

SECRET

TEL/GEN/1#18

C.S.

1942.

No.

S/15/42.

Secretary of State.

SUBJECT.

19 42.

24th April.

REPORTED MISUSE OF PRIVATELY OWNED WIRELESS TELEPHONY SETS IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Previous Paper.

MINUTES.

1-3. Copies of telegrams exchanged between N.O. i/c & S.O.(I) Montevideo

4. S of S. Secret. tel. No. 64 of 24/4/42.

5. Telegram to S of S. No. 69 Secret of 25/4/42.

Y.C. Have you certain other telegrams to be placed in this M.P. pt.

A.H.A. Jacobs
24/4/42.

P.A.

6. S of S. Most Secret tel. No. 156 of 26/9/42.

K.C.S. (4)
all privately owned radio telephones were closed down on the 6th June in accordance with H.C.'s instructions filed at red (64) in M.P. 47/39.

A.H.A. Jacobs
30/9/42.

C.P. Defence Force (8)
Will you please state the position as it stands today?

A.H.A. Jacobs
30/9/42.

Subsequent Paper.

Knowable Colonial Secretary (9)

On the instruction of the Force Commander, on the 22nd August I wrote informing F.I.C. that these sets could now be operated once more. I appended a copy of letter referred & also original dated 3rd. 10-11. June when they were closed down.

The suggestion as to limiting use to approved individuals administered in (6) is in fact in force vide MP 77/39 (40-42) inclusive & para number of 13.3.41. bottom of page 8.

W. H. F. I. S. F.
1.2.42

N.O.ife

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N.C.S. would be glad to have your observations on red (6).

A.H.G.
Jacs.
2/10/42.

N.C.S.

(11)

I am very definitely of the opinion that no privately owned R.T. sets should be allowed to operate ^{as specified in MP 77/39} as far as I am aware there is no absolutely "fool-proof" means of ensuring that unauthorised ^{persons} cannot make use of them & I do not consider that all those who might be made responsible are suitable for that responsibility.

I am extremely surprised that such action as in (Red 11) was taken without my being consulted or informed, as, surely, this is also matter for the Naval authorities to decide

R.B.M. Note
2.2.42

(12)

O.C.
7.1.42.

PL. see H.E.'s minute at (64) on MP 77/39 & your reply at (64A). I presume you acquainted O.C. 7-1-7 with this Order & that (11) was written as a result of consultation between him & H.E.? PL. treat this as urgent.

K.B.
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(13).

Honorable Colonial Secretary.

O.C. F.I.F. definitely knew of rd (64) & (64A) M/P. 77/39 whether he had discussed the question with His Excellency I do not know. As the officer issuing the closing down order (10) he ordered me to issue (11).

W. de F. I. D. F.
5.x.42

(14).

G.F.

(6) is out of date, but before I draft a reply stating the present position, I think G.F. should see subsequent minutes. The closing down Order at (64) on M.P. 77/39, H/O, was issued by G.F. O.C. F.I.F. Force, I understand, wanted the F.I.C. Transmitters brought into use again as part of the loop-out system in his defence scheme. O.C. F.I.D.F. issued (11) on the assumption that Col. Hynes had discussed the matter with G.F., but he should have asked for confirmation of this. I knew nothing about it. It is also possible that the N.O. He should certainly have been consulted, though I do not know whether he or the O.C. Force should have the last word subject to G.F.'s decision.

W. de F. I. D. F.
(15)

Pl. submit Draft to reply to (6).

I don't know how my order was upset without a further order by me.

What is the position to-day? I presume O.C. F.I.F. & N.O. will get together & arrange matters. It is now of course a purely non-civil matter.

W. de F. I. D. F.
6/x/42

(16).

No. 1/c.

O.C. Force reminds me that the reopening of those Transmitters for coast watching purposes was contained in Appendix E. of the Defence Scheme on which we all had the opportunity to comment. He also says, however, that from his point of view there is no need to allow the sets to be used for farm business as in (11) & messages can be restricted entirely to those concerned with coast watching. As H.F. points out this is a matter which is now entirely the concern of the Naval & Military authorities, & you will perhaps be kind enough to get into touch with the O.C., who will give O.C. F.I.D.F. any necessary instructions? I should be glad to know the result as we must report to the S. of S.

NB
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(17).

H.S.

I have been in touch with O.C. F.I.F. who informs me that he never intended that these sets should be used for any purpose other than military. The point in view is the same as before except that routine test will be carried out. This which must be accepted until such time as aerial reconnaissance may be available. The only sets concerned are those under control of local manager at Darwin - risks of misuse elsewhere are negligible.

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10.X.42

(18).

O.C.

F.I.D.F.

Unless you have already had the necessary instructions from O.C. Force I should be grateful if you would get into touch with him & write to the manager F.I.C. withdrawing the use of those sets to military purposes. Please return this C.P. early as a telegram would go to the S. of S.

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Memorandum Colonial Secretary.

I spoke F.I. Force this morning & as he then informed you by telephone, he is leaving F.I.C. & will I understand send you a copy of his letter.

N.S. O.C. F.I.D.F.
14.X.42

Y.E.,

As you will see from the minutes the two O.C's. have now reached agreement on this subject. And the necessary orders limiting the use of the F.I.C. sets to Military messages are being given direct by O/C. Force. I submit a draft telegram to the S. of S.

(Intd.) K.B.

C.S.

15/10/42.

21. Telegram No. 163 from S. of S. of 15.10.42.
22. Telegram, No. 205 - to S. of S. of 15.10.42.

For use in
Cypher
Coding Office
only.

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

INTERCEPT GROUP.

TO:

NOIG F.I.

FROM:

SO(I) MV

Following received from NCSO Magallanes, begins :-

Residents outside Punta Arenas are frequently hearing R/T conversations on F.I.

between coast watchers. Mr. Goddard's name has been heard mentioned. Recent

conversations have ~~never~~ referred to transports sighted off and anchored at

Darwin. These conversations are heard on 45 metres about 1845 GMT but not often

heard in Punta Arenas due to interference of local stations. Ends.

2205z/3.

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For use in
Cypher or
Coding Office
only.

SECRET

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

INTERCEPT GROUP.

TO:

MOIC F.I.

FROM:

30(I) Wv.

Your letter Number V. 1/5 dated 7/3/42.

I am informed that Mr. Goddard is carrying out V/T telephone experiments with an Englishman at Rio Gallegos. Messages are sent between noon and 1300 and between 2100 and 2300 Argentine time on 4.0 to 20 metres wave band. Rio Gallegos uses alias PERCIVAL and Goddard uses GEORGE. Are these conversations approved?

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NAVAL MESSAGE.

S. 1320b.

For use in
Signal
Department
only

SECRET

Originators Instructions:
(Indication of Priority,
Intercept Group, etc.)

Code/Plaintext

No. of
Groups:

TO:

FROM:

SO(I) NV.

Write
Across

SO(I) NV from NOIC P.I.

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Your 2014 z ord.

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Conversations not - repeat not - approved. Investigations are being made.

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Request I may be informed of any further developments.

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Operator

P.O.O.W.

Date

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

No. 107.

From..... SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

To..... HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Despatched : 24th April, 19 42. *Time* : 2030.

Received : 25th April, 19 42. *Time* : 1030.

No. 64. Secret. Military Attaché Buenos Aires reported German addresses periodical facetious wireless to Islanders showing that all ship movements and intimate details of daily life are known immediately. by Islanders unofficial wireless telephones is being received privately all over Southern Patagonia where unauthorized apparatus is capable of direct communication with Europe. Military Attaché has previously reported about these, individual wireless conversations between inhabitants of the Islands which replace telephonic conversations are easily heard for 500 miles over the mainland.

If the foregoing is the case please consider and report by telegraph what steps can be taken, e.g. by control over wireless telephones, to stop this leakage of information.

I.D.C.O.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

(4)

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

To SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

Despatched : 25th April, 19 42. *Time* :

Received : 19 *Time* :

No. 69. Secret. Your telegram No. 64 secret leakage of information has from time to time been reported and each case has been immediately investigated. Most have been ill founded and the last case was unauthorised attempts from Patagonia by Military Attaché himself and reported here by N.S.I.O. Montevideo. There is effective control exercised here by Naval Wireless Station and all telephonic wireless conversations are listened in to; also continual experiments are carried out by listening on all possible wave-lengths lest unauthorised wave-lengths might be being used by remote farmers.

GOVERNOR.

I.D.C.O.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

No. 2073.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 26th. September 19 42. Time : 10.05.
Received : 28th. September 19 42. Time : . . .

No. 156.

Most Secret. With reference to your telegram No. 69. Question has been further considered with Security Authorities and the Admiralty who doubt whether control by listing alone is sufficient to ensure that information value to the enemy for propaganda or intelligence purposes is not transmitted by privately owned wireless transmitting sets. Restrictions regarding civilian use of transmitting apparatus to specified persons would seem the more effective method of preventing leakage. I should be grateful if you would consider whether this is practicable and if so telegraph details of restrictions which you feel able to impose. Naval Officer in Charge can render technical advice.

Secretary of State.

In and Out Code.

*See recd 64 & 64 A.
in m.r. 77/29.*

(10)

Headquarters,

Falkland Islands Defence Force,

3rd June, 1942.

Dear Sir,

Will you please arrange immediately you arrive at Darwin tomorrow to close down the undermentioned R/T stations under your control. This step has been decided upon for security reasons and is not connected in any way with misuse of these stations by you.

Darwin, Speedwell, Bleaker, Lively, Fox Bay,
m.v. Ilen.

Will you please sign and return the attached duplicate of this letter.

Yours faithfully,

(SGD) J. A. WOODGATE,

O.C. Troops.

G. Goddard, Esq.

Stanley.

The original of the above letter has been
received by me.

(SGD) GEORGE N. GODDARD.

HEADQUARTERS,
F. I. D. F.

22nd August, 1942.

Manager,
F. I. C.

Dear Sir,

I am glad to be able to inform you that the recent order closing down your private R/T Sets is hereby cancelled and the stations can now be worked on the same conditions as heretofore as to their use being restricted nothing other than matters connected with your own business.

Yours faithfully,

(SGD) J. A. WOODGATE,

Lieut. Colonel,
Officer Commanding,
F. I. D. F.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor,

To Secretary of State for the Colonies,

Despatched: 15th October, 19 42. Time: ...

Received: 19 ... Time: ...

Red 6.

No. 205. MOST SECRET. With reference to your telegram No. 156. All privately owned wireless transmitting sets were closed down by my order early in June. Recently O.C. Force has with my approval and in consultation with Naval Officer in Charge re-opened five transmitting sets operated by Managers of Falkland Islands Company Estates at Darwin, Speedwell Island, Bleaker Island, Lively Island and Fox Bay. These transmitters are a vital part of coast watching system established under Defence Scheme. Their use is strictly limited to this purpose and rigidly controlled by Military authorities.

In & Out Code.

GOVERNOR.