

BAT/2/18

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B.A.T.

BAT/2/18

formerly PT/2/34

SUB-GROUP

STAMPS

SUBJECT

B.A.T.

SEALS

ISSUE

1981 1982/83

ARCHIVE

OFFICER DEALING

CONNECTED FILES

BAT

Whales Issue-

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PT/2/32

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C.S.

Ref (14) There are no problems here and we may agree to hold the Seals in abeyance but we could discuss in committee the Crown Agents suggestions at (13) but I do not like the idea of reprints and overprints which is asking for criticism.

2. The BAT programme is

Whales this season
Silver Jubilee February 1977
Penguins 1977/78

22/9/76

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DCS

Pl. Hank CB; copy to Vaughan.

22/9/76

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Typist

Pl copy para 2 of (27) to an appropriate file.

22/9/76 copied 31/8/79

4.

YE
Pl see (28) with finished designs and other artwork. I do not think anyone locally is in a position to comment better than Dr haws so if you have no suggestions to offer I shall return the artwork next week. 22/9/76 14/12

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De S. I agree, thank you. 12/12

(1)

Copy of a letter from Crown Agents for the attention of Mr E Clapp.

Dear Sir,

WHALES AND SEALS ISSUE

Thank you for your letter of 4th December 1974. The rough artwork for these two issues has been prepared and is enclosed herein for your approval.

2. You will see on both sets, that the conservation aspect has been incorporated into the design. Depending on the result of the 'Antarctic Seal Treaty' negotiations, the wording of the seals issue can be easily modified accordingly.

3. I hope you find the designs attractive, as indeed I do. These issues should certainly be very popular with philatelists. My only criticism is that the whales look a bit wooden and should have a bit of 'life' put into them.

4. I look forward to receiving your comments, and any further information you may have concerning the Treaty.

Yours faithfully,

M VAUGHAN

for the CROWN AGENTS

NR.104

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17.3.75

FM STANLEY OFFICE
TO CAMBRIDGE HQ

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X/202/75. FOR WOS. WITH REFERENCE TO MY LETTER BAT/2 OF 4TH
DECEMBER TO MR VAUGHN CROWN AGENTS (THE ONE YOU COMMENTED
ON VIA A NOTE). HAVE RECEIVED ARTISTS DRAWINGS OF SEALS
FOR POSSIBLE TREATY ON CONSERVATION OF ANTARCTIC SEALS.
GRATEFUL YOUR OR BONNER'S ADVICE UPON ONE POINT. THIS IS A
FOUR STAMP ISSUE AND ARTISTS HAVE SUBMITTED SUITABLE DESIGNS
FOR WEDDELL SEAL, ELEPHANT SEAL, LEOPARD SEAL AND FUR SEAL.
IT IS THE LATTER UPON WHICH I AM NOT SURE AS TO THE APPLICABILITY
TO BRITISH ANTARCTIC TERRITORY, DO WE FIND FUR SEALS IN BAT
OR SHOULD WE SUBSTITUTE FUR SEALS FOR CRAB EATERS.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION I HAVE NOW TURNED OVER TO CHIEF
SECRETARY ALL TERRITORIAL FILES AND ADMINISTRATIVE DEALINGS.
I AM HOWEVER FINALISING VARIOUS POINTS INITIATED BY ME.=

ECJC/MR

NR 979 L/0896/75

ROUTINE

B

1130Z

20/3/75

FM CAMBRIDGE HQ
TO BRANSFIELD
INFO STANLEY

AS/181/2 X/202/75. FOR CLAPP. HAVE SPOKEN TO BONNER AND
WHILST HE ACCEPTS YOUR VIEWS THAT FUR SEALS ARE NOT COMMON IN
TERRITORY HE BELIEVES THAT PURPOSE OF ISSUE IS TO SHOW DIFFERENT
KINDS OF SEALS AND FUR SEAL WOULD BE MORE ATTRACTIVE ON STAMP
THAN CRABEATER WHICH COULD BE EASILY CONFUSED WITH WEDDELL.
WOS/AH

-DLNR TO

ROUTINE 23/3/75 1400Z

C

FM BRANSFIELD
TO CAMBRIDGE
INFO STANLEY OFFICE



BD/289/75.

FOLLOWING FROM ECJC BEGINS:

L/0896/AS/181/2. MANY THANKS NOW PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHED HAVE
SUGGESTED CHIEF SECRETARY PASS ON TO YOU FOR BONNER THE SUBMITTED
ARTWORK FOR SCRUTINY AND CORRECTION IF NECESSARY. HAVE ALSO
SUGGESTED WE CUT COMMENTS AND FINAL ARTWORK APPROVAL BE GIVEN BY
H.Q. DIRECT TO MR VAUGHAN.
ENDS.

MASTER/HMO'G

DCS,

I think both the Seal and Whale designs very attractive but where do they fit-in in the proposed stamp programme? Although we have a Stamp Programme I can see it will have to be very flexible. Originally we decided that Seals should be issued for BAT in connection with the ratification of the Seal Conservation Treaty (Minutes of Meeting held in November 1973). In the Crown Agents Stamp Programme dated 17th October 1974, there is no mention of Seals for BAT but they do appear in the South Georgia Programme. Now they are back to B.A.T! Personally I think they should be released in connection with the Conservation Treaty. Whales would I think be more appropriate to South Georgia - is there a Whale Conservation Treaty?

Although I am not particularly impressed with the Gondwanaland roughs I am inclined to agree with the Crown Agents (Para 4c of their letter dated 17th March) that this subject could well form the basis of the next BAT Definitive Issue. Seals could then replace Gondwanaland in the BAT Stamp Programme.

HTL

Postmaster
16.4.75

MAY, 1975.

Seals Issue. The proofs of the 'Seals Issue' were well received and it was agreed that this issue should be the next BAT Commemorative in connection with the ratification of the Conservation of Seals Treaty.

✓ *[Signature]*
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Letter to Crown Agents
of 28th May 1975

Dear Sir,

Whales and Seals issue for BAT

Please refer to your letter HI/BAT/34945, 34941 of 3rd March addressed to the High Commissioner BAT.

I am directed by the High Commissioner to inform you that:

- i) he has no comments to offer on the Seals issue
- ii) the whales issues designs look splendid, but this issue should be held in reserve for the present,
- iii) further consideration is being given to the BAT definitive issue.

I return herewith the artists designs of the Seals Issue with the suggestion that Mr Nigel Bonner, Seals Expert, of the British Antarctic Territory/Survey c/o Mr Sloman be asked to have a look at the designs

The designs for the Whales Issue are being retained here for the time being.

I have no information regarding the Seals Treaty.

D.R.M
for C.S.

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COPY OF A TELEGRAM RECEIVED FROM TED CLAPP

DEAR ARTHUR,

PLEASE SEE MY LETTER TO VAUGHAN ON BAT 2 (P.101) AND ALL ATTACHED ARTWORK AND VAUGHAN LETTER TO THE SUBJECT. I NOW SUGGEST YOU PASS THE ARTWORK ON TO OUR SEAL EXPERT, MR NIGEL BONNER, VIA MR W SLOMAN AT THE SURVEYS CAMBRIDGE HQ. MR BONNER SHOULD BE ASKED TO ADVISE AS TO THE CORRECTNESS OF THE SEAL AND WHALE ARTWORK SUBMITTED WORKING DIRECT TO MR VAUGHAN. I ALSO SUGGEST YOU GIVE PERMISSION FOR THE FINAL ARTWORK TO BE APPROVED BY CAMBRIDGE HQ, AGAIN DIRECT TO MR VAUGHAN. THIS WAY WE CUT CORNERS AND SAVE TIME. I MUST EMPHASISE THAT ALL THIS IS ONLY FORWARD ARTWORK FOR A PROPOSED ISSUE EITHER TO THE END OF THIS YEAR OR DURING NEXT. NO DATES OR ISSUE PERIOD HAVE YET BEEN DECIDED UPON. MY ONLY COMMENT ON THE ARTWORK IS THAT ELEPHANT SEAL PROBOSCIS DOES NOT EXTEND ALONG THE HEAD AS SUGGESTED BY THE ARTIST. REGARDS FROM SOUTH
TED.

(7)

Copy of a letter received from M Vaughan - Crown Agents dated 20.6.75
Reference HI/BAT4/34941. - OUR LETTER of 28/5/75

Dear Sir,

WHALES AND SEALS ISSUE

Thank you for your letter of 28th May and the artwork for the Seals issue. I shall send these designs to Mr Bonner then instruct the artist to prepare finished artwork. Trusting this meets with your approval.

Copy of a letter received from Crown Agents dated 17th July 1975
Ref: HI/BAT/1918P

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Dear Sir,

BAT STAMPS

Thank you for your letter of 28th May concerning the "hales and Seals issues for the B.A.T. As you know, in order to have a commemorative stamp issue in 1976 it will be necessary to produce and ship the stamps to BAT by March 1976 at the latest. I see that the Whales issue has been held in reserve for the present and we are awaiting the ratification by all countries of the seal treaty before the Seals issue can be released. In view of this I would be grateful to know which issue is ~~forward~~ definitely to be released in 1976 as time is running short. I also look forward to the return of the rough artwork for the Penguins issue with your comments as this is another possibility for 1976.

2. Regarding the silver jubilee issue, research is now being carried out and I hope to have designs ready, long before Xmas since this issue must also be printed and shipped by March.

3. Meanwhile I look forward to your comments overall.

M VAUGHAN / CROWN AGENTS

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COPY OF TEL TO CROWN AGENTS 28.10.75

No 281

YOURLET HI/BAT/1918P OF 1ST SEPTEMBER.
PREFERENCE IS SEALS ISSUE IF TREATY RATIFIED WITH
WHALES ISSUE SECOND CHOICE. THIRD CHOICE IS PENGUINS
BUT HAVE RESERVATIONS ABOUT THIS WHICH UNDER CONSIDERATION
FOR CONSERVATION ISSUE. IF TIME DOES NOT PERMIT
ISSUE MAY HAVE TO BE HELD OVER UNTIL NEXT SEASON.
AM RETURNING WHALE DESIGNS NEXT WEEK.

CHIEFSEC

Crown Agents
H Division
St. Nicholas House,
Sutton, Surrey

7.11.76

Dear Sir,

B.A.T. STAMPS

Thank you for your letter HI/BAT/1918P of 1.9.76

2. I return the artwork for the Whales Issue.
3. Please telegraph as soon as a decision is made as to whether the next BAT issue is to feature Seals or Whales.

DRM
for CS.

Telegrams Crown Sutton
Telephone 01-643 3311
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CROWN AGENTS
FOR OVERSEA GOVERNMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIONS
H Division

ST. NICHOLAS HOUSE

SUTTON

SURREY SM1 1EL

Our ref H1/BAT 4/34941

Your ref

Date 23 July 1976

The Chief Secretary
The Secretariat
Stanley
FALKLAND ISLANDS
South Atlantic



Dear Sir

BRITISH ANTARCTIC TERRITORY
CONSERVATION OF SEALS
STAMP ISSUE

The finished artwork for the above issue has now been prepared, but unfortunately the British Antarctic Survey did not feel that these designs were technically very accurate. We have therefore instructed our artist to redraw these designs and these will be submitted to you on completion.

2 As this issue is currently in abeyance we should be grateful to learn whether or not the Treaty has been fully ratified yet and if not an estimated date would be very much appreciated.

3 We should be grateful if you would supply the values to be used on this issue by cable as soon as possible and we look forward to your early reply on this matter.

Yours faithfully

M. Vaughan

M VAUGHAN
for the Crown Agents

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CONSERVATION OF SEALS STAMP ISSUE
BRITISH ANTARCTIC TERRITORY ISSUE WAS DEFERRED PENDING
RATIFICATION OF CONSERVATION OF SEALS TREATY. PLEASE
TELEGRAPH IF AND WHEN TREATY IS RATIFIED.

2. PLEASE ALSO INFORM VAUGHAN IN CROWN AGENTS REFERRING
TO HIS LETTER H1/BAT 4/34941 OF 24 JULY.

FRENCH

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CROWN AGENTS (2) (13)

FOR OVERSEA GOVERNMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIONS

H Division

ST. NICHOLAS HOUSE

SUTTON

SURREY SM1 1EL

Date 20 August 1976

Our ref H1/BAT 4/34941

four ref

The Chief Secretary
The Secretariat
Stanley
Falkland Islands
SOUTH ATLANTIC

3 SEP 1976

Dear Sir

BRITISH ANTARCTIC TERRITORY
CONSERVATION OF SEALS STAMP ISSUE

21 We refer to Mr French's cable of 10 August 1976 to the Foreign & Commonwealth Office, which was kindly copied to this department, in which he enquired of the current position regarding the ratification of the Seals Treaty. We understand from the Foreign & Commonwealth Office that the treaty has only been ratified by the UK, Norway and South Africa, and France has only accepted and not ratified it. The treaty will not come into force until a further four ratifications have been deposited.

2 You may therefore wish to consider the two following possibilities :-

- (a) This issue may be released as a "Conservation of Seals Treaty" issue when a treaty eventually comes into force.
- (b) The title of the issue could be changed to "Endangered Species" or a similar title so that this issue can be released shortly as a declaration of the strength of feeling on the subject by the British Antarctic Territory.

21 3 If the latter alternative is acceptable to you then this issue could be followed up by a reprint and overprint when the treaty is given legal status.

?? 4 We look forward to receiving your early reply on this matter, in order that we may formulate a future programme for British Antarctic Territory.

Yours faithfully


M VAUGHAN
for the Crown Agents

AP/JG

On file P+T/2/32.



Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

DIRECT LINE

MESSAGES TO

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SWITCHBOARD 01 233 3000

His Excellency
Mr N A I French CMG MVO
Port Stanley
Falkland Islands.

Your reference

Our reference

Date

16 August 1976

Dear Governor,

CONSERVATION OF SEALS STAMP ISSUE

1. Thank you for your telegram No. 530. I am afraid that there is no hope yet of going ahead with the Conservation of Seals issues. The problem is that only three nations have ratified the Treaty, the UK, Norway and South Africa. Of the remaining nine signatories, eight have made no move yet and the ninth, France, has accepted but not ratified the Treaty. The Treaty will not come into force until a further four ratifications have been deposited.

2. At present, therefore, there is no hope of proceeding any further with the Seals Treaty issues. I have spoken to Mike Vaughan at the Crown Agents and told him the present position. He is looking at his programmes to see if any rearrangement of issues is necessary. In the meantime, I think we must revert to the understanding that the Seals issues should be held in abeyance until further notice.

What are the consequences of the indefinitely delay? NB - 219

Yours sincerely

Christine Brookfield

C B BROOKFIELD
Polar Regions Section
Latin America Department

cc. M Vaughan Esq
H Division
Crown Agents
St Nicholas House
Sutton, Surrey.

Ref: RMT/2/34

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Miss C B Brookfield
Polar Regions Section
Latin America Department
Foreign and Commonwealth Office
London SW1A 2AH

27 September

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Dear Miss Brookfield,

Thank you for your letter of 16th August to His Excellency the Governor.

We agree that the Seals issue should be held in abeyance for the time being, and Mr Vaughan of the Crown Agents Stamp Bureau by copy of this letter is asked to defer action on this issue.

Yours faithfully,

D. R. Morrison
for CHIEF SECRETARY

cc: M Vaughan Esq
H Division
Crown Agents
St Nicholas House
Sutton, Surrey.

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Crown Agents for Oversea Governments and Administrations

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PHL/BAT 1918



14 July 1978

copied to PH, etc.

BAT. Stamp

Dear Mr. Manning

BRITISH ANTARCTIC TERRITORY -- STAMP ISSUING PROGRAMME

We have been researching various themes for your stamp issues over the next few years and have now received approval in principle from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office to the programme outlined below:-

1979/80

SEALS -- (Conservation) The artwork is already to hand, having been originally intended for release upon the ratification of the Seals Treaty. However, as this took place earlier this year, the artwork could be used for an issue to commemorate the Anniversary of the Treaty. Alternatively it could simply be released as a "Seals" issue.

MEMORANDUM



Date 9th August, 1978

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It is requested that this number and date should be quoted.

From Postmaster

Chief Secretary *Thank you*
NCS
11/11/78

Subject:- B. A. T. - Stamp Programme

1. Letter dated 14th July from Crown Agents refers.
2. The whole question of British Antarctic Territory stamps is rather "gimmicky" and it is debatable whether a territory with no resident population should have postage stamps at all. Be that as it may, our Stamp Committee has agreed in principle that one commemorative issue per year is quite sufficient for British Antarctic Territory and South Georgia.
3. The current suggestions by Crown Agents are only enlargements of what was agreed at the last meeting of our Stamp Committee - item 14 of the Meeting of 24th July.
4. The Royal Geographical Society is, or has been very much involved with Antarctic Exploration and I think the 150th Anniversary of the Society worthy of inclusion in our programme.
5. I am not sure we want to commemorate the Antarctic Treaty every ten years but on the other hand it does have specific connections with British Antarctic Territory.
6. Seals and Gondwanaland are undated subjects and may be fitted into the programme at random.
7. I would not recommend a commemorative issue in the same year as a new definitive release. Personally I think the "Explorers" are good for a few more years.
8. Taking these latest proposals into account may I suggest a BAT Stamp Programme as follows:

1978 Penguins
1979 Gondwanaland
1980 Royal Geographical Society
1981 Antarctic Treaty
1982 New Definitive
1983 Seals

[Signature]
Postmaster

Too late to raise matter now. Shall be for Commemorative of 150th

1/2/78
PBI/BAT 1916

22nd August

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Mr. H. Vaughan, M.
Crown Agents Stamp Bureau,
St. Nicholas House,
Sutton,
Surrey, SM1 1EL.

Dear Mike,

BRITISH ANTARCTIC TERRITORY - STAMP ISSUING PROGRAMME

Thank you very much for your letter of 14th July giving us your thoughts on how the BAT stamp programme should be framed over the next three or four years. I think I should make it clear at the outset that we can not contemplate too ordinary issues a year for BAT because of the short season for getting stamps and covers into the bases; too conditions often necessitate changes in ships itineraries and a whole host of other problems make life intolerable for Stanley Post Office and, of course, base commanders who have a lot of work to do with stamps as well as their other scientific work.

We think that the Royal Geographic Society should be commemorated and should make a worth while set. We have some reservations about commemorating the 10th anniversary of the Antarctic Treaty; on the other hand it is relevant to BAT.

We are not keen on having a commemorative during the year that we issue a new BAT definitive, and I hope you will bear this in mind. Not that we think that there is anything wrong with the "Explorers" issue which is good for a few more years.

Seals and Gondwanaland are not related to any specific year and may be fitted into the programme as and when it is convenient.

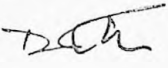
With all these suggestions it looks as if the BAT Programme could be as follows -

- 1978 Penguins
- 1979 Gondwanaland
- 1980 Royal Geographical Society
- 1981 Antarctic Treaty
- 1982 New Definitive
- 1983 Seals.

Seals - see
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We have not as yet any firm ideas on the theme for the new definitive for BAT and have asked your colleague Brian Hawthorne on 28th July to sound out BAS to see if they have any ideas. We have also asked His Excellency the Governor, who will be in London next month, to see if he can, in the course of conversation, with Dr. Laws, suggest any suitable subjects.

Yours faithfully,


CHIEF SECRETARY



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Crown Agents for Oversea Governments and Administrations

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TELEPHONE 01-643 3311 TELEX 267103 TELEGRAMS CROWN SUTTON

PH1A/BAT 4/34941/1

13 October 1978



Dear Doug

BRITISH ANTARCTIC TERRITORY CONSERVATION OF SEALS STAMP ISSUE

Ref?

Further to my letter of the 14 July to Mr Massingham, I wish to enquire whether any progress has yet been made on determining a release date for the above issue.

We will certainly need to amend the title of the issue, and I now look forward to receiving your thoughts on the matter.

Yours sincerely

Mike

M VAUGHAN

Mr D R Morrison
Assistant Chief Secretary

P&T/2/34

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30 October

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Mr M Vaughan
Crown Agents Stamp Bureau
St Nicholas House
Sutton
Surrey SM1 1EL

BRITISH ANTARCTIC TERRITORY CONSERVATION OF SEALS STAMP ISSUE

It seems from your letter of 13 October that you haven't received mine of 22 August which placed Seals against the year 1983.

2. I attach a copy of my letter of 22 August for ease of reference.

D R Morrison
Acting Chief Secretary

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Crown Agents for Oversea Governments and Administrations
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The High Commissioner
BAT
Port Stanley
FALKLAND ISLANDS

Our ref PH1A/BAT 4/34941/1



30 November 1978

Dear Sir

BRITISH ANTARCTIC TERRITORY CONVERSATION OF SEALS STAMP ISSUE

Four pieces of artwork have been prepared for the above issue, a release date for which has not been set.

2 On studying the Convention for the Conservation of Antarctic Seals, it is evident that six species of seal are covered and I therefore consider it appropriate that if such an issue is to be released then it should comprise six stamps, so that each of the species covered by the Convention may be represented.

3 At present designs have not been prepared for the Crab-eater seal, the killing of which restricted, and the Ross seal which is a protected specie.

4 I should be grateful if you would confirm that we should proceed with the preparation of rough and finished designs and give consideration to the likely date of release of this issue. It is interesting, in this connection, to observe the opening wording of the Convention: "Recalling the agreed measures for the conservation of Antarctic fauna and flora, adopted under the Antarctic Treaty signed at Washington on 1 December 1959". Thus then the Seals issue could be used either to mark the 20th Anniversary of the Signing of the Washington Treaty, or, more likely, the 20th Anniversary of its Ratification in 1981. I think that this would make a very suitable tribute to that Treaty especially as we appear to be having difficulty in identifying subject matter for such an issue.

5 I look forward to receiving your comments and instructions on this matter.

Yours faithfully

MV
M VAUGHAN
for the Crown Agents

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P.L. copy to PM for his
comments

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MEMORANDUM

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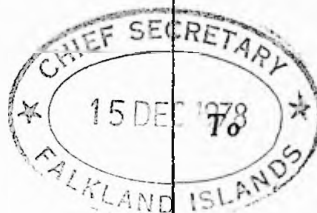
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It is requested that this number and date should be quoted.

Date 15th December, 1978

From

Postmaster



Chief Secretary

Subject:- B.A.T. Seal Stamp Issue

Reference letter from Crown Agents dated 30th November. (21)

If the Convention for the Conservation of Antarctic Seals covers six different species it seems logic to include all in the stamp issue. On the other hand is six stamps too many for a short set? We must I think, at some stage, make a decision as to the number of stamps for short sets.

In my Memorandum of 9th August I assumed the Seal Issue to be undated but I now agree with Mike Vaughan that 1981 would be an appropriate Anniversary to celebrate. Seals could then replace the Antarctic Treaty Issue - we were not too enthusiastic about this issue in any case.

See Stamp meeting

Postmaster

1981 some scientific work
Seals 1982

PH1A/BAT 4/34941/1

19 March

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M Vaughan Esq
Crown Agents Stamp Bureau
St Nicholas House
Sutton Surrey SM1 1EL

BRITISH ANTARCTIC TERRITORY SEALS ISSUE 1982/83 SEASON

Thank you for your letter of 30 November.

2. The release of the Seals issue has been discussed with Dr Laws, the Director of the British Antarctic Survey, and it has been decided that it would be better if this issue is divorced from the Anniversary of the British Antarctic Treaty which should be commemorated by some scientific aspect of the British Antarctic Survey's work.

3. I should be grateful, therefore, if you follow these lines.

4. When work proceeds on the Seals issue will you note that we agree to depicting the six species.

D R MORRISON
for CHIEF SECRETARY



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AND LFF CROWN SUTTON
ADDRESS

BAT A/C

No. 124

UNDERSTAND FEBRUARY CA GAZETTE STATES BAT SEALS ISSUE SCHEDULED FOR RELEASE MARCH 1979. PLEASE SEE MY LETTER 22ND AUGUST 1978 AND ADVISE. SEALS ISSUE NOW SCHEDULED FOR 1982/83 SEASON SEE MY LETTER IN POST OF 19TH MARCH

CHIEF SEC



I REQUEST THAT THE ABOVE TELEGRAM BE FORWARDED SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS PRINTED ON THE BACK OF THIS FORM BY WHICH I AGREE TO BE BOUND.

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OUR REF PHIA BAT 4/34941

YR TEL NO 124 20/3/79.

WE APOLOGISE FOR ERROR ON RELEASE DATE OF BAT SEALS.
TEXT PREPARED AT LEAST TWO MONTHS BEFORE ISSUE OF GAZETTE
WHEN EXACT POSITION UNCERTAIN. WE NOW AWAIT YR LETTER OF
19-3-79 AND IN MEANTIME WILL PUBLISH RETRACTION
REGARDS VAUGHAN DEPT PH1

CROWN SUTTON

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Your Ref: PH1A/BAT 4/3491/1

29th May

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Mr. E. Vaughan,
Crown Agents Stamp Bureau,
St. Nicholas House,
Sutton,
Surrey, SM1 1EL.

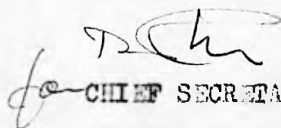
Dear Miko,

BAT Seals Issue

I am not too sure where we stand with this. When Dr. Laws was here he was not happy that this issue should be related to the 20th Anniversary of the Signing of the Antarctic Treaty.

Would you please tell me what the position is about this issue.

Yours sincerely,


for CHIEF SECRETARY

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Date 17 August 1979

Dear Dony,

BAT SEALS ISSUE

Although this issue is not programmed for release until the 1982/83 season, I know that you are wishing to keep tabs on progress (your letter of 29 May 1979 refers). Because of the relatively low priority of this issue and because the artist concerned has been very busy over the past couple of months, we have only just asked him to proceed with rough designs for the fifth and sixth stamps in this series. I expect the designs to be ready mid/end September and will submit them to BAS for comment before sending them on to you for approval.

P/T/2/30
2 I have noted that an entirely separate issue is to be released to commemorate the signing of the Antarctic Treaty and have sought ~~a price~~ ^{advice} regarding the design concept from the Foreign & Commonwealth Office and will submit proposals to you for that issue in due course.

Yours sincerely

M. L.

M VAUGHAN

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6 December 1979

Dear Mr Morrison,

BAT "SEALS" STAMP ISSUE

that FDC is large enough to take the stamps which are large

Further to our letter of 17 August, I have pleasure in enclosing herewith four rough stamp designs and four finished stamp designs, together with the two new rough designs for the above stamp issue. Also enclosed is the rough First Day Cover design.

2 All the artwork has been viewed by the British Antarctic Survey who have passed the following comments.

(a) Elephant Seal

The body on the bull on the right is not nearly stout enough in relation to the head. The cow's head is too small in relation to the flipper, and the whole animal should be smaller in comparison with the bull. The internal angle on the bull on the left is too sharp.

(b) Fur Seal

This design is better than the others but the cow's chest is too broad and the pup's neck too thick.

(c) Ross Seal. Good.

(d) Crab Eater Seal

This is much too long and should be shortened by the length of the hind flippers and the head is too small, also the fore flippers should be more obvious, and the animal in the foreground is unrealistic.

(e) Leopard Seal

The animal as drawn looks very lifeless and the hump of the back and slim neck are over-emphasised. The right-hand flipper seems fractured and the great depth of the lower jaw, which is a characteristic feature of this species, is not shown because of the angle of the head, which should therefore be altered. The flipper

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To Mr D R Morrison

Date 6 December 1979

also appears to be slightly too far to the rear, because the neck is elongated. The two-layered iceberg in the background is not realistic, and the penguins' beaks are too long and thin. Also, the white patch at the top of the flipper of the centre penguin is incorrect.

(f) Weddell Seal

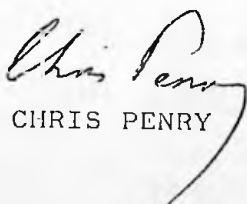
This design is unrealistic. The rear seal has a neck too high in relation to the raised head, unless the seal is supposed to be on its side in which case the fore flipper should be shown at the top. On the front seal the front of the lower jaw and whiskers are wrong. The seal appears to be incorrectly lifted up by its fore flippers instead of resting solidly on snow. The axilla of the fore flipper shown is too low. The rear seal should not appear humped unless the seal is lying on its side or seen head on. The hind flippers should continue the line of the body. On the seal on the left BAS have commented that Weddells do not generally float vertically in water with the head raised as shown, they either lie horizontally or with at least part of the back showing.

(g) First Day Cover. Very nice.

3 The British Antarctic Survey have kindly enclosed various reference material to illustrate their points, although should you have any additional material this would also be greatly appreciated.

4 I now look forward to the early return of the artwork and material, together with your own comments, in order that I may instruct the artist to prepare revised finished designs for all six values and the First Day Cover.

Yours sincerely


CHRIS PENRY

18 December

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Dear Sir,

BAT"SEALS"ISSUE

Thank you for your letter of 6 December enclosing designs of the above issue.

2. There isn't anyone here who has the material or knowledge of BAS to comment constructively on the artwork, and so we have nothing to add to the erudite comments of the British Antarctic Survey. Dr Laws, the Director of the Survey, is an eminent seal biologist so we can safely leave the details to the Biology Department in the knowledge that they will see that the drawings are accurate.

3. One thing that will need watching, and that is to ensure that the FDC envelope is large enough to take the stamps without it being too cramped.

4. I return all the material.

Yours faithfully,

D R Morrison
for CHIEF SECRETARY

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Your ref

Date 7 January 1980

Dear Mr Morrison,

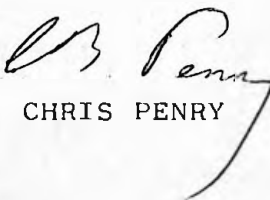
BRITISH ANTARCTIC TERRITORY SEALS STAMP ISSUE

We acknowledge with thanks receipt of your letter of the 18 December in which you kindly returned the designs for the above stamp issue. The artwork has now been returned to the artist to prepare revised finished designs in accordance with the comments made by the British Antarctic Survey and we have instructed him to get in touch with them to ensure complete accuracy.

2 With regard to the First Day Cover size we have opted for an envelope size 194 x 133mm which should give us ample room to affix the six stamps along the top edge of the cover (two deep) which I trust is acceptable to you.

3 The finished artwork will be forwarded to you as soon as it is available although I will keep you informed if there are any further developments.

Yours sincerely


CHRIS PENRY

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Date 26 March 1980

Dear Mr. Morrison,

STAMP PROGRAMME 1983-85

Thank you for your letter of 18 January 1980 with which you sent your stamp programme for the next six years. It looks fine to us as far as the end of 1982 but would ask you to reserve "Shells", "Fossils" and "Seals" for possible subjects in either BAT or FID. As you know when we are drawing up the programme we have to bear in mind what we are doing in the other two territories, and avoid repetition of subjects where possible.

The subjects named have been earmarked for 1983 and 1985 and we should be glad to have your thoughts on possible alternatives.

Yours sincerely,
Nora Farrell

(N Farrell(Miss))



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PH1A/BAT 4/34941

Date

25 April 1980

Dear Doug,

BRITISH ANTARCTIC TERRITORY "SEALS" STAMP ISSUE

Further to my letter of 7 January, ⁽³⁰⁾ I am pleased to advise you that the revised finished designs have now been prepared in accordance with the comments made by the British Antarctic Survey.

2 I have now forwarded the designs to BAS for their comments and as soon as these are received I will obtain F&CO approval prior to forwarding the artwork for your final approval.

3 I will keep you informed of any developments.

Yours sincerely

Chris Penry

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23 September 1982

Dear Mr Baker,

BRITISH ANTARCTIC TERRITORY "SEALS" ISSUE

I refer to the above stamp issue and have pleasure in enclosing a set of proofs produced by the printers, Walsall Security Printers Ltd.

2 Generally we were quite pleased with the proofs considering the short amount of time available to the printers to print this issue. However, we found that the seals were a little too green on many of the values and have asked them to correct this. Also the white line above the issue title falls short on the 5p and 13p values and we have asked them to lengthen this.

3 The printers are now proceeding with all possible speed to ensure that stamps are soon ready for despatch. I will, of course, telex either yourself or Lewis Clifton as soon as the despatch details are known.

Yours sincerely

MRS JANICE SMITH

in DCB's safe

JS/DL

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WITH THE COMPLIMENTS
of the
MANAGER

Phil,

Returned proofs with thanks. Bill

has viewed also. I think they are
positively hideous. Who on earth has
seen a green sky or marine beach
in Antarctica.

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