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PROPOSED NEW HOUSE FOR A.O.

CONNECTED FILES.

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No. 226.

## TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Governor, Stanley.

Despatched : 24th January, 19 62. Time : 1710

Received : 25th January, 19 62. Time : 1030

No. 17. For Governor.

Reference to Your Excellency's letter re Administrative Officer's house following extract from Oscrifts report on condition.

"Comparing this house with present Discovery House there is no evidence that one is in better shape than the other. This can be qualified in so far that the roof of the Administrative Officer's house is in worse condition than the roof of Discovery House. In my opinion Administrative Officer's house would require tremendous amount of material and man hours to be expended on it to restore to good condition. Even should this be done one cannot guarantee how long it would remain sound as structure has not been investigated during severe conditions."

If it is Your Excellency's intention to take action in this matter in conjunction with New Discovery your early instructions would be very much appreciated as there is much preliminary work to be done prior to Oscrift's departure. From discussion on costs in the light of New Discovery and although Oscrift cannot commence by himself I would estimate cost of replacement present Administrative Officer's house about £7500 which compares favourably with cost of construction bungalow excluding furniture £5500 each.

Administrative Officer

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8/27/62

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TELEGRAM.

From ..... H. E. THE GOVERNOR .....

To ..... A. O., South Georgia .....

Despatched : 27th January 1962 19 Time 0110

Received : 19 Time :

No. 18

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Your telegram No. 17. I shall submit strong recommendation to Colonial Office that new house should be built for A. O. in conjunction with new Discovery. Please send me particulars of roof collapse and any other points to strengthen case.

2. I leave for Antarctic in Protector February 12 so unlikely see Oscroft here.

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CTC : MW

By 5.2.62

Reply at 4

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No. 9.

TELEGRAM.

*From* Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

*To* Governor, Stanley.

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*Despatched :* 1st February, 19 62. *Time :* 1845

*Received :* 2nd February, 19 62. *Time :* 1000

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No. 26. Your telegram No. 18.

Request permission send details required  
telegraphic plain language there will be no  
indication in report as to building concerned.

Administrative Officer

G.T.C. : LH

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Reply at 76

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64 No. 26. Yourtel 26 request approved

Secretary

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Bu 12.2.62

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No. 81.

TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : 5th February, 1962. Time : 2110

Received : 6th February, 1962. Time :

No. 34. Reference my telegram 26 and your telegram 26.

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1. During winter movement within entire structure pulled apart connections in fresh water pipe in loft. Two ceilings were flooded one collapsed one is bowed and wall covering/dining room collapsed. Floors underneath were flooded.
2. Inner walls have withdrawn from main outer walls due to altered alignment in structure.
3. Doors and door frames are bowed and twisted many doors cannot be shut.
4. Rain has come through roof covering in many places. Inner board lining missing and broken in many places.
5. Despite packing with insulation daylight can be seen through the eaves allowing entry of rain snow and wind.
6. The external boards forming the cladding are breaking down in structure. In places the tongues have sprung from the grooves and resist any attempt to restore to original position.
7. Fastenings and fastening holes in roof sheathing beginning corrode. Roof sheathing needs complete renewal.
8. With prevailing North West wind roof on North West side of building clearly shows movement when wind gets under eaves.
9. Whole structure of house appears strained due to wind action and suspected subsidence.
10. All pipes of hot water system badly corroded and must be completely renewed. Water from hot water pipes dark brown in colour and full of rust particles causing skin irritation this despite cleaning of heating tank.
11. Dividing walls and some ceilings made of asbestos material. There is bound to be much cracking of walls and ceilings if pipes renewed.

Administrative.

P/L : TB



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Your telegram No. 90 of 13.11.61

February 7, 1962

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DEPENDENCIES

NEW DISCOVERY HOUSE

The Administrative Officer's house, which is the same age as the old Discovery House, suffered damage during last winter and is in a very bad condition, as the notes which I attach indicate.

2. I am sure the right course is to provide a new house for the Administrative Officer at the same time as the new Discovery House is built. Mr. Oseroff of Simms the contractors, who will be building the new Discovery House, is now at South Georgia and he is aware of this recommendation and is carrying out all necessary preliminary work while he is there. He cannot, of course, commit himself at this stage, but I understand the cost of a new house would be in the neighbourhood of £7,500.

3. I understand that on Mr. Oseroff's return, Simms will be tendering for the erection of the new Discovery House, and I suggest that the new house for the Administrative Officer should be included in that tender.

GOVERNOR

See 14.





King Edward Point,  
South Georgia.

17th February 1962.

Sir,

Proposed New A.O.'s House.

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Attached for your approval please find full details, suggested layout plan and site survey for proposed new Administrative Officer's house.

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In further support of my telegrams No.17 of 24.1.62 and No.34 of the 5.2.62 I also attach Oscrift's report on the present house. (Reference Governor's telegram No.18 of 27.1.62).

Whilst I appreciate that His Excellency has approved in principle, this matter still awaits Colonial Office financial approval. In the meantime, I would strongly recommend that the copies of details, suggested layout plan and site survey contained in enclosed envelope, be despatched to the Crown Agents together with New Discovery House particulars. Should Colonial Office financial approval be forthcoming the Crown Agents will then be in possession of all the necessary information required to negotiate with Simms. Time would be saved and it would enable building to be considered in conjunction with new Discovery House, which will be all-important in reducing building costs.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Administrative Officer,  
South Georgia.

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

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REPORT BY MR. A. OSCROFT.

Report on inspection on Administrative Officer's House  
King Edward Point, South Georgia. 23rd. January, 1962.

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GENERAL.

Comparing this house with the present Discovery House there is no evidence that one is in better shape than the other. This can be qualified in so far that ~~the~~ roof of the Administrative Officer's house is in worse condition than the roof on Discovery House.

In my opinion the Administrative Officer's house will require a tremendous amount of material and manhours to be expended on it to restore it to good condition. Even should this be done one cannot guarantee how long it would remain sound as the structure has not been investigated during severe conditions.

INTERNAL.

The most striking point about the interior is the fact that very few doors fit properly. Many have gaps of anything up to  $\frac{3}{4}$ " around them and thus the door catches are prevented from functioning correctly. Besides these gaps the doors show evidence of movement within the structure of the building. This is clearly indicated by the number of doors which do not fit squarely in their respective frames. Twisting, bowing and binding of the doors is also plainly evident.

The wall and ceiling linings seem to be of an asbesdos mixture and have many rugged holes through them. These linings also do not fit properly and leave cracks and openings into the ceiling and walls. Many of these defects have been recently covered by wallpaper, but their existence is now beginning to come to light again as the paper is tightening and cracking.

When the ceiling is observed from the roof space not a few cracks and holes can be seen. These allow dirt and draught to flow into the house. The instability of the ceilings was shown to be very real, when last winter they caved in, in two or three rooms allowing water and dirt to cover carpets and furniture.

The water has apparently worked its way through the roof coverings in many places and in places the inner board lining is missing or broken. The eaves do not provide an adequate barrier and have been packed with insulation, but still daylight can be clearly seen through them.

EXTERNAL.

The external boards forming the cladding show signs of breaking down in their structure, particularly where they sit on the cill plate. In places, also the tongues have sprung out of the grooves and resist any attempt to restore them to their original position. The paint, both of the outside cladding and the window frames leaves much to be desired and would require considerable labour and material to restore them to a reasonable appearance.

NOTES IN CONNECTION WITH NEW HOUSE  
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER.

The proposed new house should be of single storey to reduce cost of erection. It should be on a concrete float with ample storage space in cellars.

Only one guest bedroom has been included in the proposed plan in view of the provision for only one steward.

Windows should be double-glazed on side pivots for interior cleaning and easy opening in snow conditions. They should not have inner and outer windows in separate frames.

Floors should be of linoleum or thermoplastic tiles with instructions as to correct cleaning method. Any special polish recommended by the makers should be provided.

Two reading lamps.

DRAWINGROOM 28' x 18'

To be supplied. Mock fireplace of simulated brickwork or stone, with log electric fire.

Carpet fitted to walls and lined curtains.

Wall lights in addition to ceiling lighting, with fittings.

Settee to match present suite.

Bookshelves to be built-in to two corners of fireplace wall.

Windows to be situated low enough for occupants to see out whilst sitting down.

Flat-topped desk with two drawers, leather top, and suitable chair.

GUEST BEDROOM 12' x 16'

To be supplied. Lined curtains, suggest grey with yellow rose design. (Present carpet is plain green). Flooring tiles to be grey mottled white. Walls and paintwork grey and white.

Twin beds 3' wide, normal length (not 7').

Yellow candlewick bedspreads, three blankets each bed and sheets and pillowcases (three pairs each bed)

Carpet and furniture already here. Door to be placed close to wall as indicated to allow beds to stand against that wall.

GUEST BATHROOM 7' x 12'

Shoulder-high wall of tiles or Laconite to obscure W.C. and wash basin, bath to be fitted against wall. Large heated towel rail incorporating radiator to be fitted. Box seat with lift-up top to be fitted in remaining corner. Facility for drip-dry washing to be provided. Two doors. One connecting with bedroom and one into corridor. Cabinet with mirror to be fitted over washbasin.

OFFICE/RECEPTION 9' x 9'

Own carpet of pale green and chair coverings of similar colour, therefore suggest tan or yellow curtains, to be supplied.

Own furniture to be used.

CLOAKS 3' x 6'6" Incorporating Cupboard 3' x 2'6".

The cupboard to have sliding doors and to be placed at inside end of cloakroom. To have a hanging rail, hooks and shelf over. Cloakroom to have hooks all round and fixed wooden seat one side.

PORCH 10' x 8'

TO BE SUPPLIED.

Wall to wall floor covering of some durable carpeting. Reeded or patterned glass full length to allow maximum light to filter to hall, also glass door. Glass to be obscured. Slat shelves round porch for potted plants. Hooks for outer clothing.

HALL AND CORRIDOR.

To be supplied.

Hard wearing cheerful-color carpeting. Hall table and two chairs.

DININGROOM 12' x 18' with Recess 5' x 2'To be supplied

Lined curtains. Present carpet green mottled. Suggest floor tiles be tan or grey, and therefore curtains of similar colour. (Cream paintwork very quickly turns yellow here).

Recess suggested to take sideboard now in use and to allow room for steward to pass round table.

KITCHENTo be supplied

A long fanlight window approx. 5' from ground to allow light to filter from conservatory. Venetian blind to cover. At present we have fitted a red Formica-topped steel cabinet with wall cabinet fixed to wall over. Matching cabinets to be supplied and to stand against wall nearest door. Open shelves to be fitted alongside. Own sink units to be installed but larder, dryfood cupboard, china and glass cupboards and broom cupboards to be installed.

All working tops to be covered with red Formica or similar, floor to be of grey washable tiles, paintwork and curtains to be grey and white, with touches of turquoise blue

Kitchen porch to have shelves and cupboards, steps to cellar and small enclosed porch to shelter back door from snow.

MAIN BEDROOM 18' x 12'.

Door to be placed at end of wall. Built-in wardrobe to be fitted across entire 12' width, with shelf and lengthwise hanging rail. Cupboards over full length to ceiling.

To be supplied

Dressingtable with full length mirror. Two chests of four drawers (minimum). Two bedside cupboards. Two small armchairs, small table, and dressing stool. All furniture to be light oak to match present bed.

Carpet fitted to walls. Lined curtains.

BATHROOM 8' x 12'TO BE SUPPLIED

Toilet to match existing green wash basin and bath. (These to be removed from present house and installed in new one.)

Bathroom cabinet with mirror on door.

Large towel rail incorporating radiator.

Shoulder-high wall to be built obscuring W.C. and wash basin.

Bath to be headed by one of these walls. Box seat with lid to be built round corner. Drip-dry washing facilities to be provided. Two doors, one into bedroom, one into corridor.

LINEN CUPBOARD 12' x 7'

To have slatted shelves all round.

MORNINGROOM 12' x 16'To be supplied

Fitted carpet (Not green) and lined curtains.

Small wooden mock fireplace with shelves round for ornaments to take present Magicoal electric fire.

Wall lights in addition to ceiling lighting.

Working top with patterned Formica to cover cupboards and shelves built in to one corner, knee-hole provided to allow for typing or machining. Electric point under.

Divan cover 80" long 36" wide and 19" finished depth for mattress 6" deep to be supplied. Also four cushion covers approx. 22" x 18" with small frilled edge.

Four small but strong armchairs (Norwegian visitors are very large and sturdy) upholstery to be of washable or spongeable material.

One large, three smaller sturdy coffee tables to match present furniture of matt finish dark oak.



CONSERVATORY

To have access from Morningroom and outside door with wind and weatherproof closing. Roof to be of corrugated Perspex or similar as glass would not withstand the weight of snow. Floor to be of hard tiles. Wide slat sashes all round, one to have boxes lined to take earth full length, either side. Tap for cold water.

ELECTRIC SUPPLY

A large size electric cooker to be supplied, with fast boiling rings sealed to hob so that boiled-over food does not fall through. Heated drawer for plates. Four rings.

Large size Refrigerator for several weeks' supply of meat etc.

Power points

Drawingroom Room 5. One either side of fireplace, one either side of door. One between windows on northwest side.

Guest Bedroom 3. Two on corridor wall, One on window wall.

Main bedroom 3. Two on corridor wall, one on window wall.

Office/Reception One on inner wall

Morningroom 3. One under knee-hole working top, one for plug-in electric fire, one on inner wall.

Diningroom 3.

Kitchen 4 or 5. Positions to be decided when fitments are worked out.

Hall and Corridor 3 One in hall, two in corridor.

COLOUR SCHEMES.

It is suggested that cream walls or paintwork should be avoided as it quickly turns yellow in South Georgia.

Present suite in drawingroom is dark green, so carpets and curtains should be chosen with this in mind. Would like pink and yellow introduced in curtains if possible.

Main bedroom will be light furniture, would like lilac, blue, pink, grey, white.

As Office/Reception is light green, and diningroom dark green, would like some other colour for carpet in Morningroom, with curtains, divan cover and cushions to tone.

Fanlights should be fitted over all doors to allow light to filter into corridor.

#13.

PATTERNS AND ORDER NUMBERS USEFUL IN CONNECTION  
WITH PROPOSED NEW HOUSE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER.  
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DRAWINGROOM

Attached cutting of present suite, supplied by Hamptons Ltd. on Indent No.127/59. Settee to be supplied in same dark green with fleck, APOLLO SETTEE. (If not available, nearest possible covering,, it is not essential that same shape is supplied.)

BATHROOM NEXT MAIN BEDROOM

W.C.Pan and cistern to be supplied to match present bath and washbasin. This is the "Magna" bath, colour Light Green No.102, supplied by Allied Ironfounders Ltd. 28 Broke Street, London.

"Rolpac" Sealing Strip in Black, will also be required for fitting present bath to wall. Back Roll and Side Roll for 5' 6" bath.

KITCHEN

One Base Cabinet Cat.No.BC 36/42, colour Cream, Formica Scarlet Red Softglow Laminated top, (cost to Crown Agents £18.14.0), and one Wall Cabinet Cat.No. 27/42, colour cream, as supplied by Leisure Kitchen Equipment Ltd. Nottingham Road, Long Eaton, on Indent No.244/60 dd of 20.8.60. To be supplied and fitted alongside present cabinets.

DININGROOM

"Birkby" Wilton carpet No.70/BK738 forwarded for your assistance when ordering curtains and colours for diningroom.

OFFICE/RECEPTION

"Oxford" Wilton carpet No.70/OX719 forwarded for your assistance when ordering curtains and colours for Office/Reception.

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F. I. ref: D/4/62

C. O. ref:

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SAVING TELEGRAM.

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

*To:* The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

*Date:* 22nd February, 1962.

*No.* 32      SAVING.      COLONY

8      With reference to my Dependencies Savingram of the 7th February, 1962.

I have to-day sent to Crown Agents full details, suggested lay out plan and site survey of the proposed house.

The tender for new Discovery House is due in March. Could the Crown Agents please be instructed to call for the inclusion of the new house in the tender as suggested.

GOVERNOR'S DEPUTY

DM/IM.

D/4/62.

22nd February, 62.

Gentlemen,

I am directed to inform you that it has been suggested that Simms should be invited to include a new house for the Administrative Officer in his tender for the new Discovery House.

2. This proposal is awaiting approval of Secretary of State. Meanwhile I enclose full details, suggested lay out plan and site survey

I am,  
Gentlemen,  
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) R.H.D. Mander

/s/ COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Crown Agents for Oversea Governments and Administrations,  
4, Millbank,  
LONDON, S.W.1.

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Reply at  
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10-15 for information

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The two suspect samples were believed to be part of the indent from DG but they do in fact belong to Dining Room and Office/Reception Room referred to at 13. No doubt Crown Agents could get these

D/4/62

7th March,

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Gentlemen,

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I am directed to refer to my letter of 22nd February, forwarding details of the proposed new house for the Administrative Officer, South Georgia, and to enclose the two samples of carpets referred to in the "Patterns and Order Numbers" information concerning the Dining and Office/Reception Rooms.

I am,  
Gentlemen,  
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) H.L. Bound

for COLONIAL SECRETARY.

2 Agents for Oversea Governments and Administrations,  
4, Millbank,  
LONDON, S.W.1.

R.U. 8.4.62

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CROWN AGENTS

FOR OVERSEA GOVERNMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIONS

TELEGRAMS { INLAND: "CROWN, SOWEST, LONDON."  
OVERSEA: "CROWN, LONDON SW1"  
TELEPHONE: ABBEY 7730  
TELEX No. 24209

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

29th March, 1962.

Sir,

New House for Administrative Officer.

15 I am directed to refer to your D/4/62 of 22nd February and enclosures, and to inform you that, pending receipt of the Secretary of State's approval of this project, the suggested layout of the new Administrative Officers house has been studied so that time will be saved once authority to proceed is given.

In our consideration of the proposals for this new house, and our study of the sketch plan, the following points have occurred to us:-

1. The bedroom accommodation provided suggests that the house will always be occupied by an officer without children. Is this the intention?
2. The proportion of space given over to corridors seems excessive.
3. The Drawing Room and the Kitchen appear unnecessarily large, as does the Linen Room.
4. The Conservatory is of an awkward shape and deprives the Kitchen of direct light on one side.

... With these points in mind a revised plan has been drawn up, of which a copy is enclosed for your consideration. This places the Porch and Hall nearer the centre of the building and moves the Office to the other side of the Dining Room, with a separate entrance from the outside for the public and access from the Dining Room for the Administrator. It is felt that there can be no objection to this arrangement, particularly as it preserves the privacy of the main entrance to the house. It also has the effect of reducing the length of the corridor from the Hall to the Drawing Room by some 10ft.

The Drawing Room has been reduced in size to 25ft. by 16ft. and the Conservatory has been moved (from its position off the Morning Room) to form an adjunct to it, connected by glazed doors. It is felt that this would add interest to this main Reception Room.

Bedrooms and Bathrooms remain much the same except in matters of detail. Access from the Corridor is provided to one bathroom only, which is considered to be sufficient, and the space saved from the other one enables a good Coat Cupboard to be provided in the Corridor and a Wardrobe in the Guest Bedroom.

/The .....

The Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley,  
Falkland Islands.

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The Morning Room has been moved to a position opposite the newly placed Hall, and the Linen Room to a position between it and the Kitchen. The Linen Room is reduced to half its original size, the other half being given over to a Dry Goods Store entered from the Kitchen.

The Kitchen, though reduced in size, is still of generous dimensions with plenty of space for all necessary equipment, cupboards, refrigerator, etc. A small Utility Room and Staff Toilet have been added. It is assumed that the servant(s) will live out.

It is seen from the Administrative Officer's notes that the house should be raised well above ground level and have "ample storage space in cellars". May the Administrative Officer please be asked to provide particulars of requirements and areas. A staircase to the Cellar could be provided from the Utility Room, possibly incorporating that to the Office.

As the site slopes down to the West, the question has arisen as to whether the house should not be reversed so that the Kitchen with the Cellars below would be at the ~~thor~~ end. This would reduce the amount of excavation and thus reduce cost.

This revised plan reduces the area of the house by some 300 sq.ft. from the original proposal and a consequent saving in cost should be effected.

Will you please say whether the revised layout is acceptable to you and whether the Crown Agents may negotiate with Simms on this basis, settling minor matters of details with them without further reference to you. As time is so short, your cabled agreement to this would be appreciated.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

*W. H. Adams*

Height measured.  
6' about to foundation

Basement  
2 sections tinned foods

only slight slope.  
Peat not so deep  
only 1' difference



G.E.

A.O.'s notes are at 13 & his plan at 6/c

I have marked CO A  
Groom's comments are at 25 & I have marked  
his plan at 6/c 25 A.

It is impossible to deal with his question  
as we would wish.

At 6/c is my suggestion for a draft telegram  
to ~~At~~ A.O. but I am not sure that he can  
have it not somewhat presumptuous on my part.

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DECODE.TELEGRAM.

No. 19.

From Crown Agents, London.To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 17th April, 1962. Time : 1500

Received : 18th April, 19 62. Time :

Our letter of 9th April, enclosing copy of letter 3rd April to Colonial Office. Now informed you have necessary authority for New Discovery House and will cable details of Simms tender when received for your decision. Administrative Officers House tender being obtained without any commitment generally on basis of our modified plan sent 29th March unless you instruct otherwise.

Crown

P/L : TB

Original in : D/3/58/II  
Copy in : D/4/62

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TELEGRAM.

From H.E. THE GOVERNOR

To CROWN AGENTS, LONDON, S.W.1.

Despatched : April 24, 1962 19 Time : 1715

Received : 19 Time :

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Your EC/367/22 March 29, House Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

2. Revised plan approved with addition outside door to conservatory. Understand height above ground level discussed with Oscroft and would be ~~around~~ about 6 feet to foundations. Storage space under kitchen office utility would be ample with staircase from utility to cellar.

3. House will be sited with main entrance facing South to sea and kitchen etc. will be at West end.

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TELEGRAM.

No. 147.

From ..... Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To ..... Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

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Despatched :                      23rd April,                      19 62.      Time :    1725

Received :                        24th April,                      19 62.      Time :

No. 97.    For Governor.

Reference Y.E. R/T conversation Crown Agents letter. Where entrance porch and kitchen areas appear generous in relation to normal number of occupants of house this was planned to cater for parties etc. where up to 30 people may be present. Other than that in agreement with Crown Agents.

Administrative Officer

P/L : LH



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There is little difference in size as regards porch  
or hall.

Living room kitchen seems to be

16' x 14' as opposed to about 20' x 18' square with

a bit added on as suggested by A.O. It would be

✓ difficult to see a bigger kitchen now.

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Bu. 30. 4. 62  
(mail)

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No. 2.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched: 14.5.62

Time: 1200

Received: 14.5.62

Time

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in D/3/58/II No. 51. Your telegram No. 59 New Discovery House and A. O.'s House.

Funds are available. Crown Agents are awaiting tender from Simms which is expected within the next few days details of which will be telegraphed to you.

Secretary of State

G.T.C. : TB

COPY IN : D/4/62 ✓

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

EC3/South Georgia F.I.D. 270

TELEGRAMS { INLAND: "CROWN, SOWEST, LONDON,  
OVERSEA: "CROWN, LONDON SW1"

TELEPHONE: ADDEX 7730

TELEX NO 24209



CROWN AGENTS

FOR OVERSEA GOVERNMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIONS

4. MILLBANK.

LONDON, S.W.1.

22nd May, 1962.

Sir,

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Proposed House for Administrative Officer,  
South Georgia

I am directed to refer to your telegram dated 24th April, 1962 and to confirm that the planning requirements described therein have been incorporated in a drawing prepared by Messrs. Simms Sons & Cooke for the basis of their tender.

The carpet samples sent under cover of your letter Ref. DE/4/62 were also received, and these have been loaned to Simms for matching purposes in connection with the preparation of their tender.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

*Handwritten signature*

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Copy sent to A.O., B.G.

The Colonial Secretary,  
Port Stanley,  
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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No. 3.

TELEGRAM.

From Crown Agents, London.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 9th July, 1962 Time : 1442

Received : 10th July, 1962 Time : 1010

South Georgia Administrative Officer's bungalow.  
Amount of Simms tender submitted 4th July £47137 excluding  
freight and passages for six men. Futility of seeking  
reductions commensurate with £8000 target figure is evident  
from exceptionally high cost and cannot therefore recommend  
further action on basis of preferred size.

Crown

Telegram to AO at 6/1. Please see 39.  
last 7 words of text repeated  
8/ 11/2/62.

P/L : TB

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No. 47.

TELEGRAM.

From Crown Agents, London.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 13th July, 1962 Time : 1730

Received : 14th July, 1962 Time : 1000

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Your telegram 12th July Administrative Officers Bungalow South Georgia. Last seven words are further action on basis of preferred plan. That is basically as shown on drawing sent 29th March 1962. Size of bungalow now about 2400 square feet excluding basement would need such drastic reduction to meet stipulated £8000 price limited as to render it of doubtful utility. Simms prepared to investigate reduced cost by using cheaper materials but there is clearly no prospect of meeting price limit as following random tender items show. Building f.o.b. £23000 furnishings and fittings £2700 sitework and labour £15000 heating electrical and plumbing £5500. Price limit not considered feasible for erected building but even if you request fresh design we regret it would not then be possible to meet AES shipment closing September 3rd.

Crown Agents

P/L : TB

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TELEGRAM.

From Officer Administering the Government

To Crown Agents, London (repeated to Secretary of State)

Despatched: 17th July 1962 19 Time:

Received: 19 Time:

No 234

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Your telegram of July 9, Administrative Officer comments as follows:-  
"Original estimate £8,000 on advice on building costs by Oscroft of Simms. This was calculated at £3 per square foot for bungalow type building 70 feet by 28 feet the balance for fittings. It was also calculated that the original labour force of 15 men could cope with both buildings and freight charges would not apply as assumed "A.E.S.". on time charter. Assuming original estimate in error through being based on Simms tentative estimate for New Discovery which was itself 20% in error this still brings cost far below £47,137. Unable to reconcile Simms £47,137 with cost of New Discovery this being a two and a half storey building with many external services and completely equipped down to the last knife and fork. Administrative Officer's bungalow will be mainly furnished from existing Administrative Officer's house and all linen cutlery china bedding etc. will be provided from there. Crown Agents will have advantage of detailed breakdown of £47,137 and can form own opinion whether job is being priced out of existence or carrying underestimate on New Discovery.

It must urgently be considered that if Simms estimate is a prohibitive figure and repairs sufficient to give a guaranteed existence to present Administrative Officer's house are contemplated the cost of these will be extremely heavy and house would still only have limited life. In conjunction with repair costs it should be remembered that a certain amount of demolition affecting both roof and foundations will be necessary before repairs can be effected. If this cannot be done during New Discovery construction remember there is no whaling labour available in South Georgia to do so and such extensive structural repairs could not be undertaken by amateurs."

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2. Your telegram July 13 since received my comments as follows. Administrative Officer apparently under-measured length by about 25' so on his showing increase of about £2,000 would have to be accepted. Administrative Officer's suggestion that savings might be effected in furniture and fittings deserve consideration. Fact remains that price of building and labour is about £16 per cubic foot not £3. List of defects of present house sent to Secretary of State by Savingsgram No.9 of February 7. Decision to build new house based on Oscroft's report:-

"Comparing this house with present Discovery House there is no evidence that one is in better shape than the other. This can be qualified in so far that the roof of the Administrative Officer's house is in worse condition than the roof of Discovery House. In my opinion Administrative Officer's house would require tremendous amount of material and man hours to be expended on it to restore to good condition. Even should this be done one cannot guarantee how long it would remain sound as structure has not been investigated during severe conditions."

3. Since Oscroft's information appears faulty in other respects it seems necessary to consider further whether repairs to existing house would be more economical. Have put matter before Secretary of State. Please advise him.

Reply at 48



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DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched July 17, 1962      Time :      Received :      Time :

No. 89

34  
Your telegram 51 of May 14. My telegram dated July 16. 18  
Crown Agents. Requested decision to be made in consultation with  
Governor. Crown and Simms. It appears likely that increased  
cost of Discovery and short fall in revenue will absorb  
reserves leaving increased cost of Administrative Officer's  
house to be added to the deficit to be met by you.

O.A.G.

GTC : MW

See 46 for correction made above.

Reply at 51.

48  
DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

No.17

From Crown Agents, London.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 24th July, 1962 Time: 1418

Received : 24th July, 1962 Time: 1500

44 Your telegram of 17th July.

Administrative Officer's bungalow.

Governing factor now is that 'A.E.S.' cannot take more freight or sufficient extra men. Have made tentative approach to Salvesen's but possibility of 'Southern Harvester' shipment unconfirmed. Tender rediscussed with Simms and we are advising Colonial Office as requested. Simms anxious to dispel impression of overcharging but maintain costing not high for small one off building and see little saving from two dissimilar buildings erected simultaneously. Oscrofts unrealistic estimate regretted but he was not sent as estimator and Simms unaware information would support financial application to Secretary of State. Cost comparison per unit area with New Discovery House unreliable where different construction and equipment concerned but bungalows more expensive and about 40% per sq. foot more in this case. Simms offer about £5,000 reduction on tender by economies on specification and sending five men not six but that might not be admissible now because later sailing 'Southern Harvester' gives shorter working time. Freight terms were negotiated for 'A.E.S.' and bungalow in any event would bear freightage possibly at higher rate hence estimated total cost £65,000 or £60,000 allowing Simms reduction. We think this too high to recommend but will accept your instructions which please give by return bearing in mind shipment unresolved. Oscrofts examination existing bungalow not made with repair in mind and Simms unable to quote nor know what materials required for reinstatement. We could obtain quotations if required for new bungalow supplied f.o.b. only for erection by Government possibly an adapted standard bungalow from other manufacturers for shipment.

\* Southern Harvester is not calling at South Georgia.

See 285a in D/3/58/11

Crown.

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I think we must have a decision by 8/5  
by 10/5 or 11/5  
or 15/7/62

P/L: FH

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BU 1.8.62

Telegram to S/S at 6/6  
or

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DATE OF THIS LETTER SHOULD BE  
QUOTED IN COMMUNICATIONS.

EC3/South Georgia F.I.D.270

TELEGRAMS { INLAND: "CROWN, SOWEST, LONDON."  
OVERSEA: "CROWN, LONDON S W I"

TELEPHONE: ABBEY 7730

TELEX NO. 24209

CROWN AGENTS

FOR OVERSEA GOVERNMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIONS

4, MILLBANK,  
LONDON, S.W.1

11th July 1962



Dear Sir,

Administrative Officer's House, South Georgia.

We confirm the despatch to you on 9th November of a Telegram giving the total amount of the Tender submitted by Messrs. W.J. Simms Sons & Cooke Ltd., for the proposed new Administrative Officer's House.

A copy of the Tender and Drawings as prepared by Simms is now enclosed.

The amount of the Tender was conveyed to the Colonial Office but the information is that the cost is much too high for the work to be authorised.

Unless you give instructions to the contrary, it is therefore regretted that no further action can be taken.

Yours faithfully,

for the Crown Agents.

The Colonial Secretary,  
Port Stanley,  
Falkland Islands,  
South Atlantic.

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that the cost is too high  
for the work to be authorised  
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No. 59/344

TELEGRAM.

*From* Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

*To* Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

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*Despatched :* 17th August, 19 62 *Time :* 1915

*Received :* 18th August, 19 62 *Time :* 1015

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No. 218. Your telegram No. 171. Is there any indication that other sources may be investigated to find a more economical builder? Or that any repairs are contemplated on existing building?

Administrative Officer

See 57

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TELEGRAM.

No. 66/259.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 18th August, 19 62. Time : 1730

Received : 20th August, 19 62. Time :

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SS  
20/59

No. 220. Reference your telegram No. 171 and my telegram No. 218. Administrative Officers house. Manager Grytviken suggests that if 7 men mentioned in my telegram No. 217 retained for work on water supply system there are sufficient specialists among these to undertake during season 1962/63 and in conjunction with water supply work to erect a prefabricated Administrative Officers house if this was prefabricated by Simms and shipped on Southern Harvester leaving United Kingdom about end of October start of November. If actual cost of prefabricated building and certain equipment required reasonable it might be worth while Crown estimating freight from Salvesens and labour costs from Albion Star Southampton.

Administrative Officer

Reply at 63

P/L : LH

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in view of 56 no  
action in 55 -  
send to Crown for comments  
for.

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**GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.**  
**FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.**  
**SENT.**

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	Psy			22.8.62
<b>To</b>				
	etat CROWN LONDON			SGA/c

56 No. 279. Following telegram received from Administrative Officer and forwarded for your comments stop Administrative Officers house stop Manager Grytviken suggests that if 7 men due for repatriation in October were retained for work on water supply system there are sufficient specialists among these to undertake during season 1962/63 and in conjunction with water supply work to erect a prefabricated Administrative Officers house if this was prefabricated by Simms and shipped on Southern Harvester leaving United Kingdom about end of October start of November stop If actual cost of prefabricated building and certain equipment required reasonable it might be worth while Crown estimating freight from Salvesens and labour costs from Albion Star Southampton

Secretary

Reply at 62.  
See 10

Time

RB/LH

Bu 30. 8. 62 (reply).



DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

No. 89/513.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 28th August, 19 62. Time : 1715

Received : 29th August, 19 62. Time :

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No. 228. Reference my telegrams No. 217 and No. 220: Manager Grytviken very anxious to know whether or not Albion Star Southampton have been contacted on matter and he would very much appreciate early confirmation.

Administrative Officer

P/L : LH

Original in D/4/62  
Copy in D/20/59

See 20

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7/30/62

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31.8.62

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DECODE.

No. 26/543.

TELEGRAM.

From ..... Crown London.

To ..... Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched :                      30th August,                      19 62.                      Time : 1711

Received :                              31st August,                      19 62.                      Time :

58

Your telegram 22nd August. Reference Administrative Officers house. Salvesens cannot accommodate on Southern Harvester quantity of building materials necessary. Other shipping possibilities sought without success. Regret can only suggest reconsideration of scheme for shipment 1963.

Crown

P/L : LH

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	Psy			8.9.62
To				
etat CROWN LONDON SW1				SGA/c

62 No. 313. Yourtel 30th August Administrative Officers House stop  
Suggest Simms be asked to investigate possibility of repairing old  
house and make recommendations accordingly

Secretary

Time HLB/TB

Reply at 65  
see 70.  
Recd. 21. 9. 62 (reply)

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DECODE.

No. 26/323

TELEGRAM.

*From* Crown Agents, London.

*To* Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

*Despatched :* 18th September, 19 62 *Time :* 1656

*Received :* 19th September, 19 62 *Time :* 0930

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Your telegram September 8th Administrative Officers House.

Simms unable to examine existing house for repairs. New  
Discovery House will fully occupy erection team.

Crown

See 70

PL:TB

## GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	Psy			22.9.62
To				
etat ADMINOFF SOUTH GEORGIA				SGA/c

6A No. 200. Yourtel No. 232 following discouraging telegram received from Crown quote Simms unable to examine existing house for repairs stop New Discovery House will fully occupy erection team unquote nothing more seems possible now stop Perhaps even over a drink you might get some advice as to what your next move should be

Secretary

Time RHDM/TB

for 30.11.62 (Kiv position)  
for 27.9.62 (---)

for 27.9.62 (---)



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EC3/South Georgia F.I.D. 270.

FOR OVERSEA GOVERNMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIONS

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TELEPHONE: ABBEY 7730

TELEX No. 24209

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

1st October, 1962.

For despatch by R.R.S. "Shackleton". BY AIR

Dear Sir,

Administrative Officer's Bungalow

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We refer to your telegrams of 22nd August and 8th September and our replies of 30th August and 18th September in connection with the Administrative Officer's bungalow in South Georgia.

We confirm that with regard to the earlier request the owners have stated that there is no cargo space for any large quantity of building materials on the vessel "Southern Harvester" and in any case this vessel is not calling at a British port so that any materials from this country would first have to be shipped to Norway. It is not known if Simms Sons & Cooke could have modified one of their standard designs and completed fabrication of a suitable building in time for shipment on the "Southern Harvester" had space been available but if trans shipment in Norway were necessary this would seem to be rather doubtful.

With regard to your latest request we approached Simms Sons & Cooke and asked if they considered that their erection team could undertake any investigation of the existing bungalow with repairs to this building in mind. Simms have, however, replied that in their opinion the team will be fully occupied in the erection of the New Discovery House and in the time at their disposal could not undertake any extra work. Any investigation would therefore involve the sending out by the firm of a suitable representative and at present there is no authority for incurring this additional expense.

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As stated in our telegram of 30th August it seems that any scheme in connection with the bungalow must therefore be left in abeyance until next year.

Yours faithfully,

*W. Poynter*

for the Crown Agents.

The Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley,  
Falkland Islands,  
South Atlantic.

Copy sent to A/O. South Georgia

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if nothing heard from AO  
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BD 31.1.63

F. I. ref: D/4/62

C. O. ref:

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SAVING TELEGRAM.

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

*To:* The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

*Date:* 25th January, 1963.

No. 22.      SAVING. COLONY.

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With reference to my Colony Savingsgram No. 32 of the 22nd February, 1962.

New House for Administrative Officer at South Georgia.

The above item has been deleted from the current estimates for South Georgia. A charge on this account has, however, appeared in the Crown Agents Account for November being £145 paid to a Crown Agents account in respect of "preparing plans and obtaining tender for the proposed House for Administrative Officer."

I should be grateful to receive your covering approval for the inclusion of this charge in the accounts of South Georgia.

Reply 101

GOVERNOR.

Bu 3.2.63

for this visit

Bu. 8.2.63

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Please see 69 x 10-

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DECODE.

No. 221.

TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 27th February, 1963. Time : 1210

Received : 28th February, 1963. Time : 1030

No. 46. Following for Governor.

Reference Y.E. discussions South Georgia on subject of A.O. house Redden suggests that Crown Agents be instructed to approach Simms on the basis of packaged deal system for building of same dimensions. Additional suggestions for Crown and Simms.

- (a) Suggest Crown negotiate with Simms for loan of labour to make up erection team. Labour required one joiner supervisor one joiner one heating engineer.
- (b) Boiler house to be constructed of asbestos panels instead of brick thus eliminating brick layer.
- (c) Investigate cheaper central heating installation as price seems excessive considering size of building.
- (d) Investiage additional cost incurred by conservatory and if heavy eliminate.
- (e) Reconsider possibility of Crown ordering direct all furniture and furnishings required.
- (f) If any site details required by Crown suggest this could be done while building supervisor still on Island bearing in mind possible departure latter part March.

From lists of plant and spare material from New Discovery following available. Lavatory basin four bath one but fittings required. W/C pans six seats three cistern one. Stainless steel sinks two shower mixer unit one toilet indicator bolts two mirrors seven briton springs two. Steelite quilt for roof space 60 bales dexion channel 80 feet aluminium 22 SWG 72 feet grano chips 30 bags 4 inch pitch fibre pipe 80 feet pitch fibre 6 feet slow bends 12 white bricks 3000. Confirm no site huts required. Confirm no plant required except shovels. Ends.

S.L. Sumner

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P/L : LH  
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# GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

## SENT

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Psy

1.3.63.

To

etat ADMINOFF SOUTH GEORGIA

SGA/c

No. 52. If approval is received for building new Administrative Officers house and space available in Kistadan do you think it could be built in time for contractors men to return last BAS ship approximately mid April stop Simms tender did not include cost of shipping offloading etc and this was for Crown Agents account stop I do not know what it would cost to have building brought out by AES but it would obviously be much more than by Kistadan

GOVERNOR

Reply at 87.

Time

WPA/EE

H.C.S.

Simms put in an estimate of £47,000 for the A.O.'s house and this, I think, is fantastic. I discussed the cost with Coleman and Redden who is in charge of Simms' men, and we thought that the house could be built with a lighter superstructure, and that if we could provide a plumber and electrician for three months from Stanley, and the painter there could do the decoration, a house could be built at a cost not exceeding £18,000. Coleman will be putting this amount in his Estimates.

2. I had hoped that it might be possible to repair the Administrative Officer's house, and I went into this with Redden. His men have a month at South Georgia, with nothing to do, and would have been very willing to do some work for Government, but Redden said he was not prepared to touch this house. He has gone over it thoroughly and gives it a life of one or, at the most, two years.

3. The provision of a new house is therefore a matter of urgency, and the main problem will be to get it shipped out to South Georgia. The only way, I think, in which this could be done would be in the "AES" for I am doubtful whether enough space would be available in a BAS ship. I shall, however, be going into this. I think we must try to get something in train at once if we are going to get the house built next summer, and I shall draft a letter to the Crown Agents.

March 1, 1963.

Pl. put up Tel no 46 from A.O.

G.E.

Plum no 83

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# GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

CONFIRMATION : PHONED 0850  
FALKLAND ISLANDS 2.3.63.

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Wt. P2809 5/61

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No. 54. Your No. 46 (a) What about labour for foundations ? Think mason would be difficult from Stanley stop Investigating plumber and electrician (f) suggest Redden should advise on any site details he thinks Crown might require stop Should think Simms unlikely commit themselves before he returns on such things as lighter superstructure

GOVERNOR

Reply at 86

EPA/ER

Time

DECODE.

No. 50.

TELEGRAM.

*From* Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

*To* Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

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*Despatched :* 5th March, 19 63. *Time :* 1855

*Received :* 6th March, 19 63. *Time :* 0945

No. 53. For Governor.

84 Your No. 52. It is considered that building could be completed by mid April provided that full construction team (including plumber and electrician picked up in Stanley en route) arrived with building on Kista Dan and that plumber and electrician would remain to assist until completion of contract.

Administrative Officer

P/L : LH

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TELEGRAM.

No. 52.

*From* Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

*To* Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

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*Despatched :* 5th March, 19 63. *Time :* 1955

*Received :* 6th March, 19 63. *Time :* 0945

No. 54. For Governor.

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Your No. 54 (a) if boiler house constructed of asbestos as suggested then no mason would be required. Foundations do not require skilled labour as assistance of local handyman would be sufficient. (f) Redden could advise on site details to suit lighter super-structure if agreed after his return to Britain.

Administrative Officer

P/L : LH

D/4/62

March 12, 1963.

Gentlemen,

70 Please refer to the correspondence ending with your letter EC3/South Georgia F.I.D. 270 of the 1st October, 1962, on the subject of the Administrative Officer's bungalow. I recently visited South Georgia, where I hoped it might be possible to effect repairs to the Administrative Officer's present house, but although Simms' men have now completed the New Discovery House and welcome other employment, Mr. Redden said he would not be prepared to attempt repairs on the present bungalow. I think he is right. He gives it a life of one, or at the most two years, so its replacement is a matter of urgency.

2. I think Simms' estimate was far too high, and I suggest that they should be approached on the basis of a package deal for a building of the same dimensions. One of the most expensive items is the provision of labour from England, and if a plumber and electrician can be provided from Stanley, it is considered that the erection team to come out with the building need only consist of one joiner/supervisor, one joiner, and one heating engineer. The decoration can be done by the resident painter at South Georgia. It is suggested that, as a first step, you should enquire whether Simms would be prepared to negotiate for the loan of this three man team.

3. The following are suggestions whereby the cost of this building could be substantially reduced :

- (a) It seems that the present design of the building is stronger than is necessary and that a lighter superstructure would be possible.
- (b) It is suggested that the boiler house be constructed of asbestos panels instead of brick, thus making it unnecessary to employ a bricklayer.
- (c) Investigate the possibility of a cheaper central heating installation. Price quoted by Simms seems excessive considering size of building.
- (d) Investigate additional cost incurred by conservatory, and, if heavy, eliminate.

(e)....

THE CROWN AGENTS  
for Oversea Governments and Administrations,  
London.

Reply at 96

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- (c) Reconsider possibility of your ordering direct all furniture and furnishings required.
- (f) No plant is required because it is already at South Georgia for the construction of New Discovery.
- (g) Following material is available from New Discovery supplies:

Lavatory basins	4
Bath	1
but fittings required	
W.C. pans	6
Seats	3
Cistern	1
Stainless steel sinks	2
Shower mixer unit	1
Toilet indicator bolts	2
Mirrors	7
Briton springs	2
Steeelite quilt for roof space	60 bales
Dexion channel	80 feet
Aluminium 22 S.W.G.	72 feet
Grano chips	30 bags
4" pitch fibre pipe	80 feet
Pitch fibre	6 feet
Slow bends	12
White bricks	3,000

- (h) No site huts would be required. Workmen would be accommodated at Point.

4. I cannot say at this stage whether the necessary funds will be approved for the building of a new house during the forthcoming financial year which begins in July, but if it is to be constructed during next Southern summer it is desirable that preliminary negotiations should be put in hand with Simms as soon as possible. They will no doubt wish to consult Mr. Redden who will be arriving in England sometime in April. Provision of \$18,000 is being included in the draft Estimates for the new house.

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5. Shipping to South Georgia will present a problem, and the cheapest method would be by the m.v. "Kista Dan", provided space is available. The Administrative Officer considers that if the building is landed in South Georgia early in January, it could be completed in time for the construction team to leave in a Royal Research ship in April.

6. I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Pettitt at the Colonial Office.

I am, Gentlemen,  
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) E. P. Arrowsmith.

COVERED.

Copy to: R.C. Pettitt Esq.,  
Colonial Office.

March 12, 1963.

(Dear Coleman)

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I enclose a copy of a letter I have written to the Crown Agents about a new house for the A.O. at South Georgia. I did not put in anything about the staircase to the boiler room, because it struck me it might be rather awkward just to have a trapdoor and ladder, especially if you use this space for storage. Nor did I mention the door from the dining room to the office, because I did not think this could add very much to the cost.

I think the idea of a package deal is a very good one, and I hope that Sims will agree to the loan of a three man team.

(Yours sincerely,

Edwin Arrowsmith)

B. J. 30.4.63 (R 89)

CAPTAIN D. COLEMAN.

King Edward Point,  
SOUTH GEORGIA.

12th March, 1963.



Sir Edwin Arrowsmith, K.C.M.G.,  
Governor and Commander-in-Chief,  
Falkland Islands and Dependencies,  
Government House,  
PORT STANLEY.

Sir,

In view of the steady deterioration in the structure of the Administrative Officer's House I again requested Mr. A.Redden (Supervisor, Simms, Son & Cooke Ltd.) to investigate the possibilities of repairs.

Redden reports, that since his previous inspection six weeks ago, the following has occurred :-

North-West end of building has noticeable signs of subsidence. This has become apparent during recent heavy rain which is now driving in through doors and windows and causing further damage. It is impossible to keep wind and rain out as subsidence continues from day to day. Wide cracks have now appeared in the Morning Room, over half an inch in most vital places, i.e. floor has dropped away from outer walls. In North-West end of roof the lining boards are becoming loose and in danger of collapsing through the ceiling.

As a result of his inspection, Redden reiterates that he will not undertake repairs as he considers these useless and moreover refuses to accept danger of complete collapse once the structure is disturbed.

I am seriously worried about living in this building. Redden, as Your Excellency is aware, is the third building expert to condemn this house (Oscroft and Watt gave similar reports).

During heavy rain and wind we are no longer able to occupy the Morning Room and extra cold seeps from that room into the rest of the house.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER.

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for  
3/4/63

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CROWN AGENTS  
FOR OVERSEA GOVERNMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIONS  
ABBEY 7730

Q/EC3 South Georgia F.I.D.270

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

24th April, 1963.

Dear Sir Edwin,

Administrative Officer's Bungalow, South Georgia

89 We have received your letter D/4/62 of 12th March, 1963 dealing with the replacement of the existing bungalow.

2. We have approached Messrs. Simms, Sons and Cooke with a view to getting a fresh quotation and they have told us they are ready and willing to examine their estimate on the lines you suggest with a view to preparing a revised quotation.

3. We are however very doubtful of being able to effect a reduction to the extent indicated in your letter. Messrs. Simms, like other builders of prefabricated structures, are not really geared to production of a single specially designed building, in which additional supervision and other overheads have all to be carried on the one order. Furthermore this design had to meet requirements for the building to withstand particularly heavy wind and snow loading.

4. A major cause for the high quotation was as you say the sending of a full erection team; now that Simms have gained the experience of a season in South Georgia on New Discovery House, they would have fewer imponderables to deal with and this should enable a closer estimate to be made, leading to some reduction in the estimated cost.

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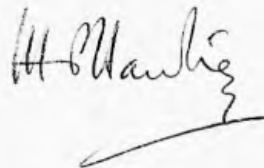
Sir Edwin Arrowsmith, K.C.M.G.

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would have to estimate erection costs applicable to a job in a remote part of the world. Simms have the advantage of knowing the site conditions and we think they are sufficiently keen not to want to lose the opportunity of the work by quoting an exorbitant price. We shall suggest to Simms that they could offer an alternative price for an adaptation of any suitable standard bungalow of theirs (even though this might mean accepting a very different lay-out) if it would result in a saving in cost.

8. As soon as we have heard from Simms we will write to you again. In the meantime we shall send a copy of this letter to Mr. Pettitt at the Colonial Office.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "H. C. Hawley", with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

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May 21, 1963.

Dear Hawtrey,

Administrative Officer's Bungalow,  
South Georgia.

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Many thanks for your letter Q/EC3 South Georgia F.I.D.270 of April 24. Coleman, our Administrative Officer in South Georgia, will be arriving in England before you receive this letter, and you will probably have seen him by the time you get it. I think he will be able to deal with the various points you mention. Simms' ideas may change after they have had a chance to talk with Redden, and I have some hopes that they may come down to near our estimate. If, as you suggest, they could offer a suitable price for the adaption of a standard bungalow which would not be too far away from the plan we have suggested, it would be well worth considering.

I am coming to England on a short duty visit, arriving on July 22, and look forward to seeing you then. There will be no chance to hear from you before I get home, for after our next inward mail arrives on June 7 there is nothing before July 26.

Yours sincerely,

sgd. Edwin Arrowsmith

J.H.P. HAWTREY, ESQ.  
(Crown Agents)

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TELEGRAM.From CROWN, LONDONTo PRIORITY THE GOVERNOR, PORTSTANLEY

Despatched : 6th June 19 63 Time : 1517

Received : 7th June 19 63 Time : 0905

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Ourlet 24 April Administrative Officers bungalow stop  
 Revised estimate based on Simms offer now £50,000 which  
 includes freight insurance passages CA charges and erection  
 assisted by local plumber electrician and painter stop This  
 allows reduction in heating cost asbestos replacing brickwork  
 but not use of surplus materials which Simms advise retention  
 as spares stop Alternatively if Simms provide supervision  
 only estimate all as otherwise above is £40,000 stop Both  
 alternatives require free accommodation and victualling for  
 Simms men stop As price still unacceptable and Simms cannot  
 adapt standard bungalow we will invite other suppliers stop  
 We are copying to Pettitt at Colonial Office.

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Agreed that Pounds 145 under new house for AO may be included  
in current accounts of South Georgia

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Notes, Thank you.  
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