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S. of S. Conf. despatch

SUBJECT.

1933.

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29th May.

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION BETWEEN SUITABLE
COLONIAL WIRELESS STATIONS AND CERTAIN NAVAL
WIRELESS STATIONS IN UNITED KINGDOM -

Proposed transmission of 'test' messages.

Previous Paper.

MINUTES.

1-4 S. of S. Confidential despatch of 29/5/33.

Acty Senior Operator.

Please see. Will you
kindly state date we can
participate in scheme and the
waves which will be used
for transmitting.

M. Gajji Kulkarni
ag. et.
6.7.33

Hon Col Sec.

Tests can be commenced on the
dates specified (17th & 18th) This station working
on wavelength of 35.5 metres with an alternative
wave of 38 metres if required.

Subsequent Paper.

T. Hooley.
ag. Sen. opr.
11/7/33.

Y/E.

Submitted with draft telegram
to S.I/S.

a.l.f.
J.W.C.
13/7/33

Telegram to Hof J (No 42) 14/7/33

(5)

P.A.
14/7/33
6.

S. of S. Confidential despatch of 3/8/34.

Senior operator

Please see red (6) for
necessary action.

W.H.
ay cl.
21.9.34.

Hon Col Sec

Red (6) Seen thank you

a. merce
Sr opr
25/9/34

S. of S. Conf. tel. no. 16 of 15/3/39.

(7)

Supr. Exec. Dept.

Please see red (7)

Is the Schedule being adhered to?
Why no contact since 17th Nov.

W.H.
16.5.39.

Hon Col Lee.

The Schedules have in these particular instances been missed. the reason being that the station happened on all occasions to be sending traffic to Norway or Dorchester.

It was not understood that, in the event of working Dorchester, at the schedule time for Whitehall, the transmission should cease in order to attend to Whitehall at the stated time, and therefore it has been the practice to make our calls on some occasions, later than the stated time.

The difficulty of "keeping" Dorchester when we do make contact has been the cause of nonattendance, but if it is desired, the service can be suspended for this particular period with Dorchester.

For your instructions please.

Sup^t: Elec Dept. Spoken
McH

AM.
Sup^t E.T.
17/3/39.

For telegram as draft.

McH
18. 3. 39

⑧ Telegram to S.F.S. no. 20 of 18/3/39.

Supr. E. & T.

To note

C. J. Jones
21/3/39

Hon Col Sec

noted.

A.M.
Supr E & T
21.3.39

P. K.
21/3/39

S. of S. despatch, Conf. of 20th Mar. 1939. 9-10.

Super-Memo: Dept.

To note. Care must be taken to carry out the trials on the due dates and times.

MCH
es
1.5.39

Hon Col. Sec.

Noted. These trials are being given full attention upon recent instruction from Super-Memo. Last trial 18/4/39. Contacted easily.

Seen

P. A.

MCH
es

Duty for Gov^r

3.5.39

J. Ag. Supr. E & T.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.
CONFIDENTIAL.

DOWNING STREET,
29 May, 1933.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you, for your consideration, a copy of a letter, with enclosure, from the Admiralty regarding the proposed transmission of 'test' messages with a view to the eventual institution of a system providing for emergency communication between suitable Colonial Wireless Stations and certain Naval Wireless Stations in this country.

2. I shall be glad if, as requested in the last paragraph of the letter from the Admiralty, you will report by telegraph the dates on which it will be convenient for the trials to commence and the wavelengths which will be used for transmitting.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

(Sgd.) P. CUNLIFFE-LISTER.

GOVERNOR

SIR JAMES O'GRADY, K.C.M.G.

etc., etc., etc.,

16.5.33.

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M.01359/33.

CONFIDENTIAL.

ADMIRALTY, S.W.1.

16th May, 1933.

Sir,

I am commanded by My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to acquaint you, for the information of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, that They have had under consideration the possibility of instituting a system of emergency communication between suitable Wireless Stations in the Colonies and certain Naval Wireless Stations at home.

My Lords understand that there is no direct wireless service between most of the Colonies and the United Kingdom, the normal means of communication being by cable, but that local wireless services are carried out by stations of low power. These services may possibly link up adjacent colonies and in some cases work with stations in adjacent foreign countries, sometimes in connection with air services.

Many of the sets used for these services would be quite suitable for communication, for a limited period daily, either with the nearest Naval Wireless Station or with Naval Wireless Stations in the United Kingdom, and in emergency such a means of communication might be of the greatest value for the transmission of important Government messages, either by supplementing the existing cable facilities or in place thereof in the event of the cable service being interrupted.

In order, however, that such a scheme should function to the best advantage in emergency, My Lords consider it essential that some prior organisation for

waves

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
COLONIAL OFFICE, S.W.1.

waves and times of operation should be established, and They propose, therefore, subject to the concurrence of the various local administrations concerned, to carry out trials of communication between Whitehall Naval Wireless Stations and various Wireless Stations in the following colonies:-

- Federated Malay States.
- North Borneo.
- Mauritius.
- Nigeria.
- Falkland Islands.
- British Guiana.
- Bahamas.

The proposed Scheme contemplates communication on one or two days each month between Whitehall and each of the Colonial stations taking part in the Scheme, full details of which are shown in the attached schedule. During these trials, "test" messages only will be transmitted.

These trials will, it is anticipated, provide sufficient information to enable this Department to advise if necessary on the re-allocation of Empire Wireless services with a view to their being utilised to the fullest advantage.

I am to request, therefore, that if the Secretary of State sees no objection, the co-operation of the Colonial Governments concerned may be sought and that they may be asked to report by cable the dates on which their particular stations will be ready to participate in the scheme and the waves which will be used for transmitting.

I am, etc.,

(Sgd.) W.H. PHILLIPS.

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APPENDIX A.

Proposed Monthly Communication between Admiralty
and various Colonial W/T Stations.

1.	2.	3.		4.	5.	6.
Station.	Call sign.	<u>Frequency.</u> T. R.		Date ^β	Time G.M.T.	Naval W/T Station who may be directed to assist communication.
1. WHITEHALL KUALA LUMPUR	GYC ZGB	9060 8955	8955 9060	1st and 2nd.	1900	Singapore (GYL)
2. WHITEHALL SANDAKAN	GYC VQB	9060 10200	10200 9060	5th and 6th.	1900	-do-
3. WHITEHALL MAURITIUS	GYC VRS	9060 9445	9445 9060	9th and 10th.	1900	Aden (GZQ) Matara (GZF) Simonstown (GYK)
4. WHITEHALL LAGOS	GYC ZDN	9060 8860	8860 9060	13th and 14th.	1900	Simonstown (GYK)
5. WHITEHALL FALKLANDS	GYC VPC	9060 8555	8555 9060	17th and 18th.	2300	Bermuda (GYG)
6. WHITEHALL GEORGETOWN Demerara.	GYC VRV	9060 6840	6840 9060	21st and 22nd.	0200	-do-
7. WHITEHALL NASSAU	GYC VPN	9060 5769	5769 9060	25th and 26th	0200	-do-

T = Transmitting.
R = Receiving.

Notes.

1. ^β Two dates are given - should two way communication be established on the first date the second will not be used.
2. Whitehall (GYC) maintains continuous watch on 8570 kc/a and may be called at any time answering on 9060 kc/s.
3. Should any of these frequencies appear unsuitable due to seasonal changes, other notified frequencies may be employed, e.g. Whitehall can transmit on 4295 kc/s, 7720 kc/s, 9060 kc/s, 13570 kc/s and 17810 kc/s.

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				14/7/33.

To

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

FROM.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE ACTING GOVERNOR.

No.42. Confidential. Your despatch 29th May Confidential Stanley Wireless Station will be ready to participate in scheme commencing month of July. Will transmit at 2300 on 17th and 18th of each month on 35.5 metres can also transmit on 38 metres if necessary.

Governor.

Time



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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

CONFIDENTIAL.

Downing Street,

3 August, 1934.

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Sir,

I have the honour to refer to my confidential despatch of the 29th of May, 1933, and subsequent correspondence regarding the exchange of test messages with a view to the institution of a system of emergency communication between certain Colonial and Naval Wireless Stations, and to inform you that I understand that the trials between the Falkland Islands Station and Whitehall have been reasonably successful. In these circumstances, the Admiralty have decided to continue the existing routine.

2. The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty desire me to convey to you an expression of their thanks for your co-operation in the trials.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

(Sgd.) P. CUNLIFFE-LISTER.

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING
THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From..... The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To..... His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 15th March, 19 39 *Time* : 1621

Received : 16th March, 19 39 *Time* : 1030

No. 16. CONFIDENTIAL. My despatch 3rd August, 1934,
understand Whitehall W/T. Station has not established contact
with Falkland Islands Station since November 17th last.
Please telegraph whether schedule is being adhered to.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor.

To The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched : 18th March, 19 39 *Time* : 1235

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

No. 20. CONFIDENTIAL. Your telegram No. 16 Confidential.

Schedule is being adhered to but on occasions commercial traffic has overrun the schedule time for Whitehall W/T. Station. Steps will be taken to obviate this in future.

GOVERNOR.

Recd 7

COPY.

Admiralty, S.W.1.

M.1096/39.

10th March, 1939.

CONFIDENTIAL.

Sir,

With reference to Colonial Office letter No.31295/34 of the 9th August, 1934, enclosing a copy of a despatch to the Officer Administering the Government of the Falkland Islands, regarding W/T trials between the Falkland Islands Station and Whitehall, I am commended by My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to acquaint you, for the information of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, that contact has not been established by Whitehall W/T Station with Falkland Islands W/T Station since 17th November, 1938.

2. Falklands W/T Station (call sign VPC) has been heard by Whitehall W/T Station working Dorchester and Bergen W/T Stations (call signs GLY and LGB respectively) during schedule time, but has not replied to the calls made by Whitehall W/T Station, and is apparently not adhering to the schedule described in telegram No. 42 dated 14th July, 1933, from the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, a copy of which was forwarded to this Department under cover of Colonial Office letter No. 11577/33 of 15th July, 1933.

I am, etc.,

(Sgd.) S.H. PHILLIPS.

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office,
S.W.1.