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CONFIDENTIAL.

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19 46.

No. C / 7 / 46.

Hon. Colonial Secretary.

SUBJECT.

19 46.

14th August.

LEAKAGE OF INFORMATION.

Previous Paper.

MINUTES.

1. Minute from Hon. S.M.O. of 14/8/46.

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3.

He was unable to trace this leakage. Re. minutes the paper to Ex. Co. for 4 Sept. At this stage I do not wish to ask M.O.I.C. or S.E.T. to attend.

I have shown S.M.O. a simple code sh. to use for private messages.

*Abel
2/9/46*

*Hon. Secy A (H) 2/9.
Col. the Hon. J.A. Broughton O.B.E. 2.12.46
Hon. A. R. Carr*

Subsequent Paper.

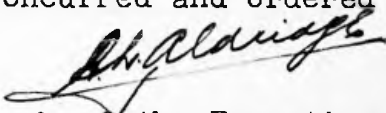
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*W.C.J.S.C.
2/9/46*

Extract from the minutes of a meeting of the Executive Council held on the 4th of September, 1946.

"The Council advised that the Superintendent of the Electric and Telegraphs Department should be informed that leakage of information was causing concern, and that for the protection of his Department he should take all possible steps to ensure that telegrams were dealt with by as few members of his staff as possible.

"The Acting Governor concurred and ordered accordingly".



Clerk of the Executive Council.

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/ the hi: lines as above. B.v. rest line
N.O.I.C. calls.

ABE
10.8.46

7.

N.O.I.C. informs: he is issuing an adv.

PA. *ABE*
23.8.46

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14.vii.46

His Excellency verbally commanded me, the day before yesterday, to reprimand Dr. Hopwood for his indiscretion in sending a radio to his wife "No butter aboard Fitzroy", which message resulted in a raid on the stores, and a Colonial shortage of butter.

2. I shall, of course, obey H.E.'s order, and shall do so willingly, because I know Dr. Hopwood is aware of the publicity given to telegrams in this country, and I consider that he should have foreseen the effects of his message, and been unselfish enough to refrain from sending it. The one thing that surprises me is that Mrs. Hopwood was allowed to receive the radio before all the butter had been sold.

3. Partly in Dr. Hopwood's defence, ~~H.M.~~ but mainly on grounds of public policy, may I animadvert on the whole question of confidence with regard to ~~H.M.~~ telephones and telegrams?

3. In civilised countries there is an obligation of confidence into which employees of postal, telegraph, and telephone services enter, as a condition of their service. Admittedly, in the smaller communities, such as villages the size of Stanley, this confidence is as much honoured in the breach as in the observance, but, in my own village, such breaches have come to an end since a change of postmaster. It should further be remembered that, though a village in size, Stanley is a "Capital City" and seat of Government; it is intolerable that Heads of Departments should be prevented from communicating with their subordinates by the fear, nay certainty, that everything they say will be used in "Smoke-parties" against themselves &/or their subordinates.

4. May I ask you to submit to His Excellency the suggestion that the matter of discretion in regard to private communications be discussed at the next meeting of the Executive Council, and that the Head of the Electric & Telegraph Dept., together with the N.O.I.C., and, possibly, the O.I.C. Naval Wireless Station, be asked to attend during the discussion of that item of the agenda?

5. I will not conceal from His Excellency that I have a personal axe to grind in this matter. The fact of my wife's intended desertion was known to the whole of Stanley the same day as I knew it myself. Another example is that a cable addressed to me in October stated that the S.S. Harpen was again delayed: that cable was 'phoned to me at Darwin, ~~WHERE I was on trek,~~ and, within an hour Mr. Tomlinson tried to 'phone me re postponing his local leave. I had already sailed, so he took the liberty of consulting Sir Allan, to whom he happened to be called professionally. He heard it by gossip.

6. Pending a satisfactory solution of this difficult problem, may I ask for three copies of a not too well-known code, to be kept by my M.O.s in Fox Bay and Darwin, & by myself?

HON. COLONIAL SECRETARY,
STANLEY.

J. J. [Signature]
S.M.O.

A.C.S.

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*1. He Ch. Enroute to day to
by find out when his leave starts.
He can't refer. And we can't from that
are*

W³ H. would be first to check. She
apparently has letters she may go
to G. W. Store to review their supply
photos.

2. No. 1742 & discussion in
Ex. C. But permission to access
leakage occurred in W/T Station
in S.E. T. Area.

3. Ch. Constance is to report
for me.

ABE
15.8.46.

LEAKAGE OF INFORMATION

Several serious cases have occurred recently of the contents of radio messages becoming known to persons other than the addressee.

Attention is called to station order No. 8.

All ratings are warned that any mention of such communications - whether Naval or private- to outside persons is a punishable offence under the Official Secrets Act, and will be regarded by me as serious.

Further, if any rating becomes aware of such leakage in future, he is to report it to the C i/c W/T Station at once as a matter of urgency. As soon as he is aware of the facts, the C i/c W/T Station will then inform me

(Signed) H.D.S. Marshall

Commander R.N.

Naval Officer in Charge



From: The Naval Officer-in-Charge, Falklands.

Date: 26th September, 1946.

To: His Excellency the Acting Governor.

With reference to our conversation of the 23rd inst. I enclose for Your Excellency's information a copy of the order now displayed in the W/T Station and the Remote Control Station.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "J. L. ...", written over a horizontal line.

COMMANDER, R.N.
NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE.

Acc. by J. L. 27.9.46.