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SUBJECT:

PROPOSED AIR SERVICE FALKLANDS-MONTEVIDEO.

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From the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To the Officer Administering the Government of FALKLAND ISLANDS  
(DEPENDENCIES)

Date 8 March 1956

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## Air Support in Antarctica

You will remember that when you were here on leave you asked about the possibilities of obtaining "Canso" flying boats for operating in the Falkland Islands and Dependencies; your idea was to operate them in the Antarctic with R.A.F. personnel during the Antarctic summer and to use them during the off-season for service between the Falkland Islands and Montevideo.

2. This proposal has been considered carefully with the Air Ministry, who advise however that this project goes far beyond anything that we could afford to support. In brief it would make unacceptably heavy demands on R.A.F. technical manpower at a time when we are faced with difficulties in meeting our front line requirements. At a rough estimate between 35 and 40 officers and airmen, exclusive of any workshop backing, would be required to operate and maintain these two aircraft, whereas only about 16 would be required for two light aircraft.

3. Further consideration has therefore been given to the use of other types of aircraft, but even if operations were restricted to Graham land, South Shetlands and South Orkneys it has been calculated that any aircraft used would need to be able to carry a 2,000 lb. payload for a still air range of 630 nautical miles operating from airstrips of 500 yards. I am advised that there is no British aircraft which measures up to this specification, to meet which it is likely to require not only an aircraft from the dollar area but one which is rather larger than the Air Ministry could agree to support.

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From the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To the Officer Administering the Government of.....

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4. In the circumstances I regret that there seems no advantage in pursuing these proposals further at present.

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may be s.t.?

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I don't think any further action

is called for?

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None is possible so far as  
I can see

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You may hear something of this i.d.c.  
But I'm afraid that it's rather a pipe  
dream.

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*With the compliments of*

H.B.M. EMBASSY

His Excellency  
The Governor of the  
Falkland Islands,  
PORT STANLEY.

BRITISH EMBASSY

BUENOS AIRES

April 17, 1964

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We have received a rather curious visit from a Señor Juan José Torrey, an Argentine businessman, who is interested in opening an air service between the Falkland Islands and the South American mainland.

2. We know nothing about Señor Torrey except that by his own admission he has never had anything to do with civil aviation. He seemed to recognize that the Argentine Government might place obstacles in the way of such a scheme but he was hoping that flights could be made to Punta Arenas in the southern part of Chile without overflying Argentine territory. He visualized the use of flying boats and waded quite eloquent about the possibilities of tourism.

3. I am merely reporting this to you as a matter of interest because I presume that the project is out of the question, both politically and (more importantly for Sr. Torrey) commercially as well.

4. I am sending a copy of this letter to the Chancery at Santiago and to the Governor of the Falkland Islands and am enclosing two copies for your convenience.

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