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S. of S. Secret Un-
numbered telegram

SUBJECT.

19 42.

29th January.

Previous Paper.

"SCORCHED EARTH" POLICY -

Application of in Colonies.

MINUTES.

1-2 S. of S. telegram of 29 Jan'y, 1942.
3-5 Minute from Executive Engineer, 2/2/42.
6-8 " " OC Troops, 2/2/42

yfb.

Reals 3-8 submitted. also
draft telegram to o/c. South Georgia.

2. It would be advisable to my mind
to include destruction of all jetty's in
the scheme.

A. J. P.
for 2/2/42.

Dispatch as soon as further information is
available, which pl. has.

The gist of the dispatch will be to the effect
that all measures to carry out the policy
are to be undertaken by military & naval
units here & govt. power station to be
govt. personnel.

Subsequent Paper.

A. J. P. 4/2/42

Minute from Ex-Engineer, 4/2/42.

Secret Despatch to S. of S. of 5. 2. 42.

Telegram No. 15 to O/P, South Georgia of 6/2/42.

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9-11.

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14.

Standing Orders issued to F. I. D. F. 3/2/42. 15-16.

N.B.C.,

To see and will you kindly furnish a copy of your instructions in this connection for purposes of record.

O. J. P. L.
12/2/42.

W.L. Falkland Island Standing Orders Sectn. I Part VIII will be amended to include the destruction of:-

- (1) The floating Dock
- (2) All hulks, lighters, barges small craft in Stanley.
- (3) The road bridge at WIT Stn
- (4) WIT Control Station
- (5) A/c stores in F.I.C. west wharf.
- (6) All S.A. Post food & clothing.
- (7) Magazines.

R. S. M. 7. 3. 42
No/c.

X/E

Submitted for information.

O. J. P. L.
9/3/42.

Paras 17 & 18 of (16) - are there not necessary for civil population as with water?

Para 20 (15) - what ships have been taken?

Has Sup. E. & T. any remarks?

O. J. P. L.
9/3/42

C.S.O. No. 57/42

Inside Minute Paper.

Sheet No. 1

17. Letter to Major the Hon. J.A. Woodgate 24/2/42.
Supr. Ext.

Replied to you.

A. G. L.
10/3/42

Hon. Col. Sec.

Everything is at hand for the complete destruction of equipment and spaces in Power House, Telephone Exchange and Telegraph building. I understand that the W/T Control Station is at present depending on our electric supply for operating Radio receiver. Now, if our power supply is to be suddenly destroyed I am of the opinion that some vital information might be about to be received at that moment and would be lost through lack of power. I do not know if this position has already been discussed with No 1. If not, he should be informed very early in order to revise our instructions to destroy the plant should revision be necessary.

A.M.

DEFT 10/3/42.

V.D. i/c.

For your observations please on Supr. Ext.'s minute.

A. G. L.
11/3/42.

H.C.S.

In emergency W/T control ^{station} is not dependant on main power supply - anywhere the codes cyphers would be destroyed by this time. R.S.H. No 1/c

11.3.42

Supr. & Lt.

To note.

A. J. Ford
12/3/42

Hon. C.S.

noted. Thank you. The original instructions will be carried out.

RM.
A.E.F.
12.3.42.

Y/C.

to see.

Your minute of 9/3/42 ^{para} (7) + (10) of 16
refers to military outposts only.
Para. 20 this has been done.

A. J. Ford
12/3/42

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Phon. - D & A should see this for any remarks.

A. J. Ford
13/3/42

S. J. A.

For your remarks please.

A. J. Ford
13/3/42.

Suggestion
A. pyrene fire extinguisher
filled with petrol would be a great
aid to destruction by fire.
A. J. Ford

A. J. A.

do not think that horses would be of much or any service to an enemy who had reached Stanley.

There does not appear to be any military objective in the Camp but supposing there were men on foot would be more mobile than mounted as the former could better negotiate stone runs & soft patches.

The walking time between stations is only 15 to 20% longer than riding time.

The gear is scattered among all residents of Stanley & could not be readily assembled. If necessary at most

the horses could be ~~rendered~~ rendered virtually useless if the public were instructed to remove "bits", & "stirrups" from the gear on an invasion & bury the metal parts in their gardens.
A. J. Ford
14/3/42.

yf Remarks of H. G. A. submitted, please.

LHA
Specs.
16/3/42

B. U. at the next mtg to the Def. Ctee.

W.D.
7/3/42

18-19. S. of S. Secret telegram, no 56 of 9/4/42.

H. G. A.

Ref. Red 19. 3(a). To the Treasury
and, in S. of S. Secret telegram no 56
mentioned the competent authority to
will have power under the Treasury
to carry out the requirements
of 3(a).

11-4-42.

R.B.
I.A.

20. Telegram No. 60 Secret to S. of S. of 11/4/42.

21. Telegram, Secret. ltr. from S. of S. of 11/4/42.

Hon. P. S.

To see red 21. In regard to the destruction of the contents of the Treasury Strong Vaults, should necessity demand, it is necessary to prepare a scheme of destruction now.

The possibility of burning tightly packed currency notes, stamps and stamped posted matter at quick notice in a furnace such as the Secretariat possesses would appear to be nil, and it will therefore be necessary to devise some other method of destruction.

I suggest sinking in the Harbour. In this case an adequate number of wooden boxes would require to be made, allowing sufficient room when packed for the insertion of weights. In addition each box to be bored to allow fast entry of water. It would be necessary to make arrangements say with the Harbour Master to place a man (perhaps Ratcliffe) at your Department's disposal with a dinghy or other small craft, so that in the event of the general destruction signal being given, such transport could stand-by at the Watering Jetty to convey these boxes out into the Harbour where they would be sunk.

Will you please furnish your views in this regard

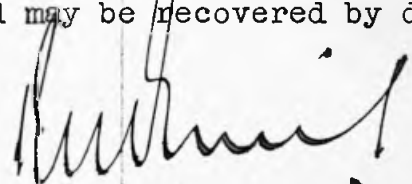
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Specs.
13/4/42

Hon Col Sec;-

Red 21 Noted, also your remarks and recommendations in connection therewith. The scheme as outlined appears to be practical and feasible.

I therefore submit, that;-

1. Perforated wooden boxes, suitably weighted, should be prepared and stored adjacent to the Vault in readiness to contain all issued and un-issued Currency Notes, Postage and Revenue stamps and other documents to be destroyed. Also a suitable iron or steel container (small drum) for coinage or bullion.
2. Arrangements should be made for the services of a competent man together with a suitable dinghy or small boat, who would be instructed to place himself under the orders of the F.S. the moment an emergency arises. This same procedure applies to the caretaker of the Treasury, Steel.
3. In the event of an emergency arising, the following procedure should be immediately put into practice;-
 - A. The two men and dinghy above mentioned will immediately place themselves under the orders of the F.S.
 - B. The duplicate keys of the Vault, at present kept in the G.H. safe should be immediately handed over to the F.S. in order to be able to open the Vault without the intervention of the two other custodians, who will be fully occupied with other duties. The F.S. will act on his own and be responsible for "destruction".
 - C. All currency notes, both issued and un-issued will be immediately packed in the boxes already prepared and the coin or bullion will also be packed in the container, all being held in the vault awaiting "destruction" or otherwise.
 - D. On the "DESTROY" signal being given, these cases would be immediately dumped in the Harbour at a ^{convenient} ~~suitable~~ distance from the shore, and may thus be considered as having been destroyed. The container with the coin and bullion would also be dumped into the Harbour, at a spot based from shore bearings previously taken and agreed upon. These bearings and all distinguishing marks and signals will only be communicated to H.E. The Governor, The Hon Col Sec. With this information available the coin and bullion so dumped may be recovered by divers at a later date.


for Financial Secretary.
16/4/1942.

Y.E. Draft scheme submitted for approval, please.

L.H.C.
16/4/42.

C.S.O. No. S/M/42

Inside Minute Paper.

Sheet No. 3

Pl. arrange with E.E. accordingly & any other
Office work.
AD 16/11/42

Hon. G.S.

Will you please proceed.

W.H.C.
16/11/42

Hon. Col. Sec.

Will proceed accordingly.
Thank you.

Red
H.F.S.

E.E. To note the special arrangements which
have been approved regarding the destruction
of the contents of the Strong Vault &c.

W.H.C.
16/11/42

Honorable Colonial Secretary.

Mr. Lees who is in charge of demolition
has I understand seen Mr. King Prince & the
various matters are being arranged & the boxes
made.

W.H.C.
17.11.42.

Custodians
Treasury Strong Vault
To note the
arrangements which have been approved
for the destruction in emergency of the
contents of the Vault.

W.H.C.
17/11/42.

W.H.C.
20.11.42

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21.11.42

W.H.C.
21.11.42.

Telegram No. 61. from S. of S. of 20/4/42. 22.
Extract from letter from magistrate, Lio. of 23/4/42. 23-29. *28/4/42.*
Telegram No. 66 " " " " 2/5/42. 30. *2/5/42.*
Telegram No. 74 to S. of S. of 30/4/42. 31. *2/5/42.*

Telegram No. 76 to S. of S. of 30/4/42. 32.
" " 46 to " " 4/5/42. 33.
" " 88 to " " " 34.

Telegram No. 94 from S. of S. of 23/5/42. 35.

Telegram No. 106 to S. of S. of 25/5/42. 36.

^{No. 100} Telegram, from S. of S. of 30/5/42. 37.

S. of S. Most Secret despatch of 2/4/42. 38-48.

Y.E. Referred please.

2/4/42.

Action by O.C. troops required on (38-48). K.I.V.

2/5/42.

Y.C. Troops To see nos 38-40. pl.

2/5/42.

Inform all Colonial Security.

Reus 38-48 Seen Thank you. I Submit

36-46 might usefully be withdrawn & sent to S.G.

3.V.42.

Minutes to magistrate, Lio. of 5/8/42.

(A9.)

Office of Treasury.

Ref. Mr. Rume's minute 16/4/42. Have spoken H.E. You will act as F.S. for this purpose. The currency etc. is to be packed in the boxes as soon as yellow period begins. When "Destroy" signal is given you will, with assistance of ^{at Board} ~~military~~ ^{guard}, hand boxes over to Radcliffe who will send them at random out in the harbour - no fixed place & no record.

How. bot. Sec.

Notes. Thank you.
Mr. Dore. 10/5/42.

K.B. 10/5.

C.S.O. No. S/4/42.

Inside Minute Paper.

Sheet No. 4.

50. Instructions for 'Scorched Earth' scheme in Secretariat, 12/8/42.
51. Letter from Manager, F. I. C. Ltd., of 3/8/44.
52. Letter to Manager, F. I. C., of 8.8.44.
53. Minute to Controller, Civil Defence of 8.8.44.
54. Minute from Controller, Civil Defence of 26.8.44. ^{per}
55. Telegram No 134 from Magistrate, S. G. of 4.12.45.
56. " " 115 to " " 6.12.45

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

No. 426.

From SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

To HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Despatched: 29th January, 19 42. Time:

Received: 30th January, 19 42. Time:

Circular unnu bered. January 29th. Secret.

1. One of the lessons of this War has been the great military importance of the "scorched earth" policy in territory invaded by the enemy. H.M. Government have under consideration application of this policy to Colonial territories. To be most effective it must be :- (a) Selective. It must be applied thoroughly at all key points from which the enemy can derive benefit that he most needs and has the greatest difficulty in replacing. Examples are :- (1) Naval Army and Air Force installations and aerodromes. (2) Wireless cable and telegraph stations. (3) Oil stocks installations and pumping equipment as well as Wells and Refineries. (4) Stocks of coal raw materials gunny bags, drums, clothing materials. (5) Harbour facilities especially bunkering loading and ship repairing facilities and sources of power to work them. (6) Transport of facilities especially road and rail bridges locomotives locomotive repair shops and all sea and river vessels which cannot be removed. (7) Mine workings and machinery for getting transporting and refining ores required by the enemy especially Wolfram Lead Zinc Nickel Cobalt Copper Manganese Bauxite Chrome Silver Gold Iron Ore and stores in connection therewith. Water supplies and minimum stocks of essential foodstuffs should be left for local inhabitants but the latter should as far as possible be distributed to the population before the withdrawal takes place to avoid the bulk of the supplies falling into enemy hands. *Stocks of currency, postage and revenue stamps bear securities and other valuable documents should be removed or destroyed.*

(b) Ruthlessness. It should be aimed at total destruction for indefinite period and should not compromise by any desire to recover resources essentially intact when the enemy withdraws. He will almost certainly himself destroy anything of value in his retreat. Destruction is much better than concealment. Where destruction by fire or explosives is not practicable dumping in the sea or rivers may be sufficient. Important corresponding parts similar machinery should be destroyed to avoid enemy piecing it together with any one installation.

(c) Carefully plan in advance. Military authorities will presumably have prepared their own plans in respect to military installations etcetera. In cases of civil installations civil Governments should undertake the responsibility in consultation with the military authorities for preparing plans and for seeing that they fall into a comprehensive scheme which will include the military plans as well. Military authorities are responsible in all cases for saying when are to be carried out. Plans must include a clear understanding between the military and civil authorities as to their respective responsibility for actually carrying out the necessary work when the military authorities have decided the time has come for that to be done and the plans should provide specifically for advance organization and training of reliable personnel to carry out each item programme.

(d) Rigorous co-operation applied in practice. While premature demolitions are to be avoided e.g. if the enemy attack is in the nature of a raid rather than a attempted occupation experience shows the principal danger lies in leaving matters too late. The essential therefore of a effective scheme is that it should be quick. Responsibility for deciding when schemes in respect to commercial installations should be implemented should not repeat not be left to companies or other private interests but their co-operation will be needed in the preparation of the schemes.

2. Policy should be to evacuate all moveable material in short supply and to destroy what cannot be removed. To this end a priority list/

See Recd 21.

list should be maintained for the removal of all stocks of metals machine tools etcetera and should include skilful operatives. Evacuation should be instituted early in so far as shipping resources (where this is applicable) permit.

3. In Colonial Dependencies where plans have already been prepared these should be reviewed with the subject of considering whether they are sufficiently comprehensive and far reaching. Where no plans exist at present the Colonial Governments are requested to review the position with a view to drawing up a list of resources which should be and preparing a general scheme. I consider this should be done even in those Dependencies which may at present feel themselves relatively remote from the active theatres of war. It will not however in most cases be necessary to proceed to the stage of final preparation e.g. laying explosive charges.

4. Compensation. Where damage is done in the course of military operations or on orders to our own forces the answer to any enquiries must be that the question of compensation cannot be decided until after conclusion of the War. Where we cannot ourselves effect the destruction in the course of warlike operations but have to induce other people to destroy we shall no doubt where necessary have to promise replacement after the war of destroyed property if the owners regain possession after the War and it is a reasonable commercial proposition for them to resume operations and if compensation is not obtained from any other source. Account would have to be taken of any benefit to owners due to preservation of a wasting asset which but for the destruction would be likely to have been exhausted or diminished by the enemy.

5. While discussion of the plans should be kept as secret as possible it will be necessary to take into your confidence representatives of companies or other interests concerned. It can be explained to them that "Scorched Earth" preparations form an essential part of the Defence Scheme: that all vital interests will be defended to the last but that in the unlikely event of the Defence failing it is necessary to be prepared to destroy material likely to be of value to the enemy.

6. I should like to receive a report by despatch (Air mail where possible) on the measures which are being taken in each dependency.

SECRETARY OF STATE

No.

(It is requested that, in any reference to this minute, the above Number and the date may be quoted).

MINUTE.

2nd February, 19 42.

From The Executive Engineer

To The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Stanley.

Following the meeting of the Defence Committee on Saturday last, in connection with S. of S. unnumbered Secret telegram of 29.1.42. I have considered this matter in so far as it involves P.W.D. and Harbour and have to report as follows.

1. Points and areas to which the scheme should apply.

- a. Dockyard.
- b. Hulk "Jhelum"
- c. Water Works.
- d. Power Station.
- e. Telephone Exchange.
- f. F.I.Co's Workshops, Store & Hulks.
- g. Bridge over Felton's stream and causeway at W/T Station.

2. Proposed methods of destruction.

(a) Dockyard. There are seven detached buildings which might be of use to the enemy.

- i. The main store containing all iron and non-ferrous metal goods, sanitary fittings, nails, motor spares etc. etc. Shavings and petrol in the ground floor would if ignited completely ruin everything beyond use including the building itself in a short time.
- ii. The timber store. This could be dealt with in the same way if not automatically ignited by the main store.
- iii. The Garage. It is assumed that all lorries would be out on duty and would be destroyed where they stood. The garage itself is of fire resisting construction but contains nothing of value and although destruction by fire would not result in complete demolition a good fire would

render/

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- render it useless as a store. The mechanic's shop adjoining is of timber and a fire would meet all needs.
- iv. The Harbour's mechanic shop is also of timber and could with its contents be destroyed by fire.
 - v. The Coal and Cement Shed could also be razed by fire.
 - vi. The Boat Shed would easily burn and the Slip if thought to be necessary could be uncoupled and run off into deep water. Although as the winch is in the Boat Shed the destruction of this would very materially affect the utility of the slip.
 - vii. The Smithy can be destroyed by fire.
- (b) The petrol stored in the hulk Jhelum could quickly be destroyed.
 - (c) If complete destruction of the water supply is wanted I submit a corner of the reservoirs be demolished by explosive, the engines at Mullet Creek be smashed and the 4" pipe from Mount William be broken in the Quarry. One section is always difficult to replace but as all spares would be damaged in the store the matter would be almost impossible.

Before the water supply is included in the scheme I feel careful consideration should be given. I submit that if after its destruction inhabitants of the Colony could find water for themselves any enterprising enemy force once ashore could do the same. That is we do not deprive an enemy of the use of water by the destruction of the water service, it is true we make it more awkward but against this must be put the risk of epidemic by the drinking of polluted water and such epidemic would make no distinction between friend and foe.

- (d) Power Station : I am in consultation with Supervisor E. & T.
- (e) Telephone Exchange. on both these cases.
- (f) F.I.C's property. I have had a preliminary talk with the Manager and am ~~confirming~~ more fully with him tomorrow. I foresee no difficulties.
- (g) The bridge over Felton's Stream would be made unusable by fire as no timber would be available for repair to the carriage way. The causeway at the Wireless Station might I feel be handled by the Naval Authorities.

I submit all gates by passe libres be locked the keys thrown away and the passe libres sawn half through if time permits.

3. Arrangements for execution. Arrangements for destruction of 1. a & b are in the hands of Mr. Lees and will be complete in 24 hours.

I await final instructions as to 1. c and the final details as to 1. d. e. f. & g will follow immediately.

Rush Woodgate
Executive Engineer.

Copy to O.C. Troops for information

? February 8
2nd January, 1942.

From ... O. C. Troops.

To Hon. Col. Sec.

Reference No. 426 of 29.1.42 from S. of S.

Before consideration of any Military demolition may I draw attention to lines 17 and 18 of your copy "Water supplies, etc., etc.". This water supply does not provide any power for machinery, and is, therefore for drinking and utility purposes only; this being the case, the question of its destruction must be balanced against that of polluted water and perhaps, subsequent disease.

The instructions are widely ranged and call for decisions based entirely upon the local situation having in mind primarily "What can be of Military or offensive use by the enemy".

These uses can be confined to a short list :

- (1) Transport by
 - (a) Roads
 - (b) Captured vehicles
 - (c) Water
 - (d) From aerodromes
- (2) Military war equipment capable of being used against the defenders.
- (3) Maintenance and industrial equipment.
- (4) Communications.
- (5) Accomodations.

As regards

- (1)
 - (a) These are not sufficiently extended to be of use to an enemy for he would be at his destination or almost so before he could enjoy use of them.
 - (b) These can be easily immobilised by smashing up electrical gear and tanks.
 - (c) These can be similarly treated and sunk.
 - (d) There are no land dromes.
- (2) All guns, range finders, telephones, and telephone lines can be put out of action in a remarkably short time, viz. two minutes is sufficient time to render any gun or

range finder/

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range finder completely and permanently useless.

Gun ammunition is of no avail to an enemy if the guns are out of action as the calibre of ammunition is different from that of enemy powers. Cartridges which may be used for incendiary purposes can be burned or drowned if time allows.

Searchlights can be destroyed as easily and quickly as can the guns.

(3) There is no Military engineering or ordnance depot, Such heavy machine tools as there are belong to the F.I.C. and will, presumably, be destroyed by them.

- (4) Communications are divided into four categories :
- (1) Civil land lines
 - (2) Military land lines
 - (3) Civil and Military R/T Sets
 - (4) The W/T Organisations.

Destruction can take place in a very few minutes by, in the case of :-

- (1) Cutting the lines and smashing the central exchange
 - (2) Similar action and smashing of all telephones
 - (3) Smashing of valves, etc.
 - (4) Ditto and also the dynamos.
- (5) Accommodation - This consists of :
- (1) Domestic dwellings
 - (2) Sheds and warehouses
 - (3) Hulks
 - (4) Barracks, schools, Town Hall, etc.

There is no object in destroying private houses, therefore no object in destroying the remainder unless sheds and warehouses are full of materials useful to the enemy, for if such is done enemy troops will be billeted on the population.

I do not consider that the lack of or sufficiency of accomodation will make any difference to the length of time an enemy may occupy the Islands.

I suggest/

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I suggest that when all programmes of demolition are received by you a meeting be called at which all duties of destruction are analysed and allotted in order to obviate any overlapping or confusion.

Orders have been issued for the immobilisation of all guns and Military gear that could be used by an enemy.

C. Donald Munro

Colonel,
O.C. Troops.

Mr. Lees. Should the capture of Stanley by the enemy be imminent, it will be necessary to destroy all stocks of materials, buildings and equipment likely to be of use to him.

When His Excellency the Governor deems this moment to have arrived he will issue personally the order "destroy" and you will be responsible in these circumstances for the complete destruction of the following buildings and their contents, also passing on the order to

1. The Supervisor E & T.
2. The Engineman at the Power Station.

Buildings are.

1. Main Store in Dockyard.
2. Timber Store.
3. Garage and Mechanics Shop.
4. Harbour fitting Shop.
5. Coal Store.
6. Smithy.
7. Boat Shed.
8. Telephone Exchange.
9. Hulk Jhelua.

The order will, if conditions permit, be sent as a written message by runner direct from Government House to you, failing this you will take action when the destroy rocket is fired from Government House and on the North side of the Town Hall. This rocket is in colour.

All the buildings above and their contents will be destroyed by fire and suitable supplies of petrol and shavings will be kept at convenient points, marked "For demolition purposes, not to be removed" and will be inspected at least weekly by you or your assistant.

In order to avoid any non execution of the order as a result of your incapacitation ^{at} you will give the fullest explanation and information under secrecy to those men who have been detailed to assist you, with instructions for them to act if you are unable.

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Copy to. O.C. Troops.
S. E. & T.
Mr. Lees
F.I.C.

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(It is requested that, in any reference to this minute, the above Number and the date may be quoted).

MINUTE.

4th February, 1942.

From The Executive Engineer,

Stanley.

~~Stanley~~ Falkland Islands.

To The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

In continuation of my memorandum of Monday last, having reference to S. of S. unnumbered Secret telegram of 29.1.42, I have now conferred with Supervisor, E. & T. and the Manager F.I. Co. with regard to Sections. 1 d. e. & f.

Section 1. (d) Power Station. The Supervisor, E. & T. informs me that sufficient destruction can be effected by the Engineman on duty with the aid of a 7 lbs. sledge hammer. He has therefore promised to keep such a hammer in the Power House definitely marked for this purpose, and to instruct the engineman in its use. The order to destroy will be passed to the enginehouse by Mr. Lees when received by him.

1. (e) Telephone Exchange: Mr. Lees will arrange for destruction of this by fire at the same time as the other buildings for which he is responsible.

Supervisor, E. & T. will receive orders per Mr. Lees and will personally see to the destruction of the Telegraph Office, broadcasting system and all spares contained in that office and will then supervise destruction of Power House should that be necessary. The Telegraph Office was omitted from original list.

In view of the intense conflagration that will occur in the Dockyard, I feel there will be a severe risk of Dockyard Cottage catching fire. May I submit therefore that the Harbour Department Engineer who lives there should be warned that in the event of the "destroy" order being given he vacates his house and for this reason has ready and handy for rapid evacuation any small personal valuables which he may want to save.

1. (f) F.I.Co's property. Following consultation with the Manager, F.I.C. yesterday I have today been in conference with Mr. Creamer who will be responsible for the actual execution of the destroy order in the case of Company's Stores. I have carefully considered each building with him and he will now submit a detailed proposal with as to method of and organisation for destruction. Pending the completion of this report which will be a matter of considerable detail, I have arranged with him for the interim period as follows :-
1. Priority to be given to the two Jetties (East & West) and Stores thereon, which are to be destroyed by fire.
 2. Further destruction of buildings marked on his drawing if time permits.
 3. He will be at the Company's Shipping Office and an individual order shall be sent to him there either by runner or phone as it is very improbable that he will hear or see the rocket.

I would submit that to avoid overlapping the Naval Authorities be asked to deal with all hulks and lighters moored in the Harbour if not already arranged and that in view of the large stocks of coal thereon they be given some priority.

I attach a copy of orders issued to Mr. Lees to cover his duties under the scheme.

Cluck Woodgat.

Executive Engineer.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

5th February, 1942.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

SECRET.

My Lord,

Red 2.

With reference to your unnumbered Secret Circular telegram of the 29th of January, I have the honour to inform you that all measures to carry out the policy outlined in your telegram will be undertaken by the Naval and Military Authorities in so far as naval and military installations, etc., are concerned and by the personnel of this Government in respect of civil installations.

I have the honour to be,
My Lord,
Your Lordship's most
obedient, humble servant,

(Sgd.) A. W. CARDINAL

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
LORD NOYNE, P.C., D.S.O.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

● DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary,

To Officer-in-Charge, South Georgia.

Despatched: 6th February, 19 12. Time :...

Received: 19 ... Time :...

No. 15. Secret. Following for O.C. Defences, South Georgia, from O.C. Troops, begins. In event of enemy attack on South Georgia reaching stage as to necessitate destruction of all war materials following orders will be carried out under your direction :

- (1) You will be responsible for giving order to "Destroy" but premature demolitions should be avoided.
- (2) 4" guns. Breech mechanism and spares should be dumped or smashed. Range dials and telescopes, range finders clocks and dumaresqs should be broken up.
- (3) Magazines should be destroyed and cartridges opened and soaked or burned.
- (4) Rifles and machine guns should be retained until the end.
- (5) So long as targets present themselves and guns can be worked they should **be** kept in action but danger of leaving immobilisation too late should be avoided. Ends.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

● DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary,

To Officer-in-Charge, South Georgia.

Despatched: 6th February, 1942. *Time:*...

Received: 19... *Time:*...

No. 16. Secret. In event of enemy attack on South Georgia arrangements should be made in advance for total destruction of wireless stations; oil stocks, installations and pumping equipment; stocks of coal, drums; harbour facilities especially bunkering, loading and ship repairing facilities and sources of power to work them; machinery plant and tools. Total destruction for indefinite period should be aimed at. Where destruction by fire or explosives not practicable dumping in sea may be sufficient.

Military authority will be responsible for saying when demolitions are to be carried out. Plans must include clear understanding between military and civil authorities as to their respective responsibility for actually carrying out necessary work when military has decided time has come for that to be done.

While discussion of plans should be kept as secret as possible it will be necessary to take into confidence representatives of companies. It should be explained to them that "scorched earth" preparations form an essential part of Defence Scheme and that it is necessary to destroy material likely to be of value to enemy.

You should consult O.C. South Georgia Defences who will be given instructions by O.C. Troops, regarding military plans.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

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FALKLAND INSULARUM DEFENSORES FIDELES.

SECRET.

STANDING ORDERS.

FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE.

Orders by Colonel C. D. Allderidge, D.S.O., T.D., R.A.,
Officer Commanding Troops, Falkland Islands.

In the event of an enemy attack on the Falkland Islands which may reach such a stage as to necessitate destruction of all war materials useful to an enemy, the following orders will be carried out by the Officer, N.C.O. or man to whom these orders are sent or under his instructions and there must be no excuse for failure to comply thoroughly and quickly.

The executive order will be "Destroy" given by

- or (1) A single rocket fired from Government House.
and/ (2) " " " " " the Town Hall.
or (3) A telephone message from the O.C. Troops.

Should the above means of giving the order prove unsuccessful, and if there is immediate danger of being overcome by the enemy, Officers and N.C.O's will act upon their own initiative.

(1) Guns will be put out of action by

- (a) In the case of 6" guns; removing the lock and slide box and dumping them together with spare locks, etc., into the sea, or alternatively smashing them with a hammer. The range fials and telescopes will be similarly treated.
- (b) In the case of the 4" gun; by removing the lock and treating this and all spare locks and range dials, etc., as above.
- (c) In the case of the 12 Pdr. ditto ditto.
- (d) In the case of the 3 Pdr. remove the breech blocks complete, and dump into the sea, after first of all damaging them as much as possible. Also treat dials and telescopes as above.

(2) All range finders will be smashed.

(3) Clocks and Dumaresqs will be destroyed.

(4) Telephones will be smashed and lines cut in as many places as possible. Lengths of line should be removed when and where possible.

(5) Searchlights will be broken up, i.e., projectors, mirrors, dynamos and switchboards.

(6) All huts and shelters will be set on fire and cooking ranges and utensils rendered useless.

? (7) Peat stacks will be fired.

? (8) Water butts will be emptied and all spare food destroyed.

(9) Wind chargers will be demolished.

- (10) If possible magazines which can be used as shelters will be broken up and all cartridge cases should be opened and the contents soaked or burned.
- (11) The general appreciation of these orders should be that as far as is humanly possible nothing of any possible use to the enemy is to be left undamaged.
- (12) So long as targets present themselves and the guns can be worked they will be kept in action, always allowing time for the immobilisation of the guns at the last moment.
- (13) Rifles and Machine guns must be retained and used until the end. There is no dishonour in losing your small arms if you are completely overpowered and have fought to the last.
- (14) Keep a signalling lamp until the last moment and keep in touch with Headquarters by some means or other.
- (15) Guards at W/T. Station and at the Ammunition Dump will assist the Naval personnel in the work of destruction as required.
- (16) Further orders will be issued as to action to be taken in dealing with ammunition dumps not mentioned above.
- (17) All stores, clothing, etc., at Headquarters will be destroyed by the Headquarters Staff.
- (18) The "Dawn" will be scuttled in the harbour.
- (19) Keep cool and act quickly.
- X (20) Suitable tools for rapid destruction must be obtained immediately and kept at all points where destruction is to take place, viz., Heavy Hammers, Petrol, etc.

(SGD.) C. DONALD ALLDERIDGE,
Colonel,
O. C. Troops,
3/2/42.

S/7/42.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

24th February, 1942.

Sir,

In the event of a land attack on this Colony, it has been decided to put into ruthless force what is commonly known as "Scorched earth" policy.

Please therefore arrange with the civil population which is affected by this policy that full plans be prepared, so that no delay or confusion would arise when and if the time comes.

The military and naval authorities have been informed.

Of course you will realise that this is only a precautionary warning and in no way indicates that the position here has deteriorated.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) A. W. CARDINALL

Honourable
Godgate, A.R.I.B.A.,
STANLEY.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 9th April, 1942. Time: 11.29.

Received: 19 Time:

Rea (12) No. 56. Secret. With reference to your despatch of February 5th Secret. Scorched Earth.

1. Position in South Georgia has been under examination here as it is important from the Admiralty point of view that plans should be drawn up and approved as soon as possible.

2. It is considered they should be based on the following premises:-

- (a) as resources are limited only two stations at Leith and Grytviken where considerable stocks lie can be covered by the plans.
- (b) As any raid will be sudden schemes will have to be simple and all Stocks must be kept to barest minimum and surplus stocks removed now.
- (c) Owing to difficulties of communication schemes for the two places must be decentralized.
- (d) As Grytviken Station is owned by the Argentine Company whatever assurances are obtained from the Company about Stocks and their destruction, independent organized demolition schemes should be made.

3. Following is tentative plan which has been drawn up:-

- (a) Defence Regulation to be passed (1) authorizing Defence Force to enter and inspect all whaling establishments. (2) Authorizing destruction in emergency of any material that the local Commander thinks fit. (3) Forbidding the holding of idle Stocks of Fuel or Whale Oil.
- (b) Plan for emergency demolition of Fuel and Whale Oil stocks at Grytviken to be prepared by the Officer Commanding South Georgia Defences at that place. Officer Commanding detachment, Falkland Islands Defence Force at Leith Harbour to prepare plan for emergency demolition of any stocks remaining there under Officer Commanding South Georgia Defences. This plan to include inspection of closed Stations at Husvik and Stromness to ensure that no stores useful to the enemy lie idle.
- (c) Schemes to be put into operation at any time after the Magistrate has proclaimed a "state of emergency" and when there is imminent danger of Oil and Fuel Stores being captured.
- (d) Demolition Stores to be despatched as soon as possible together with instructions for their use. Quantity and type of these Stores will be based on information available here as to plants and stocks.
- (e) Emergency Wireless Communications to be provided for South Georgia for use in the event of destruction of the Station at Grytviken.

4. It is proposed steps should be taken here to obtain production/

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production of Stocks (see paragraph 2 (b)) and that instructions should be prepared by the War Office regarding 3 (b). War Office are taking action on 3 (d) and are investigating 3 (e).

5. Please telegraph your views on paragraphs 2 and 3 above together with any suggestions for making plans outlined in paragraph 3 as effective as possible. In particular I should be glad of your views regarding effect of proposals in paragraphs 2 (b) and 3 (a) (3) on activities of Company at Grytviiken. Company should not of course be approached at this stage.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor.

To The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched : 11th April, 19 42. Time : .

Received : 19 .. Time :

Red 19.

No. 60. Secret. Your telegram No. 56. Secret. Scorched earth; South Georgia.

2. Your paragraph 2 plans have already been made to cover all the mentioned facts two months ago. But removal of stocks above minimum requirements is dependent on transport; the importance of this is realized and the Magistrate will see that this is done in so far as is possible.

3. Your para. 3 (a) I am advised all necessary power exists under present regulations. South Georgia is in a permanent state of emergency. The Magistrate is not only a member of Defence Force but is Competent Authority.

(b) plan already made; (c) no comment; (d) demolition stores asked for from South Georgia are being sent by this steamer and if more required I shall be informed by wireless but in view of lack of communication am sending ample in addition to those asked for; (e) plans for emergency wireless have been made and by this steamer all material asked for is being sent, the installation I am informed requiring only a few hours.

4. Captain Fleuret the new Magistrate proceeds to South Georgia within the next few days and he has been instructed to submit a full report by returning vessel on all points referred to as well as other pertinent matters. I cannot understand what War Office means about sending plans or stores. Given the smallest opportunity in time the place will be destroyed ruthlessly.

GOVERNOR.

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TELEGRAM.

No. 123. *From* SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.
To HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Despatched : 11th April, 19 42. *Time :* 0630.

Received : 12th April, 19 42. *Time :* 1030. Red 2.

Secret. Circular unnumbered. April 11th. My telegram 29th January
Secret Circular unnumbered add the following sentence at the end of
paragraph 1 (a) begins. "Stocks of currency, postage and revenue stamps,
bearer securities and other valuable documents should be removed or
destroyed. Ends.

I.D.C.O.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

5/7/42.

No. 259.

From SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

To HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Despatched : 20th April, 19 42. *Time :* 1245.

Received : 21st April, 19 42. *Time :* 1030.

Red 20.

No. 61. Secret. With reference to your telegram No. 60 very much appreciate action you have taken. Assume you will telegraph further on receipt of report referred to in paragraph 4. Explanatory reasons of sending stores referred to in paragraph 3 (d) of my telegram No. 56 with instructions for their use being sent by air mail via Montevideo.

Red 19.

I.D.C.O.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

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Leith Harbour,
SOUTH GEORGIA,

The Magistrate,
SOUTH GEORGIA.

Dear Sir,

I acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter of 21st April, 1942, and attach herewith the particulars of the storage tanks in Leith Harbour, Stromness and Prince Olaf Harbour. The latter you did not ask for in your letter but I surmise the particulars will be required also.

2. We have on the Station here approximately 1655 tons of Fuel oil - the property of the Ministry of Food and also have in storage 2943 tons belonging to the Compania Argentina de Pesca. The Ministry of Food oil is reserve. The only whale oil on this Station is 700 barrels of X Oil which is of little commercial value, but we have in storage in Prince Olaf Harbour 50 barrels of No. 2. whale oil.

3. I am unable to obtain the particulars of the storage tanks at Husvik Harbour today but the Manager has promised the information tomorrow if permissable.

4. I regret that it is impossible at the moment to send you the details of the food supplies but will do so immediately opportunity offers.

5. The total number of men employed by Leith Harbour, Stromness and Husvik is 24, 5 and 4 respectively.

Yours faithfully,

(SGD) R. HANSEN.
MANAGER.

Since
received
G. H. H.

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LEITH HARBOUR

Fuel Oil Tanks.

No. 1.	About	1018 tons.	✓
" 2.	"	1240 "	
" 3.	"	120 "	✓
" 4.	"	90 "	✓
" 5.	"	90 "	✓
" 6.	"	1240 "	✓
" 7.	"	1640 "	✓
" 8.	"	490 "	✓
" 9.	"	490 "	✓
" 10.	"	1640 "	✓
" 11.	"	460 "	✓
" 12.	"	340 "	✓

Whale Oil Tanks.

A.	About	315 tons.	✓
B.	"	275 "	✓
C.	"	161 "	✓
D.	"	180 "	✓
E.	"	267 "	✓
F.	"	340 "	✓
G.	"	267 "	✓
H.	"	262 "	✓
I.	"	359 "	✓
K.	"	190 "	✓
L.	"	1858 "	✓
M.	"	1240 "	✓
N.	"	1648 "	✓
O.	"	1648 "	✓

HUSVIK HARBOUR.

Fuel Oil Tanks.

No. 1. -	5	1500 tons each.	✓
No. 6. -	7	800 tons each.	✓

Whale Oil Tanks.

No. 1.	10,750 mm diam.	600 mm High.
No. 2.	-do-	-do-
No. 3.	-do-	-do-
No. 4.	11,000 mm diam	6,250 mm high.
No. 5.	10,750 mm "	4,500 mm "
No. 6.	-do-	-do-
No. 7.	-do-	-do-
No. 8.	-do-	-do-
No. 9.	7,750 mm diam	3,500 mm high.
nO.10.	-do-	-do-
No.11.	10,850 mm diam.	6,100 mm high.
nO.12.	11,250 mm "	6,250 -do-

PRINCE CLAF HARBOUR.

8 tanks each of 550 tons capacity.

1 tank of 545 tons capacity. ✓

1 tank of 540 tons capacity. ✓

Whale Oil Stock:- 50 barrels.

STROMNESS.

Fuel Oil Tanks.

Nos 21 - 26. 1300 tons each.

Whale Oil Tanks.

No. 2.	244 tons.	✓
" 3.	219 tons.	✓
" 4.	314 tons.	✓
" 5.	80 tons.	✓
" 6.	80 tons.	✓
" 7.	80 tons.	✓
" 9.	380 tons.	✓
" 10.	490 tons.	✓
" 11.	490 tons.	✓
" 12.	490 tons.	✓
" 13.	180 tons.	✓
" 14.	329 tons.	✓
" 15.	329 tons.	✓
" 16.	833 tons.	✓
" 17.	833 tons.	✓
" 18.	833 tons.	✓
" 19.	833 tons.	✓
" 20.	833 tons.	✓

SECRET.

The Magistrate's Office,
South Georgia,
23rd April, 1942.

Sir,

In accordance with Your Excellency's instructions I have the honour to submit a brief report on the several subjects mentioned below :

DEMOLITION. Arrangements have been made for the destruction of Wireless Telegraph Station and all machinery, by charges of gelignite and smashing of equipment with heavy hammers.

Oil Fuel and Whale Oil Tanks will also be blown up. The Water Pipe Line at Grytviken which provides all the power for the machinery at the Whaling Station will be blown up. The Electric Light supply is also provided by this means. All machinery and equipment on the Station will be destroyed. I am informed that unless power is available the oil fuel in winter time could not be pumped from the tanks since it will not flow until heated.

Similar arrangements have been made at Leith, Stromness and Husvik for the destruction of the Tanks, Stocks of Oil, etc.

The stocks of Oil Fuel kept at the several Stations are sufficient only for requirements and there is no surplus with the exception of that referred to in paragraph 2 of Mr. Hansen's letter of the 22nd of April, 1942.

Particulars of Oil storage tanks and oil stocks are attached.

I do not anticipate any difficulty in carrying out a ruthless destruction of all machinery, stores, etc., if the need arises.

FOOD SUPPLIES.

A list of Stocks of food held at Pesca Station is attached. These are sufficient for 240 men for 1 month or 50 men for 6 months. It has not been possible to obtain particulars of food supplies held at Leith but these will be forwarded as soon as received. Husvik and Stromness are fed from Leith.

PERSONNEL.

The number of men employed on Pesca Station at the present moment is 240, of whom 195 will be leaving the dependency within the next month. Forty-five men will remain at this Station during the winter months. There are on an average 300 men employed at Pesca Station during the whaling season.

The total number of men employed at this date at Leith Harbour is 24 while there are maintenance parties of 5 and 4 respectively at Stromness and Husvik. No men are employed at Prince Olaf Harbour.

WHALING.

It is anticipated that Pesca will work next season but extremely doubtful if Salvesen will as they have no boats.

HIS EXCELLENCY
THE GOVERNOR,
STANLEY.

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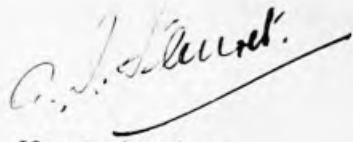
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I propose to furnish Your Excellency with further particulars regarding the number of members of the Defence Force employed at South Georgia at a later date.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Excellency's most
obedient servant,


Magistrate.

PARTICULARS OF STORAGE TANKS AND STOCKS OF
OILS AT SOUTH GEORGIA.

COMPANIA ARGENTINA DE PESCA - GRYTVIKEN.

<u>Storage Tanks.</u>						<u>Number.</u>	<u>Capacity.</u>		
Whale Oil Tanks...	...	...	...	...	...	18	50	tons	each. ✓
" " "...	...	...	...	...	...	2	700	"	" ✓
" " "...	...	...	...	...	...	2	750	"	" ✓
" " "...	...	...	...	...	...	4	1000	"	" ✓
Fuel Oil Tanks ...	...	...	...	...	...	5	1250	"	"
" " "...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1000	"	"
<u>Oil Fuel.</u>						<u>Stock Held</u>			
Grytviken	...	...	...	...	...	3,250	tons.		
Stored in Leith	...	...	...	...	...	2,943	"		
<u>Whale & Seal Oil.</u>									
Grytviken	...	...	...	...	...	6,750	Tons.		

MESSRS CHR. SALVESEN & CO. LTD. - LEITH.

As in list attached.

VESTFOLD WHALING CO. (STROMNESS)

As in list attached, but no stocks of oil of any description are held there.

TONSBERG WHALING CO. (HUSVIK HARBOUR)

As in list attached, but no stocks of oil of any description are held there.

PRINCE OLAF HARBOUR. (MESSRS SALVESEN & CO.)

As in list attached.

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EXTRACT FROM SECRET LETTER ADDRESSED TO HIS
EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR BY CAPT. A. I. FLEURET,
MAGISTRATE, SOUTH GEORGIA, of 23rd April, 1942.

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DEMOLITION. Arrangements have been made for the destruction of Wireless Telegraph Station and all machinery, by charges of gelignite and smashing of equipment with heavy hammers.

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Particulars of Oil storage tanks and oil stocks are attached.

I do not anticipate any difficulty in carrying out a ruthless destruction of all machinery, stores, etc., if the need arises.

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DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From MAGISTRATE, SOUTH GEORGIA.

To COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Despatched: 27th April, 19 42. *Time:* 14.00.

Received: 27th April, 19 42. *Time:* 16.15.

No. 66. My letter 23rd April addressed to Governor stock whale and seal oil held by Compania Argentina de Pesca will probably be exported during the winter.

MAGISTRATE.

For use in
Cypher or
Coding Office
only.

Originators Instructions:
(Indication of Priority,
AIDAC, NOTWT
For Exercise).

INTERCEPT GROUP.

TO:

FROM: O.C.

S. George's Defence

3/1/42
South Georgia No. 131.
Dear Sir,
Reference is made to your letter of 23rd April addressed
to the Admiralty, in which you requested that following explosives
be made for the United Kingdom or U.S.A. for
donation to the following:-
150 pounds of PENTON or blasting gelatine or explosive
charge;

300 yards F.I.D. fuze or cordless or primer
cords;

100 primers;
150 detonators
Yours Excellency,
These items were contained in
a previous demand. We sent all that were
available & notified S.G. not available
Subject to letter mentioned, I submit we
have authority to order from 240/27

Book or Table to be used for

Cyphering or Coding.

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DECODE.TELEGRAM.*From* HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.*To* SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.*Despatched:* 30th April, 1942. *Time:**Received:* 19 *Time:*
Recd 19.

No. 74. SECRET. With reference to your telegram Secret No. 56 paragraph 3 (d) South Georgia telegraph they require further demolition stores as follows :-

150 lbs blasting gelatine or substitute preferably plastic on account of weather; 300 yards FID fuse or cordtex or prima cord; 100 primers; 150 detonators.

Magistrate reports he anticipates no difficulty in carrying out ruthless destruction of all machinery, stores, etc., but points out that in winter oil fuel has to be heated as it will not otherwise flow.

Please note that there will be a long delay in communication between Stanley and Montevideo after middle of May.

In and out code.

GOVERNOR.

DECODE.TELEGRAM.*From* His Excellency the Governor.*To* Secretary of State for the Colonies.*Despatched:* 30th April, 19 42. *Time:* ...*Received:* ... 19 ... *Time:* ...

No. 78. Secret. Your telegram No. 56 Secret paragraph 3 (d) in order to Supplement your information following particulars have been received, first figure units second tons: (1) Whale Oil tanks (a) Grytviken 18 50 tons, 2 700 tons, 2 750 tons, 4 1000 tons; (b) Leith one each of following tonnage 161, 180, 190, 262, 275, 315, 340, 359, 1240, 1858 and two each 267, 1648; (c) Husvik 12 tanks varying capacity; (d) Stromness 3 each 80 tons, 490 tons, 2 329 tons, 5 833 tons, one each 380 tons, 314 tons, 244 tons, 219 tons, 180 tons.

(2) Fuel Oil tanks: (a) Grytviken 5 1250 tons, 2 1000; (b) Leith 2 90 tons, 1 120, 1 340, 1 460, 2 490, 1 1018, 1 1240, 2 1640; (c) Husvik 5 1500 tons 7 800; (d) Prince Olaf 1 540 tons, 1 548, 8 550; (e) Stromness 6 1500 tons.

Stocks of fuel oil held April 23rd Grytviken 3250 tons, Leith 2943.

Stock Whale Oil same date Grytviken 6750 tons including seal which Argentine Pesca expect to export this winter, Leith 700 barrels K oil, Prince Olaf 50 barrels No. 2.

GOVERNOR.

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5/7/42.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

No. 111. *From* SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

To HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Despatched : 7th May, 19 42. *Time :* 0920.

Received : 7th May, 19 42. *Time :* 10.30.

Recd 5/11
No. 76. Secret. With reference to your telegram No. 74 last paragraph should be glad to learn the reasons of delay referred to.

I.D.C.O.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

5/7/42

TELEGRAM.

From HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

To SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

Despatched : 7th May, 19 42. *Time :*

Received : 19 *Time :*

Recd 33.

No. 88. Secret. With reference to your telegram No. 76 Secret only one steamer plies between here and Montevideo. As at present scheduled she will reach here again about end May and not again until middle July as she is carrying skins from South Chile on Imperial Government account.

GOVERNOR.

I.D.C.O.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

No. 432. From SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

To HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Despatched : 23rd May, 1942. Time : 15.15.

Received : 24th May, 1942. Time : 10.30.

Recd 31.

Recd 22. No. 94. SECRET. With reference to your telegram No. 74 please telegraph whether demolition stores specified are required in addition to those referred to in my telegram No. 61 of which list was given in my Most Secret Air Mail Despatch of April 21st.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

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TELEGRAM.

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From HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

To SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

Despatched : 25th May, 19 42. Time :

Received : 19 Time :

Recd 35

No. 106. Secret. With reference to your telegram No. 94 SECRET requirements referred to are repeat are additional stop Your air mail despatch April 21st not yet received.

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GOVERNOR.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

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No. 514. From SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

To HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Despatched : 30th May, 19 42. Time : 2045.

Received : 1st June, 19 42. Time : 1030.

Red 36.

Red 31. No. 100. Secret. With reference to your telegram No. 106 stores specified in your telegram No. 74 being sent by next opportunity.

I.D.C.O.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE OF MATERIALS SUPPLIED.

1. CHARGES FOR BOILERS UNDER STEAM.

- a. Place charge on top of boiler so that weight hangs on one side and the bag on the other (sketch 1).
- b. Open bag by untying cord and draw out fuse as far as possible, being careful that there are no kinks in it. (Sketch 2)
- c. Join the igniter set to the fuse by laying the capped ends together overlapping for about 25 cms. with ends of the fuse and igniter pointing in opposite directions. Bind the overlap firmly with tape for about 40 cms. in the centre. (Sketch 3 - detail A).
- d. To fire the charge. Remove safety pin from igniter and pull both rings (Sketch B).

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE OF MATERIALS SUPPLIED.

2. CHARGES FOR BOILERS NOT UNDER STEAM.

- a. The charge should if possible be placed inside the boiler. If the manhole on the top is open, untie the cord at the neck of the bag and draw out the fuse; then, keeping hold of the fuse, lower the charge inside the boiler and secure it by the cord attached to the weight. (Sketch 1 and 2).

If the manhole is not open, the charge should be placed in the ash pit under the grate as far back as possible.

- b. Join the igniter set to the fuse by laying the capped ends together overlapping for about 25cms. with ends of the fuse and igniter pointing in opposite directions. Bind the overlap firmly with tape for about 10 cms. in the centre (Detail A.)

- c. To fire the charge. Remove safety pin from igniter and pull both rings (Sketch B).

Note. The effect is much greater if the boiler is full of water. If the boilers are now empty they should immediately be filled so that they are ready.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE OF MATERIALS SUPPLIED.

3. CHARGES FOR FUEL OIL AND WHALE OIL TANKS.

- a. Place the charge on the lower part of the tank as close to the bottom as possible, clear of any rivets and away from the seams. The charge will adhere by means of its magnets and will need no securing (Sketch U).
- b. Join the igniter set to the fuse by laying the charged ends together overlapping for about 25 cms. with ends of the fuse and igniter pointing in opposite directions. Bind the overlapping firmly with tape for about 10 cms. in the centre (Detail A.)
- c. To fire the charge. Remove safety pin from igniter and pull both rings (Sketch B.)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE OF MATERIALS SUPPLIED.4. INCENDIARY FOR FUEL OIL AND DIESEL OIL TANKS.

- a. The incendiary is prepared for use by screwing the igniter into the socket on the end of the fuse (Sketch T).
- b. The incendiary should be placed where the oil escaping from the tank can flow over it but it should not be placed less than 3 metres from the tank; otherwise it might be damaged by the explosion.
- c. The incendiary should be ignited immediately before placing the charge on the tank.

6th April 1942

TO:- H.E. The Governor,
Falkland Islands,

Please receive stores packed as under:-

CASE SERIAL	CONTENTS	QUANTITY
EL 1	Medium (6lbs) Tarbabies	7
	Igniter sets	22
	Igniters for tarbabies	12
EL 2	Medium (6lbs) Tarbabies	3
	Igniter sets for tarbabies	8
	3lbs. charges for oil tanks	20
	5lbs. boiler charges	2
EG 1	Medium (6lbs) Tarbabies	6
	Igniter Sets	52
	Igniter sets for tarbabies	12
EG 2	Medium (6lbs) Tarbabies	6
	Igniters for tarbabies	12
	5lbs. boiler charges	1
	3lbs. charges for oil tanks	12
EG 3	Medium (6lbs) Tarbabies	2
	Igniter sets for tarbabies	4
	3lbs. charges for oil tanks	26
EG 4	Medium (6lbs) Tarbabies	6
	Igniter sets for tarbabies	12
	3lbs. charges for oil tanks	12
	5lbs. boiler charges	1

FALKLAND ISLANDS

HQST SECRET

Colonial Office,
Downing Street,

21st April, 1942.

Sir,

With reference to your telegram No. 60 and my reply No. 61 I have the honour to transmit to you a list of the demolition stores which are being sent to you under arrangements made by the War Office at the first available opportunity, together with instructions for their use.

2. I should explain, with reference to the penultimate sentence of paragraph 4 of your telegram No. 60, that it was appreciated that the shortness of time available might be the limiting factor in executing "scorched earth" plans and that the stores that are being sent are therefore specially designed for rapid effective demolitions. The charges are easily fixed and can be fired in all weathers by pull-igniters. The incendiaries are the product of experience in raids on Norway. The War Office feel that these special stores may enable you to increase materially the efficiency of the arrangements which you have already made.

3. The War Office have suggested that the following remarks about the stores themselves

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etc., etc.

might be useful to you. The cases marked "AL" are for Leith Harbour and "EG" for Orkney. "Tarbabies" are special incendiary bombs for lighting oil as it flows from a damaged tank. The igniter sets are for both the 3 lb. and 5 lb. charges and give a two minute delay. The "tarbaby" igniter sets merely screw into a socket. The "tarbabies" are not explosive. All the stores are designed to withstand deterioration due to damp and climate.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient
humble servant,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'C. C. C. C.', is written in dark ink. The signature is fluid and somewhat stylized, with a large initial 'C'.

No. S/7/42.

(It is requested that, in any reference to this minute, the above Number and the date may be quoted.)

MINUTE.

(49)

5th August, 1942.

From

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

To The Magistrate,

SOUTH GEORGIA.

SECRET.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

I have the honour to forward the attached copy of a despatch received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, together with enclosures, relative to certain demolition stores for use at South Georgia.

2. The stores have been received in Stanley, and arrangements are being made to ship them to South Georgia by s.s. "Albatross" due to leave Stanley this afternoon.



for Colonial Secretary.

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SECRET INSTRUCTIONS.

Captain Aldridge.

~~Mrs. Fearon.~~ *Miss Biggs. 27/8/42.*

"Scorched Earth" in Secretariat.

Object. Prevention of Secret Files falling into enemy hands.

1. Immediate Action.

- (a) All Secret files to be stored in left hand steel cupboard in my office. All files in action to be returned there daily on closing of office.
- (b) Cupboard to be kept locked. One set of keys to be kept by Captain Aldridge. Duplicate set to be hung on nail in (un-locked) cupboard below safe in Assistant Colonial Secretary's Office.

2. Action on receipt of "Destroy" signal.

Note. "Destroy" Signal: rocket fired from Government House and/or personal message.

- (a) Both officers to come to Secretariat as quickly as possible. This duty to override all others. if one officer is already a casualty the other will carry out the following duties alone, and in any case the first officer to arrive will carry on without waiting for the other.
- (b) Remove files from cupboard and burn in the furnace.
- (c) Remain until every paper is consumed.
- (d) Captain Aldridge, or if he is a casualty, *Miss Biggs* Mrs. Fearon to report by quickest possible means to me that the destruction has been carried out.
- (e) Return to other duties.

H. Bradley.
Colonial Secretary.

11/8/42

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The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

(INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1851.)

REGISTERED 1902.

AGENTS FOR LLOYDS.

TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY" VIA RADIO.

Stanley.

3rd August 1944. 194

Sir,

"DEMOLITION"

I beg to refer to my memorandum of 7th February 1942 and letter of 16th October 1942, both addressed to the Executive Engineer, on the subject of the scheme for demolition of property and stores in the event of a military emergency. I understand that the file was later handed over to the Controller of Civil Defence and has since been passed on to you.

I would like to be informed whether the scheme is still in statu quo or whether it has been dropped. Dumps of incendiary materials are still maintained in our various buildings and though the risk of arson may be remote we naturally do not see the point of running any totally unnecessary risks.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. M. Puck
Manager.

The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary,
STANLEY.

8th August,

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Sir,

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With reference to your letter of the 3rd August, there is no objection to your removing the dumps of incendiary material prepared for demolition purposes provided that they can be replaced at a few hours notice.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

K. G. BRADLEY
Colonial Secretary.

The Manager,
Falkland Islands Company, Ltd.,
STANLEY.

No. B/7/42.

(It is requested that, in any reference to this minute, the above Number and the date may be quoted).

MINUTE.

3th August, 1944. (53)

From The Colonial Secretary.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Controller,

Civil Defence,

STANLEY.

With reference to our recent discussion, I mentioned the Falkland Islands Company's demolition preparations to His Excellency this morning and enclose a copy of a letter I have written to the Manager, ~~Falkland Islands Company.~~

2. The attached papers should be in your file. Copies are already in mine.

K. G BRADLEY
Colonial Secretary

No.

(It is requested that, in any reference to this minute, the above Number and the date may be quoted).

MINUTE.

26th August,

1944.

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From Civil Defence Office,

To The Honourable Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

STANLEY.



Recd 53.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 8th inst. and to inform you that the papers you forwarded have been placed in my file.

[Signature]
Controller
Civil Defence.

DECODE.

No. 31.

TELEGRAM.

55

From The Magistrate, South Georgia.

To The Colonial Secretary.

Despatched: December 4th 19 45 *Time:* 23.45.

Received: December 5th 19 45 *Time:* 10.00.

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No. 134. SECRET. Your despatch 5th August 1942 S/7/42 suggest
for consideration that all demolition stores held here now be dumped in
deep water.

MAGISTRATE.

G. T. C.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

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From The Colonial Secretary.

To The Magistrate, South Georgia.

Despatched: December 6th 19 45 *Time:* ..

Received: 19 *Time:*

Recd 55
No. 115. SECRET. Your telegram No. 134 . Suggestion approved.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

G.T.C.