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VISIT TO FALKLANDS & DEPENDENCIES
OF RUSSIAN WHALING & FISHING FLEETS

Commencing with file 184.

CONNECTED FILES.

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Fishing Projects (Proposed)

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Secretary of State for the Colonies
Officer Administering the Government

15th August, 1962

LANDS (COLONY)

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Saving

Your savingram Nos.68 and 77 Colony.

Visits of Russian Ship.

I have confirmed with the Ministry of Transport that by international maritime custom a warship is the only type of vessel which is required to obtain prior clearance for a visit to a port or harbour. Soviet civilian vessels would not therefore need to obtain prior permission to enter either Port Stanley or Fox Bay. If however a Soviet vessel wishes to call at any other place in the Falkland Islands prior clearance would in fact be necessary, providing that vessels of other nationalities were also required to obtain permission.

2. I agree that no further action is required to underline the need of Soviet vessels to seek permission before entering the Falkland Islands other than by Port Stanley or Fox Bay. Please keep me informed if any future cases arise when Soviet vessels do not obtain the necessary prior clearance.

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H6 in file on return
per

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g.e.
for information
with adv 496 to note
x 2

Bu 19 10.62 (185)

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VISITS OF RUSSIAN VESSELS

<u>Port</u>	<u>Date of</u> <u>Arrival</u>	<u>Departure</u>	<u>Ship's Name</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
<u>BRITISH ANTARCTIC TERRITORY</u>				
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R.T. message received from his Island 8 or 9 cables
& 1 factory ship sighted about 15 miles S.W. of
his Island and have gone away. There is no objection to
this.

They also say that there was a helicopter which landed behind
the settlement. This sounds a little unlikely as it stands.
If ~~the~~ somebody came to pay a courtesy visit to the
Darius (I do not think we need worry).

X If we are to pursue the matter of the helicopter further (Darius)
It would be best for me to get on to the R.T. and find out
exactly what happened.

gc
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TH 11.12.62
on R.R.

no need

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TELEGRAM.

From Master Korol, "Gnevnyj".

To Port Stanley

Despatched : 19 *Time :*

Received : 10th February, 19 65. *Time :*

Please radio outer can you supply us fuel oil
200 tons

Master Korol

P/L LH
'Phoned from W/T Station

Reply at 187

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To

etat MASTER GNEVNYJ ('Conf. copy 'phoned W/T Station
10.55 am 10th)

HOA/c

Regret we have no oil stocks available but you are very welcome to call
at Stanley

Colonial Secretary

HLB/LH

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TELEGRAM.

From O.I.C. SIGNY ISLAND

To ANTARCTIC STANLEY

Despatched : 17th February

1965

Time :

Received :

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Time :

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H/87/65 S.S. GNEVNY sailed on fifteenth. SOLCHYCH GENADY the expedition leader stated they will visit New Island but not Stanley in the future. Do you require any further information before next mail.

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Cypher Navy 20/FS

Copy to Col. Sec.

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TELEGRAM.

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From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched . 23rd February, 19 65 Time : 1900

Received : 24th February, 19 65 Time :

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No. 65 Following for your information

"Russian Research Vessel Knipovich require 100 tons
fresh water Please advise about possibility at 25
February signed Master"

Administrative Officer

P/L : LH
(Intld.) HLB

Reply at ~~189~~ 190

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	Stanley			24.2.65
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To	etat ADMINOFF ZBH			SGA/c
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~~188~~ No. 54. Yourtel 65 not clear am assuming vessel arriving yours and
189 not mine

Secretary

WHT/LH

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No. 107.

TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley

Despatched : 25th February, 19 65 Time : 1230

Received : 25th February, 19 65 Time :

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No 67. Your telegram No 54. Russian Research
Ship. Sorry agree my 65 not clear. Confirm arriving
South Georgia

Administrative Officer

P/L : LH

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No 7.

TELEGRAM.

192

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia

To Colonial Secretary Stanley

Despatched :	1st March,	1965	Time : 1415
Received :	2nd March,	1965	Time : 0900

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No. 76. Russian fishery research ship Akademik Knipovici nett tonnage 1370 gross tonnage approximately 2300. After brief visit here has gone Weddell Sea. Expect to visit Stanley about the end March. Leader expedition is Professor Yuly Marti.

Administrative Officer

GTC : LH

(Intld.) HLB

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but to show
Customs Officer

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CqC

To see 192 pl.

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See. Thank you.

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TELEGRAM.

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From Mr Davis, New Island

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley

Despatched : 13th March, 19 65 *Time :*

Received : 19 *Time :*

Gnevny calling here today to collect fresh meat.

Regards Davis

P/L : LS

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TELEGRAM.

From Mrs Davis, New Island

To Colonial Secretary Stanley

Despatched : 16th March, 19 65 Time :

Received : 16th March, 19 65 Time :

Boat left yesterday (Sunday) for South Africa. Will
take her 15 days to reach there. While at Signy man broke
his arm but their Doctor set his arm. Other stones but
cannot put them over the air.

Mrs Davis

Akademie Knipovich
visited Stanley 21-23 March 65
P/L : LS for water + vegetables.

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No. 1.

TELEGRAM.

From Captain Basalae, Academic Knipovich

To Sir Cosmo Haskard Governour for Falklands Stanley.

Despatched : 25th March, 19 65 *Time :* 1200

Received : 25th March, 19 65 *Time :*

Sir please inform me about width of territorial and
fishery waters around Falklands quite regards.

Captain Basalae

P/L : LS
(Intld.) CH

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Reply at 197

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	Stanley			26.3.65
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To				
etat CAPTAIN BASALAE R/V ACADEMIC KNIPOVICH				
				HOA/c

196 In reply to your enquiry Falkland Islands boundary extends to continental shelf at one hundred fathom line around archipelago but territorial and fishery rights at present extend to three miles from coast stop We look forward to your next visit stop Regards

Governor

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TELEGRAM.

From Commodore Solyanik Director General Joint Soviet Antarctic
Whaling Fleets

To Governor, Stanley

Despatched . 22nd May, 19 65 Time :

Received : 19 Time :

Urgently

Your Excellency kindly ask your permission anchoring
today midday one whale chaser at New Island for 2 hours
landing and taking 20 alive penguins for research purposes
of Moscow Science Academy. Regards

Commodore Solyanik

Copy to S/Police

P/L : LS

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To

etat COMMODORE SOLYANIK SOVIETSKAYA UKRAINA
(Enf. copy 'phoned to VPC)

HOA/c

Agreed

Governor

Copy to s/Police

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No. 288.

TELEGRAM.

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From Davis, New Island.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley

Despatched . 22nd May, 19 65 *Time :* 0935

Received : 19 *Time :*

Yes catcher has my approval.

Regards Davis

P/L : LS

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TELEGRAM.

No. 2.

From Kommodore Solyanik Sovietskaya Ukraina

To Governor, Stanley

Despatched : 22nd May, 19 65 *Time :* 1450

Received : 19 *Time :*

Your Excellency many thanks your permission. Chaser number 33 arriving New Island 11 oclock local time. If no objections on your side intend anchor factory ship Sovietyskaya Ukraina at New Island for two hours and send helicopter to deliver live penguins for which case asking your permission best regards

Kommodore Solyanik

Reply at 202 Reply at 199

P/L : LS

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TELEGRAM.

From Governor, Stanley

To Commodore Solyanik Sovietskaya Ukraina

Despatched . 22nd May, 19 65 *Time :*

Received : 19 *Time :*

201 regd.

Permission granted

Governor

P/L : LS

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TELEGRAM.

From Master Sovietskaya Ukraina.....

To Governor General, Stanley.....

Despatched : 18th April 19 66 Time : 2300

Received : 19th April 19 66 Time : 0900

Your Excellency kindly ask your permission anchor
four miles off Pebble Island on April 18th at 22 hours
local time to bunker whale chasers during ten hours
best regards

Master and Director Soviet Whaling Fleet
Sovietskaya Ukraina

This was approved
JA

P/L : ER

Copy To Sgt. Lawrence.

CS. For his record if you have not
Ch 20/4 already for a copy.

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For Governor Stanley

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Your Excellency, kindly ask your permission anchor 4 miles off

Pebble Island on April 18th at 22 hours local time to bunker

whale chasers during ten hours. Best regards. Master and Director,

Soviet Whaling Fleet, Sovietskaya, Ukrania.

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Extract from a letter to H.E. dated 21st April 1966 from Mrs Davis
of New Island

" I have been asked by the Captain and Scientists of
Whale Catcher 30 to express their thanks and to say how much they
enjoyed their short stay here on N.I. For myself it was very nice
meeting old friends again. One of the officer's wives I have written
to for 8 years now so once again it was nice to see the husband. I
wish to add that they were allowed to take 6 penguins but they only
took 5 Rockie penguins so I hope all concerned will be happy now.

....."

C.S.

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I have an impression that we
were asked last year to report to the Colonial
Office the movements of Russian ships.
Do you recollect the terms of the request?

Russian ships
at exhibited
notice.

C/C

if you
can find this

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Geo 2.

R. See J. 1842. Maybe this is the one

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Copy of manuscript letter sent by H.E. to Mrs Davis, New Island,
dated 25th April 1966.

Thank you very much for your letter of 21st April. I am glad that the visit of Whale Catcher 30 was so successful. It must have been enjoyable meeting old friends again.

It is particularly kind of you to say you would like to have our small son Julian out to New Island for a holiday some time. We are most grateful for your kind suggestion. Indeed, my wife and I would ourselves very much like to accept your earlier invitation to visit New Island and we are wondering whether some time in the spring would suit you and Mr Davis. Naturally, we do not wish to take up your time at a season of the year when farming activities are all important. Perhaps you could let us know what dates might suit you better than others and then nearer the time we could make more definite arrangements. We certainly look forward to the opportunity of paying you a visit.

I hope that by now your trouble with your hands is over and that you are completely restored to health.

My wife joins me in sending kind regards to you both.

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C. O. ref:

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SAVING TELEGRAM.

From: The Officer Administering the Government of the Falkland Islands.

To: The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Date: 2nd May, 1966

No. 70 SAVING. COLONY

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Visits of Russian Ships.

184 Your Telegram No 74 of 18th August, 1962 refers.

The Director of the Soviet Whaling Fleet asked permission to anchor four miles off Pebble Island on April 18th and a Soviet Whale Catcher asked permission to visit New Island on April the 19th. In the first case the request was made nearly a day ahead but the request to visit New Island was at about an hours notice.

The visitors behaved very correctly.

GOVERNOR

ER

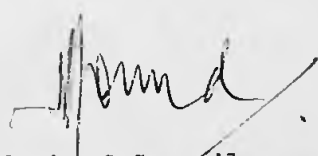
Extract from Executive Council Minutes of Meeting No. 3/66 held on the
10th May 1966

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15. VESSELS CALLING AT NEW ISLAND AND EXPORT OF PENGUINS

The Colonial Secretary explained that he had given permission to the Master of a Russian whale catcher to take six penguins from New Island for zoological purposes and sought Council's guidance on future visits of the Russian whaling fleet.

Council advised that the Colonial Office be asked to draw the attention of the Russians to our customs entry requirements and the scale of fees payable on export of wild life.


Clerk of Council

C.S.

An Thompson is taking
up during his current
to London.

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8/7/66

P.A.

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TELEGRAM.

From ~~SEGA~~ *SEGA*

To Governor Port Stanley

Despatched :	3rd November,	19 66	Time : 2200
Received :	4th November,	19 66	Time : 0900

Please permit call yours 1300 GMT 4/11 for bunkering
fresh water and provide some provisions regards

Master

P/L : ER
Intld. H.L.B.

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From Captain Romanov Solyanik

To Sir Cosmo Haskard, Stanley

Despatched : 2nd January, 19 66 Time : 1500

Received : 19 Time :

Thanks you for making it possible for us to call at New Island for repairs to our ship and a rest from heavy seas for our men and the chance to spend New Year Eve with our old English friends Mr. Davis family good wishes for you

Captain Romanov Solyanik

P/L : ER

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 21/10/66

Time: p.m.

Received:

Time:

IMMEDIATE RESTRICTED

Addressed Secretary of State 149 repeated Buenos Aires and Montevideo 22,
CINC SASA and Puma.

East German fishery research ship Ernst Haeckel registered Rostock now
49 south 63 west has requested permission spend 48 hours Fanning Harbour 51.29
south 59.05 west repairing engines.

Am asking (CINC and Puma: Have told) her come Stanley for clearance.

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TELEGRAM.

From.....Ernst Haeckel

To.....Governor, Stanley

Despatched : 20th October, 19 66 Time : 1400

Received : 21st October, 19 66 Time :

Request for 48 hours permission to anchor Fanning Harbour
51.29 south 59.05,5 west important engine repairings
necessary. Fishing research vessel Ernst Haeckel home
Port Rostock Germany East. Eta 22/10

Master

P/L : ER
Intld. H.L.B.

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	Stanley			21st.10.66
To	etat Master Ernst Haeckel			HOA/c

Please give your present position is there any reason why you should not
come to Port Stanley

Governor

Time ER

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TELEGRAM.

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From Ernst Haeckel

To Governor, Stanley

Despatched : 20th October, 19 66 Time : 1345

Received : 21st October, 19 66 Time :

Present position 49.00 S 63.00 W. To Stanley 160 miles
more. We think Fanning Harbour is the nearest best
place on the way for us

Master

P/L & ER
Intld. H.L.B.

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Date

21.10.66

Stanley

To

HOA/c

etat Master Ernst Haeckel

From your present position 49.00 s 63.00 w it is only approximately 50 miles further to Stanley than to Fanning Harbour stop Request you come to Stanley for clearance please state nature of engine trouble and whether it entails use of shore facilities

Governor

Time ER

Departed 6 p.m. / 24th.

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TELEGRAM.

From Ernst Haeckel

To Governor, Port Stanley

Despatched : 21st October, 19 66 *Time :* 1645

Received : 21st October, 19 66 *Time :*

Eta Stanley 22/10 afternoon no aids of shore necessary

Master

P/L : ER

Departed 6 p.m. / 24th.

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DECODE.TELEGRAM.*From*..... Captain Erns Haeckel*To*..... Governor Port Stanley

<i>Despatched :</i>	25th October,	1966	<i>Time :</i>	2150
<i>Received :</i>	26th October,	1966	<i>Time :</i>	

Many thanks to you and your wife for the hearty hospitality to our ship in Port Stanley. My crew enjoyed two very nice days in Port Stanley thanks to the people and the crew of R.M.S. Darwin. Personal to you and your wife once again many thanks for the hearty reception of me and Dr. Biester in your home. Best regards and all the best for future

Your Richard Rath Captain

P/L : ER

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For Secretariat file pt. CS

TELEGRAM.

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From GOVERNOR

To COMMODORE ROMANOV SOLYANIK SRM 1256

Despatched : 4/1/67 19 Time :

Received : 19 Time :

Many thanks your message. We were glad you were able to undertake repairs. Sir Vivian Fuchs now here adds greetings to mine.

Clear

Pa

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base of Russian
ships etc

Some Notes on Conversations with Officers of the
Russian Trawler, SRM 1256

This trawler arrived in Stanley harbour a.m. on the 26/1/67, and sailed a.m. on 31/1/67; during this period I had several conversations with Solyanik, the chief scientist, who spoke excellent English. He appears to hold the rank of Ship Captain.

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His father was Captain of the "Slava" whaling group and he had been on "Slava" for the 1952 season.

SRM 1256 had been at New Island a month previously and the Davis family were "very good friends".

They had fished from Rio down to the Falklands and were leaving to fish to the north east of the islands.

They had caught anchovies, sardines, herring, sea bream (Morroe), Jackass fish and "tail fish" (ling). 10 tons of fish a day could be frozen and they had 100 tons on board. They were 5 months from their base at Sevastopol and expected to be home in April. Three ports of call only were allowed in this period but Stanley was popular as it did not count as a port of call; they had been to Gibraltar and Montevideo.

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There was very good fishing in the vicinity of the Islands and we could expect an ever increasing number of trawlers to visit Stanley; he estimated one a week within two years. These could sell us fish cheaper than mutton (we charged them 8d a lb).

They were surprised and interested to see the R.S.R.S.; I did not mention the E.S.R.C. set up.

2nd February 1967

Sgd. W.H. Young.

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TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley

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<i>Despatched :</i>	3rd February,	19 67	<i>Time :</i>	1815
<i>Received :</i>	3rd February,	19 67	<i>Time :</i>	1600

No 33 Today received message from Russian Research Vessel Academic Knipovich asking if possible to obtain 200 tons fresh water at South Georgia. He did not give his eta. Have you heard anything from him? We can supply fresh water and will signal him asking etc.

Adminoff

Copy 220

P/L : ER
Intld. H.L.B.

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STANLEY

4.2.67

To

etat ADMINISTRATION

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We 26 Yourtel 33 Academic Knipovich is half expected here in near future but nothing definite known stop On last visit Stanley was very co-operative and sociable and you can expect pleasant visit

Secretary

ER

Time

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Some Notes on Conversations with Officers of the
Russian Trawler, SRM 1256

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on line 75
shows file 222
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2nd February 1967

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SOME NOTES ON CONVERSATIONS WITH OFFICERS OF THE RUSSIAN TRAWLER

SRTM - 1256.

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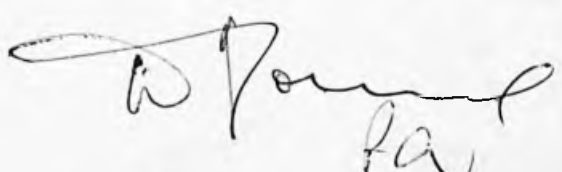
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2nd February, 1967.


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TELEGRAM.

NR 75

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley

Despatched : 27th February, 19 67 Time : 1200

Received : 27th February, 19 67 Time : 1145

No 50 Academic Knipovitch sailed 1700 Saturday the
25th expects to call Stanley about end of March

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P/L : ER
Intld. H.L.B.

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CS to file 0163 please

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Extract from World Fishing, February 1967, page 25.

In 4/1/67

An experimental expedition to fish for krill - small crustaceans which form the primary food source of baleen whales - is currently being undertaken by the Soviet research ship "Akademik Knipovich" in the Antarctic.

Soviet scientists have found that products made from krill resemble crab meat in taste. In the course of the expedition, which is primarily to the Scotia Sea, a prototype installation for the processing of krill is to be tested. Soviet specialists are also to determine the habitats of poutassou, a variety of cod, and determine the best methods of fishing it.

The Akademik Knipovich will return home during the summer. She left for the Antarctic on December 2nd.

20 April 1967

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Would you please refer to your letter 2-DEF 82/1 of 19th December 1966 in which you said that you would like us to continue reports on visits of Russian ships.

Soviet interest and activity in these waters seems steadily to be growing and in this connexion it was interesting to learn earlier this year that the Argentine Government purported to extend its control to a distance of 200 miles from the coast. I have not heard that this extension has yet been expressly applied by the Argentine Government to the Falklands and other islands claimed by them in this area.

Russian whalers, factory ships, trawlers and fishery research ships have of course been calling at the Falklands and particularly at New Island for some time. New Island, the most westerly settlement of the Falklands, was a place of resort for New England sealers in the early years of the nineteenth century and from 1908 to 1916 it was the site of a whaling station managed by the Edinburgh firm of Salveson. This firm employed many Norwegians and, since sailors from Norway were also employed by the Russians, it is reasonable to suppose that the interest taken by Soviet ships in New Island during the past ten years or so is a logical development.

Two years ago a somewhat alarmist report about Russian activity at New Island was made by a young amateur naturalist named Martell who happened to visit Mr and Mrs Davis, owners of the island, but there appears to be no particular reason for attributing sinister motives to visits by Russian whalers to a harbour well known as affording a good anchorage conveniently placed in relation to the southern tip of the South American continent.

New Island is not a port of entry and it has been the policy of the Falkland Islands Government to do what it can to encourage the Russians to call at Stanley. The Russians always ask for permission to call at New Island but we prefer to see them in Stanley where we have staff to deal with them.

Until recent years, visits by Russian ships to Stanley have been comparatively rare. Latterly, however, we have received a number of visits, no doubt indicative of increasing Russian interest in South Atlantic waters.

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

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In March 1965, the Russian fishery research ship Akademik Knipovich, having earlier called at South Georgia, visited Stanley for water and, despite language difficulties, social contact was made both ashore and on board. The principal scientist was Dr Yuli Marti and the ship's master Captain Basalov. During the same period the Russian ship Gnevy, having visited Signy Island in the South Brimeys, called at New Island to collect fresh meat.

In May 1965 the Sovietskaya Ukraina called at New Island. On board was Commodore A.M. Polyanski who appeared to be in general charge of Russian pelagic whaling activities.

In April 1966 the same ship anchored north of Public Island which lies off the northern coast of West Falkland and a whale catcher visited New Island.

Since October 1965 there have been quite a number of visits to Stanley, starting with the East German fishery research vessel Ernst Haeckel, a ship working in conjunction with the Soviet fishing fleet. In November we were visited by the Russian research vessel Gajga and in January this year Commodore Polyanski was again at New Island, this time in a trawler, the SSKN 1256, carrying out engine repairs. A similar trawler, the Langost, visited Stanley shortly afterwards, to be followed in turn by the SSKN 1256 at the end of January.

I gathered that Commodore Polyanski was only temporarily travelling in this small ship, having transferred from the flag ship of the Russian trawlers operating in the South Atlantic in order to carry out an investigation of fishing possibilities in the vicinity of the Falklands. It appears that Polyanski's father had at one time been a captain in charge of the Blava whaling group.

The SSKN 1256 had apparently fished from Rio de Janeiro to the Falklands and on leaving Stanley she intended to fish north-east of the islands. Among fish caught were said to be anchovies, sardines, herring and sea bream. This trawler was capable of freezing 10 tons of fish a day and had about 100 tons of fish on board. The ship had already been 5 months away from its base at Sebastopol and expected to reach home again in April.

I was told that Commodore Polyanski collects all the daily fishing reports from the trawlers (said to number 60) in the fleet and that he transmits a summary of this information to Russia every 10 days. The Russians, it seems, have already built up enough information to estimate the best fishing areas, the type of fish to be caught and the approximate catch for any season of the year during the next two years. It was said that the combined Russian fishing fleets caught 7 million tons of fish a year which is alleged to be 1/10th of Russia's food requirements.

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Comodore Solyanik was reported as saying that fishing in the vicinity of the Falkland Islands is good and that we could expect an ever increasing number of trawlers to visit Stanley, perhaps as many as one a week within the next two years.

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The Akademik Knipovich visited South Georgia in February and Stanley in early April. Her master is Captain Petukhov and the chief scientist is Dr Baraditov. Social visits were exchanged. This month we have also had two further visits from the trawler Langust; she brought one of her scientists to Stanley for an appendicitis operation which was successfully performed.

All these ships have been punctilious in requesting permission to call and the behaviour of the crews while ashore has been good. Not a great deal of money is spent in local shops but nevertheless these visits are generally welcomed locally.

Facilities at Port Stanley are not geared to supplying water quickly to comparatively large ships but it is possible that modest improvements could be undertaken if policy dictated this to be a desirable course.

I am sending copies of this letter to H.M. Ambassadors in Buenos Aires and Montevideo.

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TELEGRAM.

From Master Soviet Skaya Ukraina

To Governor General, Stanley

Despatched :

19

Time :

Received :

2nd May,

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Time :

1430

Your Excellency. Kindly ask your permission
for Soviet Scientific Research Chaser BDITELNY 24
landing on New Island. Eta Thursday morning.
Regards

Master of Factory Ship
Soviet Skaya Ukraina

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P/L : MR

Phoned ACS 1430 p.m.

Reply at 226
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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed In at	Date
	STANLEY			2.5.67
To	RENT MASTER SOVIET SPAINA UKRAINA			HQA/c

Permission granted DDUTELNY 24 enter New Island

Governor

Time
MR

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P1676 P4416 8/64

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed In at	Date
	STANLEY			2.5.67
To	STAT DAVIS NEW ISLAND			HOA/c

Have granted permission Soviet Scientific Research Chasor DDITELNY 24
enter New Island etc Thursday morning stop Grateful you report arrival
departure and nature of business

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Time ER

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TELEGRAM.

From Davis New Island

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley

Despatched : 4th May, 19 67 Time :

Received : 4th May, 19 67 Time :

The visit of catcher BDITELNY 24 is to ask Government permission to take 20 penguins for Moscow Zoo. They hope to leave for Montevideo at 4 p.m. today. Would be grateful immediate reply

Davis

P/L : ER

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed In at	Date
	STANLEY			4.5.67
To	FIAT DAVIS NEW ISLAND	Confirmatory copy Phoned R/T 9 a.m.		

Following for Master EDIMINY 24 begins Permission to take 20 penguins
granted on your agreement to pay export fee £7.10.0 per bird total
£150 to Crown Agents 4 Millbank London SW1 ends grateful you confirm
if birds are taken

Colsec

Time

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TELEGRAM.

From Davis New Island

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley

Despatched : 4th May, 19 67 Time :

Received : 4th May, 19 67 Time :

Catcher left 11.30 took no penguins reason too
expensive

Davis

P/L : ER
Phoned 11.45 from R/T Office

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TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched. 11th February 19 68 Time : 1800

Received : 12th February 19 68 Time : 0930

No 33

Herewith checked and repeated text of my telegram No. 33. For your information following Russian Vessels in South Georgia waters Trawler Artek tanker Leninsk Research Ship Academic Knipovich. They requested permission to shelter from storm and refuel from tanker. Knipovich has now come alongside jetty to take fresh water. Knipovich expects to visit Stanley end of March. Foregoing purely for your information no action required

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P/L : AA

Underlined : GTC

Intld H.L.B.



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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER,
SOUTH GEORGIA.

13th February 1968

Ref:S11.

Sir,

As reported in my telegram No.33, three Russian vessels requested and were granted permission to shelter in Cumberland Bay from stormy weather. The vessels were the tanker "Leninsk", stern trawler "Artek" and the research vessel "Academic Knipovich". The latter two vessels took fuel from the tanker. On completion of fuelling the tanker sailed for the Black Sea, the trawler sailed for Southern fishing grounds. "Academic Knipovich" requested permission to berth at K.E.P. jetty to take on board fresh water. She was alongside from the 8th to 12th of February.

Captain Petukhov is again in command of the "Academic Knipovich". I was pleased to have him and his officers to dinner on several occasions. During my many discussions with Petukhov there was one matter discussed which was of particular interest.

When Petukhov visited South Georgia last year he was very interested in Grytviken whaling station. He asked Thorsen a number of questions about the factory and viewed a number of buildings. From this Thorsen reported to Ryan that the Russians appeared anxious to acquire Grytviken. Ryan in turn approached the Russians offering to negotiate the sale or lease of the whaling station, stating his offer resulted from Captain Petukhov's obvious interest in the station as reported to him by Thorsen.

On his return to Russia last year Petukhov was summoned to Moscow by the Minister for Fisheries. He was asked to explain his interest in Grytviken whaling station and whether he had made any proposals with regard to this station. He explained to the Minister that he

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had only been personally interested in viewing the station to assess its potential as a fishing base and that he had made no proposals to Thorsen nor anyone else. The Minister complimented him on his astuteness. The Minister then gave him instructions that on his present visit he was again to inspect the whaling station in company with his technicians and scientists. They were to report on the suitability of the whaling station as a base for a fishing fleet, and as a base for scientific research.

They carried out their inspection on the 10th February but the result of their findings is not known.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant.



Administrative Officer
South Georgia.

The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

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TELEGRAM.

From Captain Rudnitsky

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley

Despatched . 15th April 19 68 *Time* : 0850

Received : 15th April 19 68 *Time* :

Soviet fishing ship request anchor for straight
repair engine in New Island. Name of ship
S.R.T.M. - 1255

Captain Rudnitsky

P/L : AA
Phoned

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	STANLEY			15.4.68
To	REAR CAPTAIN RUDNITSKY SRTH - 1255		Confirmatory copy phoned R/T 9.40	HOA/C

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Yourtel 15th permission granted

Colonial Secretary

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Words

Handed in at

Date

15.4.68

HOA/C

Confirmatory copy
phoned 2/T
9.40

To

STANLEY

EPAT MANAGER NEW ISLAND

For information stop Have given permission for Russian
vessel SRPM-1255 to anchor at New Island for engine repair

Colonial Secretary

Time

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TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley

Despatched . 16th April 1968 *Time* : 1800

Received : 16th April 19 68 *Time* : 1500

No. 77 For your information. Russian Stern
Trawler Jantar 3170 gross ton called here on
the 13th April requesting fresh water. Took
water and sailed for Montevideo on the 15th
April

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P/L : AA

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Question for oral answer in the Legislature on the 20th May, 1968.

Question by The Honourable Mr. R.M. Pitaluga.

Is it a fact that Russian ships visit New Island without Customs and Medical supervision and if so, is it Government's intention to allow such visits to continue.

A practical statement of the law in regard to calls made by ships is that Port Stanley and Fox Bay are ports of entry and any ship wishing to discharge cargo, or persons, must call at one of these two places. If a ship does not take on or discharge cargo subject to customs examination, or persons subject to immigration control, it is not required to call at Port Stanley or Fox Bay. It is a matter of courtesy only that ships should ask permission to call at ports of refuge. However, Governments can make any laws they wish to enforce particular action at any place.

So far, in the Falkland Islands, it has not been thought necessary to do more than ask Russian ships to explain the reasons for their requests to call at other than Ports of Entry.

Any ship which has not been at sea for a long period or which has come from the coast or any other foreign area would not be permitted to enter other than at Port Stanley or Fox Bay. On 22nd October, 1966, an East German ship was refused permission to enter at Panning Harbour and was directed to Port Stanley.

Over the last three years the following Russian ships have asked for, and been granted, permission to call at places other than Port Stanley and Fox Bay.

22nd. May, 1965./...

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22nd May, 1965. One whale chaser No. 33 to New Island to collect penguins under licence for the Moscow Academy of Science. In this instance all movement between ship and shore was by helicopter.

18th April, 1966. The Soviet Whaling Fleet Sovetskaya Ukraina off Pebble Island during bunkering.

21st April, 1966. One whale catcher to New Island and to take five penguins.

2nd January, 1966. A catcher to New Island to effect immediate repairs caused by heavy seas and to rest a seaman who was critically ill from the movement of a small ship in big seas.

2nd May, 1967. Research Chaser No. 24 to New Island. Permission was asked to collect penguins but this was refused.

15th April, 1968. Vessel S.R.T.M. 1255 at New Island for emergency engine repairs.

It is proposed to continue the process of dealing with each application as it arises.

There is no record over the last few years of any ship having called at New Island without permission. I would point out that for something like 150 years, and perhaps even more, the South American Pilot has reported New Island as an exceptionally good anchorage for the Southern Atlantic fishing grounds with good shelter from adverse seas.

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we have a Russian ship
see

8 July 1968

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A week or so ago I heard on the B.B.C. news that the Argentine Government had apprehended a Russian ship and had chased another into the port of Montevideo.

238a Just in case the masters of Russian ships were to decide that the Falkland Islands offer convenient harbours of refuge from Argentine naval craft, I enclose for your background information the record of a question asked in Legislative Council on 20th May this year, together with the Colonial Secretary's reply.

I am sending copies of this letter for information to H.M. Ambassador in Buenos Aires and the Charge d'Affaires in Montevideo.

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A. St.J. Sugg Esq., C.M.G. (2)

Mr Pitaluga asked the Colonial Secretary whether it is a fact that Russian ships visit New Island without customs and medical supervision and, if so, is it Government's intention to allow such visits to continue? 220

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1st October, 1968.

The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

Dear Sir,

I refer to my letter of today to the Clerk of the Legislative Council giving notice of the questions I wish to ask in Council.

My reason for again bringing up the matter of the Russian ships is that I have never been happy about their activities around these islands or the purpose of their frequent visits to New Islands. I have heard a good deal of unfavourable comment from others but nothing which could easily be substantiated, however Mr. Napier of West Point felt moved to write to me after my question in May, and his remarks are given below. I feel that it is high time we took a firm line with these people and do not believe we have anything to lose as far as their friendship is concerned, but could be losing quite a lot through allowing them unsupervised visits to outer islands, which I am quite sure, are not merely for the good of their health.

My second question really ties in with the first, and while action on both will seem rather like shutting the stable door after the horse has bolted, I feel that action should and must be taken.

Extract from Mr. Napier's Letter:

"I feel that something is going on at New Island just what I'm not sure, but there is quite a lot of coming and going with Russian ships at New Is. Last January a Russian ship put into New Is. and was not reported to Stanley for some time, the Russians come on shore and go on shooting parties, and the people from New Is. go on board to see films etc. Quite large numbers of cigarettes are exchanged for mutton. All this may be alright but when the Navarino came to West Point last year she had to put into Stanley first, this was only right, but why are the Russian's allowed to come and go as they please, while a Chilean ship is made to go to Stanley.

About two years ago a Russian ship asked to take penguins to a zoo in Odessa, the Co. Sec replied that they could take the penguins for I think £7. each, the Russians declined, the aircraft was due at New Is. on that day but owing to bad weather it was not thought that the plane would get as far as New Is. however when the pilot informed New Is. that he would be with them in about one hour, Mrs. Davis quickly called the Russian ship to go to 2 megs, she quickly told them that the aircraft would after all be landing New Is. in a short while, the Russian ship then put to sea and was I believe about 3 miles off New Is. when the plane arrived.

I thought that this may be of some interest to you should you wish to bring the matter up again.

I have been told that it is a good thing to keep friendly with the Russians as they may help us in the U.N. over the Argentine affair, if this is true then perhaps that is the reason for them being allowed to come and go as they please.

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If you wish you can mention what I have told you to whoever you wish, I would prefer that my name was not brought in, but if for any reason you have to bring my name in then I have no objection."

End of Extract.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "R.M. Pitaluga". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left.

R.M. PITALUGA
Member for the
East Falklands.

9th October, 68.

Dear Mr. Pitaluga,

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Thank you for your letter of the 1st October about Russian ships and quoting an extract from Mr. Napier's letter to you.

You may rest assured that we shall not depart from our promise in Legislative Council to consider each case properly. Your views will, of course, always be taken into full account.

Yours faithfully,

(W. H. THOMPSON)
COLONIAL SECRETARY

The Honourable,
Mr. R.M. Pitaluga,
SALVADOR.

AA. Copy to 2408

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C.S. please discuss CONFIDENTIAL

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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER,
SOUTH GEORGIA.

3rd October 1968.

Ref: S.1.

Sir,

There exists the possibility that South Georgia may again be visited by Russian research vessels during the coming season.

As you are aware, last season the "Academic Knipovich" took a little too much for granted in her use of South Georgia territorial waters. Recent events in Europe have created a hardening of official attitude towards Russia.

In view of the foregoing I take this opportunity to seek your advice as to whether there should be any change in my official attitude towards visiting Russian vessels.

To-date relations between visiting Russians and myself have been based on a policy of friendly co-operation, particularly in view of the scientific nature of their work. On their side, they have been extremely friendly and appreciative of the help and facilities granted to them.

I would be grateful for Your Excellency's guidance on this matter.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

[Signature]

Administrative officer

Sir Cosmo Haskard, K.C.M.G., M.B.E.,
Governor and Commander-in-Chief,
Falkland Islands and Dependencies,
Government House,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Reply at 242

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2 January, 1969.

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Thank you for your letter of 3rd October regarding the official attitude which you should adopt in dealing with visiting Russian ships.

Whatever one's private views may be, it would be entirely correct for you to deal with such ships in exactly the same way as in the past.

As in the past I should appreciate a note from you after a Russian ship has visited you to let me know how things have gone.

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D.J. Coleman, Esq.,
Administrative Officer,
South Georgia.

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" АКАДЕМИК КНИПОВИЧ "

Port Stanley
31 th January 1969

Mr Thompson
colonial secretary
for Falklands islands

Dear ser
research vessel "Akademic Knipovich" under flag USSR during
present navigation season will be operating in subantarctic
waters in accordance with the programm of oceanographical and
fishing researches.

For the correct and accurate sailing in south atlantic area
I would be pleased to learn about actual sizes of territirial
and fishing zones around the Falklands and dependencies.

Would You kindly inform me accordingly.

Yours faithfully
A. Fetukhov
master of R/v "Academic Knipovich"

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31st January

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Dear Sir,

I thank you for your letter of the 31st January 1969.

In answer to your question concerning territorial waters and fishing zones I state that in the areas of the South Shetlands and South Orkney Islands, territorial waters and fishing rights extend to the three mile limit.

Yours faithfully,

(W.H. THOMPSON)
COLONIAL SECRETARY

Captain A. Petukhov,
"Academic Knipovich"
U.S.S.R.

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 1.2.69

Time: 0900

Received:

Time

PRIORITY

No. 24 For attention Monday morning. Russian Research Ship asking for confirmation that territorial waters and fishing rights Dependencies South Shetlands and South Orkneys only extend to 3 mile limit. Grateful confirm by telegram that this is so

Haskard

P/L : AA

See 272

Reply at 246

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched : 3.2.69

Time : 028

Received : 3.2.69 Time : 1030

PRIORITY PRIORITY

No. 16 Your telegram no. ^{245.}24 it is confirmed that territorial waters and fishing rights South Shetlands and South Orkneys only extend 3 miles

Stewart

P/L : AA

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TELEGRAM.

From MASTER SS YANTAR

To COLONIAL SECRETARY, STANLEY

AND A.C.S.G. KING EDWARD POINT

Despatched : 4th February 19 69 Time : 1300

Received : 4th February 19 69 Time : 1145

Please inform if possible get 150 tons fresh
water of the King Edward Point eta 5/2 1500 GMT

P/L : AA
Intld H.L.B.

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	STANLEY			4.2.69
To	ETAT ADMINOFF ZBH			SCA/C

No 20 Yantar's request for water stop Leaving you to deal
Secretary

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TELEGRAM.

From CAPTAIN M/V OSTROVSKY

To GOVERNOR FALKLAND ISLANDS

Despatched : 8th February, 19 69 Time : 1300

Received : 8th February, 19 69 Time :

I should certainly like to have the information from you about fishery zone in Falkland region. Hope see you soon. Yours sincerely.

Captain. Solyanik

P/L : AA

Reply

Reply to 252
Your Signal of 8 February.
7-1- Coastal waters are the
three mile limit of ~~Look~~ Greening
~~forward to see, you~~ *Greening*

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TELEGRAM.

From ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, SOUTH GEORGIA

To COLONIAL SECRETARY, STANLEY

Despatched : ~~11st~~ 10th February 1969 Time : 1230

Received : 10th February, 1969 Time :

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No. 29. Please refer my telegram 28. Captain
Pethkhov requested definition of territorial
waters fishing limits which I gave as given in
Ordinance Cap 76 section 2

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P/L : AA

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TELEGRAM.

From ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, SOUTH GEORGIA

To COLONIAL SECRETARY, STANLEY

Despatched : 11th February 19 69 Time : 1230

Received : 11th February 19 69 Time : 1100

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No. 28. For your information. As far as I can learn from master of trawler Yantar there are about 6 Russian trawlers operating in South Georgia area. He is also expecting large fish factory ship which may operate in Falkland Islands area. Suspect new fishing ground discovered may be within continental shelf or even nearer inshore

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	STANLEY			12.2.69
To	LTF CAPTAIN SOLYANIK M/V OSTROVSKY			HOA/C

249.

Your signal of 8th February stop Falkland Islands coastal
waters are the three mile limit stop Greetings

Governor

Time

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TELEGRAM.

From Master, Granat.

To Administration Official Falkland Islands

Despatched : 15th February 1969 *Time :* 1300

Received : 16th February 1969 *Time :*

Please allow to call in at Grytviken for supply
with water 150 tons Sunday 16 February at 1200 GMT.

Master

Replied agreeing
(Intld.) W.H.T.
17.2.69

pl : tb

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TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 20th February 19 69 Time : 1800
Received : 20th February 19 69 Time : 1545

No. 34. For your information.

Since the first visit by Russian trawlers Yantar, Langust, Granat and Academic Knipovich we have had a second visit from Yantar and Granat for fresh water, also pleasant visits from Academic Knipovich during which Captain Petukhov gave a trawling demonstration in West Bay. The various types of fish caught have been put in formalin and together with details of position trawled and depths will be forwarded to Institute of Oceanography. Captain Petukhov told me that apart from his research vessel the following trawlers are operating in Southern waters; Yantar, Langust, Granat, Ostrovsky, Zaryechensk and Tkvarchely, the latter vessel is the flagship on board of which is Mr Sergeev who is chief of the trawler expedition.

During the various vessels stay in port there was quite an interchange of hospitality and football matches were played with the following results:

Yantar	3	King Edward Point	5
Knipovich	1	King Edward Point	5
Granat	5	King Edward Point	5

The Point team was made up of members of the Government Staff, the Army BC4 Section, B.A.S. Builders and one from Albion Star.

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The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.



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18th February

The Colonial Secretary,
STANLEY

Dear Sir,

*Taken by
14.11.69
S. A. C. 1*

I attach hereto the Customs Ordinance Form 'Request To Ship Stores' in respect of dutiable stores delivered to the Russian Ship M.V. LANGUST at 10 a.m. on the 7th February.

The Customs Officer has refused to complete his part of the Form because he did not witness the stores being loaded. He was however aware that the stores were to be loaded as he had already given permission for me to collect the drawback on behalf of the Russian Captain.

I very much regret the omission made by this Office in not informing the Customs Officer of the time the stores were to be loaded, an omission which will not happen again.

The Master of M.V. LANGUST signed the drawback form after stores had been loaded and I am prepared should you consider it necessary to swear that the stores were loaded at the time stated.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]
Chief Storekeeper

Reply at 268

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The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1891

REGISTERED IN U.K.

AGENTS FOR FLOYD

TELEGRAMS: FLOYD, STANLEY, FALKLANDS. VIA RADIO

Stanley.

~~7th February~~ 1969

The Collector of Customs,

Stanley.

Dear Sir,

I Captain Kasatkin of the M.V. Langust hereby authorise Mr. King of The Falkland Islands Co. Ltd. West Store to collect the Duty Rebate allowed me.

Yours faithfully,



Master M.V. Langust.

SAVING DESPATCH.

From: The Officer Administering the Government of the Falkland Islands.

To: The Secretary of State for Commonwealth Affairs.

Date: 24th February 1969

No. 1 SAVING. SOUTH GEORGIA.

Russian Ship Movements.

254 For your information I repeat a telegram received from the Administrative Officer, South Georgia (dated 20th February 1969):

"Since the first visit by Russian trawlers Yantar, Langust, Granat and Academic Knipovich we have had a second visit from Yantar and Granat for fresh water, also pleasant visits from Academic Knipovoch during which Captain Petukhov gave a trawling demonstration in West Bay. The various types of fish caught have been put in formalin and together with details of position trawled and depths will be forwarded to Institute of Oceanography. Captain Petukhov told me that apart from his research vessel the following trawlers are operating in Southern Waters: Yantar, Langust, Granat, Ostrovsky, Zaryechensk and Tkvarchely, the latter vessel is the flagship on board of which is Mr Sergeev who is chief of the trawler expedition."

GOVERNOR

KIV — 255.

A.
C.S.

Ref:255 Mr. Eive of the West Store did ask me if it would be in order for F.I.C. to collect the refund on any dutiable items supplied to the 'Langust'. This is usual practise with visiting ships - See authorization at 225a. I also advised that any supplies qualifying for duly refund would have to be 'sealed up' on-board and if he would advise me when he intended delivery I would be in attendance. Nothing more was heard until a week or so after the departure of 'Langust' when F.I.C. enquired when they could collect the refund on spirits supplied to this vessel. The Refund Form requires me to certify certain action, having not sighted the items in question I was not prepared to certify and consequently the refund was disallowed. I in no way doubt that the items were delivered on the 7th February ~~but I very much doubt whether the full consignment departed with 'Langust' on the afternoon of the 8th.~~ We have our rules and regulations to guide us and when dealing with visitors such as Russians etc. I feel we must abide by the law. ~~In my opinion Mr. King appears to take too much for granted, especially since his wife became a member of Leg. Co.~~ *expunged* *S. 1.*

J.P.
26.2.69.

Mr Langton says that he has no

basis for this statement - he heard, thinks that

"Something odd" could have gone on.

S. 1. 26.2.68

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File: 0163/III

27th February 1969.

MEMORANDUM No. 10/69 FOR EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

Claim by the Falkland Islands Co. Ltd.,
for payment of Customs Rebate.

The Chief Storekeeper of the West Store (FIC) has made a special claim in respect of rebate -

on 6 gallons of Whisky at a rate of 126/-	£37. 16. 0.
2 gallons of Vodka at a rate of 126/-	12. 12. 0.
	<u>£50. 8. 0.</u>

He has written as follows - 225

"I attach hereto the Customs Ordinance Form 'Request To Ship Stores' in respect of dutiable stores delivered to the Russian ship m.v. LANGUST at 10 a.m. on the 7th February.

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I very much regret the omission made by this Office in not informing the Customs Officer of the time the stores were to be loaded, an omission which will not happen again.

The Master of m.v. LANGUST signed the drawback form after stores had been loaded and I am prepared should you consider it necessary to swear that the stores were loaded at the time stated."

The Custom Officer comments - 257

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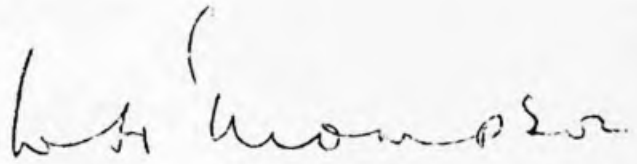
.../We have

We have our rules and regulations to guide us and when dealing with visitors such as Russians etc. I feel we must abide by the law."

Regulations are quite specific and neither the Customs Officer nor any other person has authority to disregard or supersede them.

Honourable Members are therefore asked to advise whether rebate may be allowed as a special case.

Honourable Members are also asked to note that the Chief Storekeeper, West Store (FIC) has expressed his regret that this should have come about.



(W.H. THOMPSON)
COLONIAL SECRETARY

RRB.

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BH Ex 21.369

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HGN 17/2



Gibraltar and South Atlantic Department,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office
London S.W.1

4 February, 1969.

Dear Sir Cosmo

W.I. 6/3 pa

In your telegram No. 24 of 1 February you say that a Russian research ship asked you about territorial waters and fishing rights around the dependencies of the South Shetlands and South Orkneys. Some surprise has been expressed here at this request because Russia does not recognise our sovereignty over British Antarctic territory. It might therefore be worth retaining the actual request if it was written or telegraphed, and possibly letting us have a copy of this?

(A. St. J. Sugg)

Sir Cosmo Haskard, K.C.M.G., M.B.E.,
Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

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*C.S. In action after mail leaves please
W 5/3*

Reply at 261.

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F. I. ref: 0163/III
C. O. ref: HGN 17/2

261.

SAVING DESPATCH.

From: The Officer Administering the Government of the Falkland Islands.

To: The Secretary of State for Commonwealth Affairs.

Date: 6th March, 1969

No. 40 SAVING. COLONY

257
Mr Sugg's letter reference HGN 17/2 of the 4th February, 1969, refers.

Territorial Waters

243
The first enquiry was from the Master of the Russian Research Ship "Akademic Knipovich" who wrote to the Colonial Secretary as follows:-

"Port Stanley
31st January, 1969.

Dear Sir,

Research vessel "Akademic Knipovich" under flag USSR during present navigation season will be operating in subantarctic waters in accordance with the programme of oceanographical and fishing researches.

For the correct and accurate sailing in South Atlantic area I would be pleased to learn about actual sizes of territorial and fishing zones around the Falklands and Dependencies.

Would you kindly inform me accordingly.

Yours faithfully,

A. Petukhov

Master of R/v "Akademic Knipovich".

244
The Colonial Secretary replied as follows:-

"In answer to your question concerning territorial waters and fishing zones I state that in the areas of the South Shetlands and South Orkney Islands, territorial waters and fishing rights extend to the three mile limit."

247
On the 8th February, 1969, the Captain of the Russian vessel mv Ostrovsky signalled as follows:-

"I should certainly like to have the information from you about fishery zone in Falkland region. Hope see you soon. Yours sincerely.
Captain Solyanik."

252
A similar reply was given to him.
On/...

250 On the 10th February, 1969, Captain Petukhov of the "Akademic
Knipovich" made a further enquiry of the Administrative Officer South
Georgia who signalled to me -

"Captain Petukhov requested definition of territorial waters
fishing limits which I gave as given in Ordinance Cap 76 section 2."

You will notice that these enquiries are in respect of Colony
and Dependencies and not of the British Antarctic Territory.

GOVERNOR

SC

Bu 21. 3. 69. (Ex Co)

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

From Master, s.s. Yantar

To Colonial Administrative Officer, Falkland Islands.

Despatched : 18th March 19 69 Time : 1300

Received : 18th March 19 69 Time : 1100

" Please inform if possible get 150 tons fresh water of
the King Edward Point eta 20/3 in 12 GMT. ^

Master

PL : TB

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

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FALKLAND ISLANDSSENT

P2538 P4776/32/401381 500 11/66 R. Ward 843

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	Psy		1455	18.3.69.

To

Stat Master SS Yantar

150 tons water approved

Colonial Secretary

Phoned to VPC 1455 18/3/69

Time

RRB.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

SENT

P2538 P4776/32/401381 500 11/66 R. Ward 843

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	Psy		1455	18.3.69.

To

Etat Adminoff ZBH

No 41 following received from Master ss Yantar quote please inform if possible get 150 tons fresh water of the King Edward Point eta 20/3 in 12 GMT unquote I have replied quote 150 tons water approved unquote

Secretary

Phoned to VPC 1455 18/3/69

Time

RRB.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Officer in Charge, South Georgia

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 18th March 19 69 Time : 1800

Received : 18th March 19 69 Time : 1630

PRIORITY

No. 50. Russian Ships. Prince Olav Harbour report Soviet trawler Langust arrived there a.m. and sailed p.m. Monday 17th seemingly because of engine trouble. During stay water line taken ashore and water drawn from reservoir. No message received here requesting permission. I have sent telegrams to Master of Langust via Knipovich requiring immediate explanation movements in Prince Olav Harbour, also that he was made fully aware requirements vessel entering South Georgia Territorial Waters, during her previous visits to Jason Harbour. Anticipate he will reply claiming Harbour refuge facilities. Master and several crew landed and later invited two B.A.S. personnel to lunch. Grateful your advice.

Officer-in-Charge.

G.T.C. : TB

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

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FALKLAND ISLANDSSENT

P2538 P4776/32/401381 500 11/66 R. Ward 843

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	Stanley		1005	19.3.69.

To

Etat Priority Adminoff ZBH

No. 42 Yourtel 50 Shipping stop Your action approved stop Await
their answer which please repeat to me

Secretary

Time

RB

Sun 21. 3. 69 (Exco)

DECODE.

267.

TELEGRAM.

From The Officer in Charge, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 20th March 1969 Time: 2230
Received : 20th March 1969 Time : 1130

PRIORITY

266

No. 52. Your telegram No. 42. Following telegram received:

"About entering Olaf Harbour 16th March we explained your men in Harbour and asked to say Officer that very big storm and urgently repair the Diesel engine in the place good protected from wind with not worked ship radio station forced us to visit nearest Harbour were some men that why we do it stayed on anchor and come to people to explain the situation".

No comment on water.

Officer in Charge.

PL : TB

Rec 21. 3. 69
(Ex. Co)

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Copies to: Treasury
Audit
Customs

31st March 69

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255
Dear Sir,

I refer to your letter dated 15th February 1969 concerning Customs drawback.

As a special case rebate of £50. 8s. 0d. will be paid.

Should a similar case occur again in the future payment should not be expected.

Yours faithfully,

(W.H. THOMPSON)
COLONIAL SECRETARY

The Chief Storekeeper,
West Store,
STANLEY.

WHD

reply
27/1/69

ZCZC 22

R/V ACADEMIC KNIPOVITCH 1 28 1 1015 GBT

VFC QSP VIA ZPH


MR THOMPSON COLONIAL SECRETARY

STANLEY

WE ARE SORRY THAT SHALL HAVE NO VISIT TO STANLEY

STOP WE SEND TO YOU OUR GREETINGS AND GOOD WISHES REGARDS

CAPTAIN PETUKHOV

Ex-1322
No 3/4
269.
W1
2/4


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EXTRACT FROM

MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 3/69 OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON 26th AND 27th
MARCH 1969.

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0163/III

12. CLAIM FOR REPAYMENT OF CUSTOMS REBATE (Memo 10/69)

Council considered a claim from the Chief Storekeeper, West Store, for a rebate of customs duties amounting to £50. 8s -d in respect of dutiable stores supplied to the Russian vessel 'Langust' and advised that the rebate be granted.

Wm A
Clerk of Council

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The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1851

REGISTERED 1857

AGENTS FOR LLOYDS

TELEGRAMS FOLLOWING CONDITIONS VIA RADIO

DGBK/EP.

Stanley.
1st April,

1969

The Colonial Secretary,
The Secretariat,
Stanley.

0103/4

Dear Sir,

268

I am in receipt and thank you for your letter dated 31st March, in reply to mine dated 18th February reference Customs Drawback.

In future no Dutiable Stores will be loaded onto a ship without the attendance of the Customs Officer.

Yours faithfully,



Chief Storekeeper.

P.A.

Gibraltar & South Atlantic Department,

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London S.W.1



CS. Please BV on file

(HGF 4/14) C.C. Newby pl. 1 to me.

CS. I believe, in cabinet in the Chiefs Office. It is entitled "Territorial Waters".

2 May, 1969

CS. I really think what his sensible reply is for me to discuss this in London.

Dear Sir

245

14/7/69

In your telegram No. 24 of 1 February this year you told us of an enquiry by a Russian research ship about the limits of territorial waters surrounding the South Orkneys and South Shetlands and subsequently in your Saving Despatch No. 40 you kindly gave us the background to this. (261)

2. Recently Mr. Lapshin of the Soviet Embassy called at his request, to discuss the fishing limits round "certain islands". The islands turned out to be the Falkland Islands. Mr. Lapshin wished to know what the fishery limits there were. He was told that they were three miles. When Mr. Lapshin pointed out that the British fishery limits were twelve miles we explained that Her Majesty's Government were prepared to extend the fishery limits of Dependent Territories from three miles to twelve, at the request of the local Administration. However no such request had been received from the Falkland Islands.

3. Mr. Lapshin said that Soviet fishing vessels were extending their operations further afield. They would probably soon be fishing in the Falkland Islands area. He asked whether the Soviet Union could be notified of any decision or proclamation that would have the effect of extending the limits around the Falkland Islands. He was told that if Her Majesty's Government decided to extend the limits the Soviet Union would be notified. (Mr. Lapshin referred, in a faintly apologetic way, to an incident in which a Soviet fishing vessel was caught whaling in Tristan da Cunha's fishery limits. The implication was that the U.S.S.R. wished to avoid such incidents.)

4. The position in the Falkland Islands at present is, I understand, that a small amount of fishing for local consumption is carried on inshore but that there are no plans for starting a fishing industry. You may,

Sir Cosmo Haskard, K.C.M.G., M.B.E.,
Stanley,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.





however, now wish to consider whether it would be desirable, in order to safeguard any future development of the fishing industry, to extend the area of fisheries jurisdiction to twelve miles by claiming a further nine miles beyond the existing three miles of territorial waters, which is the position now in the United Kingdom. Incidentally last year, at the time of the Parliamentary row in March, a firm called Northern Trawlers told us that they believed the Falkland Islands were well placed with regard to the Patagonian Fishery and as an operating base for fishing other Southern waters.

5. Such an extension of the Falkland Islands fisheries - limits might well, as you no doubt realise, have repercussions in Argentina which we would need to take into account and I am accordingly copying this letter to Summerhayes in Buenos Aires to learn his views about this aspect.

6. We should be grateful if you would let us know what you think about this.

(A. St. J. Sugg)

cc: D.M. Summerhayes, Esq.,
BUENOS AIRES.

Bu

Bu 20/9

Bu 1/9

M+1/9

M25/9

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Gibraltar and South Atlantic Department

(HGT 4/13)

Your ref: (17/7(8))

18 August, 1969

In your letter to Charles Wallace of 27 June about Sr. Moneta, you refer in paragraph 4 to the latter's worries in regard to Russian ships and their activities in the South Atlantic. Sir Cosmo Haskard told me that you had also spoken to him about this matter.

2. We gather that Soviet whaling fleets have operated in the South Atlantic for some years and the Soviets have staged a number of scientific expeditions to Antarctica. Soviet maritime activity in all aspects is on the increase and it is not surprising, therefore, that the Falkland Island Dependencies should be more frequently used, particularly by Russian fishing and research vessels. It is not uncommon for the Russians to use an excuse, such as engine break down, if the need arises to justify such visits.

3. Whilst we would not attach any 'sinister' motive to these activities, they are, nonetheless, consistent with the Soviets assessed policy of expanding their maritime influence by a series of legitimate and unprovocative steps. Knowledge of these remote islands and anchorages is clearly acquired and is of value to the USSR.

4. We have received reports from the Falkland Islands about these shipping movements and I am sending a copy of this to Jones in Stanley.

See (323)
(324)

(A. St. J. Sugg)

D. M. Summerhayes, Esq.,
British Embassy,
Buenos Aires

Y E. will recall your minute at head of p. 272.

C.S. I discussed Russian activities during my visit to FCO. No special action required of us apart from keeping FCO + Embassies informed as occasion requires. 16/10 17/10

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Administrative Office,
South Georgia.
24th September, 1969.

Sir,

Russian Fishing Operations
Scotia Sea

In 1967 the Russian Research Ship 'Academic Knipovich' reported rich fishing grounds in the Scotia Sea. The exact position is not known but I would estimate that it is somewhere in the region enclosed between Long. 33 Degr. to 43 Degr. West and Lat. 54 Degr. to 58 Degr. South.

Since 1967 Russian activity has progressively increased and during 1969 the following vessels were known to be operating in the area:-

<u>Stern Trawlers</u>	<u>Support Vessels</u>	<u>Tankers</u>
X Yantar	Weter	
Granat	Khibinskie Gory	Lyubertsai
Ostrovsky		Inkerman
Zaryechensk		
Tkvarchely	<u>Side Trawler</u>	
Rica	Langust	
Gantiadi		
Andersen		

These vessels are mainly from the home ports of Kaliningrad and Sevastopol. Most of the Stern Trawlers are of the refrigerated factory type with a sea endurance of 60 days and carry a crew of one hundred. One of the vessels, Tkvarchely, was only built in 1968.

It must be stressed that during 1969 these vessels have operated in the Scotia Sea throughout the entire antarctic summer and winter. It is assumed that the support vessels bring them their supplies and return with frozen or processed fish cargoes; Tankers supplying them with fuel and water. All trawlers are fitted with condensers for making fresh water, but this has to be strictly rationed for the crew as most is needed for factory use.]

I am of the personal opinion that the entire operation is of sufficient significance and importance to require reporting to the Secretary of State and the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Stalman
Administrative Officer
SOUTH GEORGIA

His Excellency The Governor,
Government House,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

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Y. E.

The paper on the reverse of this minute came to my attention only today. Your minute at the foot of p. 274 indicates that ~~F.C.O.~~ should be informed of material of this kind though it is within my personal knowledge that Russian or mixed Eastern Block fleets are carrying out operations of this kind in many parts of the world.

2. I am uncertain from your minute p. 274 whether information of the kind provided by Mr. Solomon would best issue from you or from me?

J. A. Jones
12th December, 1969.

JML
0163/III

C.S. At leisure, by January outward mail, I suggest you send a brief despatch? ~~telegram~~? to RCO giving gist of (274). Or d/o to Higg.

(207), (208), (224), (286) are among papers on our file which have some relevance.

I agree that the Russians are active elsewhere too but para of (274) indicates an interest by B.A. and I suggest your communication be copied to our Embassy.

Ho
14/12

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0163/III

c.c. B. A. Embassy.

6th January,

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Your Ref: REF 4/15

B.A. Ref: 17/7/8)

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Russian Fishing Operations, Scotia Sea

225 Shortly before the organisational changes which took place in South Georgia's administration in November the then Administrative Officer made a brief report upon developments in Russian fishing activities in the Scotia Sea since 1967. A copy of the report is attached.

274 2. In view of your letter of the 18th of August to Summerhayes, a copy of this letter and the attached report is being sent to the Embassy in Buenos Aires.

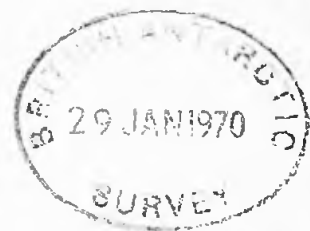
J. A. Jones
Colonial Secretary.

A. St. J. Sugg, Esq., C.M.G.
Foreign and Commonwealth Office,
LONDON S.W.1.

JRL

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0153/70 R 1108Z 29/1/70
FROM LONDON
TO STANLEY

AS/182/1 HIGHCOM/FUCHS UNDERSTAND COLEMAN REPORTED ON
FISHING ACTIVITIES OF FOREIGN SHIPS AROUND SOUTH GEORGIA. PERLA
ALSO REPORTED SIGHTINGS. FCO MOST INTERESTED WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE
TO HAVE A COPY?
VEF/AM

as please BV file

*SLC "Russian Fishing Activities"
A submit (see Log)
LW 30/1 about by infd. FCO. 1/30/1*

CS Bling done ²⁷⁹
LA 31/1

Y.E.
may wish for a copy to be sent to Lin Verran Tucker
saying that a copy of Coleman's report has already been sent
to FCO under p. 277 & should already be in their hands.

If Lin V wants a copy it's a bit roundabout to ask us for it
31/1 when FCO has it on the spot?

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

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WAP 15142-821 584578/790938 500 pds 12/68 Grp.782

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
To	FM STANLEY			31/1/70
	TO LONDON HQ			

X/110/70 AS/182/1 FUCHS/HIGHCOMA

COLEMAN'S REPORT WAS SENT TO FCO WITH OUR LETTER 17/7 (8) OF 6th January 1970.
SUGGEST YOU ASK SUGG FOR COPY.

CS: Russian ships

LM 7/2/70

PA 7/2/70

Time

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Ch 21/2

Y.E.

The 'Yantar', about which I sp. to you
telephonically yesterday evening & which is now in
the harbour is a (smart modern) stern trawler.
(X, p. 275).

P/21/2

PA

File Ref. 0163/III

C O P Y

(original on file 1351)

"ACADEMIC KNIPOVICH"

Dear Sir,

research vessel "Academic Knipovich" sailing under flag of USSR during present season, with accordance scientific program, operates in south-atlantic area including Scotia Sea. For correct my captain's work I must known local laws concerning navigation and fishing.

Would you be so kind as to inform me about actual territorial and fishing limits around Falkland Islands and dependencies.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd. Alexander Petikhov,
Captain.)

PETUKOV

Mr. Jones,
Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

Reply at 283.

24th February,

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Dear Sir,

Territorial Waters

With reference to your ²⁶letter of the 23rd of February there is no change from the position notified to you in my letter No. 0163/III of the 31st January, 1969 in reply to your letter of the same date making an identical enquiry.

Yours faithfully,

(J. A. Jones)
Colonial Secretary.

Captain Alexander Potukhov,
"Academic Knipovich"

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FALKLAND ISLANDSSENT

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PI676 P4416 8/64

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed In at	Date
386.	Psy.	18	0930	23/2/70.
To	ETAT MASTER "YANTER"	VPC		

YOUR PATIENT PINEGAN DIED LAST NIGHT STOP WHEN ARE
YOU RETURNING FOR BODY =

S. M. O.

Spk Fr PA in above vents of Russian fishing vessel 7/25/2

Time

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDSSENT

PI676 P4416 8/64

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed In at	Date
387.	Psy.	18	0930	23/2/70.
To	ETAT MASTER "ACADEMIC NIPOVITCH"		VPC.	

PATIENT ADMITTED FROM "YANTER" ON SATURDAY WITH ACUTE
CARDIAC FAILURE DIED LAST NIGHT =

S.M.O.

Time

24th February,

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Dear Sir,

This is to authorise you to take delivery of the body of the Soviet seaman Gennady Pinegin and to transfer the body to the Master of the Soviet trawler "Yanta".

Yours faithfully,

(H. L. Bound)
for COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Captain Alexander Petukhov,
"Academic Knipovich".

JHL

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Nr 11 R 051213

FM BC 80

To Stanley

#/72/70.

Soviet Tanker Lobatan in 26th Feb out 3rd March

having loaded 700 tons fresh water at grytviken

. Charges made as follows. Customs entry p5 clearance

p5 harbour dues p5 total p15. Signed bills of acceptance

out in disces official mail

Chinn 051405a

051 051405a K.H.

I/E
(Copy H.C.S.)

URGENT

The following signal has been received from Chinn at South Georgia.

SINCE VISIT LOKBATAN THORSEN ALBION STAR HAS FOUND EVIDENCE ATTEMPTED ENTRY INTO WHALING BUILDINGS AND THEFT BRASS SCRAP AND OTHER SMALL ITEMS AROUND STATION HE HAS NOW REFUSED TO ALLOW ANY RUSSIAN SHIP OTHER THAN ACADEMIC KNIPOVICH TO BERTH ALONGSIDE GRITVIKEN AND WILL GIVE WATER TO NO OTHER RUSSIAN VESSEL. THEFT ALSO BY TRAWLERS LAST SEASON AND THORSEN WISHES TO TAKE STEPS TO PROTECT HIS COMPANY'S PROPERTY. WHAT IS MY POSITION REGARDING REFUSAL ENTRY TO KING EDWARD COVE. AS I AM IN NO POSITION TO PROVIDE 24 HOUR GUARD DURING PERIOD OF SHIPS STAY HERE FEEL POSITIVE ACTION MUST BE TAKEN BEFORE PENDING VISITS OF NUMBER OF RUSSIAN VESSELS THIS SEASON. GRATEFUL ADVICE.

May I request your immediate advice or instructions.

E.C.J. Clapp
E.C.J. Clapp,
O.I.C.

9.3.70

Note understood similar situation arose last year. Gleason discussed with Captain Potukhov & crews were subsequently confined on board. Provided working relations can be established Chinn/Russians, these problems should be able to be solved as USSR ships usually behave correctly.

J 7/3

S/C For R in the hands of Russian Fishy Fleets.

J

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Y.E.

I have briefly recorded the gist of Briggs oral report to me at p. 288. The typed copy I have already sent to you.

2 I have also checked this file to see that no reports of alleged thefts at Grytstiken were made last year. None were. But it is interesting to read pp. 231-3; 241-2.

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Y/E

(Copy H.C.S.)

URGENT

The following signal has been received from Chinn at South Georgia.

? SINCE VISIT LOKBATAN THORSEN ALBION STAR HAS FOUND EVIDENCE ATTEMPTED ENTRY INTO WHALING BUILDINGS AND THEFT BRASS SCRAP AND OTHER SMALL ITEMS AROUND STATION HE HAS NOW REFUSED TO ALLOW ANY RUSSIAN SHIP OTHER THAN ACADEMIC KNIPOVICH TO BERTH ALONGSIDE GRITVIKEN AND WILL GIVE WATER TO NO OTHER RUSSIAN VESSEL. THEFT ALSO BY TRAWLERS LAST SEASON AND THORSEN WISHES TO TAKE STEPS TO PROTECT HIS COMPANY'S PROPERTY. WHAT IS MY POSITION REGARDING REFUSAL ENTRY TO KING EDWARD COVE. AS I AM IN NO POSITION TO PROVIDE 24 HOUR GUARD DURING PERIOD OF SHIPS STAY HERE FEEL POSITIVE ACTION MUST BE TAKEN BEFORE PENDING VISITS OF NUMBER OF RUSSIAN VESSELS THIS SEASON. GRATEFUL ADVICE.

May I request your immediate advice or instructions.

E.C.J. Clapp

E.C.J. Clapp,
O.I.C.

9.3.70

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SOUTH GEORGIA

Y.E.

The lease only stipulates that the firm must be prepared to supply fuel and provisions to ships in emergency.


Yes, it would. Would it be an embarrassment to H.M.C. (or the Dependencies Administration) if it were said that foreign national ships were refused water from the only recognised manned watering point in S.G.

May I suggest that Chinn be instructed to ask Thorsen to reconsider his decision. If he refuses to do so our only recourse would seem to be direct reference to the company headquarters.

Regarding the policing of the area. There are after all, two Albion Star caretakers at Grytviken (although one leaves in April via Biscoe") - is it not their responsibility to guard the area during occasions of watering.

Chinns dilemma will be when a ship informs him it is calling into Grytviken for water. All he can do at the moment is to tell them there is no water available to them, thus possibly implying there is no reason for them to call.

✓ I submit your signal forms part of any directive to Chinn but suggest it be modified to show that such action has been taken by ships Captains in the past.


E.C.J. Clapp,
O.I.C.

9.3.70

Ch 10/3

W 10/3

Sir,

Further to our discussion this morning regarding breaking and entering at Grytviken whaling station - Summer 1968/69.

During a visit of one Russian trawler (I cannot be sure of the name)*members of the crew entered one of the buildings on the station. The caretaker could not establish whether anything had been removed. Exactly what the Administrative Officer ruled about this I am not certain.

Another occasion of breaking and entering I can clearly remember as I was in charge during the absence of the Administrative Officer. Trawler YANTAR. The caretaker reported that one of the doors of a building adjacent to the workshop had been forced open. The caretaker, Master and myself inspected the building and all agreed that the door had in fact been stove-in, again, the caretaker could not ascertain whether anything had been stolen. As a result of this the Master was told that the crew could go for walks only as far as what is known as the 'Powder Hut' (about three-quarters of the distance to Grytviken from King Edward Point), and he then issued orders, upon his own undertaking, that the crew were to remain on board until the ship sailed about 36 hours later, which they did. During Customs clearance the master was told that his crew were not to enter any buildings at Grytviken.

The above are the only two incidents I can recollect.

Phy

ex Customs Officer,
SOUTH GEORGIA.

* believed to be 'Santar' also, but possibly 'Akademik Kumpovch'.

P.K. This is the report for which I asked W. Briggs in connection with the recent message from the S. Georgia Base Commander about reported new break-ins by Russian ships crews at Grytviken.

At the time of writing this memo I have sent for the whaling

213 Policy file (now arrived) & have checked the Gynturiken lease with RSC.
It might be argued there has been a technical breach of para. 1(d) of the
2nd Schedule to the lease which reads -

"... will be prepared in the event of an emergency,
arising to assist, within reasonable measure, any ships
requiring supplies of fuel & provisions."

if Torsen is depriving the ships water. But it's a fine point. As
regards protecting Albin Stans property that Rensch is what the caretaker
is for. If he can produce proof of criminal acts there is a Magistrate
on the spot who can deal with the matter; but one would hope that it
would not come to that.

J
17/3

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You Following from Governor. Regret
to learn adverse report. ~~on Attack with~~
hasn't seen a similar complaint was made
~~by caretaker~~ and ^{consequently} a crew ^{from Prince} were told
not to proceed on water ^{from Prince} beyond powder
line. In fact master went further than
that and ~~confined~~ on his own initiative
confined crew to ship.

2. I suggest that you request caretaker
to reconsider his decision ^{regarding water} and that you
or your ~~deputy~~ representative invite attention
of ^{masters of} ~~the~~ ships to need to control their
men ashore.

3. Grateful you keep me informed of
situation

v/c

no further comments.

e. e. f.
11.3.70

O/C Unless you have any further comments,
will you please send this to Chinn.

10/3

Please let me have copy of eventual
outward signal as I wish to report to
FCO by next outward mail - copy to
Director - no need to have too many
telegrams about it unless situation worsens.

10/3

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE
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To FM STANLEY

TO B/C SOUTHGEORGIA

- 537/129 YOUR M/30/70. FOLLOWING FROM GOVERNOR. REGRET TO LEARN ADVERSE REPORT. LAST SEASON A SIMILAR COMPLAINT WAS MADE AND CONSEQUENTLY CREW ASHORE WERE TOLD NOT TO PROCEED ON WALKS FROM POINT BEYOND POWDER HUT. IN FACT MASTER WENT FURTHER THAN THIS AND ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE CONFINED CREW TO SHIP.
2. I SUGGEST THAT YOU REQUEST CARETAKER TO RECONSIDER HIS DECISION REGARDING WATER AND THAT YOU OR YOUR REPRESENTATIVE INVITE ATTENTION ~~IN~~ OF MASTERS OF VISITING SHIPS TO NEED TO CONTROL THEIR MEN ASHORE.
3. GRATEFUL YOU KEEP ME INFORMED OF SITUATION=

*Note boxed box containing subvent f. 0163/III: Kuanian Lady Fleet
BL 1/5 7/13/73*

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Mr45 R 131320z

Fm BC SG

To Stanley

M/89/70

Yr 537/129 M/80/70

Acknowledged with thanks.

Thorsen will probably modify his decision
once i have been able to point out situation
and discuss matter with master knipovich when
she arrives this weekend. Will keep you advised
Chinn 131225z



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Gone is NE and
N as *✓* and *✓*
13-7-70

QUESTION 1

In the interests of greater security and control, will Government give an assurance that irrespective of the purpose of their visit, Russian ships will in future, be required to enter at Stanley or Fox Bay only?

ANSWER

I refer the Honourable Member to my answer given in this Council on the 20th May 1968, when I stated that it is proposed to continue the process of dealing with each application as it arises. I am willing to discuss this matter further with my questioner at the first opportunity convenient to him.

QUESTION 2

In the light of world events, will Government give consideration to extending our present sea limit of 3 miles to the more usual 12 miles?

ANSWER

Extension of Territorial Waters

Her Majesty's Government is entirely responsible for matters concerning the external affairs of the Colony.

Although our territorial waters are defined in Section 2 of Chapter 16 of the Laws, the boundaries of the Colony, which are different, are laid down in the Falkland Islands (Continental Shelf) Order in Council dated 21st December 1950, and made by His Majesty in Council. This order extends the boundaries of the Colony to include the area of the continental shelf being the sea-bed and its subsoil contiguous to our coasts. Briefly this boundary is on the 100 fathom line from a point 110 miles off West Jason Cay, following the 100 fathom line as shown on Admiralty Chart No. 2202B around the northern, eastern, southern and western sides of the Falkland Islands to another point 20 nautical miles off West Jason Cay, thence by a straight line crossing the unclosed part of the area where the depths are less than 100 fathoms.

QUESTION 3

What progress has Government been able to make in investigation of the possibility of an external air link?

ANSWER

Assistance is being given by Her Majesty's Government and the present position is that the Board of Trade, which is the appropriate United Kingdom authority, has advised that to comply with international requirements, and to allow for increases in the use of an air strip once it has been established further survey is necessary to provide for a strip of 3,500 feet in length. To this end a surveyor, very kindly made available by the Director of the British Antarctic Survey, will arrive by R.R.S. SHACKLETON. An approach has already been made to the Commonwealth Office for aid under Technical Assistance terms to carry out the consequent full feasibility study.

As much as can be done from local resources has been done.

*cf. in Russian ships file if not
already filed then.*

to 17/3/70

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*1 c/s to HE.
1 c/s to H.C.S. ✓*

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GRYTVIKEN SOUTHGEORGIAISLAND



YOURS ELEVENTH NEGOTIATING RUSSIANS HIRE/SALE
GRYTVIKEN/HUSVIK THEY INTEND SENDING REPRESENTATIVES FROM
MONTEVIDEO APRIL TO INSPECT STOP CONSULTING RYAN WHETHER
AGREEABLE REPATRIATE YOU THIS OPPORTUNITY

BRANDTSONS

*Note S/C asked to obtain copy because Grytviken/Husvik. JF 7/3
Then draft tel to FLO etc.
S/C R. merge in main p/b. JF 3/5*

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR *to* SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 20/3 /70

Time:

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No. 59

CONFIDENTIAL

Addressed E.C.C. repeated for information Buenos Aires Montevideo.

Understand that Brandtsens are negotiating with Russians for sale or renting of old whaling stations at Grytviken and Husvik in South Georgia. Russian representative from Montevideo expected South Georgia in April.

2. Albion Star (South Georgia) Limited's leases for Grytviken and Husvik are valid until 30th June 1981. Each contains stipulation that lessee shall not at any time during the term of the lease assign, underlet or part with the possession of the land or any part of it without the previous consent in writing of the Governor. No request has been received from Brandtsens for such consent.

3. Please inform Fuchs.

4. Please pass Buenos Aires, Montevideo.

Cypher : SJS

24/3/70

25/3/70

No. 50.

~~PRECEDENCE~~ CONFIDENTIAL

Addressed Falkland Islands telegram number 50 of 24th March repeated Governor in H.M.S. Endeavour and Montevideo and saving to UKHIS New York Washington.

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Your telegram 59 (not repeated to UKHIS or Washington):
South Georgia whaling stations.

Just before receipt of your telegram Brandts approached us on behalf of Albion Star saying that latter had been approached by U.S.S.R. Ministry of Fisheries about the possibility of hiring or selling their stations for use by the Russians as a base for fishing operations in the South Atlantic, and asked us to find out your views.

2. Albion Star would prefer to sell and wish to know whether present leases, which expire in 1981, could be transferred to the Russians subject to extension for a further 21 years on existing terms.

3. Brandts also say that Russians:

(1) are anxious to know, if it was agreed to transfer leases,

(a) what excise duties would be levied should they decide to process any fish products at South Georgia Island;

(b) what rates of duties would apply to imports into South Georgia Island;

(c) what rate of income tax would be applied by the Falkland Islands Dependencies Government to any men actually employed on the Island.

(ii) would like to send a party of four to inspect station this April (because snow would make inspection difficult after this month) and wish to know whether necessary visas would be granted.

4. Grateful your views and those Ambassador, Buenos Aires on proposal generally and for your early comments on paragraph 3 (ii) above. We know very little of local circumstances and should appreciate any background Governor can provide.

5. Our own preliminary view is that we should not repeat not agree even an exploratory visit by the Russians this season. The short term implications (e.g. Argentine reaction) and long term problems will need detailed study and careful consideration by Ministers. Any visit now could well lead to wrong conclusions being drawn.

Cypher : SJS

26/3/70

No. 65

~~PRIMARY~~ ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Addressed P.O.C. telegram 65 of 26th March reported to Governor Falkland Islands on board Endeavour, Buenos Aires Montevideo URSIS New York Washington.

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Your telegram 50 of 24th March: South Georgia whaling stations.

The proposal for visit to Grytviken and Husvik by Russian party of four is made at such short notice as to preclude possibility of proper consultation and consideration at this point in colony's annual farming cycle. Unofficial sounding of senior official and unofficial members confirms view that visa request for suggested visit would be refused.

2. There is also strong probability that there would be general opposition to proposal for any form of semi-permanent Russian land presence in Dependency. In absence hard information Russian intentions it is not possible to say more than this. But it is worth recalling that Legislative Council questions on activities of Russian fishing fleets in Colony waters have been asked as recently as late 1965 and indicate unease over their presence this area. This feeling of anxiety is likely to be reconstituted by present proposal. In context of consideration stated in paragraph 1 above it is noteworthy that questions were asked by Fitzhugh who as active participant in Seafaring Industry would not be able to attend meeting of Executive Council until that fixed for 17th April which will provide first opportunity for full discussion this issue.

3. Russian whaling activity in sea areas concerned not unknown before 1939. More recent developments are subject of attachment to Jones confidential letter number 0463/TII of 6th January to Bugg which was copied Buenos Aires.

4. Origins and Argentinian connections of Albion Star formerly Compania Argentina de Pesca will be known to you. Company's present president is Alfredo Igun a Gibraltarian domiciled Argentina and believed to hold passport for each nationality. He has past Peronist sympathies but has had difficulties with subsequent governments. When whaling industry was active it was generally considered Argentine Government effectively controlled company's policy.

5. Grytviken in particular contains extensive base facilities including water and electric power supplies, mechanical repair workshops, extensive equipment and stores facilities and stocks, in addition to the whale oil extraction plant and oil storage tanks and bone meal manufacturing plant. It is a self contained base which because of scrupulously careful maintenance which still continues could easily and comparatively quickly be reactivated. The considerable capital investment the station represents could only be recovered to any significant extent if station can be sold to interests proposing to operate from it. On this basis Brandts proposal makes commercial sense and is answer to longstanding problem of finding buyer with real need of the equipment and other facilities the base offers.

6. At this stage the local view of this matter is largely uninfluenced by considerations about Argentine reactions. This consideration can be expected to figure at later stage of examination of long term implications and problem.

7. As seen from here the preliminary view expressed in your paragraph 5 coincides exactly with our view. There should be no agreement to April exploratory visit while basic proposal for transfer of leases will need detailed study and careful consideration.

8. Information on fiscal and taxation questions is being prepared and can be communicated in due course.

9. Please pass Governor Buenos Aires Montevideo URSIS New York Washington.

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched: 26/3/70

Time :

Received 28/3/70

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No. 122. (BUENOS AIRES)

CONFIDENTIAL

Following from Buenos Aires.

Addressed P.C.O. telegram 122 of 26th March repeated Falkland Islands Governor in H.M.S. Endurance Montevideo saving UKAIS New York Washington.

Your telegram 50 ⁻²⁹⁸ to Falkland Islands. Whaling stations.

Your paragraph 5 I entirely agree.

2. The question of Dependencies is dormant as far as the Argentines are concerned while they concentrate on the Falkland Islands issue. To let Russians into the Dependencies would force Argentines to take note and sour any favourable developments with regard to Argentina/Falkland Islands relations. It would be more explosive than the oil question.

3. Fuchs saw Falkland Islands telegram number 59 but was unable to comment as there were Argentines present. Suggest he should be contacted.

Cypher : SJS

Russian Ships - Visit of

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Fm BC SG

To Stanley

M/89/70

Yr 537/129 M/80/70



Acknowledged with thanks.

Thorsen will probably modify his decision
once i have been able to point out situation
and discuss matter with master knipovich when
she arrives this weekend. Will keep you advised

Chinn 131225z

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P.S. Main file with you. M. Kerge & section
main file & this packet to do.

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No. 59.

PRIORITY CONFIDENTIAL

Addressed Deputy Governor Falkland Islands telegram number 59 of 31st March repeated Governor Falkland Islands in H.M.S. Endurance and to Buenos Aires.

Your telegram 65. South Georgia whaling stations.

Your views and those of H.M. Ambassador Buenos Aires confirm our own judgment that we should not, repeat not, permit even an exploratory visit by the Russians at this stage.

2. We are informing Brandts accordingly. Grateful if you would take any action necessary.

3. The substantive question of the lease will probably have to be submitted to Ministers and may take some time.

Cypher : SJS

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CONFIDENTIAL

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

29 /70

Application for transfer of Albion Star South Georgia
leases to the Ministry of Fisheries of the U.S.S.R.

Memorandum by the Colonial Secretary

Attached hereto as an Annexure is a self-explanatory letter from Wm. Brandt's Sons & Co. Ltd. seeking agreement to Albion Star's leases of Grytviken and Husvik being transferred to the Russian Ministry of Fisheries for their unexpired term of eleven years with an extension for a further term of twenty-one years at the same rental (£250 per annum each) and terms as at present. (The original leases will be available for inspection when Council discusses this matter).

2. The letter refers to the possibility of a visit to the stations by a Russian party of four in April. This request has been refused.

3. It may be considered that a permanent Russian presence at South Georgia is undesirable. However it is not proposed to set out all the arguments in this Memorandum. The question will be considered at length and against the background of the interests of such organisations as the B.A.S., against various international political and strategic factors, and so on. The purpose of circulating the annexed letter is to advise Members of the existence of the problem and to notify them that the subject will figure on the agenda of the forthcoming meeting of Executive Council. A final decision upon the matter will not necessarily be sought at that time.

(J.A. JONES)
COLONIAL SECRETARY

File Ref: D/3/60/II
2nd April, 1970
JB

ANNEXURE

DFH/KGW

17th March, 1970

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office,
Downing Street,
London S.W.1

For the Attention of
A. St J. Sugg Esq.
Gibraltar and South
Atlantic Department

Dear Sirs,

Whaling Stations at Grytviken and Husvik Harbour South
Georgia Island. Albion Star(South Georgia) Limited.

We refer to our conversation regarding the above whaling stations leased to our Principals, Albion Star (South Georgia) Limited. As we explained, in common with other whaling companies, our Principals have found it uneconomic to continue whaling operations. As you are aware they have a very considerable investment in the two stations and for some time they have been trying to recover some part of their investment by renting or selling the stations.

As advised you we have been negotiating on behalf of our above named principals with the Ministry of Fisheries of the U.S.S.R. who are very interested in the hire or purchase of both these whaling stations for use as a base for their fishing operations in the South Atlantic.

Albion Star (South Georgia) Limited would prefer to sell both these stations to these buyers, but naturally before coming to a definite decision the Ministry of Fisheries of the U.S.S.R. wish to have some assurance of their security of tenure of the stations at South Georgia should a deal be concluded.

We shall be pleased therefore if you will be good enough to let us know whether yourselves and the Falkland Islands Government would be prepared to agree to the transfer to the Ministry of Fisheries of the U.S.S.R. of the present leases of Grytviken and Husvik, which expire in 1981, and also whether you and the Falkland Islands Government would be prepared to extend the present leases for a further period of 21 years at the same rental and terms as at present.

As the Ministry of Fisheries of the U.S.S.R. would like to send a party of four to inspect both the stations in April of this year we should also like to have your confirmation that any necessary visas required by these gentlemen to visit South Georgia Island will be granted without delay.

Should you be agreeable to transfer the leases to the Ministry of Fisheries of the U.S.S.R. they are very anxious to know:-

- a) What excise duties would be levied should they decide to process any fish products at South Georgia Island.
- b) What rates of duties would apply to imports into South Georgia Island.
- c) What rate of income tax would be applied by the Falkland Islands Government to any men actually employed on the Island.

We trust you will give our application your most favourable consideration as apart from helping our Principals we feel that as there is little likelihood of whaling operations ever being carried out at South Georgia Island any alternative industry set up there can only be of benefit to the Falkland Islands Dependencies.

Thanking you in advance for your assistance in this connection,

(signed)

p.p.Wm Brandt's Sons & CO

2nd April 1970
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TO LONDON

X/328/70 REF X/1291/69 AND RELEVANT.

THE NORWEGIAN FIRM G.C. RIEBER AND CO. HAVE MADE APPLICATION FOR LICENCE 70/71 SEASON. ANIMALS KILLED ON BEACHES THEN TRANSPORTED WHOLE TO OFFLYING FACTORY SHIP "PEDER HUSE" FOR COMPLETE PROCESSING. FIRM REPUTABLE, SUGG HOLDS DETAILS.

NO ANSWER TO X/1291/69 RECEIVED AND COLONIAL SECRETARY REQUESTS YOUR VIEWS SOONEST ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF APPLICATION BY RIEBER=

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2/14/70

No. 1 (SOUTH GEORGIA)

CONFIDENTIAL

on clair: From Stanley office to South Georgia. Telegram 1.

"Official inspection by Russian team next month will not repeat not be allowed. You should note as far as is possible if future visits of Russian ships result in obvious inspection of buildings by officers or crew."

Cypher : SJS

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No. 132 (BUENOS AIRES)

CONFIDENTIAL

Following from Buenos Aires. Addressed P.C.O. telegram 132 of 2nd April repeated deputy Governor Falkland Islands and Governor in Endurance.

Your telegram 59 to Falkland Islands.

South Georgia whaling stations.

I should be grateful for instructions on the line to take with the Argentines if they learn of the Russian proposals and interest either through Albion Star channels or other (even Russian) sources. Our rejection of the survey is on the credit side but any suggestion that we were still prepared to examine the lease or sale to the Russians in due course could have the effect on the Argentines forecast in my telegram 122.

Cypher : SJS

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No. 70

BRITISH CONFIDENTIAL

Addressed P.O. telegram 70 of 2nd April repeated Governor in Endurance, Buenos Aires Montevideo.

Your telegram 59. South Georgia.

Have received application from G.C. Rieber & Co. of Bergen dated 14th March for allocation to them of South Georgia elephant seal fishing licence for season 1st August 1970 to 30th June 1971 excepting period 1st November 1970 to 28th February 1971.

2. For Rieber's reputation see status report attached to Sugg's letter to Jones number HQF 7/6 of 20th March.

3. Fuchs being informed of Rieber's application and his views sought through British Antarctic Survey channels.

4. Please pass Governor Endurance Buenos Aires Montevideo.

Cypher : SJS

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

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No. 39. (MONTEVIDEO)

CONFIDENTIAL

Following from Montevideo.

Addressed P.C.O. telegram 39 of 31st March repeated Buenos Aires Falkland Islands saving UKMS New York Washington.

Your telegram 50 to Falkland Islands.

Uruguayan Government would certainly be alarmed if this proposal in either of its possible forms were to go ahead save with the manifest concurrence of the Argentine Government.

2. Even in such unlikely circumstances I would expect them to view as a threat to currently sensitive development projects any establishment of a continuous base for Soviet fishing activities so relatively close to the waters over which they claim exclusive fishing jurisdiction and which Soviet trawlers used to fish intensively, i.e. the 200 mile territorial sea they proclaimed at the end of last year.

3. Either of the above factors could endanger Uruguayan compliance with the use of Montevideo as a continental base for movements of passengers and freight to and from the Falkland Islands.

Cypher : SJS

CONFIDENTIAL

14th April, 1970

Our Ref: 1351
Your Ref: MRS 5/5

The Territorial Sea and Contiguous Zone

Elliot of your Marine and Transport Department wrote to me on the 25th of February in answer to an enquiry of mine to say that Britain's ratification of the Convention on the Territorial Sea and Contiguous Zone covered dependent territories.

Over the last couple of years we have replied to a regular annual Russian enquiry about our fishing limits by saying that they extend for three miles. Our Moving Despatch No. 40 (ref. no. G163/III) of the 6th of March, 1969, refers. However, it would now seem that that answer is incorrect, and that the actual position is that there is a 12-mile fishing limit beyond territorial waters to which no reference is made in our law. Thus there is no means for us to inflict any penalties for unauthorised fishing within the fishing zone.

Normally one would take the view that we should go ahead and amend our Fisheries Ordinance appropriately: but the present is perhaps not the best time for this and I am writing to obtain your advice on the desirability, in view of the two main considerations involved, the one stated in my paragraph two and the other implied in this paragraph, of such a move at the present juncture.

A. C. W. Lee, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office,
Downing Street,
London, S.W.1.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 25/3/70

Time :

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No. 4.

PRIORITY CONFIDENTIAL

Addressed F.C.O. telegram number 4 of 25th March and to Falkland Islands repeated for information Buenos Aires Montevideo UKMS New York and Washington. Your telegram 50 of 24th March: South Georgia Whaling stations.

1. Telegram in plain language on this subject passed from Brandtsens to Albion Star caretaken at Grytviken South Georgia on 16th March. There must therefore be a number of people aware of Russian intention.
2. For some years Russian ships have been calling at Grytviken and occasionally sheltering at other South Georgia anchorages. Behaviour has usually been correct. A land base however is likely to present us with unending problems and once established it is difficult to visualise the Russians leaving. In addition Argentine claim to sovereignty over South Georgia is presumably linked to original operations at Grytviken by Argentine Pesca Company in first decade of this century. Argentine dislike of Russian fishing in southern waters is well known and for us to lease Grytviken to Russians would presumably be regarded as provocative by Argentina.
3. I consider special visit by Russians in April would be most undesirable. Russians already know a great deal about Grytviken as Captain Petuhov of Ship Akademik Kripovich has called there for past four years. If we do have to permit a special visit I think it should not be until H.M.S. Endurance and British Antarctic Survey ships are back in these waters i.e. not before December 1970 so that reasonable British presence is available.
4. If it ever came to transfer of lease my initial view is that it would be less objectionable to have Russians at Grytviken close to British base at King Edward Point rather than tucked away at Husvik, which is out of sight of King Edward Point and is adjacent to old whaling stations at Stromness and Leith Harbour. You have details of extensions of leases of these two to Scottish firm of Salvesen.
5. By copy of this telegram Falkland Islands are asked to signal F.C.O. details of excise duties on fish products, import duty rates and income tax rates as applied hitherto, this does not mean that same rates would apply in future.
6. British Antarctic Survey staff in South Georgia at King Edward Point from April onwards will be nine men under command E.J. Chinn, M.B.E. who can be relied upon to take things calmly. His party comprises wireless operator, diesel mechanic, meteorologist, two ionosphericists, two botanists, builder and cook.
7. You will no doubt be informing Sir Vivian Fuchs of developments.
8. F.C.O. please pass to Falkland Islands Buenos Aires Montevideo UKMS New York and Washington.

Cypher : SJS

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TELEGRAM.

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From MACSTAPLE MONTEVIDEO

To COLONIAL SECRETARY STANLEY

Despatched : 16th April, 19 70 Time : 1839

Received : 17th April, 19 Time :

Seaman Egor Spiridonovich Agents B.Aires request information health condition and if fit travel next Darwin. If so must travel on crew list not on passenger list

Macstaple

2.

S.M.O.,

P/L: A.R.A.

For your advice on first sentence of telegram above pl.

C.S.

Condition satisfactory, but not fit to travel yet.

C.S.
18.4.70

18/4/70

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDSSENT

WAP 15.48-821 585968/704663 500 pads 9/69 Grp.782

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed In at	Date
	STANLEY			20.4.70
To	LTP MACSTAPLE MONTVIDEO			HCA/C

NO 12 YOUNTEL 16PM SEAMAN FOR SPIRIDONOVICH STOP MEDICAL AUTHORITIES
REPORT CONDITION SATISFACTORY BUT NOT YET FIT TO TRAVEL

COLONIAL SECRETARY

Time

ARS.

Span 314

29/4/70

No. 86.

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Addressed F.C.O. telegram 86 of 29th April repeated for information Buenos Aires Montevideo.

Your telegram 162 of 24th April to Buenos Aires (not to Montevideo). South Georgia.

Russian fishery research vessel Akademik Knipovich is expected in Stanley about 10th May. This is about one month later than her normal last call of southern fishing season before departure for Black Sea.

2. Russians appear to have been particularly active this year. Royal Research ship John Biscoe made twenty observations of ships' lights during nights in early April between South Orkneys and South coast of South Georgia. No observations were made by day and same vessels could have been seen more than once. We presume they were Russian ships as Japanese no longer seem to come this way.

3. Please pass Buenos Aires Montevideo.

Cypher : 838

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TELEGRAM.

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From BRANDTSONS

To GOVERNOR FALKLAND ISLANDS

Despatched : 1st April 1970 *Time :*

Received : 1st April 1970 *Time :*

Albion Star have U.S.S.R. very interested in hiring/purchasing Grytviken/Husvik for fishing base. We have made official application their behalf to Commonwealth Office here for agreement transfer lease if negotiations successfully concluded. Would appreciate your giving this your favourable support as Russians would like make early visit before reaching final decision.

BRANDTSONS

P/L : SJS

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From BASE COMMANDER SOUTH GEORGIA

To B.A.S. LONDON AND STANLEY

Despatched : 27th April 1970 Time :

Received : 27th April 19 70 Time :

M/131/70

For information Captain Sergeev flag captain Soviet fishing fleet operating these waters has offered medical assistance should it ever be required.

If fishing remains good fleet may operate all this coming winter so visits here throughout year are likely. Facilities to send out mail have also been offered. Soviet ships sailing northwards from here are usually routed South Africa so visits to Stanley unlikely.

CHINN

P/L : SJS

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in your files

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TELEGRAM.

From BASE COMMANDER SCOTT GEORGIA

To B.A.S. STANLEY

Despatched : 1st May

1970

Time : 1255Z

Received : 1st May

1970

Time :

M/157/70

Thorsen has just received cable from Brandts of which you probably are aware. He is confused about content as to his knowledge no survey has ever taken place here. In 1966 his predecessor Carl Thorsen showed the captain of the Akademik Kripovich Petukhov round the factory at Gytvikken in the same way as visitors are shown round now. I presume this is the visit to which Captain Petukhov referred when he was here two weeks ago and explained to me as per my M/127/70. Could this be the "survey" to which Brandts and the Commonwealth Office are referring?

CHDIN

P/L : SJS

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

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From CHINN SOUTH GEORGIA

To B.A.S. STANLEY

Despatched : 20th April, 19 70 *Time :*

Received : 20th April, 19 *Time :*

M/124/70.

Academic Knipovich out 19th. ETA Stanley 10th May. Charges
as follows. Customs entry £5 clearance £5 Harbour dues £5.
Total £15

Chinn 201205Z

P/L : ARA

319
11 May, 1970.

I write to welcome you back to Stanley and hope that you have had a successful season.

Unfortunately, I have a long standing arrangement to be away at Berkeley Sound for the next two days and so shall not be in Stanley but my wife and I very much hope that you and Dr Lester will be able to come to lunch with us on Thursday 14th May.

The Harbourmaster tells me that your present intention is to leave at midday on Thursday but we very much hope that you will be able to postpone your departure for a few hours in order to lunch with us before you leave.

We would expect to send the car to collect you at the public jetty at 12.45 p.m. on Thursday.

CU

Just for your information
CU
"1/5"

Captain A. Petuhov
J.A. Jones, Esq., O.B.E. ✓

Y.E. NB 12/15/70

Captain Petukhov told me yesterday that he expected a post-ship, the 'Argos' to arrive here in about a week's time prior to commencing the first Russian winter fishing operations in Southern seas. Captain Petukhov expected to have a sea rendezvous & conference with the 'Argos' between Stanley & Montevideo.

PK 12/15

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched : 16/5/70

Time :

Received :

Time :

No. 106

RESTRICTED

Addressed F.C.C. telegram 106 of 16th May repeated Buenos Aires Montevideo.

My telegram 86 of 29th April. Russian fishery research vessel Akademik Knipovich left Stanley for Montevideo 14th May after cordial three day visit. Question of lease of South Georgia land bases was not raised with me or Colonial Secretary.

2. Sister ship Argus expected Stanley next week prior to spending winter fishing in southern waters.

3. Please pass Buenos Aires Montevideo.

Cypher : SJS

lc For file 0163/III
See 322
17/23/5

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched : 5/6/70

Time :

Received :

Time :

No. 128

RESTRICTED

Addressed F.C.O. telegram 128 of 5 June repeated Buenos Aires, Montevideo.

My telegram ³²¹106. Russian fishery research vessel ARGUS left Stanley for high seas 4 June after cordial three-day visit. No question of South Georgia bases raised. Ship expects return September after spending winter in Southern waters.

2. Please Buenos Aires, Montevideo.

Cypher: SJS

C.S. Original for Secretariat file
Duplicate on file 2361

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7/5/6

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22/6

HM. advises that another Russian
trawler (BIZON) is due in Stanley 1100 GMT
Wednesday 24th with a crew member for
medical attention following an accident.

HM. is arranging with SMO.

22.6.70

14 July, 1970

325/6

Could you please refer to Sugg's letter HQ 4/13 of 18 August 1969 (274) to Summerhayes in Buenos Aires regarding Soviet maritime activity in southern waters.

2. You may be interested to have the enclosed list of recorded visits of Soviet vessels to the Falkland Islands and South Georgia since the beginning of 1965.

3. No doubt the Russians maintain sea communications with their base on King George Island in the South Shetlands but the only record I have of a visit by a Soviet ship to a base of the British Antarctic Survey is that of the GNETVY, which called at Signy Island between the 14th and 15th February 1965.

4. In addition to the Russian ships listed, we had a visit by the East German stern trawler ERNST MARCKEL to Port Stanley from the 22nd to 24th October 1966.

5. You will notice that Russian ships called twice at South Georgia anchorages without officially entering at Grytviken, the only official port of entry for South Georgia. These two visits were the subject of representations by the Administrative Officer, South Georgia, and appropriate explanations were given. It would, however, be surprising if Russian vessels do not from time to time make use of anchorages in South Georgia distant from King Edward Point (Grytviken) and in the absence of patrol vessels it would be virtually impossible to check on such use.

6. I am sending you three copies of this letter and I should be grateful if you could pass one of them to Sir Vivian Fuchs.

7. I am also sending copies to H.M. Ambassadors in Buenos Aires and Montevideo for their information.

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J.M. Bennett, Esq. C.M.G.,
Gibraltar and South Atlantic Department,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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Ch. Please BU to Mr. Jones on return

14/7/70

VISITS OF RUSSIAN VESSELS

Port	Date of		Ship's Name	Remarks
	Arrival	Departure		
<u>PALM AND ISLANDS</u>				
Port Stanley	21. 3. 65	23. 3. 65	Akademik Knipovich	Fishery Research Vessel
New Island	22. 3. 65	22. 5. 65	Sovietskaya Ukraina	Whale Factory
New Island	22. 3. 65	22. 5. 65	Catcher No. 35	Whale Catcher
Pebble Island	18. 4. 66	18. 4. 66	Sovietskaya Ukraina	Whale Factory, bunkering catchers
New Island	19. 4. 66	19. 4. 66	Catcher No. 30	Whale Catcher
Port Stanley	4. 11. 66	7. 11. 66	Gigiga	Fishery Research Vessel
New Island	4. 1. 67	4. 1. 67	SRM 1256	Side Trawler
Port Stanley	8. 1. 67	11. 1. 67	Langost	Side Trawler
Port Stanley	28. 1. 67	31. 1. 67	SRM 1256	Side Trawler
Port Stanley	1. 4. 67	6. 4. 67	Akademik Knipovich	Fishery Research Vessel
Port Stanley	5. 4. 67	6. 4. 67	Langost	Side Trawler
Port Stanley	12. 4. 67	13. 4. 67	Langost	Side Trawler
New Island	4. 5. 67	4. 5. 67	Editchay 21	Whale Catcher
Port Stanley	6. 4. 68	10. 4. 68	Akademik Knipovich	Fishery Research Vessel
New Island	15. 4. 68	15. 4. 68	SRM 1255	Side Trawler
Port Stanley	31. 1. 69	31. 1. 69	Akademik Knipovich	Fishery Research Vessel
Port Stanley	6. 2. 69	6. 2. 69	Langost	Side Trawler
Port Stanley	25. 3. 69	27. 3. 69	Langost	Side Trawler
Port Stanley	21. 2. 70	21. 2. 70	Yantar	Stem Trawler - Medical
Port Stanley	23. 2. 70	24. 2. 70	Akademik Knipovich	Fishery Research Vessel
Port Stanley	9. 3. 70	10. 3. 70	Langost	Side Trawler
Port Stanley	5. 4. 70	5. 4. 70	Apatit	Stem Trawler - Medical
Port Stanley	11. 5. 70	14. 5. 70	Akademik Knipovich	Fishery Research Vessel
Port Stanley	1. 6. 70	4. 6. 70	Argus	Fishery Research Vessel
Port Stanley	12. 6. 70	15. 6. 70	Novikov Priboy	Stem Trawler
Port Stanley	24. 6. 70	24. 6. 70	Bizon	Stem Trawler - Medical
<u>SOUTH GEORGIA</u>				
Grytviken	26. 2. 65	27. 2. 65	Akademik Knipovich	Fishery Research Vessel
Grytviken	22. 2. 67	23. 2. 67	Akademik Knipovich	Fishery Research Vessel
Grytviken	6. 3. 67	7. 3. 67	Akademik Knipovich	Fishery Research Vessel
Grytviken	7. 2. 68	7. 2. 68	Artek	Stem Trawler
++ West Cumberland Bay	- . 2. 68	- . 2. 68	Leninsk	Tanker
Grytviken	8. 2. 68	12. 2. 68	Akademik Knipovich	Fishery Research Vessel
Grytviken	14. 3. 68	19. 3. 68	Akademik Knipovich	Fishery Research Vessel
Grytviken	13. 4. 68	15. 4. 68	Yantar	Stem Trawler
Grytviken	4. 2. 69	4. 2. 69	Akademik Knipovich	Fishery Research Vessel
Grytviken	5. 2. 69	6. 2. 69	Yantar	Stem Trawler
Grytviken	13. 2. 69	16. 2. 69	Akademik Knipovich	Fishery Research Vessel
Grytviken	17. 2. 69	18. 2. 69	Granat	Stem Trawler
Grytviken	20. 3. 69	23. 3. 69	Yantar	Stem Trawler

++ Vessel did not officially enter

<u>Port</u>	<u>Date of</u> <u>Arrival</u>	<u>Departure</u>	<u>Ship's Name</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
<u>SOUTH GEORGIA</u> cont.				
Grytviken	26.3.69	27.3.69	Ostrovsly	Stom Trawler
Grytviken	28.3.69	30.3.69	Akademik Knipovich	Fishery Research Vessel
** Prince Olav Harbour	1.3.69		Langst	Side Trawler
Grytviken	3.4.69	5.4.69	Grant	Stom Trawler
Grytviken	23.4.69	27.4.69	Lyubertai	Tanker
Grytviken	26.2.70	3.3.70	Lokbatan	Tanker
Grytviken	28.2.70	28.2.70	Akademik Knipovich	Fishery Research Vessel
Grytviken	3.3.70	17.3.70	Akademik Knipovich	Fishery Research Vessel
Grytviken and Knevik	16.4.70	19.4.70	Akademik Knipovich	Fishery Research Vessel
Grytviken	21.4.70	26.4.70	Argon	Tanker

** Vessel did not officially enter

17th July, 70.

Dear Sir,

I enclose a copy of my telegram regarding the Russian Seaman Alexander Sharnin requiring specialised medical attention in Montevideo. Enclosed please find his case history which should be passed to the medical authority delegated to treat the patient.

Yours faithfully,

for COLONIAL SECRETARY

H.B.M. Consul,
British Embassy,
Montevideo.

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched : 17.7.70 Time : Received : Time :

NO. 4. (MONTEVIDEO)

Please pass Montevideo as my telegram No 4 of 17th July repeated FCO for information Russian seaman Alexander Sharnin discharged here from fishing vessel BISON suffering from fractured right FEMUR compound fracture left TIBIA and FIBULA PULMONARY EMBOLUS is travelling Montevideo Darwin eta 21 July requires specialist attention. Grateful arrange reception and hospitalization through his Consular representative. Letter in bag

Haskard

P/L : ARA

Copy. H.B.M. Consu
Montevideo.

EXTRACT FROM THE "DAILY TELEGRAPH" OF THE 5TH MAY 1969
RED FLAG OFF THE CAPE OF GOOD HOPE

JOHANNESBURG.

The Red Flag is beginning to show up uncomfortably close to the Cape of Good Hope. As N A T O celebrates its 20th anniversary with an impressive display of firepower in the North Atlantic - observed of course, by ubiquitous Russian Trawlers - suggestions are being heard south of the equator of the need for a SATO South Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

Dr. Hilgard Muller, South Africa's Minister of Foreign Affairs just back from an "unofficial" visit to South America and the Atlantic - coast nations of South America. But he did admit his talks with the Foreign and Defence Ministers of Brazil and Argentina round the topic of Communist penetration of the South Atlantic.

Politically it is early days to talk of a formal pact - in the context of the present sentiment at the United Nations, where the Latin-Americans tend to vote as a bloc against apartheid. But South Africa is clearly doing her best to promote, if not formal links, active military co-operation.

The Commander-in-Chief of the Argentine Navy has just been spending nine days in South Africa as a guest of the Department of Defence. In recent months South African Navy units have paid courtesy visits to Argentina, and also to Australia. For it is not only the South Atlantic that South Africa is worried about. As custodian of the Cape sea route she is becoming increasingly concerned at the power vacuum in the Indian Ocean caused by the withdrawal of British forces east of Suez.

At the beginning of April a Russian Navy detachment including a missile - carrying frigate called Mauritius, the former British colony 1,100 miles off South Africa's coast, and the ripples lapped straight into Table Bay at Cape Town.

The Defence Minister, Mr. P. W. Botha, said he believed the time had come for the nations of the free world to "give serious thought to the defence of the South Atlantic and Indian Oceans."

Newspapers are speculating that to enable South Africa to take on this extra role of defence the British Government is quietly revising its arms sales policy in a way that could reopen the door to a deal with South Africa.

RAY KENNEDY.

Cl. / suggest LHS could go
on Secretariat file re
Ruthven trips.

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In cabinet.

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Mr

The 'Hague' arrived Stanley 0815 on 11.9.70
 to provision (ammunition & water). As munition was not
 available locally she decided to load it at Port Louis
 (using a pilot to go up the land) before sailing. She
 left Stanley at 1 pm on Saturday, 12.9.70, for Port
 Louis where she loaded 38 munition cases in the
 afternoon before sailing to Port William where she
 reached at 8 pm. The pilot (Mr H. Anderson)
 was immediately landed & the "Hague" cleared
 immediately for Las Palmas.

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FIG ref: D/3/60/C

FCO ref: Telegram No. 175 of 22/9/70

3rd October 1970

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10South Georgia Whaling Stations

Your telegram of the 22nd September arrived on the eve of Haskard's departure and in consequence he sent you the unnumbered reply telegram of the 23rd September saying that a lengthy reply would not be possible until after his departure. The fact that there is another mail out of Stanley on the 15th October enables me to reply by letter (a lengthy reply in cypher would not be possible much earlier since I am faced with a very considerable amount of work in order to keep the machine going and have to use the Personal Assistant as sparingly as possible on cypher work. Fortunately our brief reply of the 23rd September provides the basic facts you need).

Brandt's allegation that they were informed in 1967 that provided a firm offer was submitted with full details we would be willing to consider, in consultation with the Commonwealth Office, the question of a transfer of their leases to the Russians is only partially correct, as the texts of the relevant telegraphic exchanges, quoted below, indicate.

(1) Telegram Brandts ens/Stanley of 28/11/67:

"Have possible interest from Argentine Company alternatively Russians taking over Grytviken and Husvik Harbour stations South Georgia as fishing base have approached Commonwealth Office who see no objections but advise final decision yours. If workable please advise whether you would be agreeable transfer Albion Star leases either nationality."

(2) Telegram Governor/Secretary of State No. S.G.5 of 30/11/67:

"Following received from Brandtsens London quote Have possible interest from Argentine Company alternatively Russians taking over Grytviken and Husvik Harbour stations South Georgia as fishing base have approached Commonwealth Office who see no objections but advise final decision yours. If workable please advise whether you would be agreeable transfer Albion Star leases either nationality unquote."

Please see my immediately following telegram."

(3) Telegram Governor/Secretary of State No. S.G.6 of 30/11/67

"Please see my immediately preceding telegram. South Georgia leases."

A. C. W. Lee, Esq.

/ Grateful

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Grateful summary your contacts with Brandtsens particularly in view of political implications."

- (4) Telegram Secretary of State/Governor No. S.G.30 of 4/12/67
"Your telegram S.G.6.

Brandtsens London office approached recently with an enquiry from their Argentine representative about an Argentine firm wanting to take their Musvik and Grytviken leases.

2. They were told that there seemed no insurmountable objection to this but that we would consult you if this vague enquiry was followed up and we knew details.

3. We have now made it quite clear that any firm offer would be considered by you and by us here and that we have not considered even on a provisional basis a lease to a Russian firm about which there could be objections."

There is no clear indication in my file whether a specific answer was sent to Brandts from here. A pencilled draft appears opposite the telegram quoted in (4) above the text of which reads;

- (5) "Provided firm offer with full details submitted am willing without commitment to consider in conjunction C/O, but this does not imply commitment."

It would seem therefore that it was you who gave Brandtsens the reply quoted in (4) above: that reply makes it clear that there were likely to be objections to any proposal for sub-letting the bases to the Russians.

As stated in our unnumbered telegraphic reply to you of the 23rd September we have had no further dealings until now (our telegram no. 59 of the 20th March refers) with Brandtsens or Ryan since 1967.

You asked for confirmation that the leases held by Albion Star are those sent to us under cover of C.O. Saving No. 121 of the 17th November 1960. I am satisfied that the lease held by Albion Star in respect of Musvik is that sent to us under cover of the Saving in question but the lease they currently hold in respect of Grytviken may or may not be that

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sent to us at the same time. The Albion Star Grytviken lease was not able to be finalised until the firm of Argentina de Pesca's land station at Grytviken had been purchased by Albion Star. The negotiations about this evidently took some time and it would seem that the delay this caused is the reason why that lease is dated the 22nd December, 1961. To put the matter beyond doubt I am sending you with this letter photostat copies of the leases held here so that you can compare them with your own records.

(J. A. Jones)
Acting Governor

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HGF 4/3

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American Department

Foreign and Commonwealth Office
London S.W.1

7 October, 1970.

Dear John,

SOVIET MARITIME ACTIVITY

We were very glad to receive Sir Cosmo Haskard's letter of 14 July reporting recorded visits of Soviet vessels to the Falkland Islands and South Georgia between March 1965 and April 1970.

2. In view of our special interest in Soviet maritime activity generally at the present time and of the particular sensitivity of the Argentine Government to any interest by third governments in the Falkland Islands, I wonder whether in future you would be kind enough to let me have reports of these visits fairly frequently, say, every three months.

Yours ever
John

(J. de C. Ling)

J. A. Jones, Esq., OBE,
Acting Governor,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

It was good to meet you
in London. Warmest
regards to you, Dick and
Robin.

Mr Booth For file in Ports of American Fishing Vessels file 1 to be
sent to me in box with letter which to Ling which I
have dictated to you.
S/4/10 (Is this file at H?)

J 28/10

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Government House,
Falkland Islands.

5th November, 1970

Ref: 0163/III

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Sir,

Visits of Russian Ships to the Colony


I shall be obliged if you will, with effect from now, start to supply the Governor, on the 2nd of each month, a return of information about the visits of Russian ships to the colony in respect of the preceding month. The information should be in columnar form, thus -

<u>Port</u>	<u>Date of</u>	<u>Ship's name</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
	<u>Arrival</u>	<u>Departure</u>	

2. The first return made in accordance with the foregoing request should be rendered in respect of last month (October).

3. I shall also be obliged if you will provide me with a similar, consolidated return in respect of the months July - September 1970 (both months inclusive).

Yours faithfully,


(J. A. Jones)
Acting Governor

H.T. Luxton, Esq.,
Harbourmaster.

F.I.G. Ref : S/410

8th November 1970

F.C.O. Reference : HGF 4/3

Soviet Maritime Activity

We will certainly endeavour to meet your wishes with regard to the submission of regular reports of visits of Russian ships to the Falkland Islands and South Georgia.

The report to which you refer which covered the period March 1965 to April 1970 was compiled, so far as South Georgia was concerned, from records which were regularly supplied by Coleman, the then Administrative Officer in South Georgia. Besides being himself a qualified mariner Coleman was not, as you will understand, overworked during the period to which the report relates since whaling activity stopped near the beginning of the material period. Now that the British Antarctic Survey uses South Georgia as a scientific base administration is more minimal than was the case when we maintained our own administration and there may be slightly more difficulty in assembling detailed reports in future. However, I am confident that we shall be able to make suitable arrangements.

(J. A. Jones)

J. de C. Ling, Esq.

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Russian Stern Trawler 'Zapoljarniy'

Entered and Cleared Port William, 9th October, 1970.

Registered in Murmansk - Built in Denmark in 1965.

Number of crew: - 98

Master: Nikolay Kanglyashov.

Discharged seaman for hospitalisation, after operation at sea.

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Russian Stern Trawler 'Priloki' (Sister ship to 'Apatit')

Entered and Cleared Port William, 26th October, 1970.

Registered in Murmansk - Built in Denmark in 1966.

Number of crew - 99.

Master: Prokopy Reshetov.

Last Port: Rio de Janeiro - 22nd September, 1970.

Collected seaman ex 'Zapoljarniy' for transfer to refrigerating transport
en-route to Murmansk.

N.7a For Russian Regs Port file.

10th June 1970

Dear Sir,

For your information, the following foreign ships have visited South Georgia during the period January - May 1970:

<u>Arrived</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Nationality</u>	<u>Departed</u>
26/2/70	"Lekbatan"	Russian	3/3/70
28/2/70	"Akademic Knipovitch"	"	28/2/70
7/3/70	"Lindblad Explorer"	American	8/3/70
14/3/70	"Akademic Knipovitch"	Russian	17/3/70
16/4/70	" "	"	19/4/70
18/4/70	" " (visited Husvik)	"	
24/4/70	"Argon"	"	26/4/70

(signed) E. Clapp
O.i/c, British Antarctic Survey, Stanley

The Hon. Colonial Secretary
STANLEY.

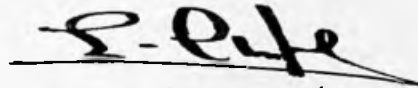
P/S The in list of Russian ships the which I am retaining temporarily at GH (its on my shelf in safe & should be put back there after phy this paper). JTC

Y/E

Reporting of ship movements South Georgia.

I refer to your Minute of the 6th. On 8th July the attached signal was copied to Secretariat and addressed to A.C.S. This is the only movement that happened since the last return. As this was a one ship only visit and the relevant details had been copied to A.C.S., no return was made.

In future, Nil returns will be made where appropriate.



E.C.J. Clapp, O.I/c.,
B.A.S. Office, Stanley.

9.11.70

P/S

Re in books of Russian ships file which I am
checking temporarily at GH & which is on my shelf in Sgo.



GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDSRECEIVED

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COPY

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed In at	Date
19	R			8.7.70
To FM SOUTH GEORGIA TO STANLEY				

M/226/70. SOVIET R/V ARGUS IN AND OUT 7TH.
EIGHT BAGS MAIL AND THREE CRATES RECEIVED.
DESPATCHED ONE BAG EACH UK AIRMAIL AND FALKLANDS SURFACE MAIL.
CAPTAIN EXPECTS ARRIVE MONTEVIDEO 10 TO 14 DAYS TIME AND IS NOT CALLING STANLEY.
FALKLANDS MAIL ADDRESSED C/O MACLEANS.
FROM MONTE ARGUS WORKING UP PATAGONIAN COAST THEN BACK TO SOUTHERN OCEAN.
WILL PROBABLY RETURN HERE SOME TIME SEPTEMBER.
CAPTAIN CANNOT SAY WHETHER HE WILL BE CALLING INTO FALKLANDS ON RETURN VOYAGE
SOUTH.

CHINN

Time

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9th November,

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Dear Sir,

For your information, the following foreign ships have visited South Georgia during the period June to October 1970:

<u>Arrived</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Nationality</u>	<u>Departed</u>
7/7/70	"Argus"	Russian	7/7/70.

E.C.J. Clapp, O.I/c.,
British Antarctic Survey, Stanley.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary,
STANLEY.

✓ Copy: H.E. The Governor.

No.)*0163/III

MEMORANDUM

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

CONFIDENTIAL

2nd December, 19 70.

From: Harbour Master,

To: The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT :- Visits of Russian Ships.

I forward herewith the following information regarding the recent visits of Russian Vessels to the Colony:

<u>Port</u>	<u>Date of</u>		<u>Ship's Name</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
	<u>Arrival</u>	<u>Departure</u>		
Stanley	11.9.70.	12.9.70.	Argus	Required water and mutton before clearing to Russia, via Las Palmas.
Stanley	9.10.70.	9.10.70	Zapoljarniy	Landed patient for post-operation hospitalization.
Stanley	26.10.70	16.10.70	Priluki	Collected patient ex Zapoljarniy for transfer to vessel enroute to USSR.
Stanley	11.11.70	14.11.70	Atlant	Landed patient for appendicitis operation. Patient re-embarked after successful operation. Vessel approached Falklands from the North west and the captain told me that they were working to the north west of the Falklands - this is unusual.

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Nr 10 R 051200z

Fm Biscoe

To London

Info Stanley

JB/339/2.

Passed 9 large Russian stern factory/traulers vicinity of 5435s 3530w stop names observed were Khrustal, Kolstov, Voldemarazin, Electrenai and Novokuybyshevsk stop believe transport ship anchored off Cape Charlotte stop Trawlers appear to be deep water fishing stop each vessel approx 3000 to 4000 gross tons.

QSL 051215z K.H.

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F.I.G. Ref: 0163

4th January 1971

F.C.O. Ref: HGF 4/3

Soviet Maritime Activity

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B. To South Georgia

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J. de C. Ling, Esq.

(J. A. Jones)

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Ref: 0163/III

6th January 1971

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Sir,

Visits of Russian Ships to the Colony

I shall be grateful if, with reference to paragraph 3 of my letter No. 0163/III of the 5th of November, 1970, and your memorandum of the 2nd of December, you will supply me with information on Russian ships' movements for the months of July and August.

(J. A. Jones)

Acting Governor

H. T. Luxton, Esq.,
HARBOURMASTER

J.E. This file is normally kept by me at CSO. However, I was useful to have it immediately available while I was acting as Governor. You may wish to send it to me in box. It can be produced quickly from CSO whenever you want it. J/6/1

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

MEMORANDUM

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2nd January, 19 71.



From: Harbour Master,

To: The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

STANLEY.

SUBJECT :- Visits of Russian Vessels.

No Russian Vessels entered ports in the Falklands during the month of December, 1970.

2. During the past four days there have been various reports of vessels in the Cape Pembroke/Kelp Islands area and it would appear that a Russian Fishing Fleet has been transferring produce to the transport 'PIONEER MURUMAMA', in a position approximately 8 miles South East of the Kelp Islands. Two of the vessels observed alongside the transport were the trawlers 'APATIT' and 'PRILUKI', these vessels visited Stanley in April and October, 1970 respectively.


Harbour Master.

NR9 R 071200

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Fm John Biscoe

To Stanley

Info London HQ

JB/7/1.



Passed stern trawler NOVOCHERCASSK replenishing from cargo vessel OSTROV
RUSSKIT in St Andrews Bay stop Proceeding to inspect Husvik and Stromness =
Master

07/1220z rs

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Not Sec / Rd Mark

E. L.

11/11

Y.E.

Minor, even very minor scores over the Russians are always sweet. I have had to wait a long time to score one here; indeed, the last one I chalked up personally was as long ago as 1967 in The Gambia.

2. Our little operation performed with 'Endurance' co-operation on Friday/Saturday last has borne almost immediate fruit. I have had the following signal:

Chief Administrator

Please permission m/s "Ostrov-Russkey" loading operations towards north of south areas of Falkland Islands ETA 14/1

Chief Expedition

Dmowhky

3. The message is meaningless as it stands and I have instructed the Harbourmaster to request the Chief of Expedition to provide us with the map co-ordinates of the proposed operation.

4. This minute is for enclosure in the Visits of Russian Fishing Fleets file currently at Government House.

(J. A. Jones)
Colonial Secretary
13.1.71

P.S.

In your action.

17/3/1

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Colonial Secretary
13.1.71

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

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From CHIEF EXPEDITION DMOWHKY

To CHIEF OF ADMINISTRATION STANLEY

Despatched : 12th January 19 71 *Time :* 2038

Received : 12th January 19 71 *Time :* 0920

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towards north of south areas of Falkland Islands. ETA 14/1

CHIEF EXPEDITION DMOWHKY

PL: JE

file

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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WAT 15148-821 585968/704663 500 pds 9/69 Grp.782

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	STANLEY			13.1.71
To	CHIEF EXPEDITION BOWENY M/S OSTROV-RUSSKEY			HO a/c

Request advise me of exact position by reference to
coordinates of proposed landing operations

COLONIAL SECRETARY

JE

Time

F.I.G. Ref: 0163

4th January 1971

F.C.O. Ref: HGF 4/3

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(J. A. Jones)

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Ref: 0163/III

6th January 1971

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

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Visits of Russian Ships to the Colony

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(J. A. Jones)

Acting Governor

H. T. Luxton, Esq.,
HARBOURMASTER



4 Moody Street,
STANLEY.

8 January 1971

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The Colonial Secretary,
Secretariat,
STANLEY.

Dear Sir,

I am taking the liberty of writing to you on a subject which is of great concern to many Falkland Islanders, and about which we are not sufficiently informed by Government to have our minds put at ease.

For some time now there have been a number of presumably Russian vessels around our shores, and some frequently calling at Stanley for supplies. We are told that these are fishing vessels, and indeed this would appear to be true of those which actually come into port. From observing these vessels one cannot help but realize that the Russians have by now all data on these islands they may deem to be necessary if at some time they should wish to occupy these unprotected islands as a base for the Antarctic, a missile base, or any other convenience. We know that if Russia should decide to take these islands, Britain could not stop her, and we Falkland Islanders could certainly do absolutely nothing about it. It is interesting to note that Argentina does not allow Russian shipping vessels near her coasts.

We have heard that men have been landed from some of these vessels on Shag Island and Port Harriet Point. This news is, of course, unofficial as although Government must be aware of these doings the public is not kept informed.

I should very much like to know if the Russians have been given permission to fish or cruise around our islands and to land parties of men at various places, and, if so, what for? If, on the other hand, no such permission has been granted, I should be grateful if you could let the Falkland Islanders know what steps are being taken to prevent this foreign intrusion of our islands.

Yours faithfully,

Pamela M. Reid
Pamela M. Reid (Mrs.)

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c.c. The Honourable Mrs. N. King M.L.C. O.D.
" The Honourable Mr. R.V. Goss E.D., M.B.E., M.L.C.

I have heard of this.

3. make him.

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13th January

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Dear Madam,

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Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 5th of
January. A reply will be sent to you ~~in due~~ course.

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Yours faithfully,

(J. A. Jones)
Colonial Secretary

Mrs. P. M. Reid,
4, Moody Street,
Stanley.

JB

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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WAP 15148-821 585968/704663 500 pds 9/69 Grp.782

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	STANLEY			10.1.71
To	WFF MONROE W/S GRANAT			NO a/c

Your telegram 15th refers stop no objection loading
operations in positions quoted

COLONIAL SECRETARY

JB

Time

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDSSENT

WAP 15148—021*585968/704663 500 pds 9/69 Grp.732

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	STANLEY			18.1.71
To	LTP MASTER M/V OCEAN V RUSSKEY	Confirmatory telegram Phoned M/T Station 1200		HO A/C
		16.1.71		

Your telegram 15th refers step 1 confirm by telegram
to Dromsky M/S Grant reporting no objection loading
operations in positions quoted

COLONIAL SECRETARY

JR

Time

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Minutes of Executive Council Meeting No. 1/71.

held on 21st and 22nd January 1971.

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- d) ~~That~~ a letter had been received by the Colonial Secretary from Mrs Pamela Reid expressing concern at the activities of Russian ships in Colony waters. The Colonial Secretary read the text of a proposed reply, which was endorsed by Council.

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Flowing
ACTING CLERK OF COUNCIL.

22nd January

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Dear Madam,

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Please refer to your letter of the 8th January and to my interim reply of the 13th January.

2. Under international law the ships of any nation can cruise or fish around a country's waters provided territorial waters, that is, so far as the Falkland Islands are concerned, the 3-mile limit from our coasts, is not infringed (even the 3-mile limit can be infringed in cases of dire necessity, for example, in the case of need to shelter from exceptionally bad weather).

3. No reports have been received of any landing of parties of Russians at places in the Colony, except in connection with visits of Russian ships to Stanley itself. If any such reports were made and had substance they would be investigated.

Yours faithfully,

(R. Browning)
for COLONIAL SECRETARY

Mrs P.M. Reid,
4, Moody Street,
STANLEY

FA

Copies to: The Hon. Mrs N. King
The Hon. R.V. Goss, O.B.E., E.D.

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched: 2/2/71

Time:

Received: 2/2/71 Time: 1415

Following telegram received from Russian vessel, m/v Aktyavinsk, call sign UUEB

Governor, Port Stanley

Dear Sir: Please your permit my anchorage for victuals supplies operation four miles N.E. from Cape Mangarie.

The Master

LJC : P/L

Handwritten notes:
The file is definitely not at G.H.
Route of Russian ship (at G.H.)?
I have arranged for following signal to be made to "Aktyavinsk":
"Request captain operation takes place between ships your ship
fleet outside our territorial waters."
S/L Russian ship 12/11/71

17/3/2

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ZCZC NR 35/2

M/V AKTYUBINSK 17 3/3 1320GMT

COLONIAL SECRETARY

PORTSTANLEY

DEAR SIR I CONFIRM OPERATION TAKES PLACE OUT SIDE YOUR
TERRITORIAL WATERS

MASTER

PHONED

S/c

I can confirm that the appropriate file
is not at Gk. Are you sure it is not with H/K?

NNNN

Note Re frequently found in CSO cleared office.

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MEMORANDUM

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

3rd, February, 19 71.

To: The Colonial Secretary,

From: Officer in Charge of Police.
Ag. Customs Officer.

STANLEY.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT :-


Siting of Russian Fishing Fleet.

A report was received from Mr. Percy Peck, of Stanley, at 7pm., on Tuesday, 2nd, February, 1971, informing the Police of smoke coming from the area of Mengeary Point. Myself and an officer drove to Sapper Hill, where we were able to observe 14 ships, about the entrance of Berkley Sound. They appeared to be fueling, going to and fro from the larger ships.

x | At 10am., today, I confirmed with Captain Miller, of R.M.S. Darwin, the exact position of the ships, when he was coming into Harbour from a Camp trip. He confirmed that several of the ships, including the Transport and Tanker, were about half a mile inside the 3 mile limit, and about midway between Volunteer Point and Mengeary Point. None of the ships were anchored and all were carry the two red lights on the mast.

At 9am., today, the ships were still in the same area, according to visual sighting.

*Private fixing work not have been possible,
though radar work have assisted it. 7/3/71*


Officer in Charge
Falkland Islands Police Force.

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No. _____

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

STANLEY, FALKLAND ISLANDS,

3rd February 1971

(It is requested that in any reference to this letter, the above number and the date may be quoted.)

Your Excellency,

The following are texts of signals I exchanged with the Russian ship "Aktyavinsk":

From C.S. 1500 2.2.71

"Request confirm operation takes place between ships your fishing fleet outside our territorial waters."

From C.S. 10.00 3.2.71

"Request reply my signal of yesterday."

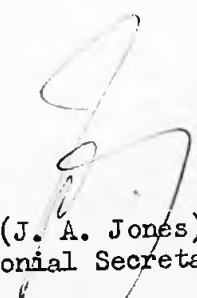
From "Aktyavinsk" 1040 3.2.71

"I confirm operation takes place outside your territorial waters."

2. Early on the morning of 3.2.71 I received a report from O i/c Police that 14 Russian ships had spent the night in Berkeley Sound. These are territorial waters. In discussion with me O i/c Police produced a chart which suggested that some ships actually spent the night in the Sound while others, though ostensibly at a position 4 miles N.E., may have infringed our territorial waters but, I think, unintentionally.

3. I understand "Darwin" passed these Russian ships yesterday evening and that Col. Huarte expressed concern at the fact that we did not seem to be doing anything about them.

4. O i/c Police's report is attached.


(J. A. Jones)
Colonial Secretary

His Excellency the Governor

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C.S.

I can well imagine that Col. Huarte expressed concern at the sight of so many Russian ships lying off Berkeley Sound as it gives the Argentinians a very easy propaganda point if they wish to exploit it. I think the next time that we have such a report we had better fly a sortie in the Beaver aircraft or go out in the Hovercraft and have a look for ourselves: you and I could go together with Jim Kerr and you may wish to alert him that we may wish to take off at short notice if another sighting is reported.

2. In the meantime I think we should report the fact that this number of Russian ships has been reported in the area close to our territorial waters and possibly within them.

Rich / 5/2

4.E. Good / 8/2

yes / I am writing to Southern & the letter will be copied to Whitney. You have also sent a telegram, I believe.

2 As requested, Kerr has been warned. He tells me he always investigates ships & did investigate them on the occasion referred to in your minute.

J/S

*W.E. My draft letter to Southern was not referred by HE *J/S**

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MESSAGE FORM

NUMBER

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FOR COMM CEN/SIGNALS USE

—MeC—51-2341

PRECEDENCE-ACTION	PRECEDENCE-INFO	DATE-TIME GROUP	MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS
PRIORITY	DEFERRED	061945Z FEB	
FROM NP 8901			PREFIX GR
TO CINCWF, HE GOVERNOR FI, BNA BA.			SECURITY CLASSIFICATION RESTRICTED
INFO			RESTRICTED ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER KLK SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

ACROSS	FIRM 70 PARA 8.		5
	1. NIL.		10
	2. a RUSSIAN FISHING VESSEL 'ATLANT' CALLED AT STANLEY FOR PROVISIONS		15
	b RUSSIAN FISHING FLEET RETURNED TO FISH OFF PORT STANLEY.		20
	3. ROUTINE TRAINING.		25
WRITE			30
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NR 19 R 091348Z

FM BC SG
TO STANLEY

N/53/71. RUSSIAN TRAWLER ALMAZ IN FOR WATERING GRITVIKEN
7TH SAILED 8TH FOR LAS PALMAS. CUSTOMS/HARBOUR DUES TOTAL
\$15. VISIT FROM ADOLPH DMOWSKY DIRECTOR RUSSIAN FISHING
OPERATIONS. UNDERSTAND FISHING WILL CEASE THESE WATER S APRIL
FOR WINTER WITH POSSIBLE COMMENCEMENT FOLLOWING SUMMER.

CHINN 081930Z

copy to C.S.



10th February

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F.C.O. HGF/4/3

Russian Fishing Vessels

Since Christmas a new pattern appears to have emerged here of Russian fishing vessels carrying out loading and re-fuelling operations with "mother-ships" in sheltered areas roughly in the semi-circle from North of Salvador to South of Fitzroy, outside our territorial waters.

When the Russians initiated these operations we were not able to take any effective action but fortuitously H.M.S. "Endurance", bringing the new Governor from Punta Arenas, arrived here on the same day as a report was received of these Russian loading operations taking place north of Salvador. The report, made by one of our Beaver aircraft, indicated that the operation was taking place inside territorial waters. The Russians were requested to report their position which they did, indicating a position well outside territorial waters. With the co-operation of H.M.S. "Endurance", helicopter sorties were flown over the Russian vessels the next morning and their position was fixed as being well outside our territorial waters.

Since then, while the Russians have continued this pattern of loading operations between ships of their fishing fleet, they have formally requested our permission to do so. On each occasion permission has been given on confirmation that the operations were to take place outside the three-mile limit. On the 2nd February a number of Russian vessels, in all some fourteen, were carrying out loading operations with our permission, at a location approximately four miles north-west of Meneary Point. On the evening of the same day H.M.S. "Darwin" was returning from a camp trip and her Master is understood to have said that some of the Russian ships were within the three-mile limit. (There is an easterly current in these waters and it would be possible for ships on station to drift from their original position.) For various reasons it was not possible for us to fix the Russian vessels' position precisely on this occasion, but I believe that if territorial waters were infringed on this occasion it was inadvertent. I have reported this incident because among R.E.S. "Darwin's" passengers were Colonel and Mrs. Huarte, who as you know are currently making a tourist visit to the colony, and I understand that Colonel Huarte expressed concern at the sight of so many Russian ships lying off Berkeley Sound. (See our telegram 37 of the 5th of February 1971.)

(J. A. Jones)
Colonial Secretary

J. de C. Ling
Foreign and Commonwealth Office (A. & I.O. Dept.)
London, S.W.1

JB

cc R.W. Whitney, Esq., O.B.E.
cc. British Embassy, B.A.
British Embassy

MEMORANDUM

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9th February, 19 71.

From: Harbour Master,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.



TO: The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

SUBJECT:- Visits of Russian Ships


I forward herewith information regarding the activities of Russian vessels during the month of January, 1971.

<u>Port</u>	<u>Date of</u>		<u>Ships name</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
	<u>Arrival</u>	<u>Departure</u>		
Stanley	21.1.71.	23.1.71.	ATLANT	Purpose of visit to load fresh water & mutton

2. On January the 8th a report was received that two vessels were anchored off the Salvador coast, within the 3 mile limit. The vessels in question 'Poljarnvy-Krug' (Transport) and 'Grumant' (Trawler) reported their positions as 5115.6 S 5816.5 W and 5115.8 S 5816.7 W respectively. A helicopter sortie from H.M.S. 'Endurance' on the morning of the 9th January confirmed these positions.

3. On 12th January the vessel 'Ostrov Russkey' requested permission for unloading operations of the north east coast of East Falkland. Permission was granted after the actual position of the proposed operation had been received.

4. There were no visits from Russian Vessels during the months of July and August, 1970.


 Harbour Master

No. S.15.

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

MEMORANDUM



370
6th March, 1971.

From: Harbour Master,

To: The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

STANLEY.

SUBJECT:- Visits of Russian Ships

There were no visits from Russian Vessels during the month of February, 1971.

Handwritten signature

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TELEGRAM.

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From BASE COMMANDER SOUTH GEORGIA

To STANLEY

Despatched : 7th ^{Feb.}~~April~~ 1971 Time : 2358

Received : 19 Time :

Have Russian trawler in Grytviken watering. Have been asked to allow tanker Lybertsi to transfer cargo from three Russian trawlers in East Cumberland Bay within next few days. Usually Russian vessels transfer stores off area Cape Charlotte/Cooper Island and reason for request appears to be current bad weather and heavy seas. Can I permit cargo transfer here query. Answer a.m. Monday if possible

CHINN 072305Z

PL: JE

*Note: O.I.C. BAS reports that transfer of cargo
did not, in fact, take place - see memo
at p.7 in D/2/70.*

.. 3. 4. 71.

NAT/WHA/1426-01



NAT/WHA/1426-02



NAT/WHM/1#26-03



NAT/WHM/1#26-04



NAT/WHA/1#26-05



NAT/WHA/1#27-06

