

CONFIDENTIAL.

TEL/GRA/1#20

SECRETARIAT

0609.

0609

(Formerly)

0609
PVT

CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING TELEGRAMS.

CONNECTED FILES.

NUMBER

Recipients of this file are reminded to ensure that Government House is aware of all contents.

Private Secretary will make copies at Government House of all relevant instructions and keep a folder at Government House for guidance.

Intld C.H.
3/9/68

27th May,

61.

To: The Officer-in-Charge,

From: The Colonial Secretary,

SOUTH GEORGIA.Cypher "E" 1951.

I am directed to refer to the spare groups page 79 and to request you to insert the interpretation "1900 +" against No. 30 and amend the decypher volume accordingly.

2. New group may be used after 1st July, 1961.
3. Please acknowledge receipt of this memorandum.

(Sgt.) D.R. Morrison

Acknowledged at S2 .

For COLONIAL SECRETARY.

DRM/LH

BU 24761

SECRET
MEMORANDUM

No. 0251/E

It is requested that, in any reference to this memorandum the above number and date should be quoted.

27th May, 1961.

To: The Officer-in-Charge.

From: The Colonial Secretary.

SOUTH GEORGIA.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT :-

Cypher "E" 1951.

I am directed to refer to the spare groups page 79 and to request you to insert the interpretation "1900 +"
and amend the decypher volume accordingly. ✓

2. New group may be used after 1st July, 1961.
3. Please acknowledge receipt of this memorandum.

for Colonial Secretary.

DRM/LM

SECRET

3rd January,

59.

TO: The Administrative Officer,

FROM: The Colonial Secretary.

SOUTH GEORGIA.Cypher "E" 1951.

u2 I am directed to refer to your Secret Memorandum S.G. No. 52/8 of the 16th October, 1958, regarding the local use of spare Cypher Groups and to inform you that this is not permissible and in any case groups 49 and 50 have been taken up.

2. The following interpretations do not appear to have been notified to you:-

Group No. 35.	ANGAMOS	Group No. 36.	LEUCOTON	Group No. 37.	SAN MARTIN
" " 38.	SHACKLETON	" " 39.	JOHN BISCOE	" " 40.	BAILIA AGUIERRE
" " 41.	BAILIA BURN	" " 42.	CHIRIGUANO	" " 45.	FUNEA LOYOLA
	SUCESO				
" " 44.	SANAVIRON	" " 45.	YAMANA	" " 46.	LES ECLAIREURS
" " 47.	COVADONGA	" " 48.	LAUTARO	" " 49.	LIENTUR
" " 50.	RANGAGUA.				

3. Please acknowledge receipt of this Memorandum.

SECRET



31

FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES

C. O. Ref: TEL 1/04

SAVINGRAM No. of copies sent..... 1

CIRCULAR 144/58

3rd February, 1958.

AMENDMENTS TO CYPHER 'E' 1951.

Spare groups - page 79. The following interpretations should be inserted against the spare groups indicated:-

Spare Group No. 21	Full stop	New paragraph 2
" " No. 22	Governor-General of The West Indies	
" " No. 23	Macpherson	
" " No. 24	Attorney-General	
" " No. 25	Hailes	
" " No. 26	1960 - 61	
" " No. 27	1961	
" " No. 28	1961 - 62	
" " No. 29	1962	
" " No. 34	Helicopter	

The Decypher volume should be amended accordingly.

2. (a) Against 3394 insert last interpretation - UDI
- (b) Against 2490 insert after second comma "gravest, "
- (c) Against 8778 insert alternative spelling of the last interpretation - MOGADISHU
- (d) Amend group 7078 Finance Committee to read "7078 Finance Committee, Finance Officer".

3. These amendments and new groups should be brought into use on the 1st May.

4. Please acknowledge the safe receipt of this circular by telegraphing the words "POLO PONY".

5. This circular has been addressed to all holders of Cypher E. 51.

*ack'd
10/3/58
10/3/58*

SECEP.

PA Will you amend your copy pl. Done for C.P. 10/3/58

The Officer Administering
The Government of the
Falkland Islands

CC GH Cypher E' books amended accordingly

SECRET

*34. King 17/3/58
miss C. Type a copy for C. George 18/3/58*

35.

Copy sent to A.O. South Georgia under a

C.S.

A.C.
18/3/58.
36.

Miss C.
Can you amend our copy?
J.C. 18/3/58

37.

Amended.

A.C.
20/3/58.

S/C
38

~~I think you have checked that A.O.S.S. actually holds Cypher E~~

38.

It looks as though A.O. S.S. has not been sent all amendments? - Pl. check & if not pl. send them to him.

J.C.
21/3/58.

Copy of 26 & 38 for A.O. pl.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR.

Despatched : 19.5.53 Time : 1815 Received : 20.5.53 Time : 0845

Circular No 16. SECRET. Please make following additions and amendments to Cypher E 1951.

Cypher volume page 54, column 1. Amend first two groups -
7630 and 8837 to read
8630 and 7837 respectively.

Page 30 column 2. All groups between
5705 "His Majesty's Ambassador" and
3149 "His Majesty's Ship" substitute
"H.M.'s" for
"His Majesty's".

Spare groups page 79. The following interpretations should
be inserted against spare groups indicated:-

- Spare Group Number 1 Her Majesty The Queen.
- 2 Regional Economic Committee
- 3 North~~on~~ Region
- 4 Eastern Region
- 5 Western Region
- 6 Lloyd
- 7 Mau Mau.

The Decypher volume should be amended accordingly.

2. Please acknowledge receipt of this telegram by telegraphing the words "LANDS END".

See 23

SECRETARY OF STATE.

ACS

Spare copy at cover for G. H. pl.

*E.S.
25/5*

*Miss S.
J. n. a. p.
25/5/53*

Copy sent to A.O. S.G. from 5/20/47

A.C.S.
N.a.r. + copy of above sent to G. H.

*S.S.
25/5*

RESTRICTED

British Embassy

MONTEVIDEO

September 10, 1964



Please refer to your emergency telegram No. Taken 5 of September 8 to the Foreign Office which you asked us to pass to Port Stanley. We received it at 1.40 p.m. local time and passed it on at 1.55 p.m.

2. I looked into the timing of this operation and discovered that the local office of the Western Telegraph Company in fact transmitted the telegram via London, which suggested that it might have been quicker for you to ask the Foreign Office to pass to Port Stanley. Further enquiries elicited the following table:-

Radio Schedules with Port Stanley, Falkland Islands.

From London - Cable & Wireless Limited:-

<u>Weekdays/Suns:</u>	<u>GMT.</u>	<u>Uruguay Local time.</u>
	1400 to clear	11.00AM
	2100 " "	6PM
	Midnight " "	9PM

Via Cerrito Radio from Montevideo:-
 11.30AM
 3.15PM

Apparently the reason why the Company did not on this occasion make use of the Cerrito Radio transmission at 3.15 p.m. is that they have had several reports (e.g. from the Captain of the "Darwin") of the extreme unreliability of Cerrito Radio services.

3. It rather looks from all this as though in cases of urgency it may be safer for you to ask London to pass. I am sending copies of this letter to Communications Department, Foreign Office, and to the Colonial Secretariat, Port Stanley, who may have comments.

(K.H. Jones)

C.J. Audland, Esq.,
BUENOS AIRES

See 11

S.P.T.

(9)

Any comment I can
return to BA & Montevideo?

10

Si

21. 9. 64

M. S.

We have had trouble with Montevideo, i.e.
they fail to keep schedules etc. We therefore
route our traffic through London.

Capt. White had similar difficulty &
now makes his Montevideo arrival arrangements
by R/T through Punta Carreta.

28.9.64

8th October, 1964.

Dear Keith,

9 Please refer to your letter 1511/64 of the 10th September, 1964.

I can confirm the unreliability of Montevideo radio (Cerrito). There is a constant failure to keep schedule, and messages are often mangled.

It is always safer and quicker to route messages through London.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Audland in Buenos Aires.

Sincerely,

Tommy Thompson

(W.H. THOMPSON)

K.H. Jones, Esq.,
British Embassy,
MONTVIDEO

*for
8.10.64*

WHT/IM.

Copy to C.J. Audland, Esq.

CONFIDENTIAL

BRITISH EMBASSY,

BUENOS AIRES.

November 4, 1966.



Would you please refer to Keith Jones' letter to you 9095/66 of October 26 about procedures for transmitting telegrams from Buenos Aires to Port Stanley and vice-versa.

2. I think one of our troubles has been that the origin of present procedures has become lost in the mists of time. My understanding is that, before 1952, telegraph traffic between Buenos Aires and Port Stanley was handled in a perfectly ordinary way. But about that time, no doubt because of Peron's tiresome interest in the Falkland Islands' issue, the Argentine postal authorities began to apply an ordinance requiring that all telegrams to the Falkland Islands should be addressed to 'Port Stanley - Argentine Republic'. Obviously we could not conform to this. A procedure was therefore established whereby telegrams from here to the Falkland Islands were transmitted via Montevideo. The code-word 'Taken', following immediately after the number to Montevideo of the telegram, indicated to Montevideo that it was for re-transmission to Port Stanley. Where the telegram was in cypher (which it usually was) the code-word was sent in plain language; Montevideo were thus spared the need to decypher telegrams for re-transmission to Port Stanley unless they were repeated to them, in which case the code-word was of course omitted. (On all this please see Communications Department's letter to the Chancery in Montevideo YT 594/1 of 31 December 1952).

3. The object of using Montevideo rather than London for re-transmission was presumably to save both money and time. Correspondence in 1964 (resting with Donovan's letter to me YT 2146/3 of October 20) showed that it never saved money and rarely saved time. Following that correspondence, we decided here that we would route all telegrams to Port Stanley via you; except that, in the case of 'Flash' telegrams, we would transmit via Montevideo also (using the 'Taken' system) in the hope of saving time. I fear that, because of staff changes and the relatively small amount of traffic that is usually handled, we have not always remembered to observe our own decision.

/4.

L.G. Smith, Esq., M.B.E.,
D.S.A.O.,
King Charles Street, S.W.1.

See 13814

EB. Please BU with recent telegrams on this subject please. CW 22/11

4. Apart from these questions of cost and speed, it seems to me that the situation has changed in two particulars since the 'Taken' system was established. First, both Montevideo and we ourselves have been equipped with Telex. Second, practical experience during the recent 'Operation Condor', and the Fitzgerald incident in 1964, has shown that the Argentine Telex authorities are not interfering in any way with the transmission of messages between ourselves and the Falkland Islands (or vice versa), either because of references to the Falkland Islands or indeed for any other reason.

5. In the circumstances, we think it would be easier for everybody if we were to alter the present arrangements. We suggest that in future:

- (a) Telegrams from Buenos Aires to Port Stanley or vice-versa should be routed exclusively through you.
- (b) Normal Communications Department rules should apply to the handling of cypher telegrams, except that passing instructions should be in cypher. In this way the Argentine authorities will not even know that the Falkland Islands are involved.
- (c) As regards en clair telegrams, normal Communications Department rules should apply; except that the person who transmits the message should in all cases obtain confirmation of receipt. Where Telex is used (and it always should be if possible) an 'Answer-Back' signal will suffice. Where commercial cable is used, the word 'Acknowledge' should be added by whoever authorises the telegram immediately before the signature. If an 'Answer-Back' or 'Acknowledged' telegram is not received promptly, the telegram should be repeated in cypher.

6. We believe that the foregoing suggestions are practical and should not give rise to difficulties. Subject to your views, and those of the other recipients of this letter, we should like to put them into effect as soon as possible.

7. I am sending a copy of this letter to the Office of the Governor of the Falkland Islands and to Keith Jones in Montevideo.

(C.J. Audland)

DECODE.

Ch. fy: we spe

TELEGRAM SENT.

W. 19/11 18/11

13

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched: 15/11/66

Time: 1200

Received: 16/11/66 Time

CONFIDENTIAL

191

Letter of November 4th from Audland, Buenos Aires, to DSAO copied to you.

Telegram procedures.

Grateful to learn whether you see any difficulty about adoption of procedures in paragraph 5 of letter whereby all messages whether cypher or en clair for Buenos Aires would be passed via London. Montevideo have indicated agreement.

See 17

Office to note
Noted *f-y.* *JA* *24.11.66.*
" *"* *JA* *24.11.66.*
" *"* *JA* *24.11.66.*

DECODE.

17

TELEGRAM SENT.

LA
1/12

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 1/12/66

Time: a.m.

Received:

Time:

CONFIDENTIAL

175

13

Your telegram 191. Procedure agreed.

cl.
fma.
18
What file?
S.

CS. ^{#191} As these telegrams & Bullard's
letter of 4/11/66 are confidential,
could you please have them filed
appropriately.

LA 1/12/66

DECODE.

C.S. f.y.i. Co 9/12

#82

TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched: 8/12/66

Time: 1302

Received:

Time

CONFIDENTIAL

218

Your telegram 175. Following is text of Foreign Office telegram 884 to Buenos Aires repeated Montevideo 315.

Andland's letter to L.G. Smith of November 4th 1966 about telegrams between Buenos Aires and Port Stanley. We and Governor Falkland Islands agree to your proposals. They should be introduced immediately.

2. It is important in the case of cypher messages that encyphered text should indicate to whom telegram is addressed.

21

Mrs Bathick is aware of procedure.

22

C/c please speak

Di 10/12

20th December, 1966.

Dear Sugg,

Would you be good enough to refer to the correspondence on telegraphic traffic between Buenos Aires and the Falklands, which is spanned by your telegrams 191 - 218.

P. 13-20

We have assumed that all messages for Buenos Aires should be sent to the Commonwealth Office, for re-direction, but it could be that we should route them via London but not via the Commonwealth Office.

Would you let me know.

Sincerely,

(W.H. THOMPSON)

A. St. J. Sugg, Esq., G.M.C.,
COMMONWEALTH OFFICE.

KIV 19822.

BLA 12267

IK.

DECODE.

24 *CS* *W* *24* *20/1* *ACS* *W*

TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

C/C *W*
W *Ran* *NOTE* *W*
W *Alaz* *W*

Despatched: 19/1/67

Time: 1625

Received: 19/1/67

Time p.m.

CONFIDENTIAL

U4

For Thompson from Telegraph Officer.

23

Your letter to Sugg of December 20th 1966.

W
23/1

Confirm all messages for Buenos Aires should be sent via Commonwealth Office.

W *24/1*
W *Lee*

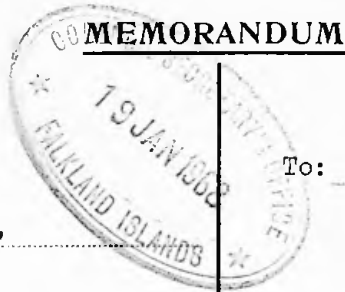
Cypher

P.S.
for information pl.
noted
W.S. *31/1/67*
30.1.67

Pa

No. _____

It is requested that, in any reference to this memorandum the above number and date should be quoted.



17th January, 19 68

To: Assistant Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

From: Postmaster,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Si
22/1

SUBJECT :- Telegrams

In order to comply with recent financial instructions which require the daily balancing of books and cash, I regret that it will no longer be possible to accept telegrams after the closing of the office which is at present 3.30 p.m. on weekdays and 11 a.m. on Saturdays. This will inevitably mean that there will be delays in the delivery of ^{inward} telegrams.

The above applies to any other transactions involving persons handling money, stamps etc.

D. Richardson
Postmaster.

(Today now goes to G4 at 3.30)

No. _____

MEMORANDUM

It is requested that, in any reference to this memorandum the above number and date should be quoted.

18th January 19 68



To: Assistant Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

From: Postmaster,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT :-

34.

Further to my memorandum of the 17th January, please note that the Post Office now closes at 3 p.m. on weekdays and 10.30^{am} on Saturdays.

D. R. Anderson
Postmaster.

22/1.68

S.O. / 22/1

Pa.

No.

0609

MEMORANDUM

#19

39

It is requested that, in any reference to this memorandum the above number and date should be quoted.

31st July, 1968.

Superintendent,

Posts and Telecommunications.

Colonial Secretary.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT :-

Dating of telegrams.

It is getting difficult to tie down the delivery dates of past telegrams. Would you please be so good as to arrange for all telegrams to carry date and time in an easily readable form.

C.S. Request - this is the effect of automation. We have to follow the international format which unfortunately precludes the month & year. May I suggest that the Secretariat Telegram clerk be instructed to date-stamp all telegrams on receipt. The last SC two groups in the preamble represent the day & time (pl. see attached) & the Secretarial date-stamp would provide the month & year. ^{39A}

(W.H. THOMPSON)
COLONIAL SECRETARY

J
 1.8.68.

W. H.

GOVERNMENT
FALK

ZCZC

NR26/144

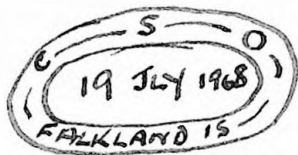
FOXBAY 26 19 0900

DAY

TIME

ETAT

SPT PORTSTANLEY



~~38A~~

391

0609

BIG

8th August,

68.

40

Superintendent,

Colonial Secretary.

Posts and Telecommunications.

Dating of Telegrams.

~~38~~ 39.

Thank you. Unfortunately, the date on which a telegram is actually received and processed in an office is not necessarily the arrival date. Would you please therefore arrange to have all telegrams date stamped with the Post Office frank before delivery.

(W.H. THOMPSON)
COLONIAL SECRETARY

SC

B

42

RESTRICTED



Diplomatic Service Administration Office
London S.W.1

Telephone: _____, ext.

16 July, 1968

Please address any reply to

and quote: YQ 254/1/68

Dear Office,

Please refer to your telegram number 1 to Montevideo of 12 July.

2. This telegram was allocated a number in the Falkland Islands/C.O. series. Would you please bring to the notice of all concerned that passing numbers are not now required, the only number required being that to the addressed post, ³⁸ in this case Montevideo. Overseas Circular 220/68 of 5 June refers.

Yours ever,

Communications Department.

Governor's Office,
Falkland Islands

43.

P.S.,

To note pl.

RESTRICTED

Sf/S.
9.9.68.

f.c.s.
28.8.68.

0609

RESTRICTED

51.



Diplomatic Service Administration Office
London S.W.1

Telephone: ext.

Please address any reply to

and quote: DSYT 2/MISC/249

7 October, 1968



Dear Thomson,

We were interested to see that the Governor's telegram No. 185 to the Commonwealth Office was routed to the European Space Operation Centre Darmstadt, who were requested to pass to Prodrôme by Telex.

2. The G.P.O. here were also interested and their view was that this route should not have been used since it provided irregular access to the country, in other words, it came over a private wire between the Falkland Islands and Germany. The G.P.O., however, accept the Immediate category and that there was perhaps a need for it to be cleared this way because the normal Cable and Wireless Service was not available, but they hope it will not become a regular habit.

3. As a matter of interest, we would like to know the circumstances in which it was decided to use the ESOC channel and whether payment was required for this service.

Yours sincerely
L.G. Smith

(L. G. Smith)
Communications Department

W. H. Thomson, Esq., C.B.E.,
Colonial Secretary,
FALKLAND ISLANDS

53

RESTRICTED

574

Ye
You could refresh
memory?

P.S.
Please discuss
to 5/11

SW
23/10

11th November,

68.

RESTRICTED

DW 51
Would you please refer to your letter DSYT 2/MISC/249 of the 7th October, 1968, on the subject of the Governor's Immediate Secret telegram No. 185 to the Commonwealth Office.

The telegram in question was in reply to an Immediate Secret telegram No. 218 from the Commonwealth Office which was received in Stanley late on Monday 23rd September. The Governor completed his reply that night and gave instructions that it was to be sent to London by the fastest available means. When he was informed that the normal schedule with London would not open until 0900 hours local time on 24th September, he asked for alternative arrangements to be made and suggested the E.S.R.O. (ESOC) *arrang.*

I have taken steps to see that passing a telegram in this fashion does not become a habit. No payment has yet been required.

S.
(W.H. THOMPSON)
COLONIAL SECRETARY

L.G. Smith, Esq.,
Communications Department,
Diplomatic Service Administration Office,
London, S.W.1.

SC

RESTRICTED

DECODE.

C.S.

16/20/11

60

S.

20/11

TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 17/1/69

Time:

Received:

Time:

No. 11.

IMMEDIATE CONFIDENTIAL

59

Your telegram 5 of 16th January.

Western Union have link with Falkland Islands via Montevideo but service notoriously slow and not recommended. Suggest if any telegram sent via Western Union it be addressed to Embassy Montevideo with request expedite onward transmission.

2. Alternative routes

(a) RPT via British Antarctic Survey 30 Gillingham Street to Survey Stanley Office.

(b) Flag Officer Naval Air Command H.M.S. Daedalus Lee-on-Solent to Naval Party 8902 hovercraft unit Stanley. One daily schedule from Monday 20th January being requested. Method is single side band voice link.

Cypher : SJS

58
62

FROM SECRETARY OF STATE TO GOVERNOR.

Despatched 18.1.69 Time 1410 Received: 20.1.69 Time: 1015

PRIORITY

70718 Addressed to Montevideo telegram No. 7 of 18th January repeated for information to the Falkland Islands my telegram No 16 to Washington (not to Falkland Islands) telegrams for the Falkland Islands will be sent to you either via Washington or on telex when you call us for onward transmission via western union the western union link with the Falklands is sometimes slow and you should please endeavour to expediate despatch if you have any reason to doubt whether a particular message will get through expeditiously you should inform us so that we may make other arrangements

STEWART

P/L : AA

[Handwritten signature]

FM LCHT FOR PRODRFFFF

63

FM LCHT FOR PRODROME LONDON
FCO SLGH 001/21 GPS 60A

FOR GOVERNOR FALKLANDS ISLANDS
BRITISH ANTARCTIC SURVEY OFFICE PORT STANLEY

BEGINS:

ADDRESSED TO MONTEVIDEO TELEGRAM NO 8 OF 21 JANUARY REPEATED FOR
INFORMATION TO FALKLAND ISLANDS.

MY TELNO 7.

TELEGRAM UNDER REFERENCE SHOULD BE MY TELNO 97 TO WASHINGTON

2. WE ARE NOW USING TWO ALTERNATIVE DIRECT ROUTEINGS TO AND FROM
THE FALKLAND ISLANDS. TELEGRAMS WILL ONLY BE ROUTED VIA MONTEVIDEO
IF THE OTHER ROUTEINGS FAIL OR BECOME OVERLOADED.

ENDS

STEWART

64

*CS in Secretariat. If SPT does not
know, please repeat
to him.*

FFFF

OK from S.

S.P.I. informed.

RG

4th February 1969.

Dear Commander Cook,

Now that the telegraphists strike is over please accept my thanks for the extra facilities provided, and schedules worked, on behalf of the Falkland Islands Government.

Sincerely yours

(W.H. THOMPSON)

The Commanding Officer,
Naval Party 8902,
STANLEY.

TB

609

Y.E.

Thank you 11/5

Our practice here is that the registers for inward and outward telegrams to Embassies are kept at Government House. You will find that the Private Secretary keeps the registers in question. If in C.S.O. we need a number for a telegram to an Embassy we telephone the P.S. and obtain a number from her.

2. The register of F.C.O. inward and outward telegrams is kept at the C.S.O. So far as inward telegrams are concerned when it appears that there is a gap in the numbered sequence my staff check with the P.S. to see if the missing number refers to a telegram at Government House. Where that cross check reveals the telegram has not been sent to G.H. a routine notification is sent to the F.C.O. of non-receipt of the telegram.

Normally, because ~~at~~ the degree of priority of telegrams dealt with at Government House is higher than that attaching to telegrams dealt with at C.S.O., our staff allow 24 hours leeway before reporting the probability that a telegram is missing to the Senior Clerk. He makes a further cross-check before sending a routine non-receipt signal to the F.C.O.

at least

So far as outward telegrams are concerned, my staff notify the P.S. at 16.30 daily of the last number in our series to F.C.O. When she comes on duty in the morning it is the Private Secretary's task to inform my staff what additional outward numbers have been used by G.H. in the intervening period.

3. The system cannot totally remove the element of human failure but, given our circumstances, the failures are few and the system itself adequate.

J.A.J.
(J.A.J.)
11.5.71

S/c Please file appropriately.

I have asked Mrs Gunn to keep an eye on the operation of the system during the next few months in order to identify any gaps in the system & recommend improvements if necessary.

By: 18.9.71.

No.

2/158 25/368

MEMORANDUM

90

12th July 19 71

It is requested that, in any reference to this memorandum the above number and date should be quoted.

To: The Colonial Secretary,
The Secretariat,
Stanley.

From: Postmaster,
Posts & Tels. Dept.
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT :-

Telegrams

It is noted that during May and June 1971 there ~~has~~^{have} been an increasing number of telegrams to the Secretariat routed via the Western Telegraph Company. This route not only causes delays, as it is transmitted through Uruguay, but this office finds it very difficult to obtain credits for these messages from the Uruguayan Administration.

Would you kindly advise those concerned that the direct route is much faster than via Western and, as far as we know, perhaps cheaper. Those sending Telegrams were signed :-

- Crown.
- Fundscrown.
- Buss Crown.
- Crown Sutton.
- Cooper Crown Sutton.

C.S.

To see. May the

telegram at b.c. issue pl?

Yes. J. 11/7

14.7.71.

J. Morrison
Postmaster

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

SENT

P1677 P4416 3/64

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	STANLEY			13.7.71
To				
	LTD CROWN LONDON SW1			HO A/C

No 131

Telegrams stop An increasing number of telegrams emanating from Crown Agents for this office are being routed via Western Telegraph Company which is slower and less reliable link than direct route and in addition causes accounting difficulties stop Grateful ensure therefore all telegrams for this administration are routed direct (Imperial) and advise Funds Crown Buss Crown Crown Sutton and Cooper Crown Sutton

Secretary

JM

Time

Bu 18. 9. 71.

(88)

100

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAMS FROM FALKLAND ISLANDS JULY 1970 - JUNE 1971

DR. SECRETARIAT TREASURY & CENTRAL STORE

CR. POSTS & TELS.

JULY 1970	£191. 0. 1	
AUG. "	£ 228. 8. 7	
SEPT. "	£232.15. 6	
OCT. "	£268.13. 0	
NOV. "	£389.14. 5	
DEC. "	<u>£553. 4. 8</u>	£1863.81
JAN. 1971	£498.85	
FEB. "	£1324.36	
MAR. "	£801.16	
APR. "	£390.67	
MAY "	£640.27	
JUNE "	<u>£756.15</u>	<u>£4411.46</u>
		<u>£6275.27</u>

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAMS TO FALKLAND ISLANDS FROM JULY 1970 - JUNE 1971
SHOWING REVENUE FOR FALKLAND ISLANDS

MONTH	U.K.		C/WEALTH	EUROPE	URUGUA ^{ca}	CHILE	S.A.	VIA C.W.O.		AMOUNT DUE TO F.I. REVENUE
	ETAT 11d	LTF 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ d	ETAT 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ d	ETAT	ETAT 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ d	ETAT 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ d	ETAT 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ d	ETAT GF.60	LTF GF.30	
JULY	7883	395								112
AUGUST	3782	155								18
SEPT.	5461	220			144			24		71
OCT.	7349	249			53			24		49
NOV.	5909	344					64			126
DEC.	9842	338	23			15				
<i>words</i>	40226	1701	23		197	15	64	48	376	£1910.08
	GF.34	GF.17		GF.64	GF.17		GF.24	GF.60	GF.30	
JAN.	3672	406					36	2268	68	
FEB.	<i>Postal Station</i>							9441	413	
MAR.	5876	386						2233	524	
APR.	7387	483		126	92		226	127	186	
MAY	13389	565			15			106	283	
JUNE	14279	369						63	103	
<i>words</i>	44603	2209		126	107		262	14238	1577	£3364.87 £5274.95

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAMS EX FALKLAND ISLANDS JULY 1970 - JUNE 1971

SHOWING AMOUNTS DUE TO OVERSEAS ADMINISTRATIONS

102

MONTH	U.K.		CHILE		URUGUAY		ARGENTINE		U.S.A.		EUROPE		BRAZIL		U.K.		VIA CWO		VIA BPD				
	ETAT	LTF	ETAT	LTF	ETAT	LTF	ETAT	LTF	ETAT	LTF	ETAT	LTF	ETAT	LTF	ETAT	LTF	ETAT	LTF	ETAT	LTF			
JULY	1320	1287			84				54														
AUGUST	1672	1327		22	61				152	32													
SEPTEMBER	2057	749	53	22	18																		
OCTOBER	2320	662			47			92	168														
NOVEMBER	3678	1015		29	31																		
DECEMBER	5307	1106	79	27	45																		
<i>words</i>	16354	6146	132	100	255			92	405	32												£946.63	
JANUARY	GF .34	GF .17	GF .69	GF .345	GF .47	GF .57	GF .285	GF .55	GF .275	GF .80	GF .72	45p	22½p	35p	17½p	19p	9½p	GF .30					
JANUARY	646	989	38	117	40				22	34		3734	14									31	
FEBRUARY	271											1483	58	32		73	22					66	
MARCH	5122	373	35			36				47		494	678		12	33						127	
APRIL	3286	1036	81	44		393	47																
MAY	6310	1488		46		26		8															
JUNE	7418	899		78		355	26			22													
<i>words</i>	23053	4785	154	285	40	810	73	8	22	56	47	5711	750	32	12	1013 33	22		224			£1656.66	£2603.29

C.S.

100-102

I am indebted to the Postmaster for the attached papers. A lot of research was necessary.

2 Total revenue from telegrams during 1970/71 amounted to £17,000. For the previous year it was £13,000.

3 Total expenditure from Secretariat vote in 1970/71 (on telegrams) amounted to £6,500. For the previous year it was £3,000.

4 Of this total expenditure in 1970/71 about half goes to other administrations and we credit the balance to revenue.

5 Official (i.e. for Governor or C.S.) telegrams inwards (this is what took the time in the Post Office) the Colony received £5,000 in respect of 1970/71.

6 In sum therefore our telegram bill was £6,500 and revenue from official traffic totalled about £8,250.

L.G.
17.11.71

A portion of the increased revenue will go towards abating the amount due to us from E.S.R.O. Unless you wish for greater detail about this I shall not enlarge upon it.

Y.E. G.M.S.M. M.M. ... 22/11

I had been viewing with some concern the rate of expenditure on telegrams for the current financial year. However, before deciding whether any remedial action needed to be taken it was necessary to obtain a revenue picture. This has inevitably taken some time, but the Treasury has now produced a very useful minute above which indicates that we make a small profit on the transaction. In the circumstances I suggest the decision should merely be kept under review and, should SEC at some stage query expenditure we shall be in a position to provide an answer.

J.A.J.
22.11.71

P.A.