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MEMORANDUM

It is requested that, in any reference to this memorandum the above number and date should be quoted.

22nd August, 1962.

From: Director of Civil Aviation, _____

To: His Honour, _____

The Officer Administering the Govt., _____

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

STANLEY. _____

SUBJECT :- Development Policy.

With reference to your memorandum No. 20/62 dated 18th August, 1962 the only addition to my previous communication on this subject is the replacement of the Air Service Landrover.

2. Since advising the Treasurer that the vehicle was in a poor mechanical state, deterioration has become more rapid and the vehicle is now everything but road-worthy and I would appreciate a Survey of the Rover being carried out with a view to immediate replacement.

3. The old Rover could be retained for the purpose of moving the aircraft on the slipway, a duty I suspect has had a lot to do with the deterioration of the steering and brake system and from end corrosion. You may wish to discuss this with me.

(Sgd.) J. Kerr.
Director of Civil Aviation.

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10th October, 1962.

From: Officer Administering the
Government,

To: The Superintendent,
Public Works Department,
STANLEY.

F.I.G.A.S. Landrover.

I have to enclose a copy of a memorandum received from the Director of Civil Aviation, regarding the Air Service Landrover, and to request you to submit to me a report on the vehicle.

(Sgd.) H. L. Bound

for Officer Administering the Govt.

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MEMORANDUM

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6th November, 19 62.

From: The Superintendent of Works,
P.W.D.,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To: The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary,
STANLEY.

SUBJECT :- F.I.G.A.S. Landrover.

I have the honour to submit the following report on F.I.G.A.S. Landrover No. 265. Memo 0040/S 10th October, 1962.

This vehicle is in a very bad condition all round.

The engine is in need of a complete overhaul, possibly a rebore, new pistons, rings etc.

It would be difficult to estimate the exact number of new parts required such as, clutch, bearings, valves, springs etc., without being stripped down completely.

The road springs are very weak, new springs and shock absorbers would be required.

The whole braking system needs renewing throughout.

Two front axle shafts are badly worn and need renewing including king pins, bearings etc.

The steering is not so bad, but could do with an overhaul.

The transmission is worn and could do with renewing.

The floor of the cab is in an advanced state of corrosion and the bodywork and doors will need a lot of repair to put them in reasonable condition.

Approximate Estimate £200.

This particular vehicle and the A.G. Landrover were brought into service 1954 and 1952 respectively.

Of these two vehicles a certain number of spares are different to the later models and of these we are out of stock.

Considering the age, I wonder whether it is advisable to carry the range of spares, as I could not guarantee the vehicles for much more than 12 to 18 months.

It may be advisable to strip them of the best parts which will fit the later rovers, bearing in mind that we have the two Doctors rovers coming in shortly.

(Sgd.) L. Picton

Supt. of Works.

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MEMORANDUM.

5th. December, 1962.

From: Director of Civil Aviation,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To: The Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary,

PORT STANLEY.

SUBJECT:- Air Service Landrover.

With reference to your instruction 0040/S dated 10th. October, 1962 to Supt. P.W.D. I am to report that it is now some six weeks since the above vehicle was driven into the Government yard by Mr Picton who declared it unsafe for road work and to use his own words "should be on a scrap heap".

2. To date I have not received any official report on the Rover and this is causing me much concern, as I am at present wholly dependant on the generosity of the Senior Medical Officer in permitting me to use his hospital rover, which may be required at any time now should the new vehicle be required in camp.

3. A reliable vehicle is an essential piece of Air Service equipment, without one launching and beaching becomes hazardous and a danger to the safety of the aircraft. I am therefore to request that this matter be given the urgent attention the case merits.


Director of Civil Aviation.

Copy in 0040/S
TB

Reply at 4

5.

DCA.

Please see 3. It is regretted that this
was delayed in ^{this} ~~my~~ office.

I think you will have to put in an A.C. 56
for a new Rover, if that is what is most
suitable.

You spoke about the possibility of keeping
the old Rover only to pull up the aircraft as you
considered that it would be wasteful to use the new Rover
for this purpose. It is a question of whether
the cost of keeping the old Rover fit even for this
task only will be too great.

G.

It would be very helpful if you and SPW
could in due course submit a joint report
on this.

But the ordering of the bus has never been
await a decision on this question

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H. C. S.


The inspection report submitted by Mr Picton is I
understand based on what can actually be seen, it is quite
possible that on dismantling the estimated repair figure
may be substantially exceeded.

Bearing in mind the estimated cost of repair and the
short guaranteed serviceable period, during which time further
expense may have to be incurred on running repairs, I do not
consider the expenditure to be warranted, and I would agree
with Supt. of public works that the vehicle transferred to
his department to be cannibalised for spares.

I have investigated the cost of a standard short wheel
base Landrover, which during the past eight years has proved
an ideal vehicle for the job, and I am advised from the local
agent that this would be £950 landed Stanley, I enclose an
A.I.S.E. for consideration.

Have I your authority to raise an indent for a Rover
for dispatch next outbound mail or must this await S.F.C.
approval?

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D. C. A.

12/12/62.

H.C.S.

I think we should call for written
replies 2

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H. C. S.,

1. Yes. 2. Would it not be a useful piece of policy to lay down a minimum life for the type of vehicle - each department being concerned separately. It is an accepted fact, I believe, that Governments and businessmen (as opposed to private owners) find it cheaper in the long run to pull off vehicles after a certain period of service and replace with new ones.

H.C.S.

13.12.62

to 10

1. Inf. DCA must approval will have to be got before the order is despatched
2. H.C.T. could you have circulated.
3. Re 9(2) I will go into this later

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15th December 62.

From: The Colonial Secretary,

To: Director of Civil
Aviation,

STANLEY.

Air Service Landrover

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I am directed to refer to your memorandum of the 5th December, 1962, and to inform you that the application to purchase a new Land Rover is being circulated to Members of Standing Finance Committee.

2. Meanwhile the issue of an indent should be withheld pending receipt of the necessary authority, but you may wish to have one prepared in readiness.

(Sgd) H.L. Bound.

for COLONIAL SECRETARY

HLB/FH

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MEMORANDUM NO. 1 TO STANDING FINANCE COMMITTEE

Aviation Department Land Rover.

The Director of Civil Aviation has submitted an application for financial provision amounting to £840 to enable a new Land Rover to be purchased for the Department. On the receipt of the application the Superintendent of Works was asked to examine the existing vehicle and make a report of its condition. This is what he has written.

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The road springs are very weak, new springs and shock absorbers would be required.

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The floor of the cab is in an advanced state of corrosion and the bodywork and doors will need a lot of repair to put them in reasonable condition.

Approximate Estimate £200.

This particular vehicle and the A.G. Landrover were brought into service 1954 and 1952 respectively.

Of these two vehicles a certain number of spares are different to the later models and of these we are out of stock.

Considering the age, I wonder whether it is advisable to carry the range of spares, as I could not guarantee the vehicles for much more than 12 to 18 months.

It may be advisable to strip them of the best parts which will fit the later rovers, bearing in mind that we have the two Doctors rovers coming in shortly."

The vehicle is nine years old and from the above report it is obviously in poor shape. It could be repaired, at a cost, but the penultimate paragraph of the report makes this a matter of rather doubtful economy.

A reliable vehicle is essential to the Air Service as it is the means by which the aircraft are launched and beached.

In view of the fact that Standing Finance Committee is unlikely to meet for several months (probably not before the budget session of Council) a written reply would be appreciated. Subject to the approval of the additional provision it is proposed to arrange for the new vehicle to be shipped by the next "A.E.S."

The Treasury,
Stanley.
3rd January, 1963.
0270/GG.


L. Beckett
Colonial Treasurer.

BU 31.1.63

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Hon C.T.

Could you pl. advise the result
of 14.

 4.2.63

H. C. S.

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Written replies at b.c. Mr.
Blement has phone agreement and will
confer in working.

L.C.

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5.2.63

Indent to go

We must try to get it in P.E.S
in March. Will have to telegraph as well

8/2/63

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	Psy			6.2.63
To	etot GROWN LONDON			HQA/c

No. 25. Intent 357/62 21st December place firm order for shipment ABS
mid March stop ship crates partially knocked down if this affects saving
stop Hold storage essential

Secretary

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Haw CT
would correspond
once at b.c. Pl

Copies in I/357/62
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DCA.

Time HLB/LM

BU 15.3.63

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DCA came in with C. of A. to sign and I took the opportunity of discussing two matters with him.

Fence for Hangar

DCA contends that a fence and gate across the north of the premises is a possibility and he is prepared to submit a plan. It is however advisable to await certain particulars which we have now called for about the dimensions of an Otter in case we ever wanted to get one, before submitting such a plan. For the present therefore the fence can go to high water mark.

Rover

I have explained to DCA that Government would not agree to the Air Service indefinitely retaining two vehicles. DCA appreciates this. His request however is that 80 should still be used for hauling up the aircraft until the new rover is run in as he says the strain of towing the aircraft would be bad for the new rover until running in was complete. He also says that he does not think the salt air is such a menace to the rover. He points out that the last rover lasted for 9 years and that it was the bad state of the roads which damaged it then not the salt air. He considers however that undersealing would be useful.

I do not think there is any objection to the Air Service retaining 80 if PWD do not need it until the new rover is completely run in and indeed even after that as long as it did not give trouble. After the new rover is run in it would NOT be right to spend any appreciable sum on maintenance of 80 and if it is the oldest and least serviceable of our vehicles it would appear that it should be sold so as to reduce our total number of vehicles to the approved number.

DCA opposes the allocation of his rover to another department as he says that in ordering it he put in certain specifications to make it particularly suitable to his work.

He also reports slight disfiguration took place in the voyage and that as this is being reported by Mr. Cahill he is not troubling to make a claim.

Copies to DCA and SPW and appropriate files. Previous memorandum to DCA can be regarded as cancelled and SPW to report whether he would be able to get the Air Service rover undersealed.

5th July, 1963

RHDM/FH

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Copied to DCA & SPW accordingly
JA 8/7/63
Sum. We should R.V. for a reply
for SPW re undersealing & after that could
be P.V. in about 3 months to find out what is happening
to 80.
S 2/7/63
B.W. 28.7.63

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A.P.W.

Are we able, or do we expect to be able, to maintain?

L.G.
31.7.63

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F.H.C.S.

We are unable to undersize, it needs special scales and equipment to apply of which we have no information

L.Paton. S.P.W.
2/8/63.

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A.P.W.
DCA

Are we now able to consider disposal of 80. please.

L.G.
6.8.63

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S.P.W.

A towing rig is being constructed for 265 and will be available for use by Monday 11th August. No 80 will be returned to you on that date.

J.C. 8/8/63.

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A.H.C.S.

I would like to wait until 334 is rebuilt for the use of the Rent Officers and then dispose of 80 as 319. I should think it would be 319 which is an older model.

L.Paton. S.P.W.
8/8/63.

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A.P.W. for proper report please.

L.G.
24.9.63

B.U.
31.8.63

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Hon. Col. Sec.

Rover 319 is now ready for disposal and will be put up for tender at a reserve price of £50.

R. P. Weston.
Supt. of Works.

26th September, 1963.

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A. W.

Please send price disposal in due course.

L. G.

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Hon. Col. Sec.

Tenders at back cover to be submitted to Board for Rover 319 and other items.

Tender by Mr. H. Ford for lot 3 (Gearbox) I recommend should be considered due to the fact that he uses his own Landrover for Government services.

R. P. Weston.
Supt. of Works.
5.10.63.

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Supt of Works.

Accept highest offer in each case - cash against delivery. Special consideration cannot be given to Mr. Ford's offer.

L. G.

8. 10. 63

H. C. S.

Noted Thank you.

R. P. Weston. S.P.D.
10/10/63.

L. G.