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Colonial Secretary.

(SUBJECT).

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1<sup>st</sup> June

Previous Papers.

Report that a Mr. Cutye's Sheep Station  
in South Argentina might serve as  
German base -

(MINUTES).

Letter to Mr. Bell. British Vice-Consul  
Punta Arenas. 2. 6. 17.

H.Q. / To see  
C.E./C.  
24.9.17.

See. D.  
26.9.17

Subsequent Papers.

H.E. / Mr. Lewis came to see me this morning in order to tell me that he knew that Mr. Cutze, a Punta Arenas German, had a lonely sheep station on the east coast of south South America, that from what he, Mr. Lewis, knew Mr. Cutze was a man who would do all in his power to assist his country, and that it might consequently be worth while to watch his station, which is situated, according to Mr. Lewis, half way between Galegos & the Virgins.

I submit the information for what it may be worth.

C. F. Cordell,

Hon. Col. Sec.

Might, by confidential letter, convey information to British Consul Punta Arenas.

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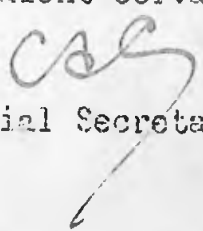
Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to inform you that it has been reported to His Excellency that a certain Mr Curtze, a German, usually residing in Punta Arenas, has a station somewhere about halfway between Callegos and Capé Virgins, which might easily be used as an enemy base.

2. His Excellency desires me to convey this information to you confidentially. You will be able to judge whether or not it is of any value.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

  
Colonial Secretary.

J. E. Bell Esq.,  
H. M. Vice-Consul,  
Punta Arenas.

Mary Julia Williams



British Vice Consulate

Punta Arenas, June 20th, 1917.

Sir,

With reference to your despatch C.15/17 dated 2nd June 1917 I beg to state that Mr Curtze's farm belongs in fact to his wife, a native of the Falkland Islands. It is situated on the River Gallegos above the town of Gallegos. I would add for the information of His Excellency the Governor that no ships can approach the farm. The land along the coast of Patagonia adjacent to the Falkland Islands belongs very largely to British subjects or to companies in which British subjects are interested.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "H.M. Vice Consul". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the typed name.

H.M. Vice Consul

P.S. Since the above despatch was written Curtze has left Punta Arenas for Santiago where he will probably remain.  
The Colonial Secretary

Port Stanley

Falkland Islands.