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SUBJECT:

Visit of s/s Rotterdam to  
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# The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

(INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1851.)

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TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY" VIA RADIO.

*Stanley,*

2nd May 1959.



The Hon. The Colonial Secretary,  
Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Stanley.

Dear Sir,

We have been requested by the Holland-America Line, who are organising a South America Cruise with their new flag ship S/S "ROTTERDAM" next January as follows :-

"We have been informed that one of the highlights of the Falkland Islands is the small penguins which inhabit an area which can be reached partly by vehicle and then on foot.

However, because of the scarcity of transportation and the strenuous nature of this trip, it is not recommended for our mostly elderly passengers.

The idea of showing penguins to our passengers seems so attractive to us that we wonder whether it would not be possible that some penguins be corralled near the landing jetty for the benefit of all cruise passengers.

We would, therefore, much appreciate if you would discuss this matter with the authorities concerned and we do hope that an arrangement as suggested will be feasible."

S/S "ROTTERDAM" is scheduled to call at Port William for a few hours on the afternoon of Monday, 4th January 1960.

Subject to Government's permission, it may be possible for us to capture, say ten penguins, at Surf Bay that morning, hold them at our jetty, and return them

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to their rookery in the evening. If the weather should prevent the passengers coming ashore, we could arrange to have the birds put onboard "ROTTERDAM" and released from ship's side before sailing.

We would be interested to hear your views on this subject in order that we pass Government's decision on to the Owners.

Yours faithfully,

THE FALKLAND ISLANDS TRADING CO. LTD.

*G. J. ...*  
Shipping Department.

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I see no objection to this proposal  
I would recommend approval - the birds  
would not require feeding for the short  
period involved.

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A.C.S.

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I agree. No objections.

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Ack'd  
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12th May,

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Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter of the 2nd May, 1959, and to state that there is no objection to the capture of penguins for the benefit of the cruise passengers on board s.s. "Rotterdam" providing they are not subjected to rough treatment and are released in the evening of the day of their capture.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) J. Bound.

COLONIAL SECRETARY

for

The Manager,  
Falkland Islands Trading Co. Ltd.,  
Shipping Department,

STANLEY

Copies to: Chief Constable  
O.i.c. Ag. Dept.

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TELEGRAM.

From Governor, Falkland Islands.....

To Captain "Rotterdam".....

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Despatched: 5th January, 19 59. Time: ....

Received: 19 Time:

Children would like to thank you and your ships company for the privilege of seeing over your magnificent vessel and for the wonderful party they were given on board. They would also like to thank the passengers who so generously sent a gift of a musical Christmas Tree which will be kept in our Infants School. Best Wishes for the remainder of your trip to you all.

Governor.

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Gripsholm will visit Stanley.

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2.0 A.M. till 2.0 P.M.

y.s.

I believe S.E. is answer of above. I do not know where any action by us is called for. When Rotterdam Camp (a much bigger ship I am told) we land on penguins at the request of the Company.

A.C.S. tells me that local traders at taxi-downers are apt to exploit the situation which is bad.

Still I have a word with Mr. Barton 2

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HCS

We spoke.

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