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SUBJECT :

ALBION STAR - LEASES.

CONNECTED FILES.

NUMBER

Our ref: PST 54/57/04



With the compliments of

R. G. Pettitt

For Albion Star file.



COLONIAL OFFICE

GREAT SMITH STREET

LONDON S.W.1

SIR EDWIN ARROWSMITH, K.C.M.G.

PSE 52/57/02

4th September, 1961.

As I promised at our meeting on August 8th, I am writing to you about the transfer of the lease of the Grytviken land station from the Compania Argentina de Pesca to Albion Star (South Georgia) Ltd.

In a letter of July 18th to the Colonial Office, your solicitors, Messrs. Slaughter and May, have said that they understand that it has been agreed by Albion Star that they will accept, so far as Pesca is concerned, liability for the outstanding export tax as a condition of the transfer of the station. On this understanding I confirm that consent will be forthcoming for the transfer of the lease. The existing lease to Pesca will be surrendered and a new lease taken from the Crown as in the case of the transfer of the Nuevik lease.

I realise that your agreement to take over the liabilities of Pesca in respect of duty owing to the Crown on sales of whale oil is without prejudice to the application on behalf of Pesca for the remission of arrears of duty on whale oil for the years 1956/57 to 1959/60.

(R. Arrowsmith)

D. J. CLARK, ESQ.,
ALBION STAR (SOUTHAMPTON) LTD.

PM 54/57/04.

4th September, 1961.

As I agreed at our meeting on August 8th, I am writing to say that consent is given under the exchange control regulations for the transfer of funds outside the scheduled territories for the exercise of the option to purchase the Grytviiken land station from the Compania Argentina de Pesca S.A. which was contained in the sub-lease of that station.

(R. Arrowood)

J. Clark, Esq.,
ARROWOOD (SOUTHAMPTON) LTD.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	STANLEY			27. 9.61

To

etat OIC ZBH

GEN/37 Grateful confirmation how many Pesca/Albion Star catchers licenced and operated last season stop £300 taken on South Georgia receipt voucher No 1 of September 1960 which presumably covered 6 catchers at £50 each although approval granted for 8 catchers in Colonial Secretarys telegram No 135 dated 5 / 8 / 60 stop Also grateful if you could say how many catchers will operate coming season.

Atfid

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~~Despatch~~

TELEGRAM.

No.203

From OIC South Georgia

To Atfid Port Stanley

Despatched : 28th September 19 61 Time : 18.30

Received : 29th September 19 61 Time :

Your Gen/37 Pesca/Albion Star had 8 catchers licenced and operating last season and will operate the same number this year stop Point you raise is one which I had intended to discuss with AO on his return stop South Georgia company has under terms of lease grant of two free licences and this has, since 1954 at least and may be longer, been applied to all three stations stop I have not been able to trace authority for this and the clause is not in Toni Sergs or Albion Star leasebut copies of these leases have only recently been available here so no doubt former practice has been adhered to stop This season 8 licences have been issued to Albion but only £300 demanded so far stop Suggest this rests until AO in Stanley in three weeks time

OIC

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(W. & S. Ltd.—250 Pd/7/59).

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To

etat OTC ZEN

GEN/37 Your tele 203 stop Many thanks position much clearer now stop Will see
10 on arrival Stanley

Atfid

H.C.S. I attach for your information
copies of 3 telegrams sent from my files
since you may wish to have these on a
Secretariat File.

If the South Georgia Company is
allowed two free licences then I think
it only fair that this concession should
apply to Albion Star as well, despite the
fact that this clause is not, at present,
in their lease.

However, this is a policy matter and
no doubt you will wish to discuss with
H.E. and Capt. Coleman on the latter's arrival
in Stanley next month.

W.H.H.
29/9/61.

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It is suggested that this concession, which has
always been granted to Albion Star should be embodied
in their lease. In return A.O. would like some
more provisions to be included in the lease
see notes annexed in the open file D/3/47/u

W.H.H.
4/10/61

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(pres
5/28/61

BU 20.12.61

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g. e. We can now try to get
the matter of supplies included too

5/2/61

BU in 3 weeks
5/23/61

BU 19.1.62

6 file came down for HE

6 files des ago with a telegram to AD

16 min

5/24/61

Telegram at f. 210 of 5/6/58/2 attached.

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R.S.C.

It is suggested that the following provisions be added to the Albion Star Lease:-

South Georgia Company Lease issued 1951

4(e) also include Cape Saunders Light.

Compania Argentina de Pesca Lease 1949

4(a) add "Two vessels may be used without payment of licence fee".

4(d) after "any ship requiring" insert "repairs".

4(e) also include Jason Light.

I imagine it might be easier to make a fresh Agreement stipulating that it should be regarded as part of the lease.

Could you please consider and produce what is required.

3rd February, 1962.

RHDM/FH

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9/2/62

DECODE.TELEGRAM.From Colonial Secretary, Stanley.To Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

Despatched : 10th February, 19 62. Time : 1130

Received : 19 Time :

No. 33. Amendment of leases. Was suggested that maintenance of Cape Saunders Light should be included in Salvesen's lease. What do you recommend now? Albion Star now have Grytviken and Husvik lease. Propose to include "two vessels may be used without payment of licence fee" and "maintenance of Jason Light" in Grytviken lease only and not Husvik but insertion of repairs under 4 (d) in Husvik and Grytviken. Do you agree.

Colonial Secretary

G.T.C. : RHDM/LF

Reply at 14.

Bu 24.2.62

DECODE.

No. 276.

TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 19th February, 19 62. *Time* : 1700

Received : 20th February, 19 62. *Time* : 1045

13 No. 46. Your telegram No. 33.

Still recommend "maintenance Cape Saunders Light"
in current lease if clause can be legally inserted.
Reference proposal Grytviken and Husvik. Agree.

Administrative Officer

G.T.C. : HB
TYPED. : LH

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RSC

Please take action

As regards Albin Grytliken &

Husvick leases.

As regards Cape Saunders. We discussed whether
if a lease is transferred it would make any difference
having his lease in before to transfer.

Please consider or advise

21/2/62.

16.

Hon. Col. Sec.,

Draft deals altering the Grytliken and Husvick
leases submitted, please.

I would point out that the wording of sub. paragraph
(d) of ^{paragraph 4 of the second lease} both leases is inconsistent. The Grytliken lease
reads "any ship requiring supplies of fuel or provisions"
while the Husvick lease reads "any ship requiring supplies
or fuel or provisions."

I think the question of Cape Saunders light could
be left until Salvesen commences operations at least or the
lease is transferred to a new lessee approved by H. S. The
light may be required if Albin Star operate from Husvick
H. S. will hold in the transfer H. S. as light was agreed.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

To Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

Despatched : 28th February, 19 62 Time : 1555

Received : 19 Time :

No. 48. In view of the doubt as to where Salvesen will operate in future it seems hardly worth while taking this up with them now. If they decide to operate in future or if they wish to transfer the lease to somebody else we will insert this clause. Could you please confirm that it is only in the Leith lease that this is to be included and not the Husvik one.

I find that there is a slight difference in the wording of the Grytviken and Husvik leases in that Grytviken refers to requiring supplies of fuel or provisions whereas in Husvik it is supplies or fuel or provisions. I thought of wording the new one:-

"requiring repairs or supplies of fuel or stores"
which will I think cover everything. Do you agree?

Colonial Secretary.

G.T.C.
RHDM/TE

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where unquote in first sentence

Secretary

Bu 1362

Time DRM/LH

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No. 4.

TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 1st March, 1962 Time : 1800

Received : 2nd March, 1962 Time :

(7 No. 58. Your telegram No. 48.

Cape Saunders Light has always been Leith's responsibility would seem unfair to now include in Husvik lease thus making Albion Star responsible for South Georgia coast light. Suggest it remain condition of Leith lease and if in meantime it requires serviceing we would have to engage Albion Star to service.

2. Reference your last paragraph agree with suggested wording.

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Administrative Officer

G.T.C. : LH
Typed: TB

RSC
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has who came
in according
8/3/62.

Hon. Col. Sec.,

Amended Gryttriken and Hurvick (both Albin Star)
Deeds and draft deed altering the South Harbour lease
(South Georgia Co) submitted, please.

H.B.,
7.ii.62.

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ALBION STAR (SOUTH GEORGIA) LIMITED.

The following are the documents filed with the Registrar General concerning the Albion Star (South Georgia) Limited:

Lease of Husvik Harbour area South Georgia, made 12th January, 1961 for the term of 21 years from 1st October, 1960.

Lease of Grytviken Harbour area South Georgia, made 22nd December, 1961, for the term of 21 years from 1st July, 1960.

DD.

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Shall again to RSC. We should try to in the
 agreement about to begin in Solovs too.
 Now I write to Allen Stone saying he is
 prepared to make the following alterations as
 agreed with him. (Clarke). If he will inform him
 he is responsible we will draw out the first document.
 We can draw Solovs but this is being done in
 the case of Allen Stone (nothing reference to Clarke
 Clarke is not of his will agree to the alterations
 proposed for him. On getting a favorable reply
 we will get documents finally drawn up & sent

2/4/6

7th May,

62.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Indenture drawn up between your Company and Her Majesty's Government signed at Stanley on the 22nd December, 1961, and to inform you that after consultation with Mr. Clark it is proposed to make the following amendments to paragraph 4 of the second schedule -

- (a) by adding at the end of sub-paragraph (a) the words "Two vessels may be used without payment of licence fee.";
- (b) by deleting the words "supplies of fuel or provisions" in sub-paragraph (d) and substituting the words "repairs or supplies of fuel or stores";
- (c) by inserting immediately after the word "lights" in sub-paragraph (e) the words "and the Jason light".

2. If you would kindly confirm that you approve of this action, I will take steps to draw up a formal document to implement the amendments.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(R.H.D. Manders)

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

The Manager,
Albion Star (Southampton) Ltd.,
National Provincial Bank Chambers,
Southampton,
HANTS.

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9th May,

62.

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that Messrs. Albion Star (South Georgia) Limited have agreed to share the responsibility of the maintenance of the Jason Light and, in the event of an emergency, to assist within reasonable measure, any ship requiring repairs or supplies of fuel or stores. I understand that you agree to maintain Cape Saunders Light and it is desirable to refer to it specifically in the lease.

2. I should be grateful to learn if you would agree to similar arrangements with regard to ships requiring repairs or supplied of fuel or stores etc. If so I can embody the arrangement in your lease.

3. This would involve the following alterations -

- (a) by deleting the words "supplies of fuel or provisions" in sub-paragraph (d) and substituting the words "repairs or supplies of fuel or stores";
- (b) by inserting immediately after the word "lights" in sub-paragraph (e) the words "and the Jason light".

*minute**See 329*

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(R.H.D. Mawdsley)

*or*COLONIAL SECRETARY.

The Manager,
Messrs. South Georgia Company Ltd.,
31 Bernard Street,
Leith,
SCOTLAND.

*See 27**By 17. 6. 62 (mail).*

HLB/LH

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ALBION STAR (SOUTHAMPTON) LIMITED

DIRECTORS: D. J. CLARK, C. S. PERKINS, O.B.E.

AS U.K. REPRESENTATIVES FOR

ALBION STAR (SOUTH GEORGIA) LIMITED

TELEPHONE: SOUTHAMPTON 26775

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS: ALBION SOUTHAMPTON

NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK CHAMBERS

CANUTE ROAD

SOUTHAMPTON

DJC/MC



The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

Dear Sir,

24 We refer to your letter of 7th May, reference D/3/60/C,
regarding the Indenture drawn up between Her Majesty's Government
and Albion Star (South Georgia) Limited on the 22nd December 1961.

On behalf of Albion Star (South Georgia) Limited, we
confirm that there is no objection to the proposed amendments.

Yours faithfully,
for and on behalf of
Albion Star (Southampton) Limited

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "D.J. Clark".

D.J. Clark
Director

CHR. SALVESEN & CO. LTD.

DIRECTORS:

L. M. HARPER GOW, M.B.E.
~~CHR. SALVESEN~~
G. H. ELLIOT

E.C. Younge (Technical)

G.P.O. BOX 217

29 BERNARD STREET,

GLASGOW

45 WEST NILE STREET, C.I.

GRIMSBY

MARSHALL'S WHARF,
VICTORIA STREET.

YOUR REF. D/3/60/C.

OUR REF. GEH/MS.

LEITH

31st May, 1962.

Colonial Secretary,
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Port Stanley,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Dear Sir,

25 We have to thank you for your letter of 9th May informing us that Messrs. Albion Star (South Georgia) Limited have agreed to share the responsibility of the maintenance of the Jason Light and also, in the event of an emergency, to assist within reasonable measure any ship requiring repairs or supplies of fuel or stores.

As you noted, we have agreed to maintain Cape Saunders Light.

With regard to the suggested alterations in the lease -

- a) We have no objection to the deletion and substitution you have suggested for Clause 4, sub-section (d) of the schedule to the lease.

As you will realise, if, as is the case at present, we only have the minimum number at Leith Harbour required as a maintenance party, the extent to which this Clause can be implemented will be small. Further, if at any time we left no personnel at the Station, no repairs could be carried out or supplies provided. However, we feel that as long as this is understood, the phrase "within reasonable limits" covers the circumstances.

- b) Although you suggest that you wish to amend Clause 4 sub-section (e) of the schedule to include the maintenance of the Jason Light, we wonder if, in view of the final sentence of the first paragraph of your letter, you really intended to refer here to the Cape Saunders Light, which we have agreed to ~~attend~~ maintain.

If/...

Colonial Secretary, Port Stanley, FALKLAND ISLANDS.

31st May, 1962.

b) continued:

If/...

this is the case, we have no objection to specific reference being made to the Cape Saunders Light in the lease, but perhaps you will clarify the position for us.

Yours faithfully,

For and on behalf of CHR. SALVESEN & CO. LTD.

[Signature] DIRECTOR.

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from type is a mistake for Cape Saunders Light.

*We can explain with regarding the
forwarding documents*

*But we now have to discuss
contract for amendment of lease*

ASC

*Please prepare documents
accordingly*

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17/6/62

y. B.

*This appears to
be tied up with
the assignment of the
Saunders lease.
S.B. 21.vi.62.*

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Colonial Secretary, Port Stanley, Falkland Islands.

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clearly the position for us.
being made to the Cape Saunders light in the lease, but perhaps you will
this in the case, we have no objection to apostrophic reference

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SECRET

None found

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From before to now - a lot of things have happened.

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Chemistry Laboratory

Don't we have any more of these?

1. *Chrysomelidae*

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2. *Chrysomelidae* 10/10/10

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DECODE.TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched: 28.6.62 Time: 1548 Received: 29.6.62 Time: 1000

PRIORITYCONFIDENTIAL

SG. No. 2. Your SG. No. 4.

Albion Star have official informed Secretary of State that they will not operate 1962/63. Position on future operation will be reviewed in December 1962.

2. Clark still hoping to sublet next season and is flying to Norway today to discuss with Thordal. Has also contacted Japam but not sufficient early decision to arrange sublet this year. Proposal in my Colony No. 38 still long term possibility.

3. Elliott is meeting Japanese in London next week and will report progress. At present some hitch negotiations and not certain Japanese will operate.

4. Your proposals in savingram No. 4 have again been discussed with Governor and Clark knowing they are still active but will not affect Albion Star's decision on 1962/63 operation.

Secretary of State

G.T.C. : TB

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched: 3.7.62

Time: 1700

Received: 4.7.62 Time: 1000

CONFIDENTIAL

SG. No. 4. My SG. Leith Harbour.

Elliott reports that Japanese are likely wish for sub lease for 1962/63 operating October 1st to December 10th only as an experiment. If satisfied would purchase and operate full season 1963/64. Are you agreeable to issue of sub lease part of season?

Secretary of State

G.T.C. : T.B.

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No. 19.

TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 6th July, 19 62 *Time :* 1300

Received : 6th July, 19 62 *Time :* 1530

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No. 172. Your telegram No. 129. At Governor's request safeguard and condition already drafted for inclusion in lease should Japanese take over whaling companies South Georgia my letter March 17th to Governor Classified Secret refers. If Salvesens sublet their existing lease these conditions would not be included and we would be in dangerous position of perhaps being unable include them if and when Japanese decide to buy. Assume Japan intend using Leith factory and not floating factory ship anchored at Leith for process and production Falklands and International Whaling Regs. refer.

Administrative Officer

G.T.C. : TB

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched : 12.7.62

Time : 1543

Received : 13.7.62 Time : 1500

CONFIDENTIAL

SG. No. 7. My telegram No. 4. Leith Harbour.

Japanese have decided not to buy this season or to operate sub lease. Reason partly whale oil price partly other financial commitments. Salvosens hope still to sell for 1963/1964 and will man station maintenance basis (about 20 men) in the current season. No news yet of Clark's success.

Secretary of State

G.T.C. : MB

Typed : TB

Tell A/O

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TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

To Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

Despatched : 14th July, 1962 *Time :* 1010

Received : 19 *Time :*

No. 144. Following received from Secretary of State and forwarded for information. Begins. Japanese have decided not to buy this season or to operate sub lease. Reason partly whale oil price partly other financial commitments. Salvesens hope still to sell for 1963/1964 and will man station maintenance basis (about 20 men) in the current season. No news yet of Clark's success. Ends.

Colonial Secretary

G.T.C. : TB

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No. 57.

TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

<i>Despatched :</i>	13th July,	6219	<i>Time</i> 855
<i>Received :</i>	14th July,	6219	<i>Time</i> 000

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No. 184. Reference my telegram No. 178. Manager Albion Star informs me following telegram received from Clark Southampton "Governor personally assured us that Albion would retain sealing licence this year irrespective of temporary suspension operations therefore we thought formal application for licence would be required" in view of this submit for your approval Albion Stars application for sealing licence for season 1962/63.

Administrative Officer,

P/L : TB

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TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

To Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

Despatched : 19th July, 1962 Time : 1400

Received : 19 Time :

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No. 147. Your telegram No. 134 of 13th July, 1962.

D/3/60-276 Following earlier correspondence has not yet been sent to you.
Telegram of 28th June from Salvesen Leith to me:-

"Since we understand that Albion Star not operating South Georgia coming season we hereby apply for sealing licence at present held by Albion Star"

D/3/60-277 Before copy of this could be sent to you telegram of 2nd July was sent by Secretary of State

"Governor has heard of Salvesens application for sealing licence and considers that while there still is possibility Grytviken operating in 1962/63 this should not be granted"

D/3/60-278 I replied to Leith on 3rd July

"Application will be considered on receipt of Albion Star's confirmation of their intention"

Have Salvesens any intention of sealing. If so presume we should grant licence and let them. If not presume you would still recommend we give licence to Albion Star.

Colonial Secretary

G.T.C. : TB

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No. 41.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched. 20.7.62

Time: 1515

Received: 21.7.62 Time: 1000

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SG. No. 8. My telegram SG. No. 7 Grytviiken.

Clark now informs that no hope of sub lease to other company for 1962/63 and Grytviiken will not operate. Albion Star intends to recommence whaling whenever the price of whale oil reaches or exceeds \$60 but attractive offer sub lease or purchase might of course be accepted. I assume that you wish Crown Agents to cancel Baker's appointment.

Secretary of State.

G.T.C. : TB

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etat ADMIRALTY SOUTH GEORGIA				SGA/c

No. 153. Following received from Secretary of State and forwarded for observations quote Clark now informs that no hope of sub lease to other company for 1962/63 and Grytviken will not operate stop Albion Star intends to recommence whaling whenever the price of whale oil reaches or exceeds \$60 but attractive offer sub lease or purchase might of course be accepted stop I assume that you wish Crown Agents to cancel Baker's appointment unquote

Secretary

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No. 80.

TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 20th July, 1962 Time : 1320

Received : 21st July, 1962 Time : 1100

No. 190.

PRIORITY

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Your telegram No. 147. Managers of Grytviken and Leith are unable to make any decision or statement of policy without directive from head offices. It is unfortunate that so much time has been lost over this matter and in order to avoid any further delay suggest you ask Salvesens Leith and Albion Star Southampton point blank if they intend to carry out sealing operation if licences to do so were granted. If both companies affirm intention to carry out seal oil production then of course licence should be granted Albion Star in support of Governor's promise to them. If they do not intend to seal and Leith reply in affirmative then Leith should have licence. If neither company confirm use of licence then it should be granted to neither. I am afraid there is possibility they will say time is too short to make the necessary arrangement for operating and Government will be made the scapegoat. However it should not be overlooked that both companies may only desire licence to make sale of their whaling stations appear a more attractive proposition to buyer.

Administrative Officer

G.T.C. : MB/TB
Typed : TB

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 24.7.62

Time: 1500

Received:

Time:

SG. No. 9. Following telegram received from Administrative Officer South Georgia:-

"Managers of Grytviken and Leith are unable to make any decision or statement of policy without directive from head offices. It is unfortunate that so much time has been lost over this matter and in order to avoid any further delay suggest you ask Salvesens Leith and Albion Star Southampton point blank if they intend to carry out sealing operation if licences to do so were granted. If both companies affirm intention to carry out seal oil production then of course licence should be granted Albion Star in support of Governor's promise to them. If they do not intend to seal and Leith reply in affirmative then Leith should have licence. If neither company confirm use of licence then it should be granted to neither. I am afraid there is possibility they will say time is too short to make the necessary arrangements for operating and Government will be made the scapegoat. However it should not be overlooked that both companies may only desire licence to make sale of their whaling stations appear a more attractive proposition to buyer."

Grateful if you could find out from Salvesens and Albion Star and consult Governor. I agree with Administrative Officer's recommendations.

Officer Administering the Government

G.T.C. : TB

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No. 108.

TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 25th July, 19 62 Time : 1825

Received : 26th July, 19 62 Time : 2111

340 No. 106. Your telegram No. 153.

Agree Bakers appointment should be cancelled.
I suppose Albion Star intend paying for lease of
Grytviken and Husvik?

Administrative Officer

P/L : TB

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched : 30.7.62 Time : 1542 Received : 31.7.62 Time : 1500

342 SG. No. 9. Your SG. No. 9. Sealing.

Neither Galvesens nor Albion Star intend to carry out sealing operations this coming summer. Galvesens have already been told unofficially sealing licences will only be granted to companies intending to operate. Reason for the application was as Colonel suggested in last paragraph.

Secretary of State

GTC : HB
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etat ALMINOFF SOUTH GEORGIA				SCA/c

No. 164. Following telegram received from Secretary of State quote Neither Salvesens nor Albion Star intend to carry out sealing operations this coming summer stop Salvesens have already been told unofficially sealing licences will only be granted to companies intending to operate stop Reason for the application was as Coleman suggested in last para unquote No licences should therefore be issued

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TELEGRAM.

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No. 18/70.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched :	19	Time :
3rd August,	62	1800
Received :	19	Time :
4th August,	62	1145

No. 206. Your telegram No. 164. Acknowledged
and will inform Manager Albion Star Grytviken accordingly.

Administrative

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These files can go away now?

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Yes

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TELEGRAM.

From Brandstons, London

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley

Despatched : 28th November, 19 67 Time : 1945

Received : 28th November, 19 67 Time : 0900

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

Brandstons

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Intld. H.L.B.

Replied 351

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with by H.E.
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From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched : 20/11/67

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

Please see my immediately following telegram.

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From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

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↑ Please see my immediately preceding telegram. South Georgia
Islands.

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

Cyprus

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Proposed firm offer with ~~fixed~~ details
Submitted the bill, to consider in
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Construction can be entered clear now
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From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

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Your telegram S.G. 6.

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

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

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

Cypher

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HMS. PROTECTOR

REPORT OF INSPECTION OF LEITH, STROMNESS

AND HUSVIK WHALING STATION, SOUTH GEORGIA

14th and 15th December 1967

Sections:

- A. General description of anchorages, with indication of draught of vessels which can be accommodated, and details of the presence or absence of mooring bouys in sound condition. (including some observations on Grytviken)
- B. Total length alongside accommodation, description of piers and depths at pierheads, indication of draught of largest vessels formerly berthing and whether these vessels grounded at low water.
- C. Number and capacity of cranes and motive power.
- D. Details of harbour craft, including oil barges.
- E. Extent of covered storage capacity.
- F. Oil tankage, with indication of types normally held and what held now.
- G. Repair facilities including floating docks, slips and electric or acetylene welding.
- H. Details of power supply.

Appendices:

- 1. Colonial Secretary's telegram No. 208 dated 19th November, 1966.
- 2. Relevant extracts from Administrative Officer, South Georgia's letter dated 22nd November, 1966 to Colonial Secretary, Falkland Islands.
- 3. Photographs of Leith Whaling Station taken December, 1967.

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A. General description of anchorages, with indication of draught of vessels which can be accommodated, and details of the presence or absence of mooring buoys in sound condition. (including some observations on Grytviken)

STROMNESS

1. The jetty was in fair condition, capable, with care, of receiving shipping alongside.
2. Buoys.
 - a. The southern pair of buoys are correctly charted on Admiralty chart 3589.
 - b. Northern Pair. Only one is in existence. The eastern one should be expunged, and the western one moved $233\frac{1}{2}$ degrees a distance of 340 feet. A depth of 14 fathoms was found at this position.
 - c. The buoy shown 1300 feet E.S.E. of the floating docks should be expunged.
 - d. A buoy should be inserted in position 092 degrees from the S.E. corner of the southern floating dock, distance 2,500 feet.

Stromness Bay, General.

3. Beacons.
 - a. Grass Island. The beacon shown on the N. coast of Grass Island was missing.
 - b. Leith Harbour, - Hansen Point. The leading beacons were missing

Husvik.

4. The jetty was in a poor state, with much kelp alongside.
5. The leading beacons near the cemetery were both missing.
6. A large amount of kelp existed on the approach to the jetty.
7. Mooring buoys off the jetty are not charted, but local knowledge is that they are not likely to have shifted their positions.

Grytviken.

8. Check soundings were taken in the harbour, along the main approach to the berths. Depths found are shown in red on the attached tracing, and are consistent with charted depths.
9. Main Jetty (350 feet north of seaward and floating dock)
 - a. State. In reasonable repair, and capable of receiving shipping alongside. Well fendered with rubber tyres.
 - b. Depths Alongside. These were checked every 20 feet along the length of the jetty, at a distance of 6 feet from its edge. Depths were consistent with those charted. The nature of the bottom at the sounding on the N.E. end of the jetty was noted to be rock.

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B. TOTAL LENGTH ALONGSIDE ACCOMMODATION, DESCRIPTION OF PIERS AND DEPTHS AT PIERHEADS, INDICATION OF DRAUGHT OF LARGEST VESSELS FORMERLY BERTHING AND WHETHER THESE VESSELS GROUNDED AT LOW WATER.

Leith.

1. Slipway to Flensing Plan damaged for approximately 120 feet by 50 feet (see photographs 1,2 and 7). Nil alongside accommodation.

Stromness and Leith.

2. All piers, slipways show evident signs of damage. No photographs taken. Nil alongside accommodation.
3. Refer to Appendix 2 for details of largest vessel formerly berthing regularly and whether same grounded at low water.

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C. NUMBER AND CAPACITY OF CRANES AND MOTIVE POWER.

Leith.

1. NIL

Stromness.

2. NIL

Husvik.

3. NIL

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D. NUMBER OF HARBOUR CRAFT, INCLUDING OIL BARGES

Leith.

1. 3 Dumb barges, approximate capacity 80 - 100 tons and marked 'D' 'C' 'E' hauled out onto Flensing plan. All appeared in good condition.
(See photo No. 1)

2 Motor launches partially afloat and 2 motor launches hauled out on Flensing plan. (~~See photo No. 1 and 3~~). No oil barges sighted

Stromness.

2. No harbour craft sighted.

Husvik.

3. No harbour craft sighted.

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E. EXTENT OF COVERED STORAGE CAPACITY.

Leith.

1. Extended inspection carried out only due to absence of keys. Approximately 3000 square feet. (Includes Stewards store, Potato and Timber store, Whale catchers' store and 2 stores adjacent to Corono Pier).

Stornness.

2. Approximately 1000 square feet. Limited access was available and buildings could not be identified. Some signs of damp rot and flooring warped and split in places.

Husvik.

3. Approximately 1200 square feet. Limited access only was available and buildings were not positively identified. Signs of damp rot and flooring warped and split in places.

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F. OIL TANKAGE WITH INDICATION OF TYPES NORMALLY HELD AND THAT HELD NOW

Leith.

1.

- a. 45 tanks were sighted. All tanks were in good condition when viewed externally, except that approximately 7 in number snow protection wooden battens erected on top of the tanks had collapsed. (~~See photo No. 4.~~)
- b. Tanks were formally used for whale oil, fuel oil or diesel oil. Nil stocks held at present.
- c. Tankage capacity not known.

Stromness.

2.

- a. 26 tanks sighted. All tanks in good condition when viewed externally. Some snow protection wooden battens erected on top of the tanks had disintegrated.
- b. Tanks were formally used for whale oil, fuel oil or diesel oil. Nil stocks held at present.
- c. Tankage capacity not known.

Husvik.

3.

- a. 8 tanks sighted. All in good condition when viewed externally except for two tanks which showed traces of oil seepage from rivetted joints.
- b. ~~Discussion with custodian of Husvik (Mr. SANNS) showed tanks were used for fuel oil or diesel oil.~~ Nil stocks held at present.
- c. Tankage capacity not known.

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G. REPAIR FACILITIES INCLUDING FLOATING DOCKS, SLIPS AND ELECTRIC OR ACETYLENE WELDING

Leith.

1. Excellent machine shop and work shop facilities were available at Leith. All machines had been preserved before closing the station and no visible signs of deterioration were noticeable. The buildings are in good condition and secured against the winter gales.
2. Floating Docks - Nil.
3. Repair Facilities.
 - a. The machine shop has 6 lathes ranging from 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ " - 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " chuck diameter, shaping, planing and slotting machines, horizontal borer, milling, radial drilling and heavy duty drilling machines.
 - b. The blacksmiths shop and foundry contain steam hammers, shearing machine, cupola and smelting furnace.
 - c. Coppersmithing and carpentry shops are available and the machinery is in a good state of preservation. Machinery includes flanging, rolling, shearing, punching, grinding in coppersmiths shop and wood turning lathe, band saw, planer, circular saw in carpentry shop.
 - d. The platers shop was not inspected, since the roof had collapsed. (See photo No. 5)
 - e. Acetylene welding facilities are available in the machine shop. A number of oxygen/acetylene bottles remain, together with welding torches. The contents of the bottles were not checked.
 - f. No electric arc welding facilities were found. However it was established from records of machinery held in the machine shop drawing office that a Holmes Arc Electric Welding machine was sited in the Platers shop, which can be considered a write-off (See iv).

Stromness.

4. General. Limited repair facilities are available. The plating shop offers good repair facilities for electric arc welding and the building is in a sound condition.

5. Floating Docks (2 in No.).

<u>Capacity</u>	700 tons	975 tons
<u>Draught over</u>	15 feet	18 feet
<u>Keel blocks</u>		

<u>Length Dock</u>	150'6"	179'2"
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<u>Breadth Dock</u>	34'7"	45'
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6. Repair Facilities.

- a. The plating shop contains 5 electric arc welding machines and facilities for oxy-acetylene welding. There is a portable mobile petrol welding machine and a heavy duty 20 foot plate rolling machine. Large quantities of plate are stored in the ready use racks.

/ b. The machine

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b. The machine shop is deteriorating rapidly. The roof is holed in several places and the roof plating is badly corroded. There are three 6" diameter lathes and three drilling machines. All machinery has been inadequately preserved and corrosion is noticeable. Large quantities of bolt stave and timber are stored in ready use racks.

Husvik.

7. Fl ating Docks - Nil.

8. Repair Facilities.

a. No repair facilities are available. The majority of the machinery has been removed except for a few items which are crated awaiting transit.

b. The workshop building was structurally sound, although the roof was holed in two places.

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H. DETAILS OF POWER SUPPLY - KILOWATTS AND SUPPLY VOLTAGE
WITH WHALING STATION GENERATORS.

TYPE	MAKER	RATING
Diesel	English Electric	230 Volts D.C. 400 K.W.
Diesel	Brush	220 Volts D.C. 200 K.W.
Diesel	Brush	220 Volts D.C. 200 K.W.
Diesel	W.H. Allen	220 Volts D.C. 400 K.W.
Diesel	W.H. Allen	220 Volts D.C. 75 K.W.
Steam Recip.	Siemen's-Schuckerk	230 Volts D.C. 65 K.W.
Steam Recip.	Campbell & Isherwood	225 Volts D.C. 150 K.W.
Steam Recip.	Phoenix	230 Volts D.C. 60 K.W.
Steam Recip.	W.H. Allen	115 Volts D.C. 15 K.W.
Steam Recip.	Electro Motors	110 Volts D.C. 24.7 K.W.
Steam Recip.	Crompton Parkinson	220 Volts D.C 426 Amps

All machines were in good state of preservation. See photo No. 6
~~for exterior view of power station.~~

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STROUNESS WHALING STATION GENERATORS

TYPE	MAKER	RATING
Diesel	Mather Platt	115 Volts D.C. 50 K.W.
Diesel	Mather Platt	115 Volts D.C. 50 K.W.
Diesel	Crompton Parkinson	450 Volts D.C. 222 K.W.
Steam Recip.	Schuckert & Co.	500 Volts D.C. 245 Amps
Steam Recip.	Schuckert & Co.	500 Volts D.C. 245 Amps
Steam Recip.	Devonport Dockyard 1923	115 Volts D.C. 75 K.W.
Steam Recip.	Not Known	115 Volts D.C. 75 K.W.
Steam Recip.	Lancashire Dynamo Co. Ltd.	110 Volts D.C. 105 Amps

Preservation breaking down on steam reciprocating machinery.

HUSVIK WHALING STATION GENERATORS

Diesel	A.E.G. Berlin	230 Volts A.C. 300 K.V.A. single phase
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Appendix 1. to HMS PROTECTOR report of inspection of Leith, Stromness and Husvik whaling stations, South Georgia 14th and 15th December, 1967.

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TELEGRAM

To: Adminoff South Georgia

19/11/66

208 grateful you send by Shackleton following basic information regarding each King Edward Point Grytviken Stromness Husvik and Leith stop (a) general description anchorage with indication draught of vessels which can be accommodated (b) presence or absence of mooring buoys in sound condition (c) total length alongside accommodation with description of piers and depths at pierheads with indication draught of largest vessel formerly berthing regularly and whether same grounded at low water (d) number and capacity of cranes and motive power (e) details of harbour craft including oil barges (f) extent of covered storage capacity (g) oil tankage with indication of types normally held and what if any stocks held now (h) repair facilities including floating docks slips and electric or acetylene welding (i) details of power supply quoting kilowatts and supply voltage stop Realise some figures may not be readily available in which case they can be signalled but grateful for bulk of answers by Shackleton.

Secretary.

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Appendix 2. to HMS PROTECTOR report of inspection of Leith, Stromness and Husvik whaling stations, South Georgia 14th and 15th December, 1967.

Relevant Extracts from a letter sent by Administrative Officer, South Georgia, to Colonial Secretary, Stanley, on 22nd November 1966 in reply to telegram No. 208 of 19th November 1966:

- (1). Please refer to your telegram 208.....
- (2) The scope and details of your questions (A) to (I) are such as to form the basis of a re-writing of the relevant chapters of the "Antarctic Pilot" as published by the Hydrographic Department of the Admiralty and also numerous corrections to chart No. 3589 as printed by the same authority.
- (3) Some of the other questions may be listed under the heading of "Harbour Pilots" Local Knowledge", which even the experienced authority mentioned above are careful to avoid committing to paper. For example, depth of water at pierheads etc. can alter considerably in a matter of months, not years, and this is due to severe winds and seas building up sand banks, particularly at Leith, Husvik and Grytviken. Whaling companies operating at these ports find it necessary to take frequent soundings and checks. Whilst a particular Master may have every confidence in taking a particular ship into any of the harbours mentioned, to cover the varying circumstances and conditions such as loaded draft, wind and tide appertaining at the time of berthing, would in fact mean writing local pilotage data such as Trinity House pilots would not commit to paper. Were the Government to publish such information they would, under Maritime Law, have to accept a degree of responsibility for any damage sustained by ships using the ports and working on the information published. Such a case occurred at Leith a few years ago when a chartered tanker sued Salvesen's for going aground in the berth and, under the terms of his charter (i.e. 'afloat at all times'), thereby claimed that all underwater repairs shown necessary at his next docking were to be charged to Salvesen's account. All vessels entering the ports here do so under the pilotage of Masters who have previous experience of the ports or of myself.
- (4) As you will appreciate, this is only a brief summary of the implications of some of your questions and please do not (repeat do not) infer any unwillingness on my part to undertake the investigations required. However, in fairness to me (bearing in mind that I have professional qualifications not normally co-existent with the post of A.O. which I wish to protect), I would require more time than you have offered for a responsible answer to your queries. Furthermore, in order to give an accurate answer to some of your questions I would also need that you make available to me a vessel capable of visiting these ports for the time necessary to make accurate corrections which can only be done by visual observations. You may recall that two years ago no less than six vessels were lost at Leith harbour during one winter and many buildings were destroyed. In view of the fact that no maintenance personnel have been retained at the three stations in that area it could well be that other storage buildings have been damaged and/or jetties and buoys destroyed during the past winter, particularly in view of the prolonged south - easterly high winds and heavy swells which we have experienced. It is a year since I have been to Leith as I have no vessel here in which to visit any part of the coast and it would be completely irresponsible of me to make any comment on the conditions prevailing at any of the stations outside King Edward Cove without first inspecting them.

(5).....

(6).....

Sgd. D.J. Coleman
Administrative Officer

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Reply to questions contained in telegrams 208 dated 22nd November 1966

(A) Please refer to "The Antarctic Pilot" and Admiralty Chart No. 3589. Information given on chart operating all places mentioned was compiled in 1958 by Lieutenant M.J. STRUMBLES, Royal Navy.

(B) Information on this subject available as given in (A). The only known alteration is to mooring buoy shown 500 feet N. of King Edward Point jetty. This buoy has been removed.

Leith, Stromness, Husvik: conditions unknown. See my remarks in paragraph 4 of accompanying letter.

(C) Much of the information can be gleaned from the "Antarctic Pilot" and Admiralty Chart No. 3589.

The largest vessel to use Leith and Stromness was "Southern Harvester" whose loaded draft is stated to be 34 feet 6 inches. The largest vessel to use Husvik and Grytviken was "Calpean Star" whose loaded draft is stated to be 29 feet 8 inches. On the numerous occasions the vessels mentioned have used the ports named, their draft on arrival varied. It is the practice at Leith and Husvik when berthing a vessel to run the bow on the shore to act as an additional mooring then, as loading proceeds, vessels are gradually hauled off to deeper water so that they are fully afloat when loaded.

Vessels of this size do not normally go actually alongside the jetty but are moored in a position off the jetty with pontoons in between ship and jetty.

(D) There are no cranes at any of the ports mentioned. All discharging and loading is done by ship's derricks.

(E) Leith. 2 motor launches)
3 lighters, approx. 100 tons) if still afloat.

No oil barges.

Stromness)
Husvik) No harbour craft. No oil barges.

Grytviken 1 motor launch afloat.
2 motor launches hauled out
2 lighters, approx. 70 tons each
No oil barges.

K.E.F. One light motor boat at present hauled out.

(F) Covered Storage:-

Leith)
Stromness) Extent unknown. See accompanying letter, para.4.
Husvik)

Grytviken Approx. 1500 sq. metres.

K.E.F. Approx. 1200 sq feet.

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Oil tanks:-

Leith 38 tanks. Used for whale, fuel, diesel and gas oil.
present stocks nil.

Stromness 20 tanks. Used for whale, fuel, diesel and gas oil.
present stocks nil.

Husvik 6 x 1585 ton fuel/diesel oil tanks
1 x 2088 ton " " " "
1 x 533 ton " " " " Total 12, 131 tons

Present stocks nil. Whale oil tanks damaged.

Grytviken 5 x 1350 ton fuel oil tanks
2 x 1110 ton " " "
1 x 360 ton " " " Total 9330 tons.

1 x 590 ton diesel oil tanks
3 x 200 ton " " " Total 1190 tons

3 x 2000 ton whale oil tanks
3 x 1100 ton " " "
1 x 775 ton " " "
9 x 52 ton " " " Total 10,543 tons

Present stocks ?

K.E.F. 1 x 330 ton diesel tank.

(H)

Floating Docks:-

<u>Stromness.</u>	<u>No. 1.</u>	<u>No. 2.</u>
Capacity	700 tons	975 tons
Draft over keelblocks	15 feet	18 feet
Length of dock	150' 6"	179' 2"
Breadth of dock	34' 7"	45'

<u>Grytviken.</u>	
Capacity	750 tons
Draft over keelbacks	10 feet
Length of dock	167 feet
breadth of dock	32' 6"

Leith and Stromness. In view of partial dismantling by Salvesens, electrical and acetylene welding repair facilities unknown.

Electric and/or acetylene welding:-

Husvik. Equipment nil.

Grytviken. Manager has instructions to dismantle and ship all available and removable equipment.

K.E.F. Electric and acetylene welding. Lathe.

(I)

Power supply:-

Leith)
Stromness) Unknown.
Husvik)

Grytviken. 713 KVA, 410 Volts, A.C., 3 phase, 50 cycles
100 KW 110 Volts D.C.

K.E.F. 277 Kilowatts, 415 Volts, A.C., 3 phase.











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Yourtel 28th November stop Provided firm offer with full details
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THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE AND THE
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CROWN AGENTS

FOR OVERSEA GOVERNMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIONS

'R' Department,
4, MILLBANK,

LONDON, S.W.1.

R/FALKLAND IS. 69 & 49

Telegrams: "Crown, London-S.W.1"

Telephone: 01-222 7730

Telex No. 24209



22nd October, 1968.

Dear Sir,

We have received from Wm. Brandt's Sons & Co. Ltd., a payment of £500, being the annual rent due 1st October 1968 in respect of the whaling stations at Grytviken and Husvik Harbour, South Georgia Island (£250 each). This payment on behalf of Albion Star (South Georgia) Limited.

The relevant credit will appear in the South Georgia account on 22nd October 1968.

Yours faithfully,

K. Mamey (Miss)

for the Crown Agents.

The Colonial Secretary,
Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

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

HGF 7/4

27 November, 1968.

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Dear Sir,

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at *Secretary*

May I refer to Summerhayes' letter to you of 15 November (38/24) about the Whaling ship R.1 and more especially to the second sentence of the second paragraph.

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2. You may remember that last year Wm. Brandts and Sons Limited approached both you and ourselves about the leases of their South Georgia whaling stations (your telegrams No. SG.5 and 6 and ours No. SG.3 refer). Since sending our telegram we have had no further contacts about this matter with Brandts and certainly have not given them permission to sell their stations to the Russians.

3. I am sending a copy of this letter, with a copy of our telegram SG. 3, to Summerhayes.

(A. St. J. Sugg)

W. H. Thompson, Esq.,
Colonial Secretary,
Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

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From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 20/3 /70

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Addressed R.C.O. repeated for information Buenos Aires Montevideo.

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

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

3. Please inform Fuchs.

4. Please pass Buenos Aires, Montevideo.

Cypher : SJS

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From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched: 24/3/70

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

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

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

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

3. Brandts also say that Russians:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Cypher : SJS

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

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Addressed F.C.O. telegram 65 of 26th March repeated to Governor Falkland Islands on board Endurance, Buenos Aires Montevideo UKAIS New York Washington.

298372
Your telegram 50 of 24th March: South Georgia whaling stations.

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

2. There is also strong probability that there would be general opposition to proposal for any form of semi-permanent Russian land presence in Dependency. In absence hard information Russian intentions it is not possible to say more than this. But it is worth recalling that Legislative Council questions on activities of Russian fishing fleets in Colony waters have been asked as recently as late 1968 and indicate unease over their presence this area. This feeling of anxiety is likely to be resuscitated by present proposal. In context of consideration stated in paragraph 1 above it is noteworthy that questions were asked by Pitaluga who as active participant in farming industry would not be able to attend meeting of Executive Council until that fixed for 17th April which will provide first opportunity for full discussion this issue.

3. Russian whaling activity in sea areas concerned not unknown before 1939. More recent developments are subject of attachment to Jones confidential letter number 0163/III of 6th January to Sugg which was copied Buenos Aires.

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

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

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

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

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

9. Please pass Governor Buenos Aires Montevideo UKAIS New York Washington.
Cypher : SJS

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched: 26/3/70

Time :

Received : 28/3/70

Time :

No. 122. (BUENOS AIRES)

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Following from Buenos Aires.

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

298372
Your telegram 50 to Falkland Islands. Whaling stations.

Your paragraph 5 I entirely agree.

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

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

Cypher : SJS

Sir Cosmo Haskard,
K.C.M.G., M.B.E.,



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With the compliments of

GIBRALTAR AND SOUTH ATLANTIC
DEPARTMENT

Our telegram ^{278 372} *ref no.*

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LONDON, S.W.1

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17th March, 1970

PRODUCE DEPARTMENT

DFH/KGW

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

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

Dear Sirs,

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

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

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

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

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

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The Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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17th March, 1970

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

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

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

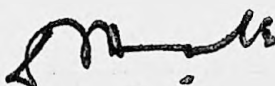
We trust you will give our application your most favourable consideration as apart from helping our Principals we feel that as there is little likelihood of whaling operations ever being carried out at South Georgia Island any alternative industry set up there can only be of benefit to the Falkland Islands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

Thanking you in advance for your assistance in this connection,

we remain, dear Sirs,

Yours truly,

p.p. WM. BRANDT'S SONS & CO. LTD.,



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TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched: 31/3 /70

Time:

Received: 31/3/70 Time:

No. 59.

PRIORITY CONFIDENTIAL

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

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Your telegram 65. South Georgia whaling stations.

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

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

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

Cypher : SJS

Note Note X. Action taken to arr. for Quinn to be informed re BPS that no formal Russian visit will take place in April & asking him to let us know re BPS of any unusual Russian activity ashore at Grytviken.

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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

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

Memorandum by the Colonial Secretary

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

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

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


(J.A. JONES)
COLONIAL SECRETARY

File Ref: D/3/60/II
2nd April, 1970
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17th March, 1970

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Thanking you in advance for your assistance in this connection,

2nd April 1970
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(signed)

p.p.Wm Brandt's Sons & CO

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From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched: 8/4/70

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No. 131 (BUENOS AIRES)

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Addressed Buenos Aires telegram 131 of 8th April repeated Governor Falkland Islands aboard H.M.S. Endurance and Falkland Islands.

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Your telegram 132: South Georgia whaling stations.

From Wiggin. We have told Brandts that H.M.C. cannot allow an exploratory survey during the current Antarctic season. We have not repeat not encouraged them to expect positive answer on substantive question of lease. You should not repeat not raise the subject within the Argentine question. You may tell them this and add that we are fully conscious of the delicacy of the question in terms of Angle-Argentine relations. If they press you for categorical assurance that H.M.G. will not grant lease to Russians, you should telegraph for instructions.

2. For your own information, we are recommending to Ministers that a decision should be taken against the granting of a lease to the Russians.

Cypher : SJS

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DECODE. SENT FROM H.M.S. ENDURANCE DURING H.E'S ANTARCTIC TOUR

TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 25/3/70

Time:

Received:

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No. 4.

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

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

Cypher : SJS

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Our Ref: D/3/60/11
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Please refer to Messrs. Wm. Brandt's Sons & Co. Ltd. letter of 17th March 1970 to Hugg about the possibility of transferring Albion Star's South Georgia leases to the Ministry of Fisheries of the U.S.S.R.

The question of a possible Russian reconnaissance visit to Grytviken and Husvik in April has already been disposed of in telegraphic exchanges and need not detain us here. Your telegram 151 to Buenos Aires of 3th April refers.

The question whether the Colony Government would be prepared to agree to the transfer of Albion Star's leases to the Russian Government was the subject of discussion in an Executive Council Meeting which began on the 17th of this month. The situation, so far as this colony is concerned, calls for no direct action and the Executive Council merely noted Brandtsons' application. It was clear, however, as foreshadowed in paragraph 2 of our telegram 65 of the 26th of March, that there is general opposition on the part of Council Members to any form of permanent Russian land-based presence in South Georgia.

In the circumstances it is not strictly necessary to provide the information Brandts seek about import and export duties and tax rates. But as it may be useful to have the answers on record the position is set out in the following sub-paragraphs:

- (a) there is no provision currently in the subsidiary order made under the Customs Ordinance, Cap. 16, for levying export duties on fish and fish products. Such duties

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

Copy to: Mr. J. M. Hunter, M.C.
British Embassy,
Buenos Aires.

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are levied only on whale and seal oil and products. We would need to have your advice on an appropriate scale of export duties on fish and fish products before we could amend the order.

(b) Import duties are as follows:

Matches	10/- per gross boxes not exceeding 10,000 matches.
Spirits	135/- gallon
Wines from scheduled territories	5/5 gallon
Wines from other countries	7/10 gallon
Beer	2/2 gallon
Tobacco from scheduled territories:-	
Cigars	24/3 lb.
Cigarettes	14/6 lb.
Cut Tobacco	11/7 lb.
Tobacco from other countries:-	
Cigars	25/- lb.
Cigarettes	15/- lb.
Cut Tobacco	12/- lb.

- (c) Tax is to some extent subject to the same qualification as is the case with export duties. Although companies tax is at present 5/9d. and there is an amendment pending to the Income Tax Ordinance which, if enacted, will raise this rate to 7/-, so far as the individual is concerned, under the proviso to section 21 (1) of the Ordinance the rates for persons not ordinarily resident in the colony and employed in the whaling and sealing industry of the Colony or Dependencies consist of the following percentage of gross earnings for the year beginning 1st April:

On the first £100 of earnings	Nil
4% of the next	£100
5% of the next	£200
6% of the next	£200
7% of the next	£200
10% of the next	£200
12½% of the next	£1,000

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Whether we should want to include the fishing industry in the same category, and whether, if we did, it would be capable of practical application to a Russian project, is for consideration, and we should again almost certainly look to you for advice.

So that the Embassy in Buenos Aires may be aware of the position I am sending a copy of this letter to Hunter for information.

(J. A. Jones)
Colonial Secretary

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No. 178 (BUENOS AIRES)

CONFIDENTIAL

Following from Buenos Aires.

Addressed F.C.O. telegram 178 of 23rd April repeated to Falkland Islands Washington.

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Your telegram 131 (not to Washington).

South Georgia.

At The Queen's Birthday party last night the Argentine Foreign Minister said he wanted a talk with me soon about some disturbing reports he had on Russian activities in South Georgia.

2. I asked whether the matter was connected with Russian overtures to some firm whose names I pretended to forget. He said it was firm was Albion Star, whose president was a shifty character called Ryan of purportedly Gibraltar origin. If Russians were given facilities in South Georgia it would be of grave import to the Argentines to say nothing of United States. He repeated "the United States".

3. I said I was not fully briefed, but I could tell him straight away that a Russian request to send an investigating team passed through Albion Star had been rejected out of hand by H.M.C. Senor Martinez was visibly delighted.

4. Perhaps time has come when I am going to be pressed for categorical assurance on our future attitude foreseen in your telegram under reference.

Cypher : SJS

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No. 162 (BUENOS AIRES)

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Addressed Buenos Aires telegram number 162 of 24th April repeated Falkland Islands Washington.

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Your telegram 173: South Georgia.

From Wiggin.

If pressed you may tell Argentines that at first sight lease to Russians is non starter, and we have no reason to believe fuller information will cause Ministers to decide otherwise. If necessary you could also remind them that as members of NATO H.M.C. are well aware of implications of Soviet maritime activities.

Cypher : SJS

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

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

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

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

3. Please pass Buenos Aires Montevideo.

Cypher : SJS

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Akademik Knipovich visited Husvik 18th

reported as follows

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"More part factory workshops buildings destroyed by snow
also club part tanks with conical tops. Villa foreman's house frozen
store house main store house in good condition. Many doors windows
opened. General situation mournful

signed Petukhov"

Unquote.

On arrival here Captain knew nothing of proposed visit and
seemed surprised it should take place as he had previously reported
condition of stations and workings of installations after examination
of Grytviken in 1966/67. Have you further information re repatriation
Thorsen Vera ?

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From BRANDTSONS

To GOVERNOR FALKLAND ISLANDS

Despatched : 1st April 19 70 *Time :*

Received : 1st April 19 70 *Time :*

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

BRANDTSONS

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From BASE COMMANDER SOUTH GEORGIA

To B.A.S. STANLEY

Despatched : 1st May

1970

Time : 1255Z

Received : 1st May

1970

Time :

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

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To FM LONDON
TO SOUTHGEORGIA

AS/164/8 FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE NOW CONFIRM THAT RUSSIANS WILL NOT BE GIVEN AUTHORITY TO UNDERTAKE INSPECTION TRIP DURING CURRENT SEASON.

IT LOOKS THEREFORE AS THOUGH THORSEN AND VERA ARE WITH YOU FOR WINTER=

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Cd. File is a Secretariat one.
I have do not propose to take any further action but suggest you explain to O/C
TELEGRAM SENT. *Stanley. Claim could be informed by letter when file trip file: to 104 probably 2 months hence. 11/9*

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched: *10*

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No. 166

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Addressed to Governor Falkland Islands, Telegram 166 of September 10th repeated for information Buenos Aires, Montevideo and Santos, United Kingdom Mission New York, Washington.

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Foreign Office telegrams 50 and 59 of 24th and 31st March to Falkland Islands. Governor's telegram 4 of March 25th from Endurance and telegram 65 of 26th March, Buenos Aires telegram 122 of March 26th and Montevideo telegram 39 of March 30th: South Georgia Whaling Stations.

Ministers have agreed leases held by Albion Star (South Georgia) Limited should not, repeat not, be assigned to Soviet Ministry of Fisheries. Messrs. Brandt's Sons and Company Limited who negotiate on behalf of Albion Star have been informed of this decision.

2. Subsequent to application to transfer leases to Soviet Ministry of Fisheries, Brandt's enquired alternatively whether we could agree transfer of leases to State Economic Board of Bulgaria. Brandt's have been advised also that Her Majesty's Government could not agree transfer of leases to this party.

3. Copies of reply to Brandt's follows by bag.

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Note

A. J. informed only on 12/9.

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From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched: 2/4/70

Time:

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No. 132 (BUENOS AIRES)

CONFIDENTIAL

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

Your telegram ³¹¹59 to Falkland Islands.

South Georgia whaling stations.

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

Cypher : SJS

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched: 22/9/70

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Addressed to Governor, Falkland Islands, telegram no. 175 of September 22nd repeated Buenos Aires.

My telegram no. 166 of September 10th. South Georgia Whaling Stations.

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Brandt's have raised objection to given and refer to approaches made to Commonwealth Office and Governor in November 1967. Falkland Islands telegram no. S.G. 5 and S.G. 6 of November 30th 1967 and Commonwealth Office telegram S.G. 30 of December 4th 1967 not to Buenos Aires refer. Brandt's allege that your cable in reply to theirs was to effect that provided firm offer was submitted with full details you would be willing to consider matter (i.e. transfer of leases to the Russians) with Commonwealth Office. Grateful you telegraph text of your reply to Brandt's cable (latter included in your telegram S.G. 5 to Commonwealth Office). Grateful also you advise whether or not you have had further dealings with Brandt's and/or Albion Star director, Ryan, since 1967.

Please confirm that leases held by Albion Star are those sent to you under cover of Commonwealth Office Saving 121 of November 17th 1960.

LJC : Cypher

Cs. Two copies for early consideration please
Triplicate being placed on AA file.
I can not say what I recollect as
commitment to Brandts. Please let us
have appropriate files when you have
looked up exchange of correspondence &
telegrams

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Note Hunter letters was produced incorrectly & there was no time
to type it. 7244

9.E.

I attached file D/3/60/C: Albion Star - letters, into which, as it is
the correct file, I have transferred all pp. in the proposed transfer of letters.

2. From pp. 349-351 it is clear that there were, even in 1967,
definite rumours about letters being transferred to a Russian
organisation (see particularly para. 2, p. 351): in view of this the
current effort of Brandts, as reported in FCO telegram 175, is
nothing more than the usual commercial attempt at persuasion,
playing off F.C.O. against Colony, & so on. P. 368 underlines also,
quite clearly, that there was no commitment.

3. See p. 370 in file. Thereafter there is not, either in
file D/3/60/C or in file D/3/60/II (also attached & p.v.), any indication
that we have had further dealings with Brandts and/or Ryan. There
have been none since I have been here, until p. 371 in D/3/60/C.
4. On the evidence of p. 200A in file D/3/60, vol. 1, cross checked
personally by me with W. H. Bennett who wrote the memo on that
page, I am satisfied that the letters held by Albion Star ^{in respect of this is that} ~~are those~~
sent to us under cover of that page; but the letter in respect of
Gytriken ~~is not one sent to us under cover of that letter; & hence~~
^{may or may not be exactly that} ~~is the file indicates that p. 200A indicates that, the Albion Star Gytriken~~
~~at present have no more cover of what document it was sent to us.~~
Letter was not able to be produced until Argentina de Perce's
Station at Gytriken had been purchased by Albion Star. The delay &
that presumably caused was also presumably the reason why that letter
dated 22.12.61.

5 By deduction from the dates of the two leases, read with p. 200 A (directly, so far as the Thrift lease is concerned; & with subsequent scattered papers, such as p. 201 A, so far as the Gytriken lease is concerned) — with the indication being that the delay in the dating & signing of that lease was due to the need for Albion Star to conclude its purchase of the land station from Repentina de Pesca, although there seem to be papers among the which may at one time have been at G.H.) it would appear that the leases held by Albion Star are those which were sent to us under cover of p. 200 A. To put the matter beyond doubt the original leases (which are held by RSC) could be photostated & sent to FCO — if not by mail of 27/9, then by that of 15/10.

Note The Gytriken lease expires 30.6.81; the Thrift lease on 30.9.81.

23/9

DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

402

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched : 23/9/70

Time :

Received :

Time :

IMMEDIATE

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(telegram number 219)

Addressed F.C.O. telegram unnumbered of 23rd September repeated Buenos Aires.

Your telegram 175, South Georgia Whaling Stations.

Extreme pressure on solitary cypher operator who is also private secretary precludes lengthy reply before next week after my departure. In brief Brandts allegation is without substance. We have had no further dealings until new phase starting with my telegram 59 of 20th March, 1970.

2. Please pass Buenos Aires.

LJC : Cypher

FIG ref: D/3/60/C

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

3rd October 1970

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60South Georgia Whaling Stations

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

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

- (1) Telegram Brandts ens/Stamley of 28/11/67: p. 348
 "Have possible interest from Argentine Company alternatively Russians taking over Grytviken and Husvik Harbour stations South Georgia as fishing base have approached Commonwealth Office who see no objections but advise final decision yours. If workable please advise whether you would be agreeable transfer Albion Star leases either nationality."
- (2) Telegram Governor/Secretary of State No. S.G.5 of 30/11/67: p. 349
 "Following received from Brandtsens London quote Have possible interest from Argentine Company alternatively Russians taking over Grytviken and Husvik Harbour stations South Georgia as fishing base have approached Commonwealth Office who see no objections but advise final decision yours. If workable please advise whether you would be agreeable transfer Albion Star leases either nationality unquote.
 Please see my immediately following telegram."
- (3) Telegram Governor/Secretary of State No. S.G.6 of 30/11/67 p. 350
 "Please see my immediately preceding telegram. South Georgia leases."

/ Grateful

A. C. W. Lee, Esq.

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

- (4) Telegram Secretary of State/Governor No. S.G.30 of 4/12/67 *p.351*
 "Your telegram S.G.6."

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

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

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

There is no clear indication in my file whether a specific answer was sent to Brandts from here. *p.350 A*
 (pencilled draft appears opposite the telegram quoted in (4) above the text of which reads;

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

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

As stated in our unnumbered telegraphic reply to you of the 23rd September we have had no further dealings until now (our telegram no. 59 of the 29th March refers) with Brandtsens or Ryan since 1967. *p.402*

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

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Leases are held by R.S.C.

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

(J. A. Jones)
Acting Governor

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With the compliments of

FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH
OFFICE

(R.C. Cox)

J.A. Jones, Esq., O.B.E.,
Port Stanley,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

LONDON, S.W.1

P/A

Re in 5/306

+ submit.

J/8/10

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(HGF 7/7)

10 September, 1970.

Dear Sirs,

Whaling Stations at Grytviken and
Husvik Harbour, South Georgia.
Albion Star (South Georgia) Ltd.

I am directed to refer to your letters (reference Produce Dept. DFM/KGW) of 17 March and 18 May, 1970 in which you sought the agreement of Her Majesty's Government and the Government of the Falkland Islands to transfer the leases of the above mentioned Stations to the Ministry of Fisheries of the U.S.S.R. or, alternatively, to the State Economic Board, Ribno Stopanstvo, of Bulgaria.

Your proposals have of course been given full and careful consideration. However, with regret, I have to inform you that it is not possible to agree that the leases might be assigned either to the Ministry of Fisheries of the U.S.S.R. or to the State Economic Board, Ribno Stopanstvo, of Bulgaria.

Yours faithfully,

Wm. Brandt's Sons & Co. Ltd.,
P.O. Box 95,
36 Fenchurch Street,
LONDON, E.C.3.

Note: It must be assumed

that it was in receipt of this letter that Brandt's protest to which p. 399 refers was made.

2 FLO's final refusal to Brandt's is therefore still awaited.

17/5/70

Copied to:

Mr. Ling - American Dept.
Narine & Transport Dept.
Eastern European & Soviet Dept.
Mr. M. Greenwood - Assistant Legal Advisor

HM Ambassador Montevideo
HM Ambassador Buenos Aires
HMIS New York
HM Embassy Washington
J.A. Jones, Esq., C.B.E.,
Port Stanley, Falkland Islands

DECODE.

7/6/10 408
TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched :

8/10/70

Time :

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Time :

Priority

Plain Language

18408

Your telno 219. Grateful for your further reply to my telno 175.

DOUGLAS HOME

DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

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From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched :

9/10/70

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Time :

No. 236

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S/401 vol. 25, p. 60

Addressed P.C.C. telegram 236 of 9th October repeated Buenos Aires for information.

Your telegram 184 of 8th October. South Georgia Whaling Stations.

Due to necessity quote 1967 telegraphic exchanges and forward copy leases to you for identification purposes have replied by letter being despatched 15th October.

pp 403-5

James

LJC :Cypher

DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched: 14/11/70

Time:

Received:

Time:

No. 517

Plain Language

Following received from Buenos Aires, unclassified 141500Z.

Addressed to F.C.O. telegram no. 517 of 14th November repeated for information to Montevideo and Falkland Islands.

South Georgia.

Today's Buenos Aires newspapers carry agency reports from London quoting H.M.G. spokesmen as saying that Alfredo Ryan has been refused permission to lease South Georgia Whaling Station to the Soviet Union.

2. Last paragraph of an A.P. report in Nacion reads "Two months ago Ryan applied directly to British Government for permission to accept the conditions laid down by the Russians but last week the British Ambassador, Michael Hadow, informed him that Britain was maintaining its negative response.

LJC : P/L



With the compliments of

FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH
OFFICE

P/S *Re in 8/306* *J. H. H.*

LONDON, S.W. 1

(HGF 7/7)

23 November, 1970

Sir,

I regret that it has not been possible to send you a reply sooner to the Chairman's letter DEH/INJ of 16 September on the subject of the whaling stations at Grytviken and Husvik in South Georgia. I am sure you will understand that we are anxious that there should be no further misunderstanding on this matter and to this end there has on the one hand been further correspondence between your and ourselves, while on the other we have taken the added precaution of consulting the Acting Governor once again in Stanley; it is of course due to the delay over the latter that it has not been possible to finalise the matter sooner.

The result of these exchanges in no way provides fresh ground upon which there might be deemed to be reasons for altering the decision in this office's letter of 10 September, and it is necessary to inform you, with regret, that that decision must stand. In conveying this to you, I am glad to be able to assure you that the number of points raised in the letters received from yourself and Mr. Hailo have been given most careful consideration.

On the question of reimbursement to Albidon Star which is mentioned in the closing paragraph of your letter of 16 September, this would be a matter between your principals and the Governor of the Colony of the Falkland Islands and its Dependencies since your principals' lease was taken from the Governor. However, we ourselves are unable to agree that equity demands any reimbursement because in view of the terms of the lease and the law in force in the Falkland Islands Dependencies it must have been fully apparent to your principals at the time when they took this lease that consent to any transfer could lawfully be refused.

(A.C.W.Lee)

W.A. Brandt, Esq., Chairman
Wm. Brandt's Sons & Co. Ltd.,
P.O. Box 95, 36 Fenchurch Street,
London, E.C.3.

7th October

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Your ref: Produce Dept.
DFH/IFJ

Dear Sir,

Floating Dock at South Georgia

Thank you for your letter of the 4th of September the contents of which are noted.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(J. A. Jones)
Colonial Secretary

Wm. Brandt's Sons & Co. Ltd.,
P.O. Box 95,
36 Fenchurch Street,
London, E.C.3

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4th September, 1970.

Produce Dept.
DFH/IFJ.

The Colonial Secretary,
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

Your Ref: 0664/M


Dear Sir,

Floating Dock at South Georgia.

We thank you for your letter of the 19th August from which we note that you may be interested in purchasing the Floating Dock at Grytviken, South Georgia Island. Lifting capacity of the dock is 750 tons and as far as we know the dock is in serviceable condition but we can check on this by cabling Albion Star's representative at Grytviken, Mr. Thorsen. In the meantime however as you are probably aware negotiations are still going on with the Russians who are very interested in hiring/purchasing the Whaling Station at Grytviken for use as a fishing base. The matter is now in the hands of the Commonwealth Office in London pending their decision as to whether the British Government is prepared to agree, and until these negotiations have been finalised one way or another our principals are not in a position to dispose of the Floating Dock elsewhere.

As soon as we are able to do so we will revert to the matter, as we are quite sure if all the present negotiations fall through Albion Star (South Georgia) Ltd., would be very interested in selling the Floating Dock to another party.

We remain, dear Sir,
Yours truly,



Note Temporarily removed from f. 0664/M where it needs
in due course to be reinserted.

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Duplicate

FALKLAND ISLANDS

THIS INDENTURE made this *Twenty-second*
day of *December* One thousand nine hundred and sixty - *one*
BETWEEN HER MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY ELIZABETH II;
by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great
Britain and Northern Ireland and of Her other Realms
and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth,
Defender of the Faith, of the one part, and ALBION
STAR (SOUTH GEORGIA) LIMITED of Grytviken, in the
island of South Georgia, in the Falkland Islands
Dependencies (hereinafter called the Lessees) of the
other part WITNESSETH that Her Majesty
doth hereby lease unto the said Lessees and their assigns
All that lot or parcel of land situate in the Harbour
of Grytviken, Cumberland Bay, in the Island of South
Georgia, one of the Dependencies of the Colony of the
Falkland Islands, all which lot or parcel of land,
containing Five hundred acres more or less, is more
particularly delineated and described in the First
Schedule hereto, together with all that lot or parcel
of land, being an island, all which lot or parcel of
land is also more particularly delineated and described
in the said First Schedule hereto, to have and to hold
the said lots or parcels of land hereinbefore expressed
to be hereby leased unto the said Lessees and their
assigns from the *first* day of *July* ~~January~~ One thousand
nine hundred and *sixty* for the term of
TWENTY ONE YEARS YIELDING AND PAYING therefor yearly,
and every year during the said term hereby granted, the
clear yearly rent or sum of TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY POUNDS
sterling payable on the *first* day of *October*
in every year to the Crown Agents for Oversea Governments
and Administrations, or the Treasurer of the said Colony

of the Falkland Islands: And the said Lessees do hereby for themselves and their assigns covenant with Her Majesty in the manner following (that is to say) That they the said Lessees or their assigns shall pay, or cause to be paid unto Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors the said clear yearly rent or sum of Two hundred and fifty pounds at the times and in manner hereinbefore appointed for payment thereof: And also shall not nor will at any time during the said term hereby granted without the previous consent in writing of the Governor of the Colony of the Falkland Islands and its Dependencies (hereinafter called "the Governor") assign, underlet or part with the possession of the said lots or parcels of land hereby leased or any part thereof.

Provided that this lease is granted subject to the reservations, restrictions and conditions now set forth in section twenty-eight of "The Land Ordinance" (Cap. 36 Laws of the Falkland Islands and its Dependencies 1950 Revision) or any amendment thereof, save and except as in so far as any reservations, restrictions and conditions in whole or in part are herein expressly excluded and subject also to the covenants, reservations, restrictions and conditions set forth in the Second Schedule hereto and Provided always that if the said yearly rent of Two hundred and fifty pounds shall be unpaid Sixty days after any of the said days the same is made payable (whether lawfully demanded or not) or if the said Lessees or their assigns shall not observe, perform, fulfil and keep all and every the covenants conditions and agreements hereinbefore and in the Second Schedule hereto contained which on their part ought to be paid and performed according to the true intent and meaning

of these presents, or more particularly shall not use the said leased lots or parcels of land for the purpose of maintaining a land station in connection with the business of whale fishing in the manner and to the extent specified in the Second Schedule hereto, it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors into and upon the said leased lots or parcels of land, or any part thereof in the name of the whole, to re-enter and the same to have again, retain, repossess and enjoy as in Her and Their first and former estate and Her Majesty for Herself, Her Heirs and Successors, doth thereby covenant with the said Lessees and their assigns, that they the said Lessees and their assigns paying the said yearly rent of Two hundred and fifty pounds on the days and times and in manner aforesaid and observing, performing, fulfilling and keeping all and every the covenants, conditions and agreements in this Indenture and the Second Schedule hereto contained on their part to be observed, performed, fulfilled and kept, shall and lawfully may peaceably and quietly have, hold, use, occupy, possess and enjoy the said lots or parcels of land hereby leased for and during the said term hereby granted.

The First Schedule referred to in the above
written Indenture

All that lot or parcel of land situate in Grytviken Harbour in the island of South Georgia containing five hundred acres or thereabouts more particularly delineated on the plan annexed hereto and thereon edged with a pink verge line.

And the lot or parcel of land being an island at the entrance of Cumberland Bay and named Jason Island (also at one time called Jason Islet) on Admiralty

Chart No. 3597 dated 23rd May, 1958, and the Map of South Georgia D.O.S. 610, First Edition, 1958.

The Second Schedule referred to in the
above written Indenture

1. The lots or parcels of land hereby leased are leased to be used by the Lessees for the purpose of maintaining a land station in connection with the business of whale fishing. For the purposes of this Schedule "land station" shall mean an establishment on shore equipped with the plant necessary to render, boil down, treat or manufacture whale carcasses or any part thereof. A land station shall be deemed to be maintained within the meaning of this clause if the Governor is satisfied that the establishment is adequately equipped, supervised, in good repair and operated.
2. Except with the consent in writing of the Governor or an officer authorised by him in that behalf the Lessees are prohibited from taking, removing, appropriating, killing or in any way using, either for their own benefit or for the benefit of any other person or persons, any product, seal or other animal whatsoever, on South Georgia, or on any island adjacent thereto.
3. The right to win and take minerals, including mineral oil, on the lots or parcels of land hereby leased is reserved to the Crown.
4. The Lessees hereby for themselves and their assigns covenant with Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, that they the Lessees and their assigns, during the continuance of the above written Indenture:-
 - (a) Will not in connection with the land hereby leased employ for the purpose of taking

whales any vessels which they are not licensed to use for that purpose within territorial waters

- (b) Will employ a manager who shall be responsible for the management of the land station and of the vessels attached thereto and for the due observance of the whaling laws and regulations and of the conditions of leases or licences. Such manager shall not himself normally shoot whales and shall be found normally at the land station
- (c) Will furnish to the Administrative Officer at South Georgia such meteorological reports as may be required for compiling weather forecasts for South Georgia and the adjacent whaling grounds, and shall not, without permission first obtained, submit such or any similar meteorological reports or returns to any third party whomsoever
- (d) Will be prepared in the event of an emergency arising to assist, within reasonable measure, any ship requiring supplies of fuel or provisions
- (e) Will maintain in proper working order at such places as the Governor may specify two leading beacon lights which shall be exhibited at all times between the hours of sunset and sunrise as guides to shipping
- (f) Will give full facilities of access to the shore on which the lots or parcels of land hereby leased are situate to all persons holding leases granted by Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, or who proceed to South Georgia with the sanction of the Governor

- (g) Will furnish to the Governor at the end of each season a report containing such particulars as the Governor may require in respect of the operations undertaken during the season, and in addition will furnish such other information as may be required by any law to give effect to the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling for the time being in force, at the time and in the manner specified by such law
- (h) Will conduct all operations in connection with the aforesaid business of whale-fishing in accordance with
 - (i) the provisions of the Whale Fishery Ordinance, (Cap. 76 Laws of the Falkland Islands and its Dependencies, 1950 Revision), the Regulations made from time to time thereunder, and any other law for the time being in force, and
 - (ii) the provisions of the aforesaid International Convention and if so required by the Governor any other International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling, to the same extent as they are required to be observed by or in respect of vessels flying the flag of a High Contracting Party to any such Convention when in force
- (j) Will not store or permit to be stored pelagic oil on the land hereby leased

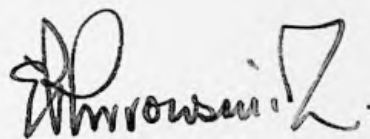
5. The Governor shall have the right to require that up to five per cent of the workers employed at the land station during the whaling season shall be recruited in, and supplied by the Government of, the Colony of the

Falkland Islands if suitable men are available in
the said Colony of the Falkland Islands

I N W I T N E S S whereof His Excellency
Edwin Porter Arrowsmith, Knight Commander of the
Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and
Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and
over the Colony of the Falkland Islands and its
Dependencies, hath with the special sanction of the
Secretary of State for the Colonies hereunto set his
hand for and on behalf of Her Majesty and caused the
Public Seal of the said Colony to be hereunto affixed,
at Stanley in the said Colony, and the Common Seal
of the said Lessees has hereunto been affixed the day
and year first above written

SEALED with the said
PUBLIC SEAL and SIGNED by the said
SIR EDWIN PORTER ARROWSMITH in
the presence of :-

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)



H. Bennett

*Registrar Supreme Court
Falkland Islands.*

(Over)

(THE COMMON SEAL of ALBION
(STAR (SOUTH GEORGIA) LIMITED
(was hereunto affixed in the
(presence of :-

H. C. Barding

A. G. Norton

Director

H. C. Barding

Secretary

DATED _____ 1960

HER MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY
QUEEN ELIZABETH II

- to -

ALBION STAR (SOUTH GEORGIA)
LIMITED

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- of -

whaling station, Grytviken,
South Georgia.

SLAUGHTER AND MAY (McF/TB)
18, Austin Friars,
London, E.C.2.

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Whaling Station Leases South Georgia

Refer To South Georgia Co Lease issued 1951

The Schedule referred to - amendments suggested.

no

2. before "Seal or animal whatsoever"
insert "birds or fish"

yes

- 4 (a) ~~insert~~ after "any ship requiring" insert:
Repairs

yes

- 4 (2) also include Cape Saunders Light

Refer To Benjamin Argentina de Pesca Lease 1949.

First Schedule.

Lease of Jason Island. ?

Second Schedule.

no

2. before "Seal or animal whatsoever"
insert "birds or fish"

yes

- 4 (a) add:- Two vessels may be used without
Payment of licence fee.

yes

- 4 (d) after "any ship requiring" insert
repairs.

yes

- 4 (2) also include Jason Light

In addition To above consideration should be
given To new clause covering carriage
of Government Passengers and Stores in
view of possible limited shipping

Suggested amendments to Leith Harbour
and Stromness lease should new
owners take over.

Refer to South Georgia Co lease issued 1951

The schedule referred to -

2. before "Seal or animal whatsoever"
insert birds or fish.

4 (d) after "any ship requiring" insert
"Repairs"

4 (2) also include Cape Saunders light

2 Additional clauses covering the following -

carriage of Government staff } transports.
" " " stores }
" " Mails.

Housing and feeding of Government staff
on duty at Leith.

Medical and Surgical facilities.
Doctors, Dentist?

Provision of vessel to take Govt.
Staff from Point to Leith.

3 Other Points to bear in mind

Payments through Crown Agents.

Income Tax

Company Tax.

If fishing licence applied for possibility
of fishing boats being used for whale
spalling and towing.

Fuel oil Supplies for Government.
and Navy. S.D.S.