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SUBJECT:

Christian Salvesen and
Company.

CONNECTED FILES.

NUMBER

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~~Imperial Whaling Revenue,
lease of Whaling Stations at South
and Stromness Harbors to Christian
Salvesen and Company.~~

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Worsburg Co.

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Research - general

2/3/60

Albion Star



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151/51
King Edward Point,
South Georgia.
16th September, 1957

From The Administrative Officer,
South Georgia,
To The Colonial Secretary,
Port Stanley,

Christian Salvesen and Company

4 I attach herewith a ~~new~~ copy of a note that I have made on Christian Salvesen and Company. It is the result of some enquiries here and some research in Lloyds' Register. I cannot guarantee the authenticity of it all, but you may like to see it.

2. The South Georgia Company's Registered address is of course in Leith, Scotland.

J. H. ...
Administrative Officer,
South Georgia.

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P.S. Ivar Salvesen died suddenly on 27th September. He was, I understand, the largest share holder in this private Company.

J. H.
22/10/57.

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1957



CHRISTIAN SALVESEN & COMPANY

Directors

H. K. Salvesen
Ivar Salvesen
Maximillian Harper Gow
Gerald. H. Elliot.
Hollyer of London (?Andersen and Becker)

Subsidiary or otherwise associated Companies

Seviåla Co: Ltd:
South Georgia Co: Ltd:
Polar Whaling Co: , which is closely connected with
land whaling station in Labrador, which may be close

Sevilla Company

Ships

Southern Venturer (Factory Ship)
Sarka (Catcher)
Satsa "
Southern Actor " (Used to be Chr: Salv:
Southern Foster "

South Georgia Co: Ltd

Southern Harvester (Factory ship)
? Southern Satellite (New Tanker-transport)
Southern Opal { Tanker-transport built 1941
Southern Garden { " " " 1919
Culrain (6765 tons registered)
Culross (7331 " " } trading between
Struan (2893 " " } Australia & Aden
most of the time.
Fenja (847 " " }
Folda (1165 " " } Baltic trade
Marna (873 " " }
Tronda (678 " " }
Glitra ? ? " " }

About 38 catchers of various sizes all under about 900 tons

Also owned by Chris: Salvesen's is the little over 1000 ton Fairtry, which is prototype ship for a series of fish factory ships of which there are two more being built in the U.K.

There are ^{also} 2 corvettes laid up in Norway and 7 coal catchers about somewhere possibly in Newfoundland

16th September 1957

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151/43
King Edward Point,
South Georgia.
21st January, 1958.

From The Administrative Officer,
South Georgia,
To The Colonial Secretary,
Port Stanley,

Chris: Salvesen and Co:

Further to my note sent under cover ~~687~~ 687.
| ~~_____~~ of my 151/31 of the 16th September I attach another ~~_____~~
concerning the firm and its history, which may be useful
for your records.

~~8~~ Also attached are some extracts from
that firm's News Letter to its employees, which the
Secretary, Leith Harbour, kindly let me see.

J. M. Allen
Administrative Officer,
South Georgia.

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16/1/58

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NOTES ON THE SALVESON FAMILY AND ITS BUSINESS.

(taken from 'Slekton Salveson Gjennem 200 av' printed in Oslo
in 1930)

Christian Salveson. Born at Mandal, Norway, in 1827. Began his commercial education in ship broking firms in Glasgow and Grangemouth, then Stettin and Mandal. Came to Leith in 1851 and entered the office of his elder brother's firm Salveson and Turnbull which, in due course, became Chr. Salveson & Co.. The firm's business included shipbroking, timber importing, coal exporting and ship owning, and under him developed into the largest of its kind in Scotland.

Chr. introduced the pioneer of modern whaling, the Norwegian Commander Svend Feyn, to the Scottish buyers of whale oil and since then the firm has acted as selling agents for practically all the Norse whaling Coys. for the sale of their products. In 1899 the firm started whaling operations on its own account in Iceland, in 1904 in N. Shetland, in 1906 in the Faroes, in 1908 in the Falkland Is., in 1909 in S. Georgia, in 1911 in the South Shetlands and in 1916 in South Africa.

The South Georgia Co. Ltd. was started by Theodore E. Salveson as a private company in 1909 to carry on the firm's whaling operations. He retained the chairmanship until at least 1930.

Three of Christian Salveson's sons, Thomas, Frederick and Theodore joined his firm. Chr. died in 1911.

Harold Keith Salveson is the son of Theodore and Annie Forbes Burnet. He was born in Edinburgh on 30 : 7 : 1897. He was educated at Edinburgh Academy, the R.M.C. Sandhurst, (prize Cadet) and at University College, Oxford, (1st Class Honours). 2nd Lieut. Indian Army, May 1915, retd. Dec. 1923.

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Saw active service in Mesopotamia, Siberia and N.W. Persia. Twice mentioned in despatches, 3 medals. M.A. (Oxford and Harvard) Fellow of New College Oxford, and Lecturer in Economics 1923 - 27 during which time he held for one year in the U.S.A. a Laura Spelman Rockefeller Memorial Fellowship. A Gentleman of the Queen's Bodyguard for Scotland since 1929. Joined Chr. Salveson & Co., Leith in 1928 and was assumed partner on 1st. ~~June~~ ^{January} 1930.

Gerald Henry Elliot son of H.K.

Salveson's elder sister Magda (Madge) Virginie Salveson and her husband Surgeon Commander J.S.Elliot R.N., was born on 24 : 12 : 23. Educated New College Oxford. He became a partner in the firm about 1956 and his special interest is the firm's whaling activities. His first activities appear to have been to introduce economies into the running of the business.

Edward Theodore Salveson. One of Christian's sons who did not join the family business. He became Lord Salveson, a Scottish Law Lord, and a member of the Judicial Committee of The Privy Council. In 1913 he founded the Zoological Society of Edinburgh and became its first President.

Extracts from Chris Salvesen & Co's "Company News Letter"
of October, 1957.

In agreement with the whaling unions, British and Norwegian owners have put into operation a group Life Insurance scheme for whaling personnel. This provides for a sum of £250 to be paid to dependants of any man who dies on whaling service.

2. Salvesen whaling personnel for the 1956/57 season including factories are 625 British and 1004 Norwegian.

3. M.V. Vidra was delivered to the firm in November 1956. M.V. Odra was launched on 31st July 1957. Two more similar ships are building, one at Paisley and one at Bergen. All these ships are destined for the West of Norway trade (which I believe is largely connected with iron ore.)

4. Meat extract plant has been ordered for Leith Harbour.

5. The firm's fresh fish business is expanding.

R.H.
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TELEGRAM.

21. *From* Administrative Officer,

To Colonial Secretary.

Despatched . 2nd March, 19 58 *Time* : 1855.

Received : 3rd March, 19 58 *Time* : 0850.

Regret to inform you Manager Jensen found dead this
afternoon Sunday.

Administrative Officer.

P/L:FH

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TELEGRAM.

From AKSETH, LEITH HARBOUR.

To H.E. THE GOVERNOR

Despatched : 2nd March, 1958. *Time* : 2210

Received : 3rd March, 19 58. *Time* : 0915

Regret inform you Manager Jensen died suddenly this afternoon,
Sunday 2nd March.

P/L:SJA

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

SENT

W. A. S. LTD.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed In at	Date
				3.3.58
To	ADMINOFF SOUTH GEORGIA			DEP. A/C.

No. 54 Please convey our regrets and sympathy to Leith on tragic death of Jensen

SECRETARY

Time

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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W. A. S. LTD.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
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To

GOVERNOR H.M.S. PROTECTOR

10. Following message received from Plant Manager Leith Begins Regret
inform you Manager Jensen died suddenly this afternoon Sunday
2nd March Ends I have sent official condolences

GOVERNOR'S DEPUTY

Time

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TELEGRAM.

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From Administrative Officer,.....

To Colonial Secretary.....

Despatched : 7th March, 19 58 Time : 1150.

Received : 7th March, 19 58 Time : 1415.

69/151. Mr. Sverre Akseth has been appointed Manager Leith Harbour by Head Office Leith Scotland replacing late Jensen. Asketh was to have been winter manager in any case.

Administrative Officer.

P/L:FH

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10/3/58

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Y.E.

J. 14. This is interesting. I will send him a telegram congratulating him on his appointment.

E.G.J.F.
19/3/58

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10-3-58

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

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W. & S. LTD.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed In at	Date
				13.3.58.
To ASKETH MANAGER LEITH SOUTH GEORGIA				Dep a/c

Congratulations on your appointment as Manager stop We are delighted.

Colonial Secretary

Time AGDE/PH

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH

FALKLAND ISLANDS

SENT

W. & S. LTD.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				13. 3. 58.
To	ADMINOFF SOUTH GEORGIA.			DEP A/C

NO. 64 Following sent to Asketh Congratulations on your appointment as Manager stop We are delighted.

Secretary.

Time FH



222/29
King Edward Point,
South Georgia,
16th March, 1958.

Gentlemen,

I decided that it was unnecessary to carry out a Coroner's inquest into the death of SIGURD VALLESTAD, your employee, who died at Leith Harbour shortly after being taken ashore from the "Teic" on the 13th March in a state of acute mania.

Nevertheless you should know that he is reported to have said in a more lucid moment that he had received "Shock treatment" in a mental home -the Nevergarden, Solheimveien, Bergen,-

I expect that you will wish to inquire if this is true and, if so, how your Medical Adviser came to overlook his history of mental illness and pass him fit for South Georgia.

Yours faithfully,

J.W. Matthew
Administrative Officer,
South Georgia.

To Chr: Salvesen & Co:
29 Bernard Street,
Leith,
Scotland.

Copy to Colonial Secretary,
Port Stanley,

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222/29A
16th March, 1958.

For information only. Norwegian medical examinations for whalers are reputedly lax by comparison with British.

J.W. Matthew
Administrative Officer,
South Georgia.

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Extract for Ag Colonial Secretary's Report
on his visit to South Georgia in July
1958.

Visit to Leith Harbour.

Leith Harbour was visited on Saturday, 5th July, and again for a short time after we sailed from Grytviken. I met Hilsen Asketh, the winter Manager, who was delighted to hear that there would be an annual mail trip about this time of the year. He asked that he be given as much advance information of sailing dates as possible, so that full use could be made of the opportunity.

Extracted
to D, 158
"Establishment"
of SSG Mail
Service

We touched upon relations between the Point and Leith Harbour. Asketh said that during the winter season everything had gone well, but "Mr. Matthew often did things the wrong way".

He said it would be much appreciated by everyone in South Georgia if the Governor would consider giving a cup to be competed for annually during the joint whaling companies athletics meeting. I told him that I thought Y.E. would consider the request.

action
taken

Pa. R.

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TELEGRAMS :
INLAND & FOREIGN "SALVESEN, LEITH, TELEX,"
TELEX. LEITH 72-222

ESTABLISHED 1846

TELEPHONE
LEITH, 35211 (14 LINES)

CHR. SALVESEN & CO.

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G.P.O. BOX 217
29 BERNARD STREET,

YOUR REF. D/458

OUR REF. MMG/BS/KLD

LEITH, 1st July, 1958.



The Colonial Secretary,
Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

Sir,

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1047

1. As you may be aware, Deratisation Certificates issued to vessels under the International Sanitary Regulations adopted by the World Health Assembly are valid for a period of 6 months. This means that, in the case of our vessels engaged in Whaling Operations, the Certificates not infrequently expire before the vessels return home at the end of the Whaling Season.

2. In view of the special circumstances obtaining (e.g. no ports of call in the Antarctic etc.) the Administrative Officer at South Georgia has, on occasion, at the request of our Masters, extended the validity of these Certificates (to cover vessels for the voyage home from South Georgia), if he was satisfied that the vessels concerned were clear of rats.

3. A case in point is that of our factory ship SOUTHERN HARVESTER when she left South Georgia for U.K. at the end of the 1957/58 Whaling Season. Her Deratisation Certificate was issued in Tonsberg, Norway, on 2nd August, 1957, and expired six months thereafter. The Customs Officer at South Georgia (at the request of the Master) endorsed the Certificate "The validity of this certificate is extended until the arrival of the ship in Norway".

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4. SOUTHERN HARVESTER bunkered at St. Vincent (C.V.I.) on her way to U.K. from South Georgia and the Port Health Authorities refused to accept the endorsement made by the Customs Officer at South Georgia on the grounds that South Georgia was not a place approved under Article 17 of the International Sanitary Regulations adopted by the World Health Assembly for the purpose of issuing Deratisation Certificates or Exemption Certificates.

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Reply at 31.

TO The Colonial Secretary,
Port Stanley, Falkland Islands.

DATE 1.7.58. ²⁴

5. In view of the fact that the Administrative Officer's authority to grant exemption has now been challenged (correctly it would seem) we shall be grateful if consideration could be given to the Falkland Islands Government exercising their authority to designate a port in South Georgia as being approved for the purpose of issuing Deratization Certificates or Exemption Certificates (in accordance with Article 52 of the International Sanitary Regulations). (We understand that the position at present is that the Falkland Islands Government have not yet designated any port but have reserved the right to do so at a later date.)

See 7376 /
89-92, 109 /
112, 139-142
in 1047 Vols I & II

We have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servants,

Chr Salvesen

*Search in Danley
log file re*

c.c. Colonial Office, London.

*1047 attached
30/9/58*

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*22-24 with 174 in 1047/II for
comments R.*

18/8/58

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H.C.S

*This is a difficult question. Articles 17 & 52 of 158 in 1047/II refers.
Under the circumstances, I feel that we must designate a port in South Georgia
for the issue of these certificates.*

20/8/58

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- f.s. 23-24. Articles 17 and 52 of the International Sanitary Regs. are on pages 13 and 20-21 respectively in f 158 of 1047/II.
2. As far as the Colony's concerns, and I don't think that South Georgia was considered at the time, we entered a reservation in respect of Article 17 on the grounds that competent personnel were not available here (f. 89 in 1047) and this was accepted by the World Health Assembly at f. 109 in 1047/II.
 3. Salmon's suggestion at f. 84 that we designate a port in South Georgia as being approved to issue Deviating Certificates or Deviating Exemption Certificates is accordance with Article 52. The former can only be granted by ports having at their disposal the equipment and personnel necessary to deviate ships (Article 17(2)). It is unlikely that such equipment is available in S.G.. Deviating Exemption Certificates can be issued by ports having sufficient personnel competent to inspect ships.
 4. Presumably the Customs Staff in S.G. is adequate to inspect, as opposed to deviate ships, in view of the limited number of vessels calling there which may require Exemption Certificates. Article 52(4)(b) provides for the issue of an Exemption Certificate for a tanker with full holds so not a great deal of work will be involved.
 5. I am wondering whether the W.H.A. would agree to our nominating say Leith Harbour as an approved port under Article 17(1) so as to enable Exemption Certificates to be granted.

Salvesen's have no doubt been placed in an embarrassing position and we should do all we can to avoid recurrence.

6. A draft offer to G&S is at bc. If approved I will tell Salvesen what we have in mind.

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F. I. ref: D/6/58.

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C. O. ref:

SAVING TELEGRAM.

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

To: The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Date: 28th August, 1958.

No. 164. SAVING. COLONY.

142 in 1047/II

My telegram No. 84 of the 9th May, 1957.

World Health Organisation: International Sanitary Regulations.

89 in
1047/II
109 in
1047/II

I confirmed in my telegram under reference that it was desired to maintain the reservation in respect of Article 17 of the International Sanitary Regulations (providing for the deratting of ships) for the reasons given in my predecessor's telegram No. 50 of the 4th March, 1953, that competent personnel were not available and that the possibility of their being required was so remote that it was considered unnecessary for them to be provided. The temporary approval of the World Health Organisation to the exemption of this Colony from the provisions of Article 17 of the Regulations was communicated in your Savingram No. 141 of the 26th October, 1954.

2. When the reservation was first entered it appears that the position as regards South Georgia was not considered. As you are aware, Deratting Certificates issued to vessels under the International Sanitary Regulations are valid for a period of six months. This means that, in the case of vessels engaged in the whaling industry, the certificates not infrequently expire before the vessels return home at the end of the whaling season.

3. A case in point occurred some months ago when a factory ship left South Georgia for the United Kingdom. Her Deratting Certificate was issued in Norway prior to the opening of the whaling season and expired in February, 1958, when the vessel was still in southern waters. The Customs Officer in South Georgia, at the request of the Master of the vessel, extended the validity of the Certificate until the arrival of the vessel in Norway. The vessel bunkered at St. Vincent on the way home but the Port Health Authority refused to accept the endorsement on the grounds that South Georgia was not a port approved under Article 17 of the Regulations for the purpose of issuing Deratting Certificates or Deratting Exemption Certificates.

4. Although deratting equipment is not necessary in South Georgia in view of the limited number of vessels calling there, as in the case of the Colony, I am of the opinion that there are sufficient personnel competent to inspect ships for the issue of Deratting Exemption Certificates in accordance with Article 52 (4) (b) of the Regulations.

5. I should be grateful, therefore, if you would refer this matter to the World Health Organisation with a view to Leith Harbour being made an approved port for the issue of Deratting Exemption Certificates.

Copy at 39.

GOVERNOR.

SGT/LJH.

2nd Copy filed in 1047/II

28th August,

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Sir,

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I am directed to refer to your letter LMHG/BS/KLD of the 1st July, 1958, in connexion with the issue of Deratting and Deratting Exemption Certificates in South Georgia.

2. It is regretted that an endorsement made by the Customs Officer at South Georgia, extending the validity of a Deratting Certificate issued in Tonsberg on the 2nd August, 1957, was invalid on presentation at St. Vincent. The port health authorities at St. Vincent were, as you remarked, quite entitled to challenge the endorsement since no port in South Georgia has been designated an approved port for the issue of Deratting Exemption Certificates or for extending such certificates.

3. Steps are now being taken, however, to avoid a recurrence and the World Health Organisation is being asked, through the Secretary of State to recognise Leith Harbour as an approved port for the issue of Deratting Exemption Certificates. I shall inform you when such approval has been obtained.

I am,

Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) S. G. Trees.

ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Chr. Salvesen & Co.,
G.P.O. Box 217,
29, Bernard Street,
LEITH.

SGT/MF

Reply at 34

See 30 on 31/8

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SSB 126/162/01



SAVING

From the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To the Officer Administering the Government of FALKLAND ISLANDS

Date 17 September, 1958

No. 96 Saving

International Sanitary Regulations

I have seen a copy of a letter dated the 1st July addressed by Messrs. Salvesen to the Colonial Secretary, Port Stanley, on the subject of the issue of Deratting Certificates and Deratting Exemption Certificates, under the International Sanitary Regulations. The matter has also been referred to me by the Ministry of Transport in London, from whose letter the following is extracted:-

Page 13 of 158 in 1047/II

"As you probably know the Falkland Islands are bound by the International Sanitary Regulations except for a reservation concerning Article 17, the result being that the health administration reserves the right not to designate any port for the issue of Deratting Exemption Certificates nor to approve any port as having at its disposal the equipment and personnel necessary to derat ships for the issue of Deratting Certificates referred to in Article 52. Page 20 of 158 in 1047/II

Since under Article 2 of the International Sanitary Regulations a Deratting or Deratting Exemption Certificate may only be issued by the health authority for a port approved for that purpose under Article 17, it follows that neither the Magistrate nor the health authority at South Georgia had the authority to extend the Deratting Exemption Certificate of the "Southern Harvester".

It appears that the Deratting Exemption Certificate was already time expired when the ship arrived at South Georgia and could not therefore be extended."

Page 13 of 158 in 1047/II

2. I note that the last paragraph of Messrs. Salvesen's letter raises the question of the withdrawal by your Government of the reservation to Article 17 of the Regulations, and I should be glad to have your views on this. I refer in this connection to your telegram No.50 of the 4th March 1953.

89 in 1047/II

3. It appears to me that there should not be difficulty concerning the withdrawal of the reservation to paragraph 1 of Article 17 concerning the provision of "adequate personnel competent to inspect ships for the issue of the Deratting Exemption Certificates referred to in Article 52" and the approval of a port for this purpose. I am advised that a short course of training would suffice for a person or persons who might be detailed to inspect ships and to issue deratting exemption certificates.

4. But you may decide that the reservation in respect of paragraph 2 of Article 17 will still have to stand. This relates to the approved port having at its disposal equipment and personnel necessary to derat ships. If, however, occasion should arise, I suggest the situation could be met by the issue by an appointed official of the Government of the Falkland Islands to the Master of a vessel of a notification to the effect that deratting facilities are not available at any port in the Falkland Islands and advising that he arrange for such deratting at the next appropriate port of call.

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YOUR REF. D/6/58
OUR REF. TMBS/KLD

LEITH, 29th September, 1958.

The Colonial Secretary,
STANLEY,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Sir,

31 We have received your letter of 28th August in connection with the Deratting and Deratting Exemption Certificates in South Georgia.

2. We were interested to learn that you have asked the World Health Organisation, through the Secretary of State, to recognise Leith Harbour as an approved port for the issue of Deratisation Certificates. We are grateful to you for having undertaken to let us know when such approval has been obtained.

We are,

Sir,

Your obedient Servants,

Chr Salvesen

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TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia

To Colonial Secretary

Despatched . 6th November, 19 58 Time : 21.15

Received : 7th November, 19 58 Time : 09.30

265/608. For information manager names this season are as follows South Georgia Company Sverre Akseth repeat Akseth. Pesca Fritz Ringdal. Elliot partner Salvesen's expected to arrive Leith Harbour about 10th December by Satellite. Ryan has informed me manager Pesca of his purchase of R.M.L. ship "Highland Chieftain". Apparently it was announced on B.B.C. Merchant Navy News last Friday night that R.M.L. has sold "Highland Chieftain" to "British International Whaling Company"

P/L:IM B.U.F.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER.

(Intld)

J.B.

Original

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0/13/58 - Tomshog

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Ans

(32) This appears to have crossed with
our (30). Regarding the suggested short
course of training we shall perhaps K.I.V.
the heads C.O. & Asst. Admin. Officer

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15/12/58.

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Ans

yes - K.I.V. as you suggest but there may
be a reply to our 30 in the next mail. P.C.
D.S. then.

P. 15/12/58

Rec. 21/12 (mail)
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Saving;

From the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To the Officer Administering the Government of FALKLAND ISLANDS

Date 11 November, 1958.

No. 120 . Saving

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Your savingram No. 164 of the
28th August.

World Health Organisation: International
Sanitary Regulations.

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I enclose for your information a copy of a letter addressed to the Ministry of Health requesting that the World Health Organisation be notified of the withdrawal by your Government of the reservation to paragraph 1 of Article 17 of the International Sanitary Regulations, and of the approval of the Port of Leith as an approved port for the purpose of issuing deratting exemption certificates.

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2. I enclose a copy of the resulting notice in the W.H.O. Weekly Epidemiological Record No. 44 of the 31st October 1958, in which it is stated that the Port of Leith has been approved by the Organisation for the issue of Deratting Exemption Certificates.

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To me pl.
R. J. G.
29/11/58

COPY

COLONIAL OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.1.

5A/95026/21/23
SSB 126/162/01

15th October, 1958.

Dear Longfellow,

With reference to the correspondence ending with your letter to Miss Bailey of the 9th September, concerning the issue of deratisation exemption certificates in the Falkland Islands, I now enclose a copy of a savingram from the Governor which has crossed our own savingram of the 17th September (copied to you and Vennard of the Ministry of Transport) and in which the Governor makes the suggestion which we ourselves put to him concerning arrangements for the issue of such certificates.

We should accordingly be grateful if you would, subject to your agreement, formally notify the World Health Organisation that the Government of the Falkland Islands, having expressed the opinion that there are sufficient personnel competent to inspect ships for the issue of deratting exemption certificates in accordance with Article 52 (4) (b) of the International Sanitary Regulations, withdraw their reservation to paragraph 1 of Article 17 of the Regulations, and that the Government have approved the Port of Leith as a port in the territory for the purposes of the paragraph in question.

It is requested that the reservation to paragraph 2 of the Article 17 should still stand. In this connection we assume that, if occasion should arise, the situation will be met by the issue by an appointed official of the Government of the Falkland Islands to the Master of a vessel of a notification to the effect that deratting facilities are not available at any port in the Falkland Islands or its dependencies and advising that he arrange for such deratting at the next appropriate port of call.

I quote for ease of reference the terms in which the 6th World Health Assembly accepted the Falkland Islands reservation in respect of Article 17:-

"The Assembly reserves the right to re-examine its acceptance of this reservation from time to time depending on the development of the international traffic of the territory, without prejudice to the right of the reserving state to withdraw the reservation at any time and subject to any relevant amendments by the Assembly to the Articles to which reservation refers."

Yours sincerely,

(sgd.) E.D.Bailey

for A. J. Somerton.

B. LONGFELLOW, ESQ.
(Ministry of Health)

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TELEGRAM.

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From COLONIAL SECRETARY

To LEITH TELEX U.K.

Despatched 7th January, 1959 Time :

Received : 19 Time :

Leith South Georgia has been approved by W.H.C.
for issue of Deratting Exemption Certificates.

COLONIAL SECRETARY

P/L:IM

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TELEGRAM.

From COLONIAL SECRETARY

To ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, SOUTH GEORGIA

Despatched . 7th January, 19 59 Time : 0930

Received : 19 Time :

No. 5. Deratting. Leith South Georgia has been approved by W.H.C. for issue of Deratting Exemption Certificates. With regard to deratting you should notify any master that enquires that deratting facilities are not available at any port in the Falkland Islands or its Dependencies and advise him to arrange for deratting at next appropriate port. Salvesen's head office has been informed.

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SECRETARY

AGDT
P/L:IM

Copy sent to S.N.O.

Received, ⁴⁵ Unit of ^{Ed} ~~Ed~~ ^{Ed} 15/1/59

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TELEGRAM.

From ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, SOUTH GEORGIA

To COLONIAL SECRETARY

Despatched: 16th January, 1959 Time: 1630

Received: 17th January, 1959 Time: 1130

27/352. Elliot told me other day Salvesens wish sell "Southern Paul and Southern Peter". He has since telegraphed me "Southern Paul particulars without guarantee as follows ex motor minesweeper built 1944 Grimsby. Hull and superstructure of pine. Over all length 109 feet gross tonnage 172. Crossley diesel engine 550 I.H.P. giving speed 9.5 knots. Accommodation for 14 and electric light. Last survey 1958. Ship may be available for prompt delivery South Georgia. Good stock engine spare parts. Sister ship Peter might also be available particulars as for Paul but with oak hull. Peter laid up with Surrey overdie and engine has been partly cannibalised for Paul. Please let us know if Government interested. I will then consult Head Office to confirm availability and give price regards Elliot".

Please let me know if Colonial or Dependencies Government interested. For information purposes she is the ship which brought oil to King Edward Point on 2nd December while John Biscoe lay off at anchor. I believe I am right in saying Salvesens bought these two M.M.S. for sealing 1948.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER.

(Intld)

A.G.D.T.

17/1/59

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Note.

J. 46 discussed with the General. Reply is not interested

26.1.59

Reply at 49.

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Offia.

Telegram at h.c. to issue please.

26.1.59

P/L:IM

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FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

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(W. & S. Ltd.—288 Pd/7/56).

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
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To				
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE SOUTH GEORGIA			DEPS A/O	

H 6 No. 21. Yourtel 27/352 stop Southern Paul stop Thank you
 for forwarding particulars but neither Colonial nor
 Dependencies Administrations interested in purchasing her

SECRETARY

Time
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TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched: 15.4.59. Time: 1543 Received: 16.4.59. Time 1000

CONFIDENTIAL.

No. 37. Whaling.

Salvesens have given notice owing to loss 1958/59 season they are considering cessation of the whaling operations from South Georgia. This might well (? result) in the closing down of all the installations there.

2. They are anxious pending the final decision news should not reach Tonsberg and Pesca and request that advice may be treated as strictly confidential.

3. I will keep you informed.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

J.F.

I don't think that there is much we can do about this - unless it is to say that if it were a charging factor we could consider reducing taxation. As I understand it, however, it's not really taxation - it's "no whaten".

I think probably the ball is with Swanson. Swanson can make his representations - convince the C.O. and they can advise us.

52.

D. G. H. / 16.4.59.

HCS.

There is nothing we can do here except await developments & hope for the best.

ETA. 17.4.59

P.H. B.H. / 17.4.59

Extract from letter to the Colonial Secretary of the 22nd of April, 1959, from the Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

Leith have cut the losses by getting the meat extract plant going. 150 tons produced is worth £150,000 and very little indeed other by-product reduced to make it. Pesca are philosophical. One must take the bad with the good, they say.

Original filed in D/13/58.

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3654

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley

Despatched : 17th June, 19 59 Time : 1200
Received : 17th June, 19 59 Time : 1530

No. 164/359. Manager South Georgia Co. requests urgent passage one man "Darwin" South Georgia to Montevideo. Since "Darwin" understood to be on charter to Government for voyage grateful you arrange and confirm to me

Administrative Officer.

P/L:IM

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Repl. 2/5/5

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To	ADMINOFF SOUTH GEORGIA		DEPS A/C	

54 10. 154.

Yourtcl 161/539 Passage for Sulvegens non booked

Secretary

Time

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
281	South Georgia etat	29	1200	22.6.59.

To Phone Secfids Stanley

JWM Manager Leith requests one man berth Darwin South Georgia Montevideo walking medical case x His total requirements therefore two berth x Request earliest reply

Admin.

57

*4ms Jwm 22nd passage Sevens
 Medical case arranged Subject
 Master Darwin's approval*

Time JC

Sevens

*Repl at
 58*

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

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To	Adminoff South Georgia		Depts a/c	

56 No. 159. Your JWM 22nd passage Salvesens medical case arranged subject
Master Darwin's approval

Secretary

Time JH/IM

23.6.59

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TELEGRAM.

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~~123~~

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley

Despatched : 21st July, 19 59 *Time* : 1325
Received : 21st July, 19 59 *Time* : 1430

191/153. Fire in Separator House Leith 13th July.
Held investigation at Manager's request 17th July. Cause
accidental. Repairs should be completed before season
starts.

Administrative Officer.

On file

(Intld.)

J.B.

21/7/59.

~~123~~ 60

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J.H.

J.C.

RH 23/7/59

22/7/59

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 19 Time :
Received : 5th November, 19 59. Time : 1100.

Priority.

No. 268. Have received request from Akseth South Georgia Company for passage on "Shackleton" for Reipar Kittang sick birth attendant. Kittang has Company's permission terminate his contract and travel home via Montevideo if this can be arranged.

Reply at-65
Administrative Officer.

64
A9 S.F.

Can this be arranged? If so perhaps you would reply. HES who is at

'Phoned to Secretariat 1100/5th.

Council has not seen this telegram.

P/L : IM

See 65A & B

*J.R.M.
5.11.59*

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

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W. & A. LTD.

Number Office of Origin Words Handed in at Date

5:11:59

To AMELIOFF SOUTH GEORGIA **A** W/C WIND

1/4/58 ⁶³ PARCEL 268 TO COLONY HAVE ASKED MASTER BRACKENBURN TO REBARK KITTING AND HE WILL CONFIRM WHETHER THIS CAN BE DONE OR NOT PARLIEST STOP IF KITTING'S PASSAGE SOUTH GEORGIA COMPANY COMMITMENT THIS NO CHARGE WILL BE MADE STOP IF HOWEVER KITTING RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS OWN PASSAGE THEN HE SHOULD BE CHARGED FIFTEEN POUNDS BEFORE DEBARKING

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

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5:11:59

To MASTER BRACKENBURN **B 66**

1/6/58 PLEASE REBARK MR. KITTING SOUTH GEORGIA COMPANY'S HELICOPTER AND TRANSPORT HIM AS PASSENGER AS FAR AS NOWTVIDED STOP GRATEFUL YOU CONFIRM WITH AMELIOFF SOUTH GEORGIA COMPANY WHETHER OR NOT YOU CAN UNDERTAKE THIS COMMITMENT

SECURITY

Time

6:11:5

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Extract from the Colonial Secretary's Report
on his visit to South Georgia, December, 1959.

Whaling Company Notes.

Leith are very well aware that their fate is finely balanced and this added to the very poor season hitherto (the whales are there and are in good condition and of fair size - but the weather has been bad) accounts in all probability for the air of tension that is not very difficult to detect amongst Salvesen's people.

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TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

To Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

Despatched : 12th January, 1960. Time : 1500.

Received : 19 Time :

No. 5. J. A. Lord enquiring whether Rarity has received his letter and whether he has a job for him. Person named at present employed by Falkland Islands Company as clerk but contract expires this month. He will take labourers job and will over winter. For your information he would probably do if they were shorthanded but he is not well liked here.

Colonial Secretary.

Rec 19.1.60.

; Underlined in GTC.

/IM

~~Recd~~ See 71

Rec 20.1.60

df. 4
ACS.

69.

68. No reply yet. Had smiled this
morning.

X. J. a. n. ?

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22.1.60

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Pl. amid.

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22.1.60

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To

Adminoff South Georgia

Conf. copy - phoned

W/T Station 1445/25th. (Deps A/c)

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No. 17. Mytel 5 stop Grateful early reply

Secretary

Time DEM/IN

BU 27/60
 Held for reply

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TELEGRAM.

No. 359.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 26th January, 1960. Time : 1800.

Received : 27th January, 1960. Time : 1015.

68, 71

No. 25. Your telegrams 17 and 5 stop

Still waiting reply from Leith. Have sent them another note today and will forward their reply as soon as possible.

74

Administrative Officer.

73.

P/L : IM

Office.

Discussed with H.C.S. n.f.a.n. - P.A. (Intld.)

JB

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DECODE.

No. 407.

TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 28th January, 19 60. *Time* : 2330

Received : 29th January, 19 60. *Time* : 1530

No. 31. Reference your telegrams re
J.A. Lord. Rarity informs me he sent
telegram to Lord 21st January 1960 saying
"regret no vacancies".

Administrative Officer.

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(Intld.)
AGDT
29.1.60

JA
30/60

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No. 55.

TELEGRAM.

From Salvesen, Leith, Scotland.

To Lt. Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 18th February, 19 60. *Time* : 1717.

Received : 19th February, 19 60. *Time* : 1530.

Possibility Husvik not operating next season in which case we recommend total licences for South Georgia reduced to sixteen of which eight to Pesca eight to Salvesen with option to Salvesen operate maximum nine catchers for first half season subject to maximum seven catchers for second half season. Believe licences for more than maximum sixteen catchers detrimental to South Georgia Whaling Industry and hope that slight reduction in annual catch would be compensated by catch continuing for longer period of years. |!

Salvesen.

P/L : IM

Reply at 78 + 82

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Office

Pl. issue telegram et h.c. and h.u. for

H. E's. return.

R. G. J.
27.2.6

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

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W. & A. LTD.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	Psy			29.2.60.
To				
Salvesen Leith Telex			(Rep. A/c)	

70 Your recommendations noted and will be considered by Governor on his return from the Dependencies next month

Colonial Secretary

Time AGDT/IM

Kiv 77

Bill 8.3.60
for H.C.

Y.E.

§ 76. & 78.

I really cannot see anything in his argument on the conservation aspect and I can see trouble if Salween's nine catches are operating in the better half of the season when Peen only has eight. Whatever Salween is to be allowed in the second half - if the whaling is good then Peen will want nine - and who can blame them. And if the whaling is poor - Peen will want the extra catches to make up.

I should stick to & exclude Licenses for the season and would suggest they get three each - with the other company being allowed to take up the slack if either Salween or Peen cannot make use of the additional full time licenses. But as a start offer them on the assumption and understanding that they don't operate?

I hope Teesby make up their minds soon - because the other companies will want to make arrangements with regard to catches - guaranteed crews. I have drafted.

R.G. J.F.

10-3-60

Office

Pl. issue telegrams at h.c.

09/11

11.3.60

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TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary, Stanley.....

To Administrative Officer, South Georgia...

Despatched : 11th March, 1960. Time : 1500
Received : 19 Time :

70 No. 63. 1960/61 Whaling licences. You may inform Manager Pesca that if Tonsberg do not operate next season we shall probably offer Salvesen and Pesca three extra catchers each final decision being taken when Tonsberg make up their minds. Salvesen has been informed direct of our intentions repeat intentions in answer to a telegram on the subject from him.

Secretary.

.C.
7/LH

Repey at 54 in D/B/58.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	Psy			11. 3. 60.
To				
Selveson Keith Tolox			(Deps A/c)	

70 Your recommendations most carefully considered but Governor feels that reasonable arrangement in the circumstances would be to offer you ~~three~~ THREE additional licences for the season and similar number to Pesca-Id Rensberg do not operate

Secretary

Time AGDE/IM

83
Bel to K.I.V.
on 15.5.60.

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TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched: 23rd April, 19 60. Time: 1217.

Received: 19 Time:

No. 101. Winter managers for Whaling Companies.

Leith S. Akseth Husvik S. Thorstensen Grytviken
C.T. Thorsen.

Administrative Officer.

(Intld.)

AGDT

P.A.

JB

Original in D/6/58 ✓
Copies in D/13/58
and D/2/47.

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Rec 15.5.60
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FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

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To

Salveson Keith Telex

(Depts A/c)

Tonsberg have intimated they will not be whaling from South Georgia next summer stop propose therefore offer you three repeat three additional catchers licence for 1960/61 season and similar number to Pesca s top Grateful confirmation you will be taking them up

Secretary

Reply at- 87

AGDE/III.

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 D/13/58

See 45 See 85

Time

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FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.
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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
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To				
	Admiralty South Georgia		(Deps A/c)	

No. 92. Tonsberg confirm they will not be whaling from South Georgia next summer stop Have therefore offered Salvoson three repeat three additional catcher licences for 1960/61 season stop Please inform Pesca Manager accordingly and enquire whether Pesca wish to take advantage of similar offer

Secretary

Issued on D/9/47/11
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D/28/47/11

Time

AGDT/IM

Reply at 87

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TELEGRAM.

From Salvesen, Leith, Scotland.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 12th May, 19 60 Time : 1725.

Received : 13th May, 19 60 Time : 1030.

39.

Confirmed we wish take up the three additional catcher licences offered for 60/61.

Salvesen.

88

BU for Lescaud reply
BU 22 5 60

P/L : IM

(Intld.)

AGDF

13/5/60.

See 98

Original in D/9/47/5 - 21A.

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TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 19th May, 19 60. Time : 1300.

Received : 19th May, 19 60. Time : 1500.

No. 116. Oslo Radio news item states that Salvesens only intend operating one of their two Floating Factory ships season 1960/61.

Administrative Officer.

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(Intld.)

AGDT

N.F.A.

0117

19.5.60

P/L : IM

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 20th May 1960 Time: 1900

Received: Time:

PIDEP No. 43

I have received following telegram from Tonsberg begins

'You will know about the very unfortunate conditions with low productions last two seasons at South Georgia and we hereby humbly ask you kindly to inform Colonial Office, London, about same and we will be grateful if you will recommend reductions in said export duty which we have contended to be exceptionally heavy.' ends.

Tonsberg debt amounts to \$22,407. for duty on 1954/55 and 1955/56 seasons whale oil. We have been pressing for payment since October 1958 and in addition are about to bill them for \$10,034. for 1956/57 season making total of \$32,441. to which must eventually be added tax on 1958/59 and 1959/60 operations. You will doubtless wish to discuss with the Governor. My views are:

- 1) We cannot possibly concede these retrospective reductions for apart from other considerations Salvesen and Pesca will justifiably expect similar concessions.
- 2) Some reduction in duty with effect from 1959/60 season is now imperative. PIDs 7 and 15 refer. I understand Salvesen will only operate one pelagic expedition coming season.

As it is now unlikely Tonsberg will pay this \$22,000. which has been allowed for in current estimates before end of June consequential adjustments will have to be made in current revised revenue estimates and revenue estimates 1960/61.

O.A.G.

AGBT/WW : CTC

c.c. T.GEN/1 vol.111
D/6/47/11
D/6/50
PIDS/46 vol.vii
Collector of Customs

DECODE.

91.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 20.5.60 Time: 1600 Received: Time:

TYPE NO. 42.

Please pass following to Governor begins.

Whaling and Asdic. Tomberg state they will not operate next summer and I have offered three additional catchers each to Fosca and Salvosen as agreed. Fosca have replied requesting reconsideration of Asdic ban so that they can "plan for next season". A.O. reports South Georgia rumour that Salvosen considering similar approach. My view is that if report that Salvosen will only operate one pelagic expedition next season is correct then we may well be under increased pressure to lift asdic ban very largely because Salvosen will have asdic fitted pelagic catchers unemployed unless of course he disposes of them. You may wish to discuss in London and in the meantime I have deferred reply to Fosca. ends.

O.A.G.

ADD/RE : CTC

c.c. D/13/58
D/14/58
D/6/58

KIV informing
D/13/58 about
Salvosen three
catchers. Attach
to Fosca file etc.

See 92

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 30.5.60. Time: 14.00. Received: Time:

FIDEP No. 49. Whaling Licences.

Following for Willis.

91
After stating categorically that they will not operate next season Tonsberg have now telegraphed me saying they are "making last effort" to do so. This has put me in a difficult position because additional catcher licences have already been promised to Salvesen and Tonsberg (FIDEP 42) and it is now getting late in the day for policy vacillation. Alternatives are -

- (1) Let sleeping dogs lie and if Tonsberg operate then let them do so up to a maximum of ten catchers which other two companies will have making total of thirty.
- (2) Tell Tonsberg there are now no licences available for 1960/61.
- (3) Tell Pesca and Salvesen that decision to grant additional licences must be held in abeyance pending final decision by Tonsberg expected within next two or three weeks.

In my view 1 and 2 are out of the question and 3 is the right course. But Salvesen may protest and will doubtless do so direct to S. of S.. You will appreciate that in making a decision on this question of licences which should be done soon we must be assumed that on this occasion we are supported in London. Matter is urgent and I should be grateful for early reply.

Officer Administering the Government.

GTC : AGDI/IM.

Original in D/9/47/11
Copies " D/6/58
D/13/58

Reply at 93

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched: 31.5.60. Time: 1730. Received: 16. 60. Time:

Priority. EIDEP No. 38.

92 Your telegram 49 EIDEP. Whaling licences.

Following from Willis.

Governor left this morning and so could not consult him, but we approve your alternative (5). Presume you will inform Pesca and Solvesen your end.

Original in D/9/47/11
Copy D/6/58 and D/13/58.

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TELEGRAM.

From Officer Administering the Government.

To Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

Despatched : 1st June, 19 60. *Time* : 1430

Received : 19 *Time* :

412 ~
D/13/58
No. 105. Tonsberg advise me they are making final effort to continue whaling next season but decision expected within a fortnight. In the circumstances I have advised Salvesen with expression of regret that decision to grant extra licences 1960/61 season to him and Pesca must be held in abeyance pending outcome of Tonsberg's efforts. Please inform Pesca accordingly with similar expression of regret. For your information I am pressing Tonsberg for very early decision and have cleared proposal to hold extra licences in abeyance in the meantime with Secretary of State.

Officer Administering the Government.

Original in D/9/47/II

Copies in D/6/58/

D/13/58

D/28/47/II

G.T.C. : Underlined

P/L : AGDT/LH

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE
1.6.60 1515

Despatched :

Time :

Received :

Time :

FIDEP No. 46.

93 ~~FB~~ Your Priority telegram FIDEP No. 30.

Whaling Licences.

Following for Willis. Many thanks prompt decision and
reply. Confirm I will inform Salvesen and Pesca.

Officer Administering the Government.

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G.T.C. : IM
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				1.6.60

To

SALVESEN LEITH TELEX

(DēpsA/c)

85 My telegram 9th May stop Tonsberg now advise me they are making effort to continue whaling stop In circumstances I regret we must hold decision to grant additional licences for 1960/61 season to your company and Pesca in abeyance until final decision by Tonsberg expected within fortnight stop I regret serious inconvenience this will no doubt cause and I am pressing Tonsberg very early final decision

Officer Administering the Government

Time AGDT/LH

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FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

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(W. & S. Ltd.—250 Pd/7/59).

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
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To

TONSBERG HVALFANGERIET NORWAY

(DEPS A/C)

7214 DIS 58

YOUR TELEGRAM 27TH MAY STOP WE HAD ALREADY GRANTED ADDITIONAL CATCHER LICENCES TO PESCA AND SALVESEN IN VIEW OF YOUR DECISION NOT TO WHALE IN 1960/61 SEASON AND CANCELLATION OF THIS DECISION HAS CAUSED US EMBARRASSMENT STOP MOST GRATEFUL THEREFORE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DECISION BY YOUR COMPANY

Issued on D/9/47/11
 Copies on D/6/5
 D/13/58 & D/28/47/11

OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT

Time

AGDT/IM

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Salvesen, Leith, Scotland.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 8th June, 19 50 Time : 1706

Received : 9th June, 19 50 Time : 1000

9th ref. H.

87

We feel it is not repeat not open to you to reconsider grant of three additional licences subsequent to our confirmation on 12/4 of acceptance of your offer of 9/5. We have since made considerable re-arrangement in our repair programme and entered into various commitments relative to employment of gunners etc. Meantime our enquiries indicate no chance Torsborgs Hvalfangeriort operating on own account though possible they might act on behalf of Ryan who has been negotiating hire of "Teic" and catchers. We are continuing our arrangements basis ten licences and request your immediate confirmation.

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SALVENSEN.

F/L:MF

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D/23/47/II
D/13/58

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FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

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(W. & S. Ltd.—250 Pd/7/59).

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
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To				(Depts A/o)
TONSBERG HVALFANGERIET NORWAY				

Grateful to know whether you can yet say whether you intend
to operate 1960/1961 season in South Georgia

reply at 10/

Colonial Secretary

Copy on
Issued from D/13/58
Copies on D/6/58
" " D/28/47/II
Issued from D/9/47/II

Time AGDT/II

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched: 20.6.60. Time: 2000 Received: 21.6.60. Time: 2000.


Confidential.

100

FIELD No. 46. Reference Salveson's telegram to Colonial Secretary of June 8th about the additional whaling licenses. Salveson feels strongly in the matter and are pressing me to take up urgently with you.

2. Grateful to know what is behind latest development and what reply you sent to Salveson.

Secretary of State

3 IN Copy to Sec., P.I.D.S.


Copy, et-101A

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TELEGRAM.

From Hvalfangeriet, Tonsberg, Norway.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched :	20th June,	1960.	Time :	1826.
Received :	21st June,	1960.	Time :

99 Your telegram 18th.
 Hope decision within 1st July.

Hvalfangeriet.

Orig. in D/9/47/11
 Copy in D/6/58
 " " D/28/47/11
 " " D/15/58

P/A : IM

DECODE.

101 A

No. 65.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched: 23.6.60 Time: 1000 Received: 24.6.60 Time: 10000

Priority. Immediate.

Confidential.

100

WIDEP No. 50. My telegram No. 46 WIDEP. Following from Willis. Elliott of Salvesens pressing for decision on catchers because of arrangements for coming season. What can we say?

Secretary of State

Copy to Sec. F.I.D.S.

G.F.C. : GC

Eyed : LH

P.A.

(Intld.) AGDT

24.6.60

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DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Salvesen, Leith Scotland.

To Governor, Stanley.

<i>Despatched :</i>	24th June,	19 ⁶⁰ .	<i>Time :</i>	1550.
<i>Received :</i>	25th June,	19 ⁶⁰ .	<i>Time :</i>	1000.

38 in dialup

Thank you replying shortly.

Salvesen.

P/L : IM

Reply at-104

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

103

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

SENT

(W. & S. L. Pd/7/59).

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	PSY			5.7.60.

To

HVALEFANGERIET TONSBERG NORWAY

(DEPS A/C)

GRATEFUL TO KNOW WHETHER YOU ARE YET IN A POSITION TO SAY
 WHETHER YOU WILL BE OPERATING NEXT SEASON

SECRETARY

Time AGDT/IM.

Issued from D/9/47/17
 Copies in D/13/58 2
 D/6/58

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Salvesen, Leith, Scotland.

To Governor, Falkland Islands.

Despatched :	6th July,	19	60.	Time :	1628.
Received :	7th July,	19	60.	Time :	1030.

102 Thanks your telegram 24th June.

We have decided take up ten licences regardless whether Tonsberg operates or not. Understand however that most unlikely Tonsberg will operate.

Salvesen.

P/L : III

D7CODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Hvalfangeriet, Tonsberg, Norway.

To Secretary, Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Despatched : 6th July, 19 60. Time : 1145.

Received : 7th July, 19 60. Time : 1030.

103 Your telegram 5th.

Operation unlikely advising definitely within
few days.

Hvalfangeriet.

P/L : IM

Reply at 106.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	Pay			7.7.60.

To

Tonsberg Hvalfangeriet Norway

(Depts A/c)

105 Your telegram 6th stop You should know that when you informed me officially you would not operate firm offer of three additional catchers for next season was made to Selvesen and Pesca stop Selvesen now states he wishes operate up to 10 catchers whether you open or not stop if you should decide operate you and Pesca have some privilege

Colonial Secretary

LU 24.8.60

EPA/IM

PA
9.9.60

Time

EXTRACT FROM A. O's REPORT FOR 1959/60.

(Original in D/7/59)

KRILL.

It has been noted that the South Georgia Co. exported 7 cwts of frozen Krill, the intention being to ascertain the type, quality and oil contents of the Krill, and its commercial possibilities, if any. If these are found to be profitable, a method of collection, similar to that followed by Sand-Hoppers, could be employed. Vessels are fitted with powerful pumps connected to an 80 ft arm, which is lowered overside. The Krill could be collected in a like manner, being pumped into tank spaces aboard with fine screening to allow the water to run overboard and the Krill to be retained.

If this should be proposed as a subsidiary industry, careful consideration would be very necessary in view of the importance of Krill as whale food.

EXTRACT FROM NOTE ON p. 11 IN D/7/59.

Page 8 (as above). "Krill" might perhaps await H.E.'s visit.

108
g-e 2 accordingly ✓
109
SJA
23.9.60
17/9/60

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Salvesen, Leith, Scotland.

To Governor, Port Stanley.

Despatched : 14th October, 19 60. Time : 1527.

Received : 15th October, 19 60. Time : 1045.

See 76 onwards

Apprehensive about operation Leith Harbour after present season. Decision to operate present season based on near certainty that Tonsberg Hval would not operate and that we would get for Leith Harbour half of total licences issued. In submitting to board our recommendation as to whether or not to operate can we assure board that total licences will be equally divided between the two remaining companies.

Reply at 115.

Salvesen.

(Intld.)

DM III

Original in D/6/58 ✓
Copy in D/13/58

*111A
job counts of AO
Does the number total moved now
See 113
See 114*

P/L : IM

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary, Stanley.....

To Administrative Officer, South Georgia.....

Despatched : 18th October, 1960. Time : 1030

Received : 19 Time :

110

No. 187. Have received telegram from Salvesen Leith as follows

Apprehensive about operation Leith Harbour after present season. Decision to operate present season based on near certainty that Tonsberg Hval would not operate and that we would get for Leith Harbour half of total licences issued. In submitting to board our recommendation as to whether or not to operate can we assure board that total licences will be equally divided between the two remaining companies.

Grateful your comments and what do you think total should be.

Colonial Secretary

Original in D/6/58/
Copy in D/13/58

G.T.C. : DRM/LH

Reply at 113

Dec 24 10 60

TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched: 21st October, 19 60. Time: 1815.

Received: 22nd October, 19 60. Time: 1030.

Confidential.

112 No. 206. Your telegram No. 187.

This is a matter that needs careful consideration in the light of present circumstances and of future policy. Salvesens enquiry would appear to be seeking assurance Ryan will not be able to operate more catchers than Salvesen although Ryan is operating 2 stations.

It would seem a logical conclusion in obtaining licence to operate land station sufficient catchers would be available to that land station for supply of whales and to operate as an economic unit.

110 Salvesens reference to (2 remaining companies) is misleading as although Ryan is to all appearances the owner, he may quite easily form 2 separate companies for Grytviken and Husvik.

I would suggest for your consideration that the licence be granted for the 7 catchers to each operating station (not the companies) with the proviso if not fully utilised by any one station remainder be equally divided between other 2 stations. In the case where 1 of the other 2 stations unwilling operate his share of spare catchers then the third station have option of operating the spare catchers with a maximum of 10 catchers to any 1 such station made up by 7 ordinary catchers plus 3 spares. The operating station concerned should advise the Government not later June 1st each year the number of catchers they intend using following season. If any station does not utilise catchers quota remainder could be offered to other station or stations giving sufficient time to get crew and fit out ships.

The foregoing should safeguard Government against being committed to a policy on catchers quotas between Ryan and Salvesen (which would appear to be Salvesens desire) and assist in maintaining balance between 2 companies P.S. 7 catchers per station have been recognized quota per station for many years now.

Administrative Officer.

(Intld.)

DM

22/10/60

Copies in D/13/58 & D/14/47E

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Salvesen, Leith, Scotland.....

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.....

Despatched : 24th October, 19 60. Time : 1620

Received : 25th October, 19 60. Time : 1015

110 Try reply our cable in time for board meeting 27th.

Salvesen

P/L : LH

(Intld.) DM

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From H. E. THE GOVERNOR

To SALVESEN, LEITH, SCOTLAND

Despatched : 26th October 19 60 Time : 1500

Received : 19 Time :

110

Yours 14th. Consider that if three whaling stations operate each station should be given licences for seven catchers with proviso that if not fully utilised by any one station remainder not exceeding six to be equally divided between other two stations. If one of other two stations unwilling operate its share of remainder other station to have option of operating up to maximum of ten catchers. For example Leith applies for seven catchers Grytviken for seven Husvik for three. Option to Leith and Grytviken for another two each. Grytviken does not wish extra two. Therefore extra one available to Leith making ten maximum.

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Original on D/6/58
Copy on D/9/47/11

bu 4.11.60

P/L : MW

[Handwritten scribble]

DECODE.

110

TELEGRAM.

From..... Salvesen, Leith, Scotland.

To..... Governor, Port Stanley.

Despatched : 28th October, 19 60. *Time* : 1432

Received : 29th October, 19 60. *Time* : 1020

Assume your intention catchers licenced for each station operate exclusively to that station please confirm.

Salvesen.

(Intld.)

DM

P/L : IM

Reply at 117

Copy in D19/47/E

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TELEGRAM.

COPY

From H.E. the Governor.

To Salvesen, Leith, Scotland.

Despatched : 1st November, 19 60. *Time* : 1600.

Received : 19 *Time* :

116 refs

Intention is that each station should be granted sufficient catchers to enable it to operate as an economic unit. But if for instance a Grytviken catcher caught whales considered more suitable for frozen meat than normal processing I see no reason why such whales should not be delivered Husvik provided of course that Husvik could accept them without delay.

P/L:MW Copied IM

Orig. in D/9/47/11

THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE AND THE DATE OF THIS LETTER SHOULD BE QUOTED IN COMMUNICATIONS.

03/Falkland Islands 28/2, 28/3 and 19/3

CROWN AGENTS

FOR OVERSEA GOVERNMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIONS

4. MILLBANK, LONDON. S.W.1.

TELEGRAMS { INLAND: "CROWN, SOWEST, LONDON." OVERSEA: "CROWN, LONDON." }

TELEPHONE: ABBEY 7730

TELEX NO. 24209



17th October, 1960.

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that the sum of £1,050. 0. 0. has been received from Messrs. Chr. Salvesen & Co., Leith, being rental for the period 1st October 1960 to 30th September, 1961 for the following stations:-

Leith Harbour	£250. 0. 0.
Stromness Harbour	£750. 0. 0.
Prince Olaf Harbour	£ 50. 0. 0.

The total amount of £1,050. 0. 0. was credited to the Falkland Islands Dependencies Survey account on the 28th September, 1960.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

119

H.C.F.I.F.

To note above, pl.

RB

f.c.s.

3. 11. 60.

The Colonial Secretary, Port Stanley, Falkland Islands.

120

H.C.S.

noted. Thank you.

At Hall

4/11/60.

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19

TELEGRAM.

From.....Salvesen, Leith, Scotland.....

To.....Governor, Port Stanley.....

Despatched : 4th November, 19 60. Time : 1303.

Received : 4th November, 19 60. Time : 1530.

Your cable 26/10.

As amplified 2/11 appears involve offer Ryan fourteen licences Salvesen seven licences plus any licences maximum three refused by Ryan. We are now taking up with H.M.G. question of continuation or abandonment of our operations South Georgia.

120 Salvesen.

121

g.g.

(Intld.) HCS.

DM

2. no action.

I suspect a try-on.

Let us await events

RA 5.11.60.

P/L : IM

5/10/60

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122

TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched: 10.11.60. Time: 1850. Received: 11.11.60. Time: 1000.

No. 114. Salvesen.

Person named has stated to Scottish Office that in the event of same company owning Husvik and Grytviken in 1961/62 he thinks that licences should be equally divided between two companies and not equally between three stations. If he does not obtain half licences he will not operate next season.

Grateful to know your decision on licences for 1961/62 to be able to inform Scottish Office and expectation whether Husvik quote likely to be taken up

Secretary of State.

Pl. submit in file with the papers - I will dictate a draft

DM

11/11

Reply at 124.

P/L : IM

123.

J. E. Perhaps it would be a good thing to reply
as in the annexed draft. We could if necessary
send to A.O. first to see if he agreed or had anything to add

14/4/60
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124

TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched : 16.11.60

Time : 1600

Received :

Time :

No.157

122

Your telegram 114. Salvesen

Albion Star's intentions regarding Husvik for 1961/62 not yet clear. But if they intend to operate Husvik factory it would clearly be most unfair to penalise them. Ryan might well argue that he would never have done a deal with Tonsberg if he had any reason to suppose number of catchers formerly allowed Tonsberg would be reduced.

2. This seems to me a typical Salvesen gambit. It would be a very different story if he and not Ryan had taken over Husvik.

3. Telegrams which have passed between Salvesen and me follow en clair.

See 125

GFC/MW

Reply at 133

TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched : 17.11.60 Time : 0.00 Received : Time :

No. 158

124 My telegram No. 157.

110 From Salvesen 14th October

Apprehensive about operation Leith Harbour after present season. Decision to operate present season based on near certainty that Tonsberg Hval would not operate and that we would get for Leith Harbour half of total licences issued. In submitting to board our recommendation as to whether or not to operate can we assure board that total licences will be equally divided between the two remaining companies.

115 To Salvesen 26th October

110 Yours 14th. Consider that if three whaling stations operate each station should be given licences for seven catchers with proviso that if not fully utilised by any one station remainder not exceeding six to be equally divided between other two stations. If one of other two stations unwilling operate its share of remainder other station to have option of operating up to maximum of ten catchers. For example Leith applies for seven catchers Grytviken for seven Husvik for three. Option to Leith and Grytviken for another two each. Grytviken does not wish extra two. Therefore extra one available to Leith making ten maximum.

116 From Salvesen 29th October

Assume our intention catchers licenced for each station operate exclusively to that station please confirm.

117 To Salvesen 1st November

Attention is drawn to the fact that the station should be provided sufficient catchers to enable it to operate as an economic unit. But if for instance a Grytviken catcher caught whales considered suitable for frozen meat than normal processing I see no reason why such whales should not be delivered Husvik provided of course that Husvik could accept them without delay.

119 From Salvesen 4th November.

117 As amplified 2/11 appears involve offer Ryan fourteen licences Salvesen seven licences plus any licences maximum three refused by Ryan. We are now taking up with H.M.C. question of continuation or abandonment of our operations South Georgia.

See 127

Reply 2/133

H. C. S.

I have sent a fairly short telegram to the Secretary of State on the lines of your draft, and have also sent copies of the telegrams that have passed between us and Salvesen.

I heard from Wannop that there is a new Chairman of Salvesen's, and this may possibly indicate some change in policy. Salvesen, as you know, is only operating one pelagic factory ship this season. How much there is in his threat to close down, it is difficult to say. He has always maintained that he loses money in South Georgia, but he did very well on meat extract last year. With Salvesen in control himself, his pride might make him want to carry on as long as possible, so as not to leave the field clear to Ryan, but I doubt whether this would really carry very much weight, and he will close down if, and when, it suits him. In order to save face with the Norwegians, who probably feel pretty badly already about his withdrawing one of his factories, he will try to blame Government if he does decide to close.

Clark, Ryan's Manager in England, is expected to arrive here by the 'John Biscoe', and hopes to go down to South Georgia in H.M.S. Protector. No doubt we shall learn more of Albion Star's intentions for 1961/1962 after he arrives, but we shall have to be careful what we say, for I should think that Albion Star would be very happy to see Salvesen withdraw, and be left on their own in South Georgia. It is clearly to our advantage to have all three stations working, but we must be fair, and as I said in my telegram, it would be a very different story if Salvesen had taken over Husvik.

17th November 1960

sc.

JA

la

2/11/60

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched: 18,11.60. Time: 1645. Received: 19,11,60, Time 1000.

125

Unnumbered. Your telegram No. 158.

Last sentence commences "We are not taking up etc" should it read "We are now repeat now taking up".

Secretary of State.

128

(Intld.)

DM

ACS.

According to 125, the word is "new".

draft rfc

[Handwritten signature]

21.11.60

Reply at 130.

129

[Handwritten signature]

21.11.60

DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 21.11.60. Time: 1445. Received: Time:

127

Unnumbered. Your unnumbered telegram 18th November.

Confirm sentence should commence "we are now repeat now taking up".

Governor.

fo
21.11.60

P/L : DRM/IM.

Hon C.S.

131

107 - This file ^{has} required i.c. w. H.E.
S. Georgia visit?

5.10.60

Pa. ✓

TELEGRAMS
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132.

CHR. SALVESEN & CO.

H K SALVESEN L.M. HARPER GOW, M.B.E.

H W HOLLYER, M.B.E. G H ELLIOT

GLASGOW
45 WEST NILE STREET, C.1.
GRIMSBY
MARSHALLS WHARF,
VICTORIA STREET

G.P.O. BOX 217
29 BERNARD STREET,

YOUR REF. D/G/38
OUR REF.

LEITH, October, 1960.

The firm of Chr. Salvesen & Co., whose business was established under the name of Salvesen & Turnbull in 1846 and has continued under the name of Chr. Salvesen & Co. since 1872, will be dissolved as at 31st December 1960. The business will continue under the name of Chr. Salvesen & Co. Ltd., a private company recently formed by the Partners with a view to bringing their organisation into line with the needs of the times.

The new Company will formally take over as from 1st January 1961 with Mr L.M. Harper Gow as Chairman and Managing Director and Messrs. H.W. Hollyer and G.H. Elliot as Assistant Managing Directors. No significant change in personnel is involved with the exception that Capt. H.K. Salvesen withdraws from direct Managerial responsibility, while remaining Chairman of the Boards of the family group of shipowning companies now to be managed by Chr. Salvesen & Co. Ltd.

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RA
7.12.60

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched: 15.12.60. Time: 1736. Received: 16.12.60. Time: 1000.

No. 121. Your telegrams No. ¹²⁴157 and No. ¹²⁵158.

Salvesen came to this office and gave the impression desire to continue in whaling but made point

- (i) would not operate with one-third of licences
- (ii) ^{genuine} general grievance that Husvik and Grytviken are regarded as two stations from point of view allocation of licences but one entity from point of view operations, and
- (iii) impossibility taking effective decision on basis of your formula which means the number of licences available to Salvesen is dependent on decision of Ryan's which can be made at any time.

I get the impression

- (i) is largely a straight commercial decision and that
- (ii) is arguable on precedent;
- (iii) I think is reasonable.

In view of the fact Ryan has only eight catchers at present could he not be forced to give a realistic maximum at an early date and allow you to offer half of remainder to Salvesen as in your formula soon enough to affect his decision to stay? I know Salvesen would be happy, and prefer to work with eight catchers if Ryan has eight. Further could not agreement be made with Ryan to preserve what Salvesen call "time honoured restriction" that each licence is restricted to one station excepting such special cases as are mentioned in your telegram to Salvesen of November 2nd?

Secretary of State.

134
DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

To Governor, South Georgia.

Despatched : 16th December, 19 60. Time : 1600.

Received : 19 Time :

133

124 + 125

Following from Secretary of State in reply to ours.

"No. 121. Your telegrams No. ¹²⁴157 and No. ¹²⁵158.

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Leith/.....

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TELEGRAM.

From

To

Despatched :	19	Time :
Received :	19	Time :

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Governor's Deputy.

KIV 133

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y.e. Submitted.

you have perhaps dealt with this.

from Presumably

1. Albin Star should declare their intentions

6-1861-2. If they want to increase they should

give security (since it affects Salvesen's license)

2. (catchers should be based on one of the stations

it should only use be other for fresh meat for 20...

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TELEGRAM SENT.

137

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched : 20.12.60

Time : 1920

Received : 21.12.60 Time : 1500

Unnumbered

My telegram No.121 sub-paragraph.

For 'general' please read 'genuine'. Error regretted.

133 -

GEO : IM

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138

TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 24th December, 19 60. Time : 2230.

Received : 19 Time :

Priority.

No. 245. For His Excellency the Governor

Regret to inform you that Manager Akseth of
Leith Harbour died today as a result of accident.

See 140.

Administrative Officer.

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1 read his to A G

~~1 from this~~

In file when file returns

34.2.

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TELEGRAM.

~~138~~
140

From H. E. THE GOVERNOR

To SALVEBERG LEITH SCOTLAND

Despatched : 1.1.61 19 Time :

Received : 19 Time :

138 refers

Very distressed to hear of death Manager Akseth who was recently so kind to me and my wife at South Georgia. I appreciate how serious his loss is for you at the present time.

P/L : MW

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

RECEIVED

(W. & S. Ltd.—250 Pd/7/59).

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
19	Leith	17	1640	3.1.61.

To Lt Governor Portstanley

We much appreciate your kind message concerning the tragic death of Manager Akseth

Salvesen.

JC
Time

1/47/2m

DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched : 5.1.61 Time : 01200 Received : Time :

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133 - To r telegram No. 121. Salvesen.

In considering all Salvesen representations I think we have to keep in mind that it would suit him to be sole company operating in South Georgia and to see Ryan go out of business.

2. On formula proposed obviously Albion Star would have to say early (say by June/July) how many catchers they would use in following season and decision could not be made at any time.

5. Were Husvik to operate as in past I have no doubt that it would be fair to give Albion Star former Mensberg quota.

4. However Clark has now recommended to Ryan that Husvik should close down and all activities be concentrated at Grytviken. They contemplate using eight catchers next season and would not purchase any more before first enquiring whether licences would be available.

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GTC : MW

Reply at 152.



King Edward Point,
South Georgia.

31st December 1960.

File No.222

Sir,

138

With reference to my Tel.N.245 informing you of the death of Manager Akseth, the details are as follows.

At approximately 10.15 on the morning of the 24th December Akseth had occasion to visit the Whale catcher R1 which was at Leith for repairs necessitating the use of a diver. This vessel was lying outside and made fast to the service boat "Bouvet". The weather conditions at the time, strong S.E. wind and a very heavy swell running.

Akseth boarded "Bouvet" from the jetty and in crossing from that vessel to R1 slipped and fell between the two ships. His cry for help was heard by whaler Thruve who immediately went to his assistance, but was unable to get Akseth out of the water owing to his weight. Within seconds other help arrived but in that short time the two vessels were driven together by the heavy swell and Akseth was crushed. He was conscious for a brief period when brought on deck. I attach copy of doctor's statement.

144

A Coronor's Enquiry was held on the 26th December and from statements made a verdict of Accidental Death was recorded. The funeral was held on the afternoon of that day.

Mrs.Akseth is at present on passage home on the M/V "Tota" on voyage to the United Kingdom and had left the island only four days previously, on the 20th December.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Administrative Officer,
South Georgia.

26th December 60.

STATEMENT

At some time between 10:15 and 10:30 am. on Saturday 24th December, 1960, I heard shouting in the corridor of the hospital and, upon investigating it, found a man requesting a stretcher in order to fetch the victim of an accident. He informed my assistant, who translated for me, that a man had fallen between two whale-catchers and been crushed.

I thereupon hurried with him to the scene of the accident. I there found a man, whom I subsequently recognized as Manager Sverre AKSETH, lying prone and drenched on the deck of the service-boat "Bouvet". He was pulseless and not breathing: watery fluid, mixed with froth and flecked with blood, was running from his mouth and nose. There were abrasions of the nose and of the back of the scalp. The appearance of his face was suggestive of apoplexy: there was intense cyanosis of the skin, which extended over the scalp and neck, and the features were congested and swollen. I recommenced artificial respiration, - I learnt later that this had been tried ever since he had been taken out of the water - and he started to breathe. On account of the cold and exposure of the deck I then had him rapidly moved into the smoke-room of "Bouvet" and continued to give artificial respiration, and sent for my assistant and various medicaments from the hospital. Breathing stopped while he was being moved and did not begin again. All attempts to stimulate the circulation were in vain, the pulse at no time being perceptible; artificial respiration, assisted with intratracheal intubation and oxygen, was maintained for seven hours to no effect.

In my opinion death was due to a combination of factors: the inhalation of a quantity of water, shock resulting from immersion, and the effects of the blows on the head. From the appearance of the face and scalp I am inclined to postulate an intracranial haemorrhage as probably the most potent cause. Despite the buffeting which the trunk received, it showed no outward signs of injury, which leads me to suppose that the vital functions had in fact ceased very soon. Although attempts at resuscitation were long persisted in, death must have occurred at about 10:25 am.

W. N. Nite
Medical Officer

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King Edward Point,
South Georgia.

20th August 1960.

Envelope marked
'Confidential'

Ref.633



Sir,

During a recent conversation with Akseth, Manager of South Georgia Company and Mr. Jardine Salvesen's Superintendent, I was informed that Akseth had received a letter from Mr. Elliot in which he asked Akseth to bear in mind the fact that the company are still very much interested in sealing in South Georgia.

On discussion with Akseth the following points emerged:-

1. The company considers the sealing should be in the hands of a British company.
2. The licence should be issued on the assumption that the whole carcass would be utilised.
3. It was inferred that should (2) be in force, Salvesens may be in a position to use a seal factory ship.
4. In the past the licence had been offered to the South Georgia Company with the proviso of whole carcass utilisation, but this offer had later been withdrawn. As there are no records in this office of any such offer or withdrawal, I was not in a position to answer, other than that I would bring to your notice their request for consideration.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Administrative Officer,
South Georgia.

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

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11 + 16 in D/S/59.

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S/C

Have we any information on 4 of reverse
please?

30.12.60

A.C.S

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Ref 58.

Please see Folio 9 in D/3/57 attached.

H.
31.12.60

Tom CS

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Submitka fl.

Bonnet's comments on whole case
utilisation is also given in attached file at 10/12

31.1.61

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DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From H.E. the Governor

To Salvesen, Leith Scotland.

Despatched : 16th January, 1960 *Time :* 1700.

Received : 19 *Time :*

747A in D/149/10 Your letter July 30th 1960. Regret Government not prepared to remit arrears of tax.

P/L : MW Copied IM

H. C. S.

While I was at South Georgia, Jardine of Salvesen's mentioned the possibility of sealing in the Antarctic. I told him that I thought it was extremely unlikely that any sealing operations would be allowed South of Latitude 60° S because there was a move afoot to protect the fauna of the Antarctic.

2. Salvesen's have been interested in the possibility of securing sealing licences for some time, and last year Huckle wrote to Gilruth about it. He was told, I think, that it was no concern of the Falkland Islands Government. I do not consider that there is anything in the first point raised by Salvesen's, because Albion Star is a British company. On the second point, whole carcass utilization is something we have been keen on for quite a long time, but I think there is more in it than may appear on the surface. The file containing Bonner's comments was not attached, but as far as I remember, the results of experiments done last year at South Georgia using the whole carcass, were very disappointing. Regarding a factory ship, any factory ship working off South Georgia would need to be large enough to prevent excessive rolling and pitching in the stormy seas, and a very large ship would not be economical for sealing. It would be difficult to cook the meat and blubber in a small ship tossing about, and it might well be that the oil produced would be of an inferior grade to that produced on shore. The results of all this might be that for the sake of producing a few extra barrels, the quality would suffer, and the yield in cash from the sale of the oil might be less than at present.

3. Another difficulty that Salvesen's would have to face, is that their skippers do not know the sealing beaches as do the employees of Albion Star.

4. I was not aware that a firm offer had been made to the South Georgia Company, and I should be interested to see the relevant file.

25th January 1961

GRA
answered in D/1/61
8 17/3/63

LEITH HARBOUR EXPEDITION - SEASON 1960/61.

Sverre Akseth	Manager
Rolf Caspersen	Worksmaster
T.A.Moore	Secretary
J.D.Smith	Secretary Assistant
T.D.Rist	Secretary Assistant
Jan Lunde	Secretary Assistant (Slops)
J.Meiklejohn	Secretary Assistant (Tech.)
G. Nurse	Doctor
I.W.MacKintosh	Doctor Assistant
Per Nissen	Station Chemist
E.B.Maguire	Chief Radio Officer
Thorleif Hansen	2nd Radio Officer
W.F.Lynch	Storekeeper
B.Smith	Storekeeper Assistant
William Johansen	Station Foreman
Knut Benjaminen	Station Engineer/Plater Foreman
Arne Kristiansen	Master (Service Boat)
Anders Sjøblom	Production Engineer
D.Dewar	Chief Electrician
H.T.Hansen	Chief Steward
R.Johansen	Junior Chief Steward

LEITH HARBOUR GUNNERS - SEASON 1960/61.

"SOUTHERN RANGER"	Kaare Lie
"SOUTHERN SOLDIER"	Sverre Olsen
"SOUTHERN WHEELER"	Arnulf Stensones
"SOUTHERN SAILOR"	Hans Spresen
"SOUTHERN WILCOX"	Arne Paulsen
"SOUTHERN GUIDER"	Ragnar Christensen
"SOUTHERN JESTER"	Thorleif Bryde
"SOUTHERN ACTOR"	Ole Christensen

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched: 27.1.61

Time: 1812

Received: 27.1.61 Time: 1900

PRIORITY

CONFIDENTIAL NO. 11

142 Your telegram No. 3. Salvesen has let me know through Scottish office that company has taken provisional decision not to operate next season. They will reconsider this if they can have half catchers (eight each company) but for planning reasons must know whether they can have this number by February 16th.

I agree with your paragraph 3 but in view of fact that Ryan shows no evidence that he is capable of running both stations capacity could he not be made to say by mid-February whether he intended and was equipped to operate both Husvik and Grytviken at normal capacity? Your paragraph 1 applies of course equally to Ryan and care will have to be taken possibly by threat termination of lease that he does not fail to operate both stations having agreed to do so in order to keep Salvesen out but I think strong lines are justified in view of the decision now of two companies that operate with three stations not commercially worth while.

GTC : MW

See 154
Reply at 155

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G.E.

152 submitted in file.

I will deal with the sealing of 150 later

See also 60 et seq in D 9/47/11

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched : 30.1.61

Time : 1500

Received :

Time :

No. 15

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Your confidential telegram No. 11.

Please check and repeat 116th group.

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GTC : MW

BY 4.2.61

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched : 2.2.61. Time : 0100. Received : Time :

PRIORITY

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No. 20: Confidential. Your telegram No. 11.

Clark of Albion Star has now informed me his Company will be operating at Grytviken only next season and will require eight licences for eight catchers. Licences for same number (eight) will be granted to Salvesen if he operates.

GTC : MW Copied IM

Copies in D/3/60 & D/9/47/II

6th February 1961

(Dear Coleman),

The copies of the telegrams I enclose will bring you up-to-date on the Salvesen position. I think you already have a copy of the Secretary of State's telegram No.121, but to make sure I am enclosing another.

What the outcome of all this will be I do not know, but I should think the odds are that Salvesen will probably continue to operate.

Yours sincerely,

(Sign'd) Edwin Arrowsmith

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that came in and
is on the question of
limitation of shore
whaling file
about Salvesen
whaling
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Captain E. Coleman

Telegrams copied: 133
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on file D/6/58

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No. 59.

TELEGRAM.

From Salvesen, Leith, Scotland.....

To Governor, Stanley, Falkland Islands.....

Despatched : 3rd March, 19 61. *Time :* 1207

Received : 3rd March, 19 61. *Time :* 1530

Informed by Colonial Office you propose offer maximum sixteen licences South Georgia for 1961/62 including eight to us. On that understanding we accept. Please confirm.

Salvesen.

F/L : IH

Original in 3/9/47/2

(Intld.) DM

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No. 120.

TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 8th March, 19 61. *Time :* 1307

Received : 8th March, 19 61. *Time :* 1530

No. 54. Following received from Manager of South Georgia Company Leith.

"Our Head Office wish Meiklejohn remain behind for week or two after departure of factories appreciate if you arrange passage for him to Montevideo only on Biscoe if possible".

Factories due about start of April. Meiklejohn is Assistant Secretary Technical Department.

Administrative Officer

P/L : LH

Reply in 1984.

(Intld.) DM

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No. 34.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched: 8.3.61 Time: 1030 Received: 8.3.61 Time: 1530

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202 in D/3/60
No. 25. By telegram No. 122.

Duty on Whale Oil.

I have had an appeal in letter from Halverson and in interview at this office from Clerk of Albion Star for

- 750 in D/1/47/2
(1) remission arrears of duty as in your Savingram No. 176 and
(11) removal duty altogether with effect from October 1st 1960.

In supporting (1) Halverson claimed operating losses £37,000 for 1956/57 season and "a total of £212,000" on operations in two seasons 1956/57 and 1957/58. It does seem therefore that Whaling Companies were harder hit in two bad years than was realized when your S was considered and if figures of losses for these years can be substantiated (as I suppose they must for Income Tax purposes) and information also provided as to profit in the years 1956/57 and 1957/58 I will reconsider question of arrears. Profitability years in question should also take into account any - equipment (which understand was extensively) undertaken in these years (especially 1957).

I could not consider reduction duty below present level of five shillings unless it were clearly established that rate was so high as to cause danger of companies failing to make reasonable profit taking one year with another in the near future.

I should be grateful if you would obtain as far as possible figures from Companies to support claim mentioned in paragraph 2 of your Savingram and for your recommendations in the light of these and previous profits whether arrears of duty should be remitted for two bad years (or possibly for 1956/58 as well if companies results weren't going so far) and whether duty now charged should be reduced or removed.

Secretary of State

G.T.C. : IM IM
Typed. : IM

(Intld.) IM

Original in: B/1/49/NI
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TELEGRAM.

No. 263.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched: 18th March, 1961. Time 21:00

Received: 19th March, 1961. Time:

No. 62. Have received application from Salvesens Head Office for permission to take one young bull elephant seal and up to 50 assorted penguins with preference half king balance ringed gentoo and macaroni. Is this application subject to licence fees as set out in your telegram No. 60 of the 9th March 1960.

4 in 0667/R

159. 161

R. He may take the seal but must buy licence and on the penguins unless he can show that it is for a scientific purpose as explained in telegram with reference

Administrative Officer,

he can show that it is for a scientific purpose as explained in telegram with reference

P/M:HH

Reply at 160.

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(Encl.) DK

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

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To				
ADMINOFF SOUTH GEORGIA				(DEPSA/c)

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No. 57. Yourtel 62 stop He may take the seal but should pay licence duty on the penguins unless he can show that it is for a scientific purpose as explained in telegram under reference

Secretary

BW
8/4/61

Time BHDM/LH

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No. 59.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched: 23.3.61 Time: 1230 Received: 23.3.61 Time: 1500

119 in 2/1/49/2

No. 36. Your telegram No. 37. Duty on Whale Oil.

Salvesen has now informed me Leith Harbour will be put on a "minimum maintenance only" basis.

Secretary of State.

Original in: 2/1/48/WT

G.T.C. : LH

Reply at 167 in 2/6/58/ii

(Intld.) HLB

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No. 347.

TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 25th March, 1961. *Time :* 1200

Received : 26th March, 1961. *Time :*

No. 72. Balvesens Leith Scotland confirm that it is their intention to present the elephant seal and penguins as a gift to Edinburgh zoo. Under the circumstances presume licence duty can be waived.

Administrative Officer.

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can be waived
for 29/3/61.

Reply at HLB. 168

P/L : LM

(Incl.) HLB

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TELEGRAM.

From H.E. The Governor.....

To Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

Despatched : 29th March, 19 61. *Time* : 1930

Received : 19 *Time* :

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Secretary of State has telegraphed "Salvesen has now informed me Leith Harbour will be put on a "minimum maintenance only" basis". Presume this means 1961/62 season but have asked for confirmation. Any news at your end?

G.T.C. : MW
COPIED : LH

Original in: D/1/49/VI
Copy in: D/6/58

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 29.3.61 Time: Received: Time:

163 No. 44. Your telegram No. 36. Duty on whale oil.

I have heard nothing from Salvesen since March 3 when he said he would accept eight catchers out of sixteen total for South Georgia for 1961/62 season. Your telegram implies he does not intend to operate Leith Harbour factory next season. Is this so?

G.T.C. : MV
COPIED : LH

Original in: D/1/49/VI
Copy in: D/6/58

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	Psy			30.3.61

To
 ADMINOFF SOUTH GEORGIA
 (DEPSA/c)

164 No. 66. Yourtel 72 stop Duty on penguins waived

Secretary

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Time
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