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local existing purely air service by two float-plane Beaver aircraft) and a road system outside Stanley are discussed. The Board of Trade has already reported on the feasibility of building an airfield and the Road Research Station on a road system. Prima facie, I can see no case sufficiently strong on developmental grounds to interest the ODM though there may be a commercial interest in an airfield. The sort of road system envisaged is estimated to cost over £1 million. I see more room for interest in trying to get travel organisations (eg. the company operating the Linblad Explorer) to arrange for tourist ships to visit the islands than in the possibility of airfields or road development - I doubt whether either of the latter could be viable in present circumstances.

15. Small numbers of visitors would no doubt be well received and accommodated in the Camp (as a paying proposition) but hotel accommodation is confined to Stanley and is very limited. The Government has recently faced up to the lack of hotel accommodation (sensibly if I may say so) by helping with the establishment of the Upland Goose Hotel. This is a private venture by Mr and Mrs King. They have a hard task ahead of them and are tackling it bravely. If they can survive the coming winter with very few guests they may be able to consolidate their position next summer. I am sure this is a way of tackling the chicken and egg situation facing those concerned with trying to set up a tourist industry in the circumstances of the Falkland Islands. Visitors do not come until there is reasonable accommodation and providing accommodation without an assurance of guests is a highly speculative business. If this circle is to be broken someone must step in somewhere and take a calculated risk. The Government has done this in a guarded fashion by supporting the Kings with a soft loan. The Falkland Islands Company have also assisted.

16. No budgetary aid is being given to the Falkland Islands and I think it is characteristic of the Islanders that they will not ask for aid until reserves have been substantially used. They feel that reliance on budgetary aid would weaken their position in the political arena where, possibly in total, they are dead set against affiliation with the Argentine. In the main, they are against any form of affiliation.

17. In the past they have been unwilling or unable to take full advantage of CDW allocations available for them. I think the introduction of Development Aid may coincide with a change of attitude brought about by the following circumstances:-

- a. up to recently they have ridden along on the crest of waves of financial wellbeing as a result of demands for wool generated by military operations (eg in Korea). The waves have disappeared and the financial prospect is gloomy for the Falkland Islands;
- b. from about 1948-1954 the Islands were prosperous, CDW money flowed relatively easily and there was an unusual rate of capital expenditure. A great deal of the plant brought in in that period is now more than time expired and is fatigued;
- c. re-equipment needed now in the circumstances at b. above has to be considered in the light of a. above.

18. The foregoing situation is reflected now with greatest significance in the requirement to replace Stanley's main electricity generators. Already one generator is out of action with a cracked cylinder block and this is probably indicative of fatigue in all the machinery - all the generators are well beyond their normal life span. The Government applied initially for a loan with which to provide new generators (over £100,000).

19. Stanley is the back-up for the Camp and the Camp is the sole source for the basis of the economy (wool). In these circumstances I am opposed to the idea of a loan which would probably take months to negotiate. The Falkland Islands have an initial allocation of £50,000 per annum under Development Aid for the next two years and after. On the assumption (since confirmed) that the replacement of the electricity generators is their number one priority, I have suggested to them that they apply for the next two years Development Aid allocation for the purchase of the generators - arrangements can be made to limit expenditure in any one year to £50,000. In the outturn it is unlikely that a total of £50,000 could be spent on the generators in more than one financial year and it almost follows that development aid allocation would be tied wholly for one year only. Thus, apart from the one year, the Falkland Islands would continue to have development aid available for other projects. Presumably, there is also the possibility that further allocations could be made available. With the concurrence of the Falkland Islands Government I proposed to present this case again for reconsideration by Finance Department to ascertain whether the Development Aid allocations could be utilised in this case in the way proposed.

20. At present there is no budgetary aid going to the Falkland Islands but we are looking to the future in supporting them in efforts to get a seaweed industry going, in geological surveys and in providing the Agricultural Team under technical assistance arrangements. In regard to Development Aid my main concern is to secure the replacement of the power station. In regard to technical assistance, ODM's and the FIG's most promising project is in the present Agricultural Team (September 1969-April 1970). It is anticipated that follow-up action to the Team's activities will be required under technical assistance arrangements.

21. Wherever I went in Stanley and the Camp from the Governor downwards I heard nothing but the most golden opinions about our team. They are five first-class individuals - professionally and personally - and they get on perfectly together under an inspired leadership. I am sure their report later this year will be excellent though it is impossible to judge what benefits might accrue from it.

22. To date, pending their report, I think the only important aspect of their visit to be highlighted is the strong impetus they have given to a campaign to eradicate hydatid disease (cysts found in the lungs and liver of sheep, possibly an incidence of over 50% and transmitted through dogs (only) to humans).

23. I had the privilege of seeing the results of some of their photography. There are a whole series of colour photographs which, by any standards,

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must contain some of real beauty and interest ( particularly to wildlife enthusiasts). Ideally, after their return, I wish to get the team together again at Eland House for debriefing with the Animal Health and Agricultural Advisers. This might provide an opportunity for the team to give a presentation at the Ministry which would be of professional and publicity interest. As well as ODM interest I am confident that the FCO (particularly in the light of the political situation), the Falkland Islands Company, prominent Falkland Islanders on leave in the UK and, I should think, some of the Falkland Islands lobby could be very interested. I intend to float this idea with Information Department.

Caribbean and Latin American Department,  
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VISIT TO THE FALKLAND ISLANDS, 4 - 18 MARCH, 1970

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- 3 March Arrive Port Stanley and proceed to Government House
- 4 March Discussions at Secretariat and with Agricultural Advisory Team.
- 5 March Round Islands flight by F.I.G.A.S. cancelled because of weather conditions. Further discussions at Secretariat and with Agricultural Advisory Team.
- 6 March Discussions with:-  
Superintendent Posts and Telegraphs  
Colonial Treasurer  
Senior Medical Officer Mr Greenshields
- 7 March Discussions with:-  
Head of Civil Aviation Department  
Harbourmaster  
Colonial Secretary  
Government Printing Office  
Public Works Department (including Electricity Authority)
- 9 March To Goose Green and Darwin by FIGAS aircraft. Hosts Mr and Mrs. Vinson, Director of all Falkland Island Company Farms. Accompanied by 2 members Agricultural Advisory Team.
- 10 March To Walker Creek and back to Darwin overland.
- 11 March Darwin to Fox Bay East by FIGS aircraft accompanied by another two members of the Agricultural Advisory Team.
- 12 March At Fox Bay East. Host Mr Richard Corkwell (Privately owned farm Manager). Guests (a) from Chartres Mr Bill Luxton, Farm Manager, and friends (b) Mr and Mrs Robertson (Farm Manager) from Fox Bay West.
- 13 March Fox Bay East to Port Stanley by F.I.G.A.S.
- 14 March Discussions with:-  
Colonial Manager, Falkland Islands Company
- 16 March Discussions with :-  
British Antarctic Survey
- 17 March Visit to Broadcasting Studios and broadcast  
Visit to Secretary, Trade Union
- 18 March Sailed for Montevideo.

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