

C.S.

SECRET

1940.

No.

S/48/40.

SHI/VES/2 # 37

S. of S. Telegram No. 103.

SUBJECT.

1940.

10th December.

S.S. "CORINTHIACOS".

Previous Paper.

- 1 Tel. from Mr. S. P. 27. XI. 40
- 2 Telegram from S. of S. No. 103 of 10. 12. 40.

O.C. Def. 7.

b. y. i. *[Signature]* 11/XII/40

Honourable Colonial Secretary: Ever Thank you. *[Signature]* 12. XII. 40

Customs Officers

b. y. i. *[Signature]* 13/XII/40

Coll. of Customs

Noted, thank you.

[Signature] 13. 12. 40.

How ed

They noted - Thank you.

[Signature]
13/XII/40

A.S.C.

In re ① please telegraph and advise to-day
2. I have not got the original of ①, do you know where it may be?

[Signature] 20/XII/40

Subsequent Paper.

26 (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) (8) (9) (10) (11) (12) (13) (14) (15) (16) (17) (18) (19) (20) (21) (22) (23) (24) (25) (26) (27) (28) (29) (30) (31) (32) (33) (34) (35) (36) (37) (38) (39) (40) (41) (42) (43) (44) (45) (46) (47) (48) (49) (50) (51) (52) (53) (54) (55) (56) (57) (58) (59) (60) (61) (62) (63) (64) (65) (66) (67) (68) (69) (70) (71) (72) (73) (74) (75) (76) (77) (78) (79) (80) (81) (82) (83) (84) (85) (86) (87) (88) (89) (90) (91) (92) (93) (94) (95) (96) (97) (98) (99) (100)

copy [redacted] telegram 20.11.40
C. C. Def. 7.

Please see ② & submit report so that telegram may be sent at once. i. also note

④ *AD* 20/xii/40

④ Tel. to Ministry of Shipping 20.XII.40

Honourable Colonial Secretary.

② & ④ See a note. Customs Office will submit report at earliest moment. *AD* 20.xii.40.

Y.E. Draft telegram submitted for coding & dispatch, please. Ref. ②. *AD* 20/xii/40

Sent 20/12
~~will~~ 21/12

Telegram to S. of S. No. 126 of 20/12/40. 5
" from N.C.S.O., Punta Arenas, 1138/19. 6

N.C.O. The answer to your query on ⑥ is "no possible means of knowing" *AD* 21/xii/40

N.C.S. Have sent reply (7). 7
Reply 22.xii.40 PA

Telegram from S. of S. 107 Serial 6 27.XII.40 8
Collector of Customs,

Please see ⑧ You and I have worked out these figures. They correspond with those of the Manifest and include items

- 1, 9/16, 33/36 Ketelhorn - hides
- 8, 17/26 Moos - "
- 40/41 " - leather

AD
Colonial Secretary.
28. 12. 40.

Hon. Es

Noted

28/12/40

N.O.C.

I understand you have no objection to Corinthiakos coming into Port Stanley, if necessary.

28/12/40

W.C.S. Home.

28.12.40

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S. of S. telegram Secret, No. 108 of 28/12/40.

Y.E.

I have seen the N.O., O.C. Def. 7. & Mys. F.I. Co.

The "Corinthiakos" will be brought into Port Stanley on Monday p.m. Dec. 30th. She will remain under guard of R.N. until then & after O.C. Def. 7. will look after her.

The "Finnia" will probably be able to warehouse the lot but if not the work will have to be covered with tarpaulins. Not all the hides have been examined.

The Harbour Master will instruct the master "Corinthiakos" to be ready to proceed into the inner harbor as and when required.

I attach a draft of the first notice it is proposed to serve on the master & I shall look up the instructions on the handling of contraband which the N.O.C. has just given me.

28/12/40

The value of the hides is approx. £100,000 & the leather £5850

N.B.

H.E. seen & necessary steps & instructions taken

30/12/40

10. Minute from Detaining officer, 31/12/40

A.C.S.

Ask if he will include word "temporarily" before "detained"

AB 21/11/40

A.C.S.

I understand that this message was worded by Mr. Can. It can go worded as follows

am at Port Stanley with wife notify you later my departure

PALEOG RASSUS

But please obtain full address

AB 2/1/41

Telegram to Embiricos, Cari Henderson, New York 3/1/41. (11.)

S. of S. Telegram, no. 3 of 5/1/41. 12.

Telegram to S. of S. no. 3 of 5/1/41. 13.

Telegram to Embiricos, 14/1/41. 14.

S. of S. Telegram no. 10 of 17/1/41. 15.

Reg. Please see (15) f.r.a.

I telephoned Mr. F.I.C. yesterday. He will be away this week-end. I understood that he cannot begin receiving discharge for at least 10 days, as the Ros Lady Elizabeth cannot, as he had hoped, be used.

AB 18/1/41

Telegram No. 19. Secret from S. of S. of 10/2/41. 16.

" No. 20 to S. of S. of 11/2/41. 17.

" No. 21 Secret from S. of S. of 12/2/41. 18.

" No. 21 " to S. of S. of 13/2/41. 19.

" " ? " from S. of S. of 14/2/41. 20.

" " 23 " to " " 15/2/41. 21.

Y/E. Advance warrant submitted for signature.

C. J. P. 4/8/41.

P.A.

Inside Minute Paper.

22. Telegram No. 59 from S. of S. of 18/4/42.
23. Telegram No. 65 to S. of S. of 20/4/42.

BCODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Ministry of Shipping, London.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 27th November, 19 40. Time : 1728.

Received : 27th November, 19 40. Time : 1815.

Msgt 1.

From Ministry of Shipping.

Greek vessel "CORINTHIAKOS" from Buenos Aires for
Vladisvostock calls Port Stanley for bunkers please advise
arrival and refuse clearance until further advised.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 10th December, 1940. *Time:* 0212.

Received: 10th December, 1940. *Time:* 1030.

No. 103. Please report details consignments of Hides and Wool on board s.s. "Corinthiacos" on arrival.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

I.D.C.O.

For use in
Cypher or
Coding Office
only.

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

INTERCEPT GROUP.

TO: Navytell Falkland Islands.

FROM:

N.C.S.O. B.A.

Your 1018 December 14th. Following is information contained in my 1650

Nov. 21st to Admiralty, SOI Freetown and SOI Mv.

SVKS "CORINTHIAKOS" loading for Vladivostock. In view of cables exchange

between Ministry of Shipping and their representative here propose send

Port Stanley.

BRITISH NAVAL

BASE

13 DEC 1940

FALKLANDS

1550/16.

Book or Table to be used for

Ciphering or Coding.

Recyphering or Recoding.

Initials of Cypher
or Coder.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor,

To Ministry of Shipping.

Despatched: 20th December, 19 40. *Time:* ...

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

IMMEDIATE.

Unnumbered. Your telegram of 27th November Greek ship Korinthiakos arrived this morning. Clearance being held up. Please advise earliest further action required.

GOVERNOR.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor,

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched: 20th December, 1940. Time:...

Received: 19... Time:...

No. 126. IMMEDIATE. Your telegram No. 103 Corinthiacos cargo manifest shows only hides, leather and wool. Consignees of the hides are (1) order NTFY RASNOEXPORT MOSCOW 51402 packages and 14000 salted shippers KETELHOHN HERMANOS; (2) order State Bank of the U.S.S.R. VLADIVOSTOCK NTFY RASNOEXPORT MOSCOW 26000 packages and 5800 salted shippers S. HUISMAN AND CIA; (3) State Bank of the U.S.S.R. VLADIVOSTOCK 44808 packages shippers ELIAS MOOS 3500 salted shipper CIA SUD AMERICANA KREGLINGER; consignees of the wool are (1) State Bank of the U.S.S.R. VLADIVOSTOCK 523 bales shippers CIA SUD AMERICANA KREGLINGER; (2) IRANSOVTRANS VLADIVOSTOCK 868 bales shippers FURHMANN LTDA; (3) State Bank of the U.S.S.R. VLADIVOSTOCK 362 bales shippers FURHMANN; in addition sole leather 1252 rolls shipped by ELIAS MOOS to State Bank of U.S.S.R. VLADIVOSTOCK. In transit to Sweden shipped by FURHMANN LTDA consigned to IRANSOVTRANS VLADIVOSTOCK 592 bales washed wool weight 232,579 kilos. To cargo weight in kilos salted hides 4,018,327; greasy wool 95,345 washed wool 720,356, scoured wool 122,841 and leather 1,05. Please note shippers KETELHOHN and MOOS are in War Trade Vessel is bound first for CORONEL via MAGALLANES for pi Please instruct early.

GOVERNOR.

For use in
Cypher or
Coding Office
only.

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

INTERCEPT GROUP.

TO: N.O.I.C. Port Stanley

FROM:
N.C.S.O. Punta
Arenas.

Greek ship S.S. CORINTHIACOS when does she arrive at Punta Arenas

1130/19.

II.

HON. COLONIAL SECRETARY.

What do you want me to reply to this.

R. S. Martin

COMMANDER.

Book or Table to be used for

Cyphering or Coding.

Recyphering or Recoding.

Initials of Cypherer
or Coder.

Time of Receipt in
Cypher or Coding
Office.

Date

S. 1320b.

For use in
Signal
Department
only

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

Codress/Plaindress

No. of
Groups:

TO:

FROM:

British Consul Junta Arenas

Write
Across

Brit. Consul
HON COLONIAL SECRETARY Junta Arenas from NCiC Port Stanley. 5

Your 1150 19th December 10

Date of departure Port Stanley uncertain, will advise you when 15

known. 20

0940/22. 25

II. 30

HON COLONIAL SECRETARY 35

Above reply has been sent. 40

R. B. Mah.

Commander.

System

P/L Code or Cypher

Time of

Operator

P.O.O.W.

Receipt

Despatch

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State

To His Excellency the Governor, Falkland Islands.

Despatched: 27th December 1940 Time: 13.00.

Received: 27th December 1940 Time: 15.00.

Immediate

No. 107 Secret. With reference to your telegram No.126 CORINTHIAKOS. By decision of the Contraband Committee 1,802 repeat 1,802 tons hides consigned to RASNO Export by KETELNICHEN, 1,239 repeat 1,239 tons hides consigned to RASNO Export by MOOS 105 repeat 105 tons sole leather consigned to RASNO Export by MOOS should be unloaded and ^{seized in prize} ~~retained~~. The rest of the cargo and the ship should be released.

I.D.C.O.

● DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 28th December, 19 40. *Time* : 1417.

Received : 29th December, 19 40. *Time* :

Red 4

No. 108. Secret. With reference to my telegram No.
107 Corinthiakos. For "detained" please substitute
"seized in prize".

SECRETARY OF STATE.

I.D.C.O.

No.

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

MINUTE.

10

31st. December, 19 40.

From Detaining Officer.

To The Hon. Colonial Secretary.

Port Stanley.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Sir,

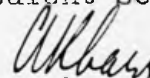
The Master of the s.s. "Corinthiakos" has requested that the following telegram be sent to his owners in New York:-

MR. EMBIRICOS, CARI HENDERSON, NEW YORK. DETAINED PORT STANLEY,

PALEOGRASSUS.

I am,
Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Detaining Officer.

11.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
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3. 1. 41.

To

EMIRICOS,
GARI HEDDERSON,
NEW YORK.

AM AT PORT STANLEY WILL NOTIFY YOU LATER BY DEPARTURE.

PALEOCRASSUS

Time

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

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From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 5th January, 19 41. *Time*:

Received: 5th January, 19 41. *Time*:

Red 8

No. 3. Immediate. Secret. My telegram No. 107

Corinthiakos. If cargo not already unloaded please
suspend action further directions. Ship to be detained.
Telegraph earliest whether cargo has been unloaded.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

I.D.C.O.

DECODE.

13.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor,

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched: 5th January, 19 41. *Time*:

Received: 19 ... *Time*:

Rec (12)

No. 3. Secret. Your telegram No. 2 unloading of
Corinthiakos not yet begun.

GOVERNOR.

I.D.C.O.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				14/1/41

TO EMBIRICOS CARE HENDERSON
NEW YORK.

DELAY FOR CONTROL. PROBABLY DISCHARGE PART OF CARGO.
PLEASE ARRANGE REMITTANCE OF FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS TO
THIS PORT.

PALEOKRASSAS.

L. L.
14/1/41

Time

DECODE.

No. 345

TELEGRAM.

15'

From Secretary of State,

To His Excellency the Governor, Falkland Islands.

Despatched : 19 *Time :*
Received : 17th January 1941 *Time :* 0512

Immediate.

No.10 Secret With reference to my telegram No.3 Corinthiakos.
Directions in my telegram No.107 and my telegram No.108 are to stand.
Please expedite discharge and telegraph when clearance granted also
date and time of arrival.

I.D.C.C.

reads 8 + 9

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 10th February, 19 41. *Time:* 1720.

Received: 11th February, 19 41. *Time:* 1030.

Important. No. 19 Secret. With reference to my Telegram
No 10 Corinthiakos please telegraph urgently what action
has been taken.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

I.D.C.O.

DECODE.

17.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor.

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched : 11th February, 1941. *Time* : ...

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

No. 20. Your telegram No. 19 Secret prize court sits 18th inst
meanwhile warehousing question presented considerable difficulties
necessitating shifting cargo out of a hulk for the hides etc. and
further delay must inevitably arise from shortage of labour which
is very serious and will probably mean that greek crew will be asked
to volunteer to help. Everything to expedite business will be done.

GOVERNOR.

I.D.C.O.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 12th February, 1941. Time : 1650.

Received : 13th February, 1941. Time : 1030.

Important.

No. 21 Secret. With reference to your telegram No. 20 Corinthiakos unless writ already issued and unloading commenced please suspend pending further direction.

Recd. 17.

Meanwhile please telegraph (a) whether writ has been issued and served and if so when (b) whether there has been any unloading (c) for what purpose Prize Court sitting February 18th has been fixed.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

I.D.C.O.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor.

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched: 13th February, 1941. Time:...

Received: 19... Time:...

Recd. 18

No. 21 Secret. Your telegram 21¹⁸ Secret writ was issued 18th January and served on 19th. No unloading has taken place. Sitting of the Prize Court was to condemn the part cargo mentioned in your telegram 107 secret as amended by your telegram 108 secret.

GOVERNOR.

I.D.C.O.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 14th February, 1941. *Time* : 1500.

Received : 14th February, 1941. *Time* :

No. 23 ~~21~~ Most Immediate. Reply urgently required No. 23
Secret My telegram No. 21 Corinthiakos satisfactory
assurances have now been received from Soviet Ambassador for
all cargo specified in my telegram No. 107 and Contraband
Committee now desire ship and cargo to be released with the
least possible delay.

If prize proceedings not already instituted ship and
cargo should be released forthwith.

If prize proceedings have been commenced they should
be discontinued at earliest (see Prize Court Rules Order
No. 6) and ship and cargo allowed to proceed.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

I.D.C.O.

DECODE.

(21)

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor,

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched : 15th February, 19 41. *Time* : ...

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

No. 25. Secret Your telegram No. 23 Secret vessel
and cargo released February 15th.

GOVERNOR.

I.D.C.O.

No.

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

MINUTE.

10 March

1941

From Supervisor G & T Dept

To ACS.

Stanley

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Submitted please 2 telegrams handed to me yesterday by the Chief Officer SS Cosintheados for transmission. To what account should they be charged please

DM,

S. E. T

10/3/41

Supr. G & T,

J.H.
Could ho. 2 be despatched to British Consul
Punta Arenas in I.D. Code. The Recording Table
for use with G.T.C. is not now to be used by
wireless.

C.H.
10/3/41

Apparently no costs were paid i. not our concern(?)
If telegrams are prepared let them go subject to
N.C.'s approval

A.D. 10/2/41

NOT SENT by direction of N.C.

C.H.
12/8/41

with
BRAUN. AND. BLANCHARD

PUNTA-ARENAS.

ARRIVE. PUNTA-ARENAS. ROADS. 12th. ARRANCE.

PILOT. FREE PRATIQUE _____.

CAPTAIN. CORINTHIAKOS.

act. messer 2 should go in
code via British consul.
grd.

10 CSO - for approval

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

No. 81.

From SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

To HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Despatched: 18th April,, 19 42. *Time:* 21.15.

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

Red 8.

No. 59. Owners of ship named in my telegram No. 107 1940 are claiming demurrage.

Please telegraph (a) whether in most favourable circumstances it would have been possible to unload this ship at the rate of 200 tons a day or more; (b) fullest possible details as to nature of warehousing and other unloading difficulties referred to in your telegram No. 20 1941; (c) what were the reasons why items intended to be unloaded were not discharged or unloading even started between December 27th (my telegram *Red 12.* 107) and January 5th (my telegram No. 3) or between January 16th (my *Red 15.* telegram No. 10) and February 12th (my telegram No. 21).

Red 18.

I.D.C.O.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

To SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

Despatched: 20th April, 19 42. *Time:*

Received: 19 *Time:*
Red 23.

No. 65. Secret. With reference to your telegram No. 59 (a) no; absence of adequate lighterage facilities and lack of man-power would have prevented any chance of unloading at a rate anyway approaching 200 tons per diem; (b) no warehousing facilities existed as the only large warehouse was filled with naval stores. It was therefore necessary to consider hulks one of which had been worked upon for this purpose but abandoned on January 18 as impossible. The second hulk used for coal was then considered unloading the coal was impossible until the return of our ~~one~~ one steamer. Storage on the beach was impossible owing to lack of tarpaulins; (c) until storage could be arranged unloading could not have been begun and the only place available was the coal hulk referred to in (b).

GOVERNOR.

I.D.C.O.

an ample labour supply. It has been done. But with say 1320 tons to discharge, this would take 5 days owing to the necessity of discharging lighters on shore. This would make the discharging rate 264 tons per day. Only 4 gangs could be economically worked. Any more would be superfluous owing to being restricted by shore facilities. If discharging lighters to bulk as well as

shore installations the rate would be stepped up to 330 tons per day. Using 6 gangs - but only up to this maximum of 1320 tons; by this time ^{the} shore storage capacity would be filled.

When it comes to "Corinthiakos" however, the picture is somewhat different, as the vessel had 3600 to discharge only 600 tons of which could have been accommodated under cover on shore. As the nature

Stanley Gould
3912

PORT STANLEY,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

21st April 1942

Dear Governor,

Referring to our conversation on Monday concerning "Corinthiakos", it may be of interest and some use to you if I send you some notes on the matter of discharge of cargoes in the Port.

Our normal rate of discharge into lighters under favourable conditions is about 10 tons per hour per gang. This will vary according to the class of cargo being handled. The daily rate for one gang may be considered at 100 tons per day of 10 hours. Normally we have 6 lighters available of an average capacity of 110 tons each. We could therefore discharge up to 660 tons in one day given

of the cargo, mostly wet-salted
meat. This class of cargo requires
special care in stowage, and the
rate per ton would be much
reduced. Given an adequate
labour supply ^(our shift) it would have
taken 20 days ^{^^} to discharge
this cargo; that is at the rate of
150 tons per day. Under the
~~the~~ circumstances prevailing
in restricted stowage facilities
for such a cargo, number and
quality of labour available, and
the numerous calls upon our labour
to attend to Mr. Craft, e.g., coaling
of Bonair, Aftinglow and Philomel,
trabony of Philomel and Baltavia
and other services including
discharge, loading of our own
vessels, we could not have maintained
an average rate of discharge of
more than 120 tons per day. This
man-power is not available in
high-tide for coping with such
jobs untroubledly in the manner
which would be expected in a

regular port. In an emergency,
yes, we can handle a call such
as "Cominthios" but not expeditiously
under present conditions.

Given the men and the same
facilities we could have discharged
such a cargo in ten ^{days} working 2
shifts: 7 days working 3 shifts.
But 2 shifts would have required
100 men, 3 shifts 180 men.
My figure of 120 tons per day
is based on 48 men.

Yours sincerely,

W. M. Smith

P.S. We discharged "Cauonera" in
May 1940 with 750 tons general
cargo in 3½ days and discharged
and loaded Ditzroy with about
500 tons at the same time.

W. M. Smith