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NEW DISCOVERY HOUSE - S. GEORGIA.

CONNECTED FILES.

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Plans kept in A.C.S.'s classified room.

D/3/58/A.

New Discovery House - Passages for Personnel

King Edward Point,
South Georgia.

15th February 1962.

Ref.S.11.



Sir,

New Discovery House.

Oscroft should now be in possession of all the final details necessary for Simms to tender for new Discovery House. I was rather surprised that Simms sent such a juvenile young man on this job. Admittedly he has done what was required of him by his firm, but I had to practically arrange his day to day work and suggest that he see this or that, or call to see someone.

This leads me to your letter of 4th January. Whilst I am pleased to know of your confidence in my ability to carry out the necessary supervision on the building, I would view it with some concern were someone like Oscroft in charge. This is not a remote possibility as he informs me they have difficulty in getting their supervisors to leave Britain for six months' contract unless paid £1,200 for the period.

Normally, there is a six to twelve months' maintenance period after the erection of a building. This will not be possible with new Discovery House so that whoever looks after Government interests must be prepared to accept responsibility for taking over the building and thereby agreeing the job completed to specification and in all respects contract carried out. Of necessity, this would entail day to day supervision to be confident that all was in order and no damaged materials were used, etc.

I am sure, Sir, you will understand that I am not reluctant to undertake the job. I am intensely interested with everything in connection with new Discovery House and my concern would be that the Government were conscientiously represented during all stages of the building.

This is usually the job of an architect or a highly paid supervisor, and whilst I feel I could justify your confidence in this respect, to do so would take up a considerable part of my day, more especially if at the

Refer at 215

same time the Power Station is extended to house the new generating set, the water source is being improved and perhaps a new A.O.'s house being erected.

For this reason I would say it is essential that the administrative staff be at least up to full strength, i.e. 2 Customs/Admin.Assts., and the senior would need to take over matters that are now the responsibility of the Administrative Officer. Whitney would be capable of this as he is quick and accurate and if told to do a job will carry on and accept responsibility. Unfortunately, Ruddy who will be here then, although accurate, is a very slow worker and if given a job to get on with and be responsible for, will then take up more of one's time with queries and approval stage by stage than if one had done the job one's self, which is, of course, often just what happens.

I reiterate that I feel confident I could supervise the building of new Discovery House, but in view of the administrative difficulties which I feel sure would arise, I would be glad of the benefit of your consideration and wider experience before committing myself to acceptance.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Administrative Officer,
South Georgia.

His Excellency The Governor,
Falkland Islands & Dependencies,
Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

*y E. I do not think Osborn will
come out again. I could check.*

*82
1/3/62.*

DECODE.

212

TELEGRAM.

From Oscroft, Kista Dan.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 24th February, 19 62 *Time :* 2000

Received : 19 *Time :*

Request your authority to proceed U.K. on Kista Dan.
If in order would you please cancel air booking and inform
B.A.S. Office.

Oscroft

P/L : TB

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

214

(W. & S. Ltd.—250 Pd/7/59).

SENT

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	Psy			⁵ 24.2.62
To				
etat CROWN LONDON				DEPSA/c

No. 45. Plans New Discovery House posted airmail stop Ouscroft following by
sea on Kista Dan at own request

Colonial Secretary

BU 5.3.62 (211)

ime HLB/TB

Government House,
Falkland Islands.

March 3, 1962

(Dear Coleman)

211

Thank you for your letter No. S.11 of February 15 about new Discovery House. I very much hope that Simms will send out somebody more mature than Oscrift to take charge of the job, even if they do have to pay \$1,200 for the period. It seems from all you say of Oscrift that he has not the necessary personality and control to be able to do it.

The alternative to your undertaking the supervision would be to try and get the Crown Agents to send somebody out. I think we would have difficulty in getting hold of a good man, and if we did not get a really good man he could be a source of embarrassment to you. I believe Whitney may be coming out on the winter "Darwin" and going on leave to England. If this is so he should get back to South Georgia, if he decides to do another tour there, before next Christmas. This will mean that you will be left with Ruddy and Fox only until his return, but I doubt whether Leith will be operating next season. Should it be, we might have to think again.

In all the circumstances I think it would be in the best interests of Government if you were to be responsible for supervision while the new Discovery House is being built, and as I say, I have every confidence in your ability to do the job.

(Yours sincerely
signed Edwin Arrowsmith)

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Reply at 219

C.
D. COLEMAN

King Edward Point,
South Georgia.

19th March 1962.

Ref:S11.

Sir,

New Discovery House.

215
Thank you for your letter of 3rd March concerning the supervision required during the building of new Discovery House.

In view of your remarks, I am now quite happy to undertake this job and shall do my utmost to justify your confidence in my ability.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Administrative Officer,
South Georgia.

His Excellency the Governor,
Falkland Islands and Dependencies,
Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

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

EC3/South Georgia F.I.D.232.

TELEGRAMS { INLAND : "CROWN, SOWEST, LONDON."
OVERSEA : "CROWN, LONDON S W 1"

TELEPHONE : ABBEY 7730

TELEX No. 24209

CROWN AGENTS

FOR OVERSEA GOVERNMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIONS

4, MILLBANK,

LONDON, S.W.1.

22nd March 1962.

Sir,

New Discovery House.
South Georgia.

I am directed to refer to your letter reference D/3/58, dated 22nd February 1962, and to acknowledge receipt of the Sketch and comments made by the Administrative Officer on the Draft Specification and the proposed Layout Drawing of the New Discovery House.

The various suggestions have been incorporated in a series of revisions to the Specification and a revised Drawing has been made and forwarded to Messrs. W.J. Simms, Sons & Cooks, to reach them in advance of Mr. Oscroft's return on the "Kista Dan".

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

[Signature]

The Colonial Secretary,
Port Stanley,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

PE/DW

226

ECODE.

TELEGRAM.

No. 19.

From Crown Agents, London.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 17th April, 19 62. Time : 1500

Received : 18th April, 19 62. Time :

not yet rec'd

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.

D/4/62
(file at 8H)

Crown

S.S for information

P

Pl. refer me to
"necessary authority"
~~sent~~

Have we got it?
19.4.62

P/L : TB

19/4/62

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

G.S.

We have had no communication from

SqS granting authority. We have actually not
heard from him since he was referred to at 127.

at 129 is a copy of Mr Pettit's letter to Warr agents

and at 201 is a letter from the Warr agents to

Mr Pettit. Shall we telegraph to SqS

saying that we have received this telegram & asking

re position?

or
24/3/62.

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 24.4.62

Time: 1715

Received:

Time:

NO. 59

We have received telegram from Crown Agents stating
"Now informed you have necessary authority for New Discovery
House". I assume this means that funds are available and I
should be grateful to know position.

P/L : MW

BU 7.5.62

228

303/South Georgia F.I.D.232 & 270.

3rd April, 1962.

Dear Mr. Whitefield,

South Georgia.

New Discovery House and Administrative Officers Bungalow.

A meeting was held here on 2nd April with Messrs. W.J. Simms Sons and Cooke following the return of their representative Mr. Oacroft from South Georgia.

Apart from some preliminary work on the design of the building the main task of preparing their detailed tender for the New Discovery House had to be left by Simms until Oacroft got back, albeit rather later than expected, and we now learn that another five weeks will elapse before the tender will be forthcoming.

This will allow a very short time, not much over a week, in which to reach a decision on the tender if Simms are to be given an order by the end of May, as they would require, with a view to having the building contracted in South Georgia between October, 1962 and March, 1963. As you know, we have no authority to go beyond the tender stage and we therefore find ourselves still in the position of not knowing whether there is an intention of proceeding or not. This has inevitably made itself apparent in the discussion with Simms and the element of doubt tends to dampen our efforts in urging the Builders to produce their tender earlier. It also creates difficulties in our negotiations over freight and accommodation for the Builders men.

A final decision will naturally depend upon Simms price, but I understand you sought financial approval for the building some time ago and it will assist us if you can say whether sanction has been, or is likely to be granted.

/As a result

C.H. Whitefield, Esq.,
The Colonial Office,
Great Smith Street,
London, S.W.1.

PE/JML.

As a result of discussions which took place in South Georgia, we have received details of a proposal for a new bungalow for the Administrative Officer South Georgia and you have been provided with copies of our correspondence on that subject. Simms are willing to submit a tender for constructing the bungalow together with the New Discovery House, but not as a separate project; and the advantage and economy of constructing the two buildings at the one time will be apparent. It is stated that the proposal is subject to the approval of the Secretary of State and I would therefore be glad if you will say whether you wish us to invite Simms to tender.

As I mentioned in my letter of 30th March, a modified plan of the bungalow has been prepared here and submitted for the approval of the Colonial Secretary and this plan, together with information we have from South Georgia could form the basis of a tender.

If the bungalow project is to be treated as an adjunct to the New Discovery House scheme, as has been suggested by the Colonial Secretary, then it will be necessary to issue, very quickly, an invitation to Simms to tender.

Yours sincerely,

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

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

Copy to Colonial Secretary,
Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

CROWN AGENTS
FOR OVERSEA GOVERNMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIONS

TELEGRAMS { INLAND : "CROWN, SOWEST, LONDON."
OVERSEA : "CROWN, LONDON S W 1"

TELEPHONE : ABBEY 7730

Ext. 239

TELEX No. 24209

4, MILLBANK,

LONDON, S.W.1.

17th April 1962

Dear Mr. Pettitt,

South Georgia New Discovery House
and Proposal for Administrative
Officers Bungalow

I refer to my letter dated 3rd April addressed to Mr.G.H.Whitefield

I understand from Mr. McClure, who spoke to you on the telephone on 16th April, that Authority for the New Discovery House project, ~~now~~ rests with the Colonial Secretary, Port Stanley, whose instructions I propose to seek when the Tender for the Building is received from the builders. This intention is conveyed in a Telegram which has been dispatched to Port Stanley, copy attached. Unless I hear to the contrary, I will take it that you are in agreement.

Mr. McClure confirmed that the proposal for the Administrative Officers Bungalow is still subject to your sanction and in the circumstances we are asking the builders to submit a Tender for the Bungalow without committment. Details of the Tender will also be conveyed to the Colonial Secretary.

Yours Sincerely,

K.V.

for sanction from

Colonial Office
see

R.G. Pettitt Esq.,
Colonial Office,
Great Smith Street,
London, S.W.1.

PE/D

FOR OVERSEAS SECURITY AND INVESTIGATION
CROWN AGENTS
FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM
LONDON, E.C.4

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2314 Mail from 229

G.L. for information.
As regards has Discovers House a refer
referred to 228. is awaited.
As regards A O's house we addressed
S.G.S at 14 of D/4/62.
on 2/4/62

DA

2.5.62
R.

BW 31.5.62 (228)

DECODE.

No. 32.

TELEGRAM.

From Crown Agents, London.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 3rd May, 19 62. Time : 1146

Received : 3rd May, 19 62. Time :

Simms enquire if decision reached on extra 68 KW generating capacity for New Discovery House. They submit drawing proposing generator house extension rehousing existing No. 2 generator with either two new 40 KW generators or one unspecified generator already at Stanley. Simms would quote for shed extension and plant installation once requirements are known. Please instruct if we are to secure quotation and on what basis.

Reply at 240.

Crown 236

I believe this is all settled but to file his 48 letters
now (then to reference to papers)

P/L : LH
(Intld.) DM

52
75/62-

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

No. 30.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 4th May, 19 62. Time : 1255

Received : 4th May, 19 62. Time :

No. 115. Following may be of interest to
Simms builders New Discovery. Ground still snow
free at Point weather for last six weeks fine with
little wind.

Administrative Officer

*Send on to Crown
Jm.*

P/L : LH

KIV - 236

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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Wt. P2809 5/61

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
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To	etat CROWN LONDON			DEPSA/c

No. 140. Following may be of interest to Simms builders New Discovery
stop Ground still snow free at Point weather for last six weeks fine
with little wind

Secretary

Time LH

239.

H.C.S.,

Pl. see fs. 185 - 199 & 203 in D/3/58.

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9.5.62.

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No. 143. Your telegram 3rd May reference New Discovery House stop Decision reached to instal 100KW McLaren provided parts interchangeable with existing sets and speed the same stop If McLaren unable to supply please obtain quotation from Rustons or Blackstone maximum desirable speed 600 rpm set would need to bank up in parallel with existing sets letter follows

Secretary

Time LH

See 250 + 382 in 3/5/58/E

241

S.P.E.D.,

I think you wished to see these files?

2.4.62,

HCS.

advised at 6.30.

b.c.

Please see 242.

~~12.5.~~

in C.S.
10.5.62.

DECODE.

No. 2.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched: 14.5.62

Time: 1200

Received: 14.5.62

Time

228 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

244

S.S. for information

re

12/5/62

246

H.C.S.

can draft arbc. issue, pt?

8.7.5.62

245

DA

17.5.62
8m

G.T.C. : TB

COPY IN : D/4/62

247.

Draft is in order.

Answer to NB 1 is 'yes'.
NB 2 Re look at earlier ph as to quantity
unit & if necessary prepare a summary about the DCA's where
project entails. However

247
19/5/62-

H.C.S.

PR see paras. 2-4. in page 1 of D/6/59/c attached.

247
Answer to 2 is 'yes'. § 22.5.62.

as in draft by head
man

247
23/5/62

25th May,

62

Gentlemen,

240 I am directed to refer to my telegram number 143 dated the 10th May, 1962, regarding the proposed increase in the capacity of the generating plant in South Georgia which will become necessary if the new Discovery House is built. The proposed increase is of 100 kW. and should consist of a generating unit able to parallel with the existing sets. It is thought that it would be an advantage if the new unit was of the same manufacture as those installed in order that the spares may be interchangeable. If however this is not possible then the choice of manufacture would be either a Ruston or Blackstone with running speed of 600 R.P.M. Alternations in the form of an extension to the engine shed would then be necessary and Simms should be asked to quote for this. It is assumed that Oseroft will have details of the existing lay-out of the engine shed and that you will have the necessary technical details of the machine installation to enable a firm quotation to be given.

I am,
Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) H. L. Bound

for COLONIAL SECRETARY

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

See 275

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No. 61.

TELEGRAM.

From Crown Agents, London.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 26th May, 1962. *Time :* 1036

Received : 26th May, 1962. *Time :*

New Discovery House Simms tender £155416 making total cost with contingencies about £200,000. Revised estimate based on tender now with Colonial Office and instructions are awaited. Simms require decision by 1st June to meet 1962-63 construction programme. Builders proposals sound and well presented.

Crown Agents

P/L : TB

252

g.s.

It seems clear that his report to be accepted

But the decision at present has been that a

building should be designed within a ceiling of

£125 000 and the amount in S. S. S. S. S.

estimates (which have not yet been approved by S. S. S.)

is £125 000. There is a deficit in the estimates

of £90 000 odd which has to be met by

V.H. this will bring it to £155 000

I am not sure whether the £200 000 will include

the generator for which £8000 odd extra

has been included in the estimates.

Please see 228 & 235. H.C.T. suggests that

we should get S. S. S. approval before accepting.

Could we recommend to S. S. S. that it be accepted
as asked him to inform Groom? R 23/5/62.

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 28.5.62

Time: 1700

Received:

Time:

NO. 73

New Discovery House.

Understand from Crown Agents total cost with contingencies about £200,000 and presume this includes new house for Administrative Officer. No doubt you will inform Crown Agents if funds can be made available. Understand Simms proposals are sound and well presented and I consider we should accept.

52 -

Reply at 255.

BU 10.6.62

P/L : MW

DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched:

Time:

Received: 30.5.62

Time: 01030

IMMEDIATE

SG. 1

253
Your telegram No. 73 new Discovery House.

Estimate of £200,000 does not include house for
Administrative Officer. Tender for this still awaited.

I can approve this greatly increased expenditure
provided you agree to reserve fund being realised as
proposed in paragraph 6 your despatch No. 44 of 23rd March.

Please confirm urgently whether you agree as
contractor has to be given "go ahead" by 1st June if
shipment in September is to be met.

Phoned PS

All dealt with on the information phoned.
NFA here. File will be sent down

Reply at 256

P/L : MW

DM

30/5/62

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No. 50.

TELEGRAM.

From Crown Agents, London.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 28th June, 1962 *Time :* 1740

Received : 29th June, 1962 *Time :* 1000

New Discovery House. Passages arranged for 20 builders men arriving early October but no foreseeable prospect of return passages in early April, 1963. Can you assist and could Darwin be diverted for that purpose Simms request accommodation October till April for foreman supervisor on King Edward Point near site with remaining 18 men accommodated by Albion Star at their house Grytviken. Can you arrange foremans accommodation and will all men be granted recreational facilities at Old Discovery House.

Crown Agents

P/L : TB

260

Sec BAS

as regards getting him out would a BAS
be available if necessary?

3/7/62 -

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22/OPT43.

TELEGRAM.

From Crown Agents, London.....

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.....

Despatched : 3rd July, 1962 Time : 1543

Received : 4th July, 1962 Time : 1000

250
Your letter D/3/58/II May 25th generating plant South Georgia. Best offer Mirrless 104 Kw TL3 600 RPM engine driven set £5,600 including spares plus £450 for underbase and antivibration mountings delivery September 3rd on vessel AES. Blackstone and Ruston both higher price and delivery 24 to 30 weeks. Switch gear as existing £700 extra. Essential order immediately to obtain delivery please cable instructions by return.

Crown Agents

202.

SPL for admin blue
or.

Reply at 264

263.

YH.

Please advise C.A. that Minton set and
switchgear is acceptable and to include additional
outgoing 200 amp feeder panel for switchboard

E. J. Gustin

4-7-64.

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	Psy			5.7.62.
To				
Crown London			(SG A/C)	

261 No. 219 Yourtel 3rd July Mirrless set and switch gear
acceptable stop Please include additional outgoing 200 amp
feeder panel for switchboard

Secretary

Time HLB/IM

265.

a. c. BAS.

As at 260, pl.

B for c.s.

6. 7.62.

7th July, 1962

Re 260

It is difficult to say at the moment what the Itinerary of any B.A.S. ship will be during early April, but I'm sure, if approval is given to any request received, that Itineraries can be adjusted to cater for a call during the mentioned period.

A calling ship might not be able to pick up all twenty men at once - if this is the case, would piece-meal collection be acceptable?

E. Philip

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

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FALKLAND ISLANDSSENT

Wt. P2809 5/61

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	PSY			10.7.62
To				

etat ADMINOFF SOUTH GEORGIA

SGA/c

No. 136. CROWN ADVISE PASSAGES ARRANGED 20 BUILDERS ARRIVING EARLY OCTOBER SIMMS REQUEST ACCOMMODATION OCTOBER TILL APRIL FOR FOREMAN AND SUPERVISOR AT POINT NEAR SITE WITH 18 MEN ACCOMMODATED BY ALBION AT GRYTVIKEN STOP THEY ALSO ENQUIRE IF ALL MEN WILL BE GRANTED RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AT OLD DISCOVERY STOP GRATEFUL YOUR EARLIEST COMMENTS

SECRETARY

Time HLB/TB

268
DECODE.

No. 37.

TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 9th July, 19 62 *Time :* 1725

Received : 10th July, 19 62 *Time :* 1010

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folio 1
EC 14695 A
01/3/68
No. 175. New Discovery. Reference my telegram No. 167 paragraph D and the situation envisaged therein. Do you consider (refer to Crown Agents original drawing No. EC 14695 A New Discovery) that it would be prudent to make cold store as shown in ground floor plan into deep freeze and the adjoining store into coldstore and that shown as changing room into storing sufficient meat for Point. If in agreement with this suggestion grateful you advise Crown of change of plan and circumstances.

Administrative Officer.

See 272

P/L : TB

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No. 47.

TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 11th July, 1962 Time 1730

Received : 12th July, 1962 Time 1000

267 276
No. 179. Your telegram No. 136. Regret no accommodation available at Point for supervisor and foreman October to April. Albion Star arranging to accommodate 20 men and Manager confirms that supervisor and foreman will be provided with accommodation as granted to Government whaling inspector. Grytviken is only 15 mins. walking time from site and by launch and walking about 7 mins. Oscroft was informed on all foregoing. No recreational facilities exist in old Discovery but men very welcome to use table tennis and billiard room in W/T building also outdoor tennis court and those interested should bring their racquets and balls. By arrangement with Manager Albion Star cinema should be available also badminton court provided men have own racquets.

Administrative Officer

P/L : TB

how we can reply

to 259

for

1414 to 268 with

D/5/62

269

270-

Draft aff'd as amended. I think they will need
an assurance that they can be got out and I think
we will have to make arrangements.

x1

now submit 26th with D / 5/62

R-13/7/62.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

SENT

Wt P2809 5/61

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	Psy			14.7.62
To				
etat CROWN LONDON				SG a/c

25th No. 233 Yourtel of 28th June stop Builders will be able to come out by BAS vessel via Stanley stop Regret unable accommodate foreman supervisor at Point stop Manager Albion Star confirms this can be arranged Grytviken which is only 15 minutes walk from site stop This was explained to Oseroft stop No recreational facilities exist old Discovery but men would be welcome use table tennis billiards at W/T House also outdoor tennis court but men should bring own racquets and balls stop By arrangement Albion Star cinema may be available likewise badminton own racquets essential

Time

Secretary

K1v - 268 + 270 - 1/5/62 is in office pl.

DECODE.

No. 26.

TELEGRAM.

From Crown Agents, London.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 26th July, 1962 Time : 1653.

Received : 27th July, 1962 Time : 1111

272 New Discovery House South Georgia. Your telegram 16th July.

Plan has been altered from drawing 14695 and cold storage transferred to first floor adjacent to kitchen with laundry drying room and ski store on ground floor as shown on drawings sent 3rd July. Small deep freeze chamber about 5 foot by 4 foot for mutton also same size cold chamber already provided. These limited in size by cost but related to accommodation in building by catering equipment advisers and cannot now be altered because of imminent shipment date. X Simms offer in addition a separate packaged deep freeze chamber size about 8 feet square to take 100 mutton carcasses leaving access space installed in open void underneath first floor for about £1,000 f.o.b. installed plus freight. Shall we order please instruct early.

Crown Agents

See
285 287

P/L : TB

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No. 41.

TELEGRAM.

From Crown Agents, London.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 26th July, 19 62 Time : 1655

Received : 27th July, 19 62 Time : 1111

250 New Discovery House. Your letter D/3/58/II
dated 25th May.

Simms quote £3,000 approximately for supply and erection excluding freight for 24 foot square by 12 foot clear height timber framed aluminium clad extension to existing generator shed including concrete floor and two heavy foundations suitable for existing 75kW engine and new Mirlees 100 kW engine now on order. Please confirm by return that we are to order shed extension from Simms who have already anticipated instructions by commencing work in view of urgency. Estimated total cost with freight on AES £3,500. Simms will confine activities to building works only unless otherwise instructed to work on electrical installation in generator shed at extra cost.

not
recurring
9 months
can do this
for.

See 285

Crown Agents

P/L : TB

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TELEGRAM.

No. 40.

From Crown Agents, London.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 26th July, 1962 *Time :* 1651

Received : 27th July, 19 62 *Time :* 1111

New Discovery House. Simms now intend to send
nineteen men not twenty. Please advise Albion Star,

Crown Agents.

See 279 & 282

P/L : TB

DECODE.

No. 43.

TELEGRAM.

From Crown Agents, London.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 26th July, 19 62 Time : 1652

Received : 27th July, 19 62 Time : 1111

New Discovery House. Simms enquire if following electrical instruments will be available to them at Grytviken. Voltmeter reading 230 volts ammeter reading 30 amps also megger.

See 296

Crown Agents

278

274 276 & 277 to AO 1 Sent see 279.
& make for action on 275

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30/7/62.

279

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	Psy			31.7.62
To				
etat				
Adminoff South Georgia				SGA/c

No. 155. Following telegrams regarding New Discovery House received from Crown and forwarded for observations and necessary action quote Plan has been altered from drawing 14695 and cold storage transferred to first floor adjacent to kitchen with laundry drying room and ski store on ground floor as shown on drawings sent 3rd July stop Small deep freeze chamber about 5 foot by 4 foot for mutton also same size cold chamber already provided stop These limited in size by cost but related to accommodation in building by catering equipment advisers and cannot now be altered because of imminent shipment date stop Simms offer in addition a separate packaged deep freeze chamber size about 8 feet square to take 100 mutton carcasses leaving access space installed in open void underneath first floor for about £1,000 fob installed plus freight stop Shall we order please instruct early unquote stop quote Simms now intend to send nineteen men not twenty stop please advise Albion Star unquote stop quote Simms enquire if following electrical instruments will be available to them at Grytviken stop Voltmeter reading 230 volts ammeter reading 30 amps also megger unquote stop

Secretary

Time RB/TB

Re-submitted (as at 278)

H.C.T.

280

Please see 240 ' 250 ' 261 264
and 275

This refers to item 42 on page
8 of the estimates for which £8,500
has been estimated. I went into this
with the S.P.E.D. The fixed estimates
now seem to be

Engine & spare £ 5,600

Switch gear 700

Feeder panel (264) 200

Freight on above 150

Grand including profit 3,500

Total £10,150

This means that a further £1,650 is needed.

We have indicated to engine & I think we
must go ahead on this. The proposal is that at
least reference be given to S.P.E.D. but I should think
we can agree to 275 in anticipation?

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31/7/62

H.C.S.,

281

No. With K.M.G. looking the bill
we should tread warily. The arrangement
for B.A.S. is that Governor may issue Special
Warrants up to £500 provided he can hypothecate
savings. Over £500, savings or not, requires
S.A. approval. I suggest we adopt this
policy for the time being. R.G.

1.8.62

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No. 130.

TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 31st July, 1962 *Time :* 1245

Received : 31st July, 1962 *Time :* 1500

279
No. 202. Your telegram No. 155. Agree with alterations to drawing No. 14695 affecting cold store laundry drying room and ski store and with provision small deep freeze chamber and cold store. Confirm that in addition Simms should include separate packaged deep freeze chamber about 8 feet square. Manager Grytviken will be informed alteration 20 men to 19. Confirm that voltmeter reading 230 volts ammeter reading 30 amps also megger available.

Administrative Officer

287 283

We might give a clear answer to 277 that
no ships are available and this can be a separate telegram.

274

As regards the extension of deep-freeze charter at \$1000 + freight
we have agreed in principle to subject to S & S making the
funds available and we passed telegram to S & S
saying we do demand this owing to the changes
position & requesting that funds be made available
as soon as possible.

275

As regards the extension to the ^{further} the telegram has just
arrived - We must say we agree to extension in principle
(as in reply to 274)
subject to funds being made available and that activities
should be confined to United States waters.

We must also telegram to S & S. Give 1. figures
as in 280 2. Request Government request for compensation
of the fact that the work has been stopped - 3. Zero date
namely 9th August (and latest telegram) (274 or 275 better be
dealt with in separate telegram)
on 3/7/62

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TELEGRAM.

284

From Crown Agents, London.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 1st August, 19 62 *Time :* 1736

Received : 2nd August, 19 62 *Time :* 1500

Generating set South Georgia. In order to meet special delivery necessary to despatch alternator direct from brush works and not possible line up engine and alternator prior to shipment. Firm will provide drills and reamers for lining up at site. Also firm unable tailor pipe work but will supply random lengths of pipe loose flanges and screwing block for make-up locally. Assume local staff able undertake work but if not perhaps Gutteridge could help. Are proceeding accordingly.

Crown

PL : TB

See 344

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TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

To Crown Agents, London.

Despatched : 3rd August, 19 62 Time : 1545

Received : 19 Time :

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284

No. 254. Your telegrams 26th July and 2nd August.

New Discovery House.

Agree extension generator shed subject to funds being made available by Secretary of State but activities should be confined to building works.

Secretary

PL : RB/TB

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TELEGRAM.

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From Crown Agents, London.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 3rd August, 1962 Time : 1056

Received : 3rd August, 19 62 Time : 1145

PRIORITY.

275

New Discovery House. Our telegram 26th July requested confirmation we order from Simms the generator shed extension. If no authority received by morning of August 7th we shall have to stop Simms who are proceeding with preliminary work and opportunity to ship on AES will be lost. Reference our telegram 24th July Administrative Officers bungalow there is now no possibility of shipping on Southern Harvester as not calling at South Georgia.

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5/4/62.

See 288.

Crown Agents

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TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

To Crown Agents, London, S.W.1.

Despatched : 3rd August, 19 62. *Time :* 1545

Received : 19 *Time :*

No. 255. Your telegram 26th July.

New Discovery House.

Confirm electrical instruments are available.

Secretary

P/L : RB/IM.

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277
Ack 383 in D/K/S/11

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TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

To Crown Agents, London.

Despatched : 3rd August, 19 62 *Time :* 1545

Received : 19 *Time :*

274

No. 256. Your telegram 26th July, 1962.

New Discovery House.

Agree in principle to provision extra deep-freeze chamber at £1,000 and freight subject to funds being made available by Secretary of State.

Secretary

PL : TB

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 3.8.62.

Time: 1545.

Received:

Time:

SG No. 12. Item 42 Dependencies Estimates.

285a
Extension shed and new generator. Request further £1650 be made available. Estimated cost being engine and spares £5600 switchgear £700 feeder panel for switchboard £200 freight foregoing £150 shed including freight £3500 total £10150. Crown Agents request confirmation regarding extension and work has commenced in anticipation. If no authority received by Crown by morning of 7th August work will have to be stopped and shipping opportunity will be lost please advise Crown direct of funds available.

Officer Administering the Government

P/L : RB/IM.

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 3.8.62.

Time: 1545

Received:

Time:

SG No. 13. New Discovery House.

Administrative Officer recommends provision extra deep-freeze chamber owing to changed position South Georgia. Provisions were previously obtained from Whaling Companies. Estimated cost about £1000 and freight. Request that funds be made available and Crown Agents informed.

Officer Administering the Government

See 291.

P/L : RB/IM.

KIV - Last para of 285a.

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See para 2 notes
how can do this

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DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched: 9.8.62

Time: 1633

Received: 10.8.62 Time:

289 SG. No. 10. Your telegram SG. No. 13 New Discovery House.

Understand whaling companies are providing maintenance parties at land station. If so assume deep freeze facilities will still be available to administration, Please confirm.

Secretary of State

ask. AO 292

confirm be considered

for.

GTC : TB

Reply at 323.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

SENT

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	Psy			14.8.62
To				
etat ADMINOFF SOUTH GEORGIA.				SCA/c

282 No. 169. Yourtel No. 202. Provision extra deep freeze chamber
Discovery House stop Secretary of State now telegraph quote
Understand whaling companies are providing maintenance parties at
land station stop If so assume deep freeze facilities will still be
available to administration unquote Grateful your early comment

Secretary

Time HLB/TB

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

CROWN AGENTS

FOR OVERSEA GOVERNMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIONS

EC3/S. Georgia F.I.D. 232

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

TELEPHONE : ABBEY 7730

TELEX No. 24209

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



3rd July, 1962

Dear Sir,

New Discovery House - South Georgia

We enclose copies of drawings Nos. S.74/5M and S.74/6E as prepared and submitted by Messrs. W.J. Simms Sons & Cooke the Contractors for the New Discovery House. The drawings show the plans and elevations of the building as it will be supplied under the terms of the contract now awarded to Simms under authority of Colonial Office letter reference FST.223/15/01 dated 5th June, 1962.

It was the intention to send you copies of the Contractors' tender drawings immediately after the contract was placed, but certain amendments had to be incorporated and the copies of the drawings now enclosed were brought up to date and issued by the Contractor on 27th June, 1962.

There were other drawings submitted with the tender and copies of these, bound with the contract documents will be forwarded to you as soon as possible. A copy of the letter of acceptance sent to the Contractors on the 7th June, 1962, is also attached for your information. This letter will be embodied in the contract documents referred to.

The floor plans of the building shown on drawing No. S.74/5M are the outcome of discussions held with the builders in this Office with due regard to the recommendations made by the Administrative Officer in his letter reference 162 dated 6th February, 1962. It will be seen that a Luggage Room and Dark Room have been provided on the second floor as required by the Administrator. Additionally on the same floor at the east end an extra shower and W.C. has been incorporated to enable, if required, the two bedrooms Nos. 1 and 2 to be partitioned off to form separate accommodation in a similar manner to the bedrooms Nos. 15 and 16 at the opposite end of the building. This feature was considered to add to the utility of the building without adding appreciably to the cost.

On the first floor the Writing Room has been omitted and a Pantry for the Watchman has been incorporated in accordance with the suggestion made by the Administrative Officer. The Dining Room was considered to be rather small and has been enlarged. A small Ward Kitchen has been provided to serve the Hospital at times when the normal kitchen facilities may not be available. Consideration was given to the further suggestion made by the Administrative Officer to have the laundry and drying rooms side by side on the first floor, but, after discussion with the builders it was decided that there would be advantage in having these rooms on the ground floor at boiler room level and not on the first floor at all. Situated at ground floor level as shown on the plan the laundry and drying room will be provided with a granolithic floor as necessary for the function of these rooms and which it was not possible to provide at first floor level. As a result of transferring the laundry and drying room to the ground floor level it has been possible to re-plan the Hospital section at the ground floor level which was previously somewhat cramped.

/Also.....

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

PE/MFA

Also at ground level a ski store has been substituted for the changing room as suggested by the Administrative Officer.

Considerable thought has been devoted to window frames shown in small scale elevation on drawing No. S.74/6E. The Administrative Officer expressed himself in favour of horizontally centre hung pivoted frames on the grounds that cleaning of the windows from the inside would thereby be facilitated. At the outset Simms advocated aluminium framed balanced sash windows and they strongly advised against the horizontally centre pivoted sashes because of the difficulty of sealing the frames against the ingress of driving snow around the upper half of the window which would open inwards. This was recognised to be a valid objection and the centre pivoted sashes were accordingly eliminated. Simms proposal for aluminium sliding sashes was considered but it was felt that there is no evidence that these will perform well in conditions of snow and ice, and furthermore the metal casing of these windows would form a direct thermal conducting path from the interior to the exterior and thus, apart from the heat losses incurred, the frames and casings would be unpleasantly cold to the touch in winter. Another factor was one of high cost of the aluminium sliding sashes and after due consideration it was decided to instruct the builders to submit proposals for orthodox timber casements constructed throughout in hardwood, the design to ensure adequate protection from severe weather conditions, liability of damage in high winds to be kept to a minimum, with provisions, so far as practicable for cleaning from the inside.

Simms then produced a design and made up a prototype window frame of the type shown on drawing No. S.74/6E which, for the main rooms, comprises a large fixed lower light with two top-hung opening lights side by side each secured by a peg end stay. The opening lights are sealed by means of a renewable hemp cord and the top hung lights may be tightly closed when conditions demand or may be partly or fully opened. The glazing consists of Pilkington's hermetically sealed double glazing units and approximately 80 per cent of the exterior glass surface can be cleaned by hand from the inside. The remaining area may be reached for cleaning by means of a small hand mop also from the inside. The window frame is substantially constructed in Keruing hardwood and as the prototype examined was considered to meet the requirements the Contractors have been instructed to proceed with production and timber windows of the type shown on the drawing will therefore be supplied. The specification and accepted tender include for limited protection against rock fall or snow avalanche from the mountains. This protection comprises concrete deflectors adjacent to the exposed timber columns on the north side of the building and also an interceptor ditch not shown on the drawings enclosed with this letter. In addition, it was considered to be expedient to provide a welded mesh fence as shown on drawing No. S.74/5M to keep out seals from underneath the building. This fence is also included.

The small numerals on the floorplans shown on drawing No. S.74/5M serve to identify the furniture, furnishings and equipment generally in accordance with the schedule attached to this letter.

Attention is drawn to the fact that no specialist medical equipment is included other than the general items of furniture for the medical section which are included in the schedule. No information is available on the requirements for specialist medical equipment, nor have any instructions been issued for its supply.

/If.....

If medical equipment is required you are requested to give the earliest possible instructions if practicable by telegraph.

Simms tender when it was received, provided for the erection of the building to be carried out by 20 men and the cost of their food and accommodation to be provided by Messrs. Albion Star (Southampton) Ltd. during a period from October, 1962 to early April, 1963 is included in the contract sum. Simms have stated that they consider that it will be in the best interests of site administration and discipline for their Foreman Supervisor to be accommodated separately from the other 19 men at a convenient place near the site on King Edward Point. This request by Simms was the subject of a telegram sent to you on 28th June and it is hoped that suitable accommodation for the Foreman Supervisor will be found.

The Foreman Supervisor has not yet been officially nominated but Simms have in mind a man who is at present engaged for them on Air Ministry Contracts in Aden.

The contract provides for the Contractor to be allowed free use at all times of the Government tractor and trailer, also the free use of the Government concrete mixer which is understood to be available at South Georgia. Fuel and drivers for these items of plant would be provided by Simms. The following new plant is being supplied by Simms under the contract and the whole of this will revert to Government ownership on signature of the final certificate:-

- a) 1 No. Rubber Tyred Diesel Tractor complete with bulldozer blade/shovel and rear end excavating bucket.
- b) 1 No. flat bottom four wheeled trailer 3 ton capacity.
- c) 2 No. 3 in. Diesel water diaphragm pump with hose.
- d) 1 No. Lattice steel lifting mast complete with winch and ropes.
- e) 2 dozen 50 ft. x 5/8 in. diameter hemp ropes.
- f) 6 No. angle iron stakes.
- g) 12 No. Painters' trestles and battens.
- h) 2 No. 36 ft. long aluminium ladders.
- i) 4 No. 15 ft. long aluminium ladders.
- j) 4 No. 40 ft. x 15 ft. span plywood clad site storage huts.
- k) 1 No. plan chest.
- l) 1 No. bench.
- m) 2 No. electric tea boilers.
- n) 1 No. Toilet hut.
- o) 6 No. shovels.
- p) 12 No. Peat digging spades.
- q) 12 No. Picks.
- r) 6 No. Lump hammers.

- s) 6 No. Sledge hammers.
- t) 2 No. two wheel steel barrows.
- u) 6 No. buckets.
- v) 1 set steel shear legs and 5 cwt. chain blocks.
- w) 12 No. Tarpaulins.
- x) Small tools.

Water, electricity and fuel oil supplies will be required by the Contractor at a relatively early stage of the works at the site. The Contractors will make their own connections to the existing water and electricity supplies.

The existing electric generating capacity is understood to be inadequate for the completed building and you have instituted enquiries with this Office for a new generator. It will be necessary for the extra generating capacity to be available when the builders are in process of commissioning the building early in 1963 prior to handing over to the Government and it is therefore assumed that you will issue appropriate instructions for the supply of the new generator, and any ancillary equipment which may be required. The building contract includes for laying a.06 sq.in. by 4 core P.I.L.C.S.W.A. cable laid underground from the New Discovery House to the existing power house and for fixing in the power house or an extension to it a new 150 ampere triple pole and neutral switch fuse which is to be fed from the busbars of the existing switchboard. No building extension to the existing power house is included.*

The layout of drainage and other services included in the contract will be shown on the further drawings already referred to which are to follow. The contract includes only for the construction of a temporary access road to the New Discovery House with the provision of a piped culvert at one point of the temporary access road.

Yours faithfully,



for the Crown Agents.

* Supplementary
quotation now
being obtained

NEW DISCOVERY HOUSE - SOUTH GEORGIA.

SCHEDULE OF FITTINGS AND FURNITURE SHOWN ON CONTRACTOR'S DRG.NO.S.74/5M

GROUND FLOOR PLAN

LAUNDRY:

- Item 1 - Bendix. *Washing Machine*
- Items 2 & 3 Hoover Keymatic Washing Machines.
- Item 4 - 2 Ironing Boards.
- Item 5 - 2 Electric Irons
- Item 6 - Steam Iron
- Item 7 - Ironing Machine
- Item 8 - Stainless Steel Double Bowl Sink and Drainer.
- Item 9 - Extractor Fan.

DRYING ROOM:

- Item 10 - Hat and Coat Hooks and Back Rail

SKI STORE:

- Item 11 - Ski Racks
- Item 12 - Wash Basin
- Item 13 - Low Level W.C. Suite
- Item 14 - Hat and Coat ^{Hooks} and Rubber Buffer.
- Item 15 - Toilet Roll Holder
- Item 16 - Hat and Coat Hooks
- Item 17 - Two-seater Bench.

LOBBY:

- Item 18 - Matwell and Coir Mat

HALL AND LOBBY:

- Item 19,) - Matwell and Coir Mat
- 20 & 21)
- Item 22 - 5 cwts. Electric Goods Lift.

BOILER ROOM:

- Item 23 - Two 8 ft. x 5 ft. x 4 ft. Cold Water Storage Tanks.
- Item 24 - Central Heating Installation with two boilers, oil feed tank, Calorifiers, Stoker tools etc.
- Item 25 - Hat and Coat Hooks
- Item 26 - Tubular handrail to stairs.

MEDICAL STORE:

- Item 27) - Formica topped benches.
- and 28)
- Items 29 - Formica topped bench cupboards,
- and 30 - drawers and shelves.
- Item 31 - - ditto - with a Belfast sink.
- Item 32 - Extractor Fan and Light Trap.
- Item 33 - Extractor Fan.
- Item 34,) - Boot Scrapers.
- 35 & 36)
- & 37.)

FIRST FLOOR PLAN

RECREATION ROOM:

- Item 38 - Twenty-five Moulded Plastic Seat Stacking Chairs Metal Frame and Rubber Feet.
- Item 39 - Five Card Tables.
- Item 40 - Two 3-seater settees with Vyánide upholstery.
- Item 41 - Sectional Wall Benches Vyánide upholstery.
- Item 42 - Billiard table lighting.
- Item 43 - Points for stage lighting.
- Item 44 - Plywood pelmets and nylon curtain track.
- Item 45 - Patterned Curtains.
- Item 46 - Pedestal ash trays.
- Item 47 - Five table ash trays.
- Item 48 - Fire Extinguisher.

LOUNGE:

- Item 49 - Six Easy Chairs Vyánide upholstery wooden arms.
- Item 50 - 6 Formica top Tables.
- Item 51 - 6 Coffee Chairs Vyánide upholstery
- Item 52 - Two hardwood side tables.
- Item 53 - Two book cases.

BAR:

- Item 54 - Seven bar stools metal legs Vyánide upholstery rubber feet.
- Item 55 - Six coffee chairs
- Item 56 - Formica top bar counter.
- Item 57 - Stainless steel bar sink.

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- Item 58 - Bar back fitting
- Item 59 - Bottle holders and optic measures
- Item 60 - Bar glasses and dishes
- Item 61 - Six table ash trays
- Item 62 - Plywood pelmets and nylon curtain track.
- Item 63 - Patterned curtains.

BAR STORE:

- Item 64 - Softwood stillage
- Item 65 - Wine racks.

LOBBY AND HALL:

- Item 66 - Matwell and Coir Mat
- Item 67 - Cork notice board and frame
- Item 68 - Mahogany desk with drawer
- Item 69 - Stacking chair
- Item 70 - Keyboard with hooks and numbers with lockable glass front
- Item 71 - Wall thermometer
- Item 72 - Wall Barometer
- Item 73 - Pedestal ash tray
- Item 74 - Fire extinguisher

CLOAKS AND CUPBOARD:

- Item 75 - Six broom clips and rail with shelf over
- Item 76 - Six brooms, two hand brushes and two dust pans.
- Item 77 - Hoover Senior vacuum cleaner.

PANTRY:

- Item 78 - Stainless steel sink and drainer
- Item 79 - Electric kettle
- Item 80 - Electric toaster
- Item 81 - Plated teapot
- Item 82 - Plated coffee pot
- Item 83 - Formica topped bench with cupboard and drawers.
- Item 84 - Bread bin.
- Item 85 - Two stacking chairs.

CLOAKROOM:

- Item 86 - Two low level W.C. suite
- Item 87 - Two wash basins.

- Item 88 - Two splashbacks and mirrors
- Item 89 - Hat and coat hooks and buffers
- Item 90 - Two toilet roll holders
- Item 91 - Twelve hat and coat hooks with rail and shelf over
- Item 92 - Roller towel holders.

COLD STORE:

- Items 93)- Combined deep freeze and
and 94) refrigeration cabinet.
- Item 95 - Formica topped work bench and stainless steel sink.
- Item 96 - Butcher's chopping block.

DRY GOODS STORE:

- Item 96 - Softwood racking 5 tiers high with slatted shelves
- Item 98 - Two extractor fans.

KITCHEN:

- Item A - Creda heavy duty electric range with seven cubic feet capacity oven
- Item B - Rotopan steamer
- Item C - Deep fat fryer
- Item D - Heavy duty griller
- Item E - Service counter and hot cupboard
- Item F - Automatic water boiler
- Item G - Stainless steel two bowl sink
- Item H - Hobart potato peeling machine
- Item I - Hobart mixing machine
- Item LB - Wash basin
- Item L - Pan rack
- Item M - Service trolley
- Item N - Stainless steel two bowl washing up sink.

WARD KITCHEN:

- Item O - Two electric kettles
- Item P - Two electric toasters
- Item Q - Creda electric cooker
- Item R - Phosphor platform scale
- Item S - Whitewood table (not shown).
- Item 99 - Two chairs (kitchen)
- Item 100 - Broom cupboard
- Item 101 - Aluminium servery shutter
- Item 102 - Fire extinguisher.

DINING ROOM:

- Item 103 - Six tables with plastic tops and metal legs, rubber feet
- Item 104 - Twenty four stacking chairs
- Item 105 - Plywood pelmets and nylon curtain track
- Item 106 - Patterned curtains
- Item 107 - Sideboard unit
- Item 108 - White china
- Item 109 - Stainless steel cutlery

WARDS 1 & 2 :

- Item 110 - Four hospital beds
- Item 111 - Bedside shelves and locker
- Item 112 - Four stacking chairs
- Item 113 - Two wash basins
- Item 114 - Two splashback and mirrors
- Item 115 - Four bed head lights
- Item 116 - Venetian blinds to windows
- Item 117 - Tubular steel bed screens with plastic covers.
- Item 118 - Plywood pelmets and nylon curtain track with curtains
- Item 118A - Two overbed tables

WARD 3 :

- Item 119 - Table with formica top
- Item 120 - Two stacking chairs
- Item 121 - Venetian blinds
- Item 122 - Wash basin
- Item 123 - Splashback and mirror
- Item 124 - Plywood pelmet, nylon track and curtain

STORE ROOM - MEDICAL SECTION:

- Item 125 - Coat hanging rail with shelf over
- Item 126 - Venetian blinds, curtains and nylon track.

SLOP ROOM:

- Item 127 - Slop sink and cistern
- Item 128 - Formica topped bench
- Item 129 - Bucket tap.

TREATMENT ROOM:

- Item 130 - Formica topped bench with cupboards and drawers
- Item 131 - Four chairs
- Item 132 - Wash basin
- Item 133 - Splashback and mirror
- Item 134 - Venetian blinds.

CONSULTING ROOM:

- Item 135 - Writing desk
- Item 136 - Four stacking chairs
- Item 137 - Book case
- Item 138 - Wash basin
- Item 139 - Splashback and mirror
- Item 140 - Changing cubicle and curtain
- Item 141 - Examination couch
- Item 142 - Table lamp
- Item 143 - Flexible standard lamp
- Item 144 - Venetian blinds
- Item 145 - Hat and coat hooks
- Item 146 - Screen.

MEDICAL STORE:

- Item 147 - Shelves

BATHROOMS AND TOILETS:

- Item 148 - Two wash basins
- Item 149 - Two splashbacks and mirrors
- Item 150 - Hat and coat hooks
- Item 151 - Hat and coat hooks with rubber buffer
- Item 152 - Two low level W.C. suites
- Item 153 - Toilet roll holders
- Item 154 - Bathroom stool
- Item 155 - Bath and fitting and hand shower fitting
- Item 156 - Towel rail.

DOCTORS' LAVATORY:

- Item 157 - Low level W.C. suite
- Item 158 - Toilet roll holder
- Item 159 - Wash basin
- Item 160 - Splashback and mirror
- Item 161 - Towel rail
- Item 162 - Hat and coat hooks.

SECOND FLOOR PLAN

BEDROOMS NOS. 1-16 :

- Item 163 - Bed with drawers under, spring base rubber mattress
- Item 164 - Combined desk and table with drawers
- Item 165 - Two-seater settee with Vy~~n~~ide upholstery
- Item 166 - Wardrobe
- Item 167 - Wash basin
- Item 168 - Splashback and mirror
- Item 169 - Cleaning cupboard
- Item 170 - Shaving shelf plastic top
- Item 171 - Desk chair upholstered Vy~~n~~ide
- Item 172 - Chromium plated towel rail
- Item 173 - Plywood pelmets and nylon curtain track
- Item 174 - Curtains
- Item 175 - Metal waste paper bin
- Item 176 - Table ash tray
- Item 177 - Carpet with rubber underlay
- Item 178 - Deleted

SIX-MAN DORMITORY:

- Item 179 - Six tubular steel beds with spring base and rubber mattress
- Item 180 - Painted softwood wardrobes strengthened tops
- Item 181 - Six stacking chairs
- Item 182 - Six suitcase stands
- Item 183 - Six table ash trays
- Item 184 - Plywood pelmet and nylon curtain track
- Item 185 - Curtains.

LANDING SPACE:

- Item 186 - Two easy chairs upholstered in Vy~~n~~ide
- Item 187 - One occasional table formica top
- Item 188 - Table ash tray
- Item 189 - Ten feet aluminium ladder.

TOILET TO BEDROOM No.1 :

- Item 190 - Wash basin
- Item 191 - Splashback and mirror
- Item 192 - Hat and coat hooks
- Item 193 - Low level W.C. suite

- Item 193A - Toilet roll holder
- Item 194 - Pressed steel shower cubicle

TOILETS:

- Item 195 - Four wash basins
- Item 196 - Four wall mirrors
- Item 197 - Four low level W.C. suite
- Item 198 - Hat and coat hooks with rubber buffer
- Item 199 - Toilet roll holders
- Item 200 - Hat and coat hooks
- Item 201 - Roller towel holders
- Item 202 - Slatted seats
- Item 203 - Pressed steel shower cubicles
- Item 204 - Service duct with access
- Item 205 - Bath with front panel
- Item 206 - Bathroom stool

LINEN ROOM:

- Item 207 - Slatted shelves
- Item 208 - Softwood table
- Item 209 - Step ladder.

DARK ROOM:

- Item 210 - Bench with formica top with shelf under and Belfast sink
- Item 211 - Blackout type extractor fan.

CORRIDOR:

- Item 212 - Fire extinguisher.

BAGGAGE STORE:

- Item 213 - Wall and island racking.

BATHROOM TO BEDROOM NO.16 :

- Item 214 - Bath with front and end panel
- Item 215 - Low level W.C. suite
- Item 216 - Toilet roll holder
- Item 217 - Hat and coat hook
- Item 218 - Bathroom stool.

BROOM CUPBOARD:

- Item 219 - Broom clips with backboard and shelf over
- Item 220 - Six soft brooms

Item 221 - Two hand brushes
Item 222 - Two dust pans
Item 223 - Hoover Senior vacuum cleaner
Item 224 - Six scrubbing brushes
Item 225 - Three mops
Item 226 - Three plastic buckets
Item 227 - Electric floor polisher.

STORE BY BEDROOM NO. 16 :

Item 228 - Shelf

GENERAL:

Aerial : Wireless aerial provided for wave bands
19, 22, 25, 31 and 41 metres.

Heated towel rails provided in all
bathrooms and toilets.

Linen not included.

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CROWN AGENTS

FOR OVERSEA GOVERNMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIONS

EE1 South Georgia F.I.D. 232C

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

TELEPHONE: ADREX 7730

TELEX NO. 24209

4, MILLBANK,

LONDON, S.W.1.

17th July, 1962

Dear Sir,

Extension to Grytviken Power Station

We have to refer to your letter No. D/3/58/II dated 25th May and to your telegram of the 5th July in connection with the new generating plant required for the above power station.

It is confirmed that the orders have been placed with Messrs. Hawker Siddeley Brush International Limited and The New Switchgear Construction Company Limited for the generating plant and switchgear, respectively. Both firms have undertaken to make the plant available for despatch on the vessel "AES" which sails from London early in September next. There is a possibility that the indicating wattmeter and the power factor indicator to be mounted on the switchgear will not be available by this date, but it is understood that one of the B.A.S. ships will be calling at South Georgia later in the year and will be able to transport these instruments for fitting on site at a later date.

A copy of a drawing No. SE 74/9 prepared by W. J. Simms Sons & Cooke showing the proposed extensions to the power station is enclosed. It should be noted that this drawing has been modified slightly in this office in connection with the shape and size of the building extension. Discussions have been held with Mr. Myatt and Mr. Oscroft of the firm, who as you know, has recently returned from South Georgia. We did at first consider that the proposal to extend the building on the righthand side was unsatisfactory and that it would be better to extend on the lefthand side and install the new 100kW. set in the position now occupied by the two compressors. However, it is understood from Mr. Oscroft that this is not acceptable to the personnel on site and furthermore, that it would mean moving the workshop and store which is at present adjacent to the lefthand side of the building. It is also understood that the proposal to move No. 2 set to the new position shown on the drawing has been particularly requested. It is therefore suggested that the position of the new set No. 4 and set No. 2 be as shown on the enclosed sketch. Copies of the building extension drawing and a detailed power station layout will be sent to you in the very near future, but should you not be in agreement with this arrangement would you please notify us immediately. As you will appreciate, there is

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Stanley,
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very little time available for the manufacture of this extension equipment and the firms are proceeding in accordance with the proposed layout. If you should not be in agreement with this would you please notify us by cablegram.

In accordance with your cablegram dated the 5th July, the switchgear manufacturers have been instructed to proceed with the supply of a new feeder panel which will be mounted in the position shown on the enclosed drawing. It is understood from Mr. Oscroft that the original proposal was to reconnect the various loads on the existing feeder panels and make one free to serve the New Discovery House. However, in view of your specific instructions a feeder panel for each has been ordered and it is hoped that you will not find it necessary to countermand these instructions as manufacture is now proceeding. An added advantage to this arrangement is that the new generating set will be adjacent to the new feeder panel and, therefore, it will not be necessary to reinforce the busbars to increase the current carrying capacity.

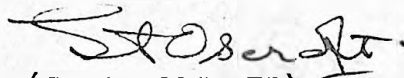
In view of the high temperatures being experienced in the building it is recommended that the radiator with the new set be positioned adjacent to a fan in the wall, which would be provided with adjustable modifications. The motor driven fan would be arranged to extract air from the building across the radiator and out through the louvres. In this way the building would be ventilated to some extent and a build-up of snow prevented in the vicinity of the opening in the wall when the set is running. Furthermore, the radiator will be mounted on a concrete plinth approximately 4ft. above the floor level. Again, to clear any build-up of snow that might occur when the set is not running and the louvres closed. It is hoped that you will agree with this suggestion.

In view of the inherent vibration existing with three cylinder engines it is proposed that a new set should be provided with combined underbase and anti-vibration mountings which will come between the underbase and the concrete foundation.

The approximate weight of engine and generator complete with baseplate and generator would be in the region of nine tons, but it is assumed that there would be difficulty in handling a case of this weight and it is therefore proposed to ship the engine, alternator and baseplate separately. The set will, however, be lined-up at the firm's works prior to despatch.

As mentioned above, copies of the order will be sent to you in the near future, but should you have any comments to make on the proposed layout etc. would you please notify us as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,



(G. A. OSCROFT)
for the Crown Agents.

GAO/MK

South Georgia F.I.D. 232/1.

17th July, 1962.

For The Attention Of Mr. W. H. Young.

Dear Sirs,

With reference to your letter of 1st June, and to our various telephone conversations, we confirm that arrangements have been made to deliver a prefabricated building of approximately 1700 tons measurement and 850 tons dead weight to the A.E.S. in London not later than 8 a.m. on 3rd September, for shipment to the Government Jetty, King Edward Point, South Georgia. It is also confirmed that passages are required for 20 men by this vessel.

It is noted that the following conditions will apply:

Freight at \$10 per ton measurement.

Passages at \$100 per man.

Demurrage at \$250 per day if vessel is delayed in London owing to late arrival of cargo.

Four clear working days allowed at South Georgia, thereafter demurrage at \$250 per day.

Cost of discharge at South Georgia to be for our expense and labour to be provided by the 20 builders' men.

A Berthing Plan for the "A.E.S." is being forwarded to the builders, Messrs. W. J. Simms Sons and Cooke Ltd., of Nottingham, who have been asked to allocate the accommodation and to advise details.

A breakdown of the cargo is expected from the Contractors within the next two weeks and you will be advised as soon as it is received.

Yours faithfully,

For the Crown Agents.

The Falkland Islands Trading Co. Ltd.,
120 Pall Mall,
London, S.W.1.

TAC/JMH.

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TELEX NO. 24209

4. MILLBANK,

LONDON, S.W.1.



20th July, 1962

Dear Sir,

New Discovery House - South Georgia

in envelope
attached
We refer to the letter sent from this Office dated 3rd July, 1962, and now enclose single copies each of the contractor's drawings Nos. S.74/5P and S.74/6S. These drawings now incorporate certain amendments which were noted on the prints, but not amended on the originals of the drawings sent with the letter of 3rd July.

Referring to the list of furnishings and equipment attached to the letter of 3rd July, Simms have now written to say that the furniture manufacturers have advised against the use of Vyanide covering for the upholstery. It will be that Vyanide was specified by the Administrative Officer. The manufacturers state that better results will be secured by using a material known as Duracour manufactured by Courtaulds. The material is durable and may be cleaned by sponging. The recommendation for this substitute material has been accepted although the cost will be slightly more amounting to approximately £1.5.0. each per chair. There are, however, other variations to the cost of the furniture and equipment due to the fact that certain items included in the Tender for furniture and equipment were subsequently revealed either to be unsuitable or unobtainable in the time required and some substitutions had to be made. In some cases there was a saving in cost and in others the cost was slightly more. A statement of the adjustments is to be made by the contractors.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "Simms".

for the Crown Agents.

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

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313
DECODE.

No. 13/276.

TELEGRAM.

From Crown Agents, London.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 14th August, 1962 *Time :* 1332

Received : 14th August, 1962 *Time :*

156 in Vol. I
attached
New Discovery House our letter 19th December, 1961.
Final paragraph. Will you please nominate engineers
representative to supervise works at site under clause
two contract document sent 25th July.

Crown.

KIV - Mail from 294.

PL:TB

3/4.

He should first get a reply to bottom of page 2 of

Wp of base 3 (295 & 296) from AO

No other action seems feasible on the plans.

I have discussed the electrical ones with SPED who
considers them all satisfactory.

I think we should now send a telegraphic acknowledgment

saying we agreed to a further reply from AO on ~~retrieval~~

medical

at least. All appears satisfactory and we

have no means of sending copies of plans to AO and
arranging to send copies to AO by the AFS

Also to answer to 3/3 to "A.O."

8/12/62

AFS - 1000 - 1000

315
DECODE.

No. 53/307.

TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 16th August, 1962 *Time :* 1240

Received : 16th August, 1962 *Time :* 1500

293
No. 213. Your telegram No. 169. Deep freeze chamber Discovery. Manager Grytviken confirms that as long as company keep maintenance crew deep freeze facilities should be available to Government but he is unable to state what company's future policy will be after the end of this season or what the position would be if station was sold. Leith Harbour have shut down their freezing store and draw supplies from Grytviken. With the future of the present whaling companies so uncertain and if Japanese took over whether or not the facilities would be available or even desirable for us to be under obligation to them are matters which would seem to indicate that the provision of extra deep freeze now might be wise precaution and possibly less expensive than if done later.

Administrative

PL:TB

DECODE.TELEGRAM.

No. 47/338.

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

Despatched : 17th August, 19 62. *Time :* 1302*Received :* 17th August, 19 62. *Time :* 1445

Generator shed extension South Georgia Simms have been given foundation details of new No. 4 generator. We assume your electrical engineer will furnish Simms with foundation details from old drawings for existing No. 2 generator which is to be moved. Please confirm.

Crown

P/L : LH

Reply at 331.

DECODE.

No. 49/340.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE *to* GOVERNOR

Despatched: 17.8.62 *Time:* 1300 *Received:* 17.8.62 *Time:* 1445

PRIORITY.

No. 69. Firm providing labour to erect buildings in South Georgia have asked whether 1960 Workmen's Compensation Ordinance is applicable in Dependencies. Position seems obscure, grateful clarification.

Dis. with R.S.C

Secretary of State

G.T.C. : TB
TYPED. : LH
(Intld.) HLB

Reply at 333.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	Psy			18.8.62
To				
etat CROWN LONDON				
SGH/c				

312 No. 276. Yourlet EC3/8 Georgia FID 232 of 3rd July 1962 stop New Discovery House subject to further reply from Administrative Officer on medical equipment all appears satisfactory stop I have no means of sending copies of plans to Administrative Officer and should be grateful if you would send him copies by AES stop Yourtel 14th August nominate Administrative Officer South Georgia under clause two contract document

Secretary

Time RB/TB

315 - Pass to S of S.

317 - SPE for activity.

NFA

or

18/8/68

But now there is more in

20/8

316 12-11 for ref.

318 AS C for activity. 319

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 22.8.62 Time: 1000 Received: Time:

291

SG No. 16. Your telegram SG No. 10. Deep freeze chamber Discovery Manager Grytviken confirms that as long as company keep maintenance crew deep freeze facilities should be available to Government but he is unable to state what companys future policy will be after the end of this season or what the position would be if station was sold. Leith Harbour have shut down their freezing store and draw supplies from Grytviken. With the future of the present whaling companies so uncertain and if Japanese took over whether or not the facilities would be available or even desirable for us to be under obligation to them are matters which would seem to indicate that the provision of extra deep freeze now might be wise precaution and possibly less expensive than if done later.

Officer Administering the Government

P/L : RB/LH

324.

R. S. C.,

Would you advise on f 318, as indicated at f 320, pl?

J.

for C. S.

22. 8. 62.

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Hon. Col. Sec.,

The Workmen's Compensation Ordinance, 1960, has not been applied to the Dependencies, therefore the Workmen's Compensation Ordinance (Cap. 79) is still alive as far as the Dependencies are concerned.

J. B.

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	Psy			23.8.62
To				
	etat CROWN LONDON			SGA/c

313 No. 283. Mytel 276 Suggest further that any other papers concerning New Discovery relevant supervisor of work at site and copy of any agreement with Albion Star covering work or accommodation might be sent direct to Administrative Officer South Georgia by AES

Secretary

Time Copied LH

Original in D/1/58/II

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327. I have made no order in D/5/62

but copies of the telegram & independent correspondence
will be needed in this file.

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28/3/62.

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Wt P2809 5/61

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	Psy			28.8.62
To				
etat CROWN LONDON				SGA/c

317 No. 292. Yourtel 17th August Quigley on leave will know if there are drawings in South Georgia stop If not McLarens could furnish but Gutteridge thinks there should be no difficulty in taking details of existing base

Secretary

Time 2100/1H

DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 29.8.62

Time: 1515

Received:

Time:

318

No. 106. Your telegram No. 69. Workmens Compensation Ordinance 1960 not applied to Dependencies and old Ordinance which appeared at Cap. 79 of Laws of Falkland Islands still in force there.

Officer Administering the Government

P/L : RHDM/LH

See
all actions sent to the
x we can look for replies
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30/8/62.

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No. 30.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched: 30.8.62 Time: 1824 Received: 31.8.62 Time: 1030

323

SG. No. 12. Your telegram S.G. No. 16. Deep freeze chambers.

I cannot agree with provision this year but will reconsider next if any alteration in position Grytviken.

Secretary of State

337
SOwb AO
8 1/2/62

GTC. TB
TYPED LH

BRITISH ANTARCTIC SURVEY

E.C.3. (Mr. Elliott)

New DISCOVERY HOUSE, South Georgia

In Mr. Sloman's absence I am replying to your Minute of 17th July. If we are to transport the twenty men as suggested a special voyage of the RRS SHACKLETON ~~from Stanley to Grytviiken~~ will be necessary. This may cost something in the order of £1,000, taking into account ship's time, fuel, food and the salaries of Survey men for 8 days - since they will be held that much longer in our employ.

Such a voyage could be expected in the period 1st - 14th April. I am afraid no closer estimate of the time can be given now since we are unable to foresee the ship's movements at the end of next season.

The Survey's ships cannot undertake to transport these men from Stanley to the United Kingdom since they will be filled with our own men returning.



DIRECTOR.

3rd August 1962

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TELEPHONE : ABBEY 7730

TELEX No. 24209

4, MILLBANK,

LONDON, S.W.1.



13th August, 1962.

Dear Sir,

Extension to Grytviken Power Station

284 We have to refer to our telegram dated 1st August from which you will note that certain difficulties are being experienced with this equipment and it has been necessary to make some concessions in order that the special delivery requirements may be met.

It is unfortunately not possible for the alternator to be forwarded to the engine makers works for lining up with the engine on the combined bedplate and it is hoped that this work can be undertaken on site. As mentioned the firm will provide all necessary drills and reamers together with full instructions to enable this to be done. A crankshaft alignment gauge will also be provided. We recall that Mr. E. Gutteridge assisted with the original installation at South Georgia and it is hoped that he will be available to advise on the new installation if this should be considered necessary.

A further difficulty arises in connection with the detailed arrangement of the existing plant on site as it is understood that certain modifications were made to the power station arrangement drawing prepared by the firm for the original project. It was because of this that the firm have suggested that the pipework for compressed air and fuel supplies be despatched in random lengths together with a selection of elbows, tees, etc. to enable the pipework to be tailored on site. All necessary dies etc. to enable this work to be done will also be supplied. There is also the question of resiting the 75 KW Generating Set No. 2 and here again a sufficient quantity of pipework will be supplied which will also allow for the possible repositioning of the daily service fuel tank associated with this set. We have, however, erred on the side of safety here and it is likely that the pipework being supplied will be in excess of the actual requirements but it is assumed that this will be preferable to insufficient quantity being available.

The cable connections between Set No. 2 and the Switchboard will also have to be extended and we have ordered completely new cable for the main connections as it is thought that this will be preferable to a "cable insert" although this will mean breaking down both alternator and switchboard cable boxes. A sufficient quantity of cable and jointing materials to enable this to be done are being provided.

The new building extension has been designed to give 10 ft. clearance between the centre lines of the new set and Set No. 2 (in its new position) and an overall clearance of approximately 13 ft. between centre line of the new set and the new gable end wall has also

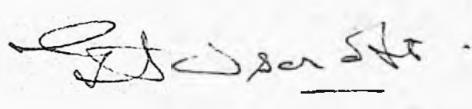
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Colonial Secretary's Office,
Port Stanley,
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been allowed. Since it was felt that the building structure would not be strong enough to support the new daily service fuel tank a special floor mounting stand is being fabricated by H.S.B.I. and this will be positioned in the new extension. A station plant layout drawing is being prepared to show the new plant installed in relation to the existing equipment and it is hoped that this drawing will be available within the next few days. Unfortunately, the drawing office at Mirrlees works are on strike but in view of the extreme urgency of this contract the necessary drawing work is being undertaken by one of the section leaders. A copy of this drawing will be sent to you as soon as possible. Since a remote radiator is being supplied with the new set provision is being made for a wall starter of the "direct on" type with sufficient cable to connect up with No. 7 station feeder panel. To accommodate the extra load on the station feeder a 60 amp fused isolator is being supplied to replace the existing 30 amp switch and this will include the necessary cable tails to the busbars and a 4-way distribution terminal board. A spare fan motor is thought to be desirable and this has also been included in the contract.

As you will see we are endeavouring to supply a full range of accessories, etc. to enable the installation to be completed and it is hoped that you will agree with this action. Should you have any comments to make on the above you will no doubt inform us by cablegram although in view of the very short time at our disposal it is unlikely that any major alterations could be made.

Yours faithfully,



for the Crown Agents

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CROWN AGENTS

FOR OVERSEA GOVERNMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIONS

4, MILLBANK,

LONDON, S.W.1.

17th August, 1962

Dear Sir,

New Discovery House - South Georgia

We refer to the letter sent to you on 3rd July, 1962, when you were provided with copies of the contract documents and drawings for the building.

Your attention was drawn to the fact that no specialist medical equipment was being supplied with the building other than the furnishings for the wards and consulting rooms listed in the schedule attached to the letter of 3rd July.

As no specific instructions on the medical section of the building have been received, the building will be shipped generally as described in the letter of 3rd July. It may be appropriate for consideration to be given to the specialist medical equipment after the building has been erected when a better assessment of the requirements can be made.

The linen to be supplied with the building will be sent unmarked, but sets of linen marking stamps will be supplied. The symbol selected for marking will be "N.D.H. F.I.D.". A hard stamp bearing the same symbol will also be supplied for marking furniture and other movable articles. These stamps will be sent to the Engineers' Representative at the site. *

Yours faithfully,

F. L. L. L.

for the Crown Agents.

* packed
with the linen

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

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TELEX NO 24209

CROWN AGENTS

FOR OVERSEA GOVERNMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIONS

4. MILLBANK,
LONDON, S.W.1

23rd August, 1962.

Dear Sir,

We are writing to inform you that a cheque for £3,000 was received from Messrs. W. J. Simms Sons and Cooke Ltd., Hadyn Road, Sherwood, Nottingham in connection with the building of New Discovery House, South Georgia.

A copy of the letter received from the firm is enclosed and as you will see they have asked for the money to be made available to their representative Mr. A. E. Watt in South Georgia. The £3,000 was credited to the Falkland Islands general account on the 23rd August and to assist the firm perhaps you would be kind enough to arrange for the Administrative Officer, South Georgia to hold the money for release to Mr. Watt against the signed authority provided by him. The firm have been advised that Mr. Watt would have to be responsible for ensuring that each separate item is kept within its limit.

When the building is complete (probably next April) perhaps you would inform this office of the amount paid out to the firm's representative so that the balance may be returned to the firm and also forward the signed authority submitted with each withdrawal so that the firm may allocate the various items correctly.

Yours faithfully,

J. M. Lundie

for the Crown Agents.

The Colonial Secretary,
Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

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No. 204. Following from Crown repeated for information stop
quote Pearce newly appointed steward booked Southern Harvester
13th October unquote

Secretary

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175-181 in attached file.

Time LH

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	Psy			3.10.62
To	etat ADMINOFF SOUTH GEORGIA			SGA/c

No. 214. Please ask Simms whether without upsetting ~~him~~ their arrangements or increasing cost work can be arranged so that other work is done before Power House extension and latter is done after Quigleys arrival stop Quigley expected on Kista Dan

Secretary

Copy to: S/PE.

Time RHDH/LH

Reply at: 379

DECODE.

No. 49.

TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 4th October, 19 62. *Time :* 1725

Received : 5th October, 19 62. *Time :* 1000

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362 No. 254. Your telegram No. 214. Simms agree
work on Power House extension can commence after
Quigleys arrival "Kista Dan". This in fact is
most suitable their working plan.

Administrative Officer

P/L : LH
(Intld.) HLB
Copy to: S/PW.

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~~280~~ No. 217. Following from Crown for information stop Shields newly appointed
375 cook steward South Georgia booked Southern Harvester 13th October

Secretary

Original in P/816
Copy in D/3/58/VI

Time 1H

Bu 18/10/62 mail

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TELEX No. 24209

4, MILLBANK.

LONDON, S.W.1.



5th September, 1962

Dear Sir,

New Discovery House - South Georgia

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We enclose a copy of a letter addressed to Captain D.J. Coleman in his capacity as Engineer's Representative for the New Discovery House contract. The letter was despatched on the A.E.S.

Apart from certain variation orders covering agreed amendments to the Contract and to which reference is made in the letter to Captain Coleman, all documents and drawings necessary to enable Captain Coleman to discharge the duties of Engineer's Representative have been forwarded to him on the A.E.S.

A further set of "as-made" drawings for the Building is being prepared for despatch to you by B.A.S. vessel. Copies of the Contract documents have already been despatched and should now be in your possession.

Concerning the reference in your telegram No. 283 dated the 23rd August to an agreement with Albion Star covering the accommodation of the Builder's men at Grytviken, the position is that although the negotiations with Albion Star were initiated by this Office the final agreement was negotiated between Simms and Albion Star alone for accommodation for the Builder's men over a period from the time of arrival at South Georgia up to and including 30th March, 1963. A letter dated 31st August, 1962, from Albion Star (Southampton) Ltd. commenting on their agreement with Simms states that "Messrs. Simms Sons & Cooke Ltd. have told us that they have no further problems. We have already arranged with them a method of regularly settling accounts!" A copy of the letter has been sent to Captain Coleman for his information.

At the time of writing it is understood that the builders intend to send twenty men and not nineteen as previously advised. It is also understood that there is no intention on employing local labour on South Georgia.

Yours faithfully,

for the Crown Agents.

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

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Copy to:- The Colonial Secretary,
Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

SC3/s. Georgia F.I.D. 232

5th September, 1962

Dear Sir,

New Discovery House - South Georgia

.... We enclose a copy of a letter dated 23rd August, 1962, addressed to Messrs. W.J. Simms, Sons & Cooke Ltd. in which you are nominated Engineers Representative, as defined in Clause 1 (1)(E)(b) of the Contract for all matters arising at the site and the powers and authorities vested in the Engineer are delegated to you under the terms of Clause 2 (2) of the Contract.

The nomination is made under authority of the Colonial Secretary's telegram to Crown Agents No. 276 dated 18th August, 1962.

.... A copy of the Contract documents intended for your use was sent to the Colonial Secretary by air to Montevideo on 25th July, 1962, but as it is not certain whether it has been possible to forward this to South Georgia an additional copy of the document is now enclosed.

.... Also enclosed is a copy of a letter addressed to the Colonial Secretary dated 3rd July, 1962, together with a copy of a Schedule of Furniture and Fittings for the Building as they were shown on the Contractor's drawing No. S.74/5M. Because of the very short period of time available to the Contractor for the manufacture and assembly of materials for shipment, barely three months, it has been necessary to agree to a number of minor modifications being made to the specification as it appears in the Contract document. The specification was drawn up by the Contractors for submission with their Tender and the modifications, which affect materials, equipment and items of furniture have been agreed to mainly in the interests of securing delivery by the specified time, although in other instances alterations have been made either because of the unsuitability of materials offered or for reasons of economy. As the process of minor amendment has been a continuing one right up until the time of shipment it has not been possible to issue variation orders in time for forwarding copies with this letter. Variation orders will be issued and efforts made to send you copies but there can be no certainty that it will be possible to forward them to South Georgia.

The Contractors were instructed to provide you with a set of "as-made" drawings certified by the Inspecting Engineer and these have now been forwarded to the Master of the A.E.S. addressed to you under cover of Simms' letter reference TGM/BMN dated 3rd September, 1962. In the event of discrepancy between a drawing and the specification then it is the drawing which should be followed. All materials and components accepted for shipment are covered by the Inspecting Engineer's passing certificates copies of which are provided for your reference. These certificates will also constitute a valid reference for materials and equipment actually supplied in the event of discrepancy in the specification and in the Schedule of items included in the Tender.

The Linen supplied for the Building was ordered separately and Messrs. W.J. Simms Sons & Cooke carry no responsibility for it.

/Marking....

Captain D.J. Coleman,
Engineer's Representative for the
New Discovery House Contract,
SOUTH GEORGIA.

PE/MFA

Marking stamps have been supplied for the Linen and also a hard stamp for marking furniture and movable items of equipment. The impression made by these stamps is 'N.D.H. F.I.D.'.

.... The Contract document makes no reference to the extension to the Generator House which was the subject of separate instructions to Simms in letters dated 6th July, 1962 and 10th August, 1962, copies attached. Simms' activities on the Generator Shed extension are confined to the building works, also the installation of the internal and external lighting of the shed extension, but do not extend to any work connected with the installation of the new generator or for the removal and re-installation of the existing McLaren generator.

.... Simms drawing No. S.74/85A a copy of which is attached and which shows the foundations for the generator shed extension only includes foundation details of the new Mirrlees generator. The builders will need to be provided with constructional details for the foundation of the existing McLaren generator and it is understood from the Colonial Secretary, also from Mr. Quigley, who called at this Office while on leave, that it should be possible to furnish this information from particulars already available at South Georgia. The Contractors have nominated Mr. A.E. Watt as their Foreman Supervisor.

Your attention is drawn to the Demurrage Charge of £250 per day payable for delay to the A.E.S. at South Georgia after four days from the time of arrival of the vessel. It is estimated by the Master that the discharge of the cargo at Government Wharf, Grytviken should be completed in seven days and in order to expedite the unloading Simms' contract has been extended to allow five of their men to work in the ship's holds during off-loading. These men will work under the direction of the Mate. Ship's derricks will be operated entirely by the crew.

The Contract makes no provision for the employment of local labour.

X Simms have concluded their own arrangements with Messrs. Albion Star (Southampton) Ltd. for the accommodation of their men including the Foreman Supervisor, Mr. Watt, and Simms are responsible for paying for food and accommodation while their men are at South Georgia from the date of arrival up to and including 30th March, 1963. The agreed rate which the builders will pay Albion Star is £2.10s. per man per day and the contract is so based.

.... A suggestion has been made that the builders men might continue to live on board during the period of unloading, about one week. The ship's master is understood to be amenable to this and the arrangement would expedite the unloading. This would be a matter for arrangement by Mr. Watt and the Ship's Master and the cost of the week's accommodation would be to Simms account. The Contractors asked for arrangements to be made for their men to draw money while they are at South Georgia. A cheque for £3,000 has been received from Messrs. W.J. Simms Sons & Cooke and that amount has been remitted to the Colonial Secretary, Stanley, requesting arrangements to be made for the Foreman Supervisor to draw upon the money in South Georgia. The attached correspondence comprising a letter from Messrs. W.J. Simms Sons & Cooke dated 22nd August, 1962, and a letter from this Office to the Colonial Secretary dated 23rd August, 1962, is attached for your information only and not by way of authority for any disbursement to be made since it is anticipated that your instruction

on the matter will be forthcoming from the Colonial Secretary.

It will be seen that the sum of £3,000 is allocated under three headings but the Contractors have been advised that it would be the responsibility of their Foreman Supervisor, Mr. Watt, to keep any necessary record of payments to individuals and for the proper allocation of money to the separate funds.

You will note that the Contract provides for the Government's concrete mixer and tractor and trailer to be made available to the Contractors for their use during the term of the Contract. It was explained to the Contractors that the tractor would be required at times to fulfil other duties but it will no doubt be possible to reach agreement over the use of this equipment after discussion with Mr. Watt when he reaches South Georgia.

A provisional arrangement has been made with the Director, British Antarctic Survey for a special voyage of the R.R.S. Shackleton during the period 1st-14th April, 1963 to take the builders men from South Georgia to Stanley after the expected completion of the building towards the end of March, 1963. It has not been possible, at this stage, to conclude more definite arrangements for the repatriation of the men.

Yours faithfully,



for the Crown Agents.

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

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CROWN AGENTS
FOR OVERSEAS GOVERNMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIONS

EC3/South Georgia F.I.D. 232/1

TELEGRAMS { INLAND : "CROWN, SOWEST, LONDON."
OVERSEA : "CROWN, LONDON SW 1"
TELEPHONE : ABBEY 7730
TELEX No. 24209

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



19th September, 1962.

Dear Sir,

New Discovery House - South Georgia

As you will be aware, the contractors' men who are to erect New Discovery House on King Edward Point, South Georgia, have now left this country. We have had a letter from the contractors, Messrs. Simms Sons & Cooke Ltd., in which they ask for assistance in the matter of overall supervision of the contract in view of the lack of frequent means of communication to South Georgia. The contractors state that this request in no way implies a lack of confidence in the team of men that is now on the high seas but point out that with all overseas contracts, it is the normal practice for senior executives and directors to pay periodical visits with the object of observing the progress and generally assessing the prevailing conditions.

The contractors say: "Obviously, in the case of this contract such visits are likely to be very infrequent and we would therefore much appreciate confidential comments from the Administrative Officer with particular reference to the general state of morale among our erection team. It would be understood, of course, that any comments he might wish to make would in no sense absolve us from our contractual responsibilities and will be of a confidential nature."

It will be appreciated if you would permit the Administrative Officer to co-operate with the contractors in this matter, for which permission we are sure they will be most grateful. A copy of this letter is being sent direct to the Administrative Officer by the next ship calling at King Edward Point.

Yours faithfully,

Reply at 401.

[Signature]
for the Crown Agents.

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

*To AO
pressure we has no objection*

we can let him allow

Ac f

*AO BG hasn't received
the other letter dated 24th
Sept. Bill for a short
period?*

ALMCC/MUR

Copy sent to AO. sg.

Yes Bill for annex of Harwick

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DECODE.

No. 25.

TELEGRAM.

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From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 3rd November, 1962. *Time :* 1250

Received : 19 *Time :*

IMMEDIATE.

No. 280. For H.E. It is with deep regret I have to inform Your Excellency that Mr. Watt Simms supervisor died suddenly from natural causes about 2 a.m. this morning the 3rd November. Mr. H. Brown Director Simms has been notified. His telegraphic address Contracts Nottingham. Crown Agents have also been informed. Mr. A. Redden Foreman in charge quite capable of completing contract and will be given all assistance possible in clerical matters.

Administrative Officer

P/L : IH

'Phoned.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Governor

To Adminoff, South Georgia.

Despatched : 3rd November, 1962. Time : 1500

Received : 19 Time :

No. 237.

Your telegram No. 280.

Intend visiting you early in New Year H.M.S. Protector.
I am sure I could arrange for Chaplain to hold service in
cemetery if you think this would be appreciated. Please
advise.

GTC : SC

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Reply at 395.

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DECODE.

No. 51.

TELEGRAM.

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From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 6th November, 19 62. Time : 1250

Received : 6th November, 19 62. Time : 1445

No. 282. For your information reference Watts death. Understand Watt called Doctor approximately 1 a.m. 3rd November complaining of pains in chest. Doctor was in attendance at time of death approximately 2 a.m. cause of death as shown on certificate of death myocardial infarction.

(infection?)

Administrative Officer

~~5.6 for information.~~

P/L : LH

infarction is right = coronary thrombosis

DECODE.

No. 50.

TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Governor, Port Stanley.

Despatched : 6th November, 19 62. Time : 1250

Received : 6th November, 19 62. Time : 1445

No. 283. Your Excellency's telegram No. 237.

Arrangement you suggest would be very much appreciated by all concerned.

Administrative Officer

P/L : LH

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G.E.
389 390
394 & 395 for information

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REAT : CANTONERS NOTTINGHAM

A/C HG

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MY TELEGRAM 3RD SNOB INTEND VISITING SOUTH GEORGIA IN HIS PROTECTOR
EARLY JANUARY WHEN I WILL ARRANGE FOR CHAPLAIN HOLD SERVICE AT
CEMETERY

GOVERNOR

Time

DECODE.

No. 53.

TELEGRAM.

From Crown Agents, London.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 8th November, 19 62. *Time :* 1726

Received : 9th November, 19 62. *Time :*

Following for Administrative Officer South Georgia.

Your telegram November 3rd Simms have appointed Redden as supervisor and appreciate your offer of assistance in clerical matters.

Crown

P/L : LH

406
397
King Edward Point,
South Georgia.

Ref.162

20th November 1962.

Sir,

New Discovery House.

In spite of adverse weather conditions, frequent high winds and snow, work on this contract is proceeding in a most satisfactory manner. Up to date:-


The external structure is erected
All roof trusses are in position
All side and end panels are in position and the painting thereof in progress
Double glazed windows are being fitted
Under-floor central heating services and radiators are in position
Chimney erected
All under-floor plumbing services are in position and plumbing fixtures are being assembled
All services, water, power and oil are connected to existing services and laid to site
Under-floor wiring in progress
Power house extension, foundations excavated and timber form being prepared.

All tradesmen seem keen and interested in their work.
The standard of work to date is good.

I enclose two photographs showing construction stage where a. upper and end side panels not yet in position, and b. with only part of the roof trusses in position.

I am, Sir,

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407
See
Your obedient servant,


Administrative Officer,
South Georgia.

His Excellency the Governor
Falkland Islands and Dependencies,
Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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	Psy			4.12.62.
To	Etat ADMINOFF SOUTH GEORGIA			SG A/c

406

No. 266 Thank you for interesting report and photos

New Discovery House stop Very glad all is going so well

GOVERNOR

Time LPA/ER

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12.12.62

DECODE.TELEGRAM.

No. 45.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 5th January, 19 63. Time : 1255

Received : 19 Time :

No. 3. Following telegram sent to Crown.

"New Discovery House South Georgia. Have directed suspension painting of all interior plywood walls. Salt like substance penetrating undercoated, painted and non undercoated plywood walls. Your urgent comments required before painting recommenced" ends.

Administrative Officer

P/L : IM
(Intld.) DM

KIV 400

400 ⁴⁰² Contact Mads scrubbing
WFA on Mads

4-05

G.S. 403 for information. Alarming, but we
cannot do anything at present.

82
7/1/63

4-06

ACE

S.P.W. & Mads might have
ideas on cause.

SPW

407

BA-8.1.63

Please see 403 & 406

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8/1/63

Hon. Col. Sec.

It appears that moisture absorbed in the building panels is finding its way to the surface forming an alkali and incrustation on the surface of the plywood.

There are various sealers to counteract this and usually recommended by the paint manufacturers because of the difference in the make up of their paints.

I suggest an immediate remedy of first completing the erection of the building and getting what heating they can working to dry it out. Then sponge down the walls with a damp cloth and clean water, leave it for a few weeks keeping under observation and if necessary sponging at intervals if further incrustation appears. When all signs have disappeared painting can commence.

J. P. Sinton
Supt. of Works.

10th January, 1963.

D/3/58/II

10th January, 63.

To: Administrative Officer,

From: Colonial Secretary,

SOUTH GEORGIA.Discovery House

403 Your telegram No. 3. I append a minute from the Superintendent Public Works:-

"It appears that moisture absorbed in the building panels is finding its way to the surface forming an alkali and incrustation on the surface of the plywood.

2. There are various sealers to counteract this and usually recommended by the paint manufacturers because of the difference in the make up of their paints.

3. I suggest an immediate remedy of first completing the erection of the building and getting what heating they can working to dry it out. Then sponge down the walls with a damp cloth and clean water, leave it for a few weeks keeping under observation and if necessary sponging at intervals if further incrustation appears. When all signs have disappeared painting can commence."

(Sgd.) H. L. Bound.

for COLONIAL SECRETARYLP/TB.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

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403 No. 8. Yourtel 3 Superintendent of Works advises moisture absorbed in building panels is surfacing and forming alkali and incrustation on plywood surface stop Suggests completion of building and getting heating working to dry panels out stop Then sponge walls damp cloth clean water leaving for a few weeks under observation sponging further if incrustation reappears stop When all clear recommence painting



Secretary

BY 20.1.63

Time DEM/LH

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DECODE.

No. 77.

TELEGRAM.

From Crown Agents, London.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 11th January, 19 63. *Time :* 1732

Received : 12th January, 19 63. *Time :* 1015

Following for Administrative Officer South Georgia.

Yourtels January 5th and 10th. Salt deposit on plywood caused by dampness on pyrolih treatment. Trouble should be stopped by thorough drying if central heating available. Contractors recommend that painting continue and their men make good any places if paint flakes.

Crown

P/L : LH
(Intld.) DM

DECODE.TELEGRAM.

No. 133.

FromAdministrative Officer, South Georgia.*To*Colonial Secretary, Stanley.*Despatched* : 12th January, 19 63. *Time* : 1155*Received* : 19 *Time* :

410

No. 12. Your telegram dated 11th January 1963 reference New Discovery painting. Please convey my thanks to Superintendent of Works for helpful advice. Have now recommenced interior painting as up to date it appears only four interior plywood walls affected. Central heating now working on second floor so if cause due to dampness this may eliminate. Interior walls were stowed in open and subject to much rain plus the fact that they were treated with pyrolith salts this combination may have caused trouble. Hoping there will be no recurrence.

Administrative Officer

P/L : IH
(Intld.) DM

416)

400 has been dealt with / had a minute
about 4 warrants for help a reward in 4
file of where documents were kept
The other found about AO's key is
mentioned on in 4 S.S. Panges file / then 2
NFA on marks

415 for information of SPW on return
BU 22/1
or 17/1/63

BU 22 1. 63

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To	etat ADMINOFF ZBH			SGA/c

No. 14. Have 1 parcel belonging building project containing 2 short lengths wire bound rubber hose which unfortunately missed mail am sending Protector

Secretary

Bu. 22. 1. 63.

Time

DRM/LH

DECODE.TELEGRAM.

No. 188.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 18th January, 19 63 Time : 1730

Received : 19th January, 19 63 Time : 1000

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No. 18. Albion Star South Georgia have presented Simms supervisor with account for £220 10s for overtime for their catering staff for hours worked before 6 a.m. and after 6 p.m. This works out at £4 10s per day in addition to the £2 10s per day per man charge. Albion South Georgia state that Albion Southampton contacted Crown Agents who agreed payment. I have had no information on this from Crown Agents. Grateful you contact Crown Agents on this matter.

Administrative Officer

at 6th 6m
JZ

F/L : LH
(Intld.) DM

Reply at 423

DECODE.TELEGRAM.

No. 51.

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

Despatched : 25th January, 1963. Time : 1358

Received : 26th January, 1963. Time :

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Your telegram No. 15, January 23rd. " Albion Star account for overtime should be rendered to Simms who have claimed reimbursement at end of contract. We have not yet agreed to meet claim especially as if contract finishes early Simms could meet overtime costs from saving on normal payments to Albion Star. "

Crown

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E/L : III
(Intld.) DM

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DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

No. 53.

From Crown Agents, London.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 8th February, 19 63. *Time :* 1343

Received : 9th February, 19 63. *Time :* 1020

Following for Administrative Officer South Georgia.

Your telegram February 5th New Discovery House.
Cleaning required to reasonable interpretation clause
25 of conditions of contract. Floors windows and
plastic faced surfaces to be washed if necessary to
reach satisfactory standard. Furniture to be free
of dust.

Crown

P/L : LH
(Intld.) HLB

Please repeat to A.O.
(Intld) HLB

See 425

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DATE OF THIS LETTER SHOULD BE
QUOTED IN COMMUNICATIONS.

EC, South Georgia F.I.D. 232.

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.

15th January, 1963.



Dear Sir,

New Discovery House

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401 Further to our letter of 19th September, 1962, and to your reply of 19th December, we received on the latter date a telegram from the Administrative Officer, South Georgia, signifying that the erection of the New Discovery House is proceeding satisfactorily and that moral and discipline is good amongst the Contractor's men.

This information was passed to Messrs. Simms Sons & Cooke Ltd. and they are gratified to have the Administrative Officer's report.

Yours faithfully,

W. Poynter

for the Crown Agents.

See...

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

P/FJH

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I M M E D I A T E

ADDRESSED : GOVERNOR
CARE OF CAPTAIN PROCTOR
VFC RADIO

FOR Y.E. INFORMATION FOLLOWING CABLE RECEIVED BY REDDEN FROM SIMMS
" RE GOVERNORS CABLE B57 . AFTER NEW DISCOVERY CONTRACT COMPLETION TO
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES SATISFACTION WE SHALL BE GLAD IF YOU WILL COOPERATE
BY COMPLYING WITH HIS REQUEST FOR MEN'S SERVICES TO BE EMPLOYED BY GOVERNMENT
ON ODD JOBS UNTIL HOME BOUND SHIP ARRIVES . KEEP COMPLETE SIGNED INSTRUCTIONS
RECORDS OF LABOUR ETC FOR FINANCIAL SETTLEMENT TO BE AGREED IN U.K. CONTACT
GOVERNOR IMMEDIATELY "

RESPECTFULLY SUGGEST TO Y.E. THAT REPLY ON FOLLOWING LINES MIGHT CLARIFY
SITUATION .

" CABLE WAS NOT INTENDED TO MEAN GOVERNMENT ENGAGING IN FURTHER CONTRACT WITH
SIMMS AS FUNDS ARE NOT AVAILABLE FOR SUCH A CONTRACT . NEITHER WAS IT INTENDED
TO EXTEND EXISTING CONTRACT BY SIGNED INSTRUCTIONS . IT WAS ONLY INTENDED
TO GIVE MEN OPTION OF DOING ODD JOBS FOR LOCAL ADMINISTRATION . THE BASIS
OF AGREEMENT TO BE BETWEEN THOSE MEN WILLING TO WORK AND LOCAL ADMINISTRATION
AND PAYMENT TO BE MADE LOCALLY TO THOSE MEN CONCERNED . YOUR APPROVAL
REQUIRED BUT MUST POINT OUT IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO AGREE TO CONDITIONS AS
OUTLINED IN THIS CABLE MEN WILL BE IDLE AS FROM COMPLETION NEW DISCOVERY
CONTRACT TO DATE OF SAILING "

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

SOUTH GEORGIA

DIST: HE 1.3. LOG

IN VFC PL

TOR 3820Z

P.C. 19/2/63

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CABLE WAS NOT INTENDED TO MEAN GOVERNMENT ENGAGING IN
FURTHER CONTRACT WITH SIMMS AS FUNDS ARE NOT AVAILABLE
FOR SUCH A CONTRACT stop NEITHER WAS IT INTENDED TO
EXTEND EXISTING CONTRACT BY SIGNED INSTRUCTIONS stop IT
WAS ONLY INTENDED TO GIVE MEN OPTION OF DOING ODD JOBS
FOR LOCAL ADMINISTRATION stop THE BASIS OF AGREEMENT TO
BE BETWEEN THOSE MEN WILLING TO WORK AND LOCAL
ADMINISTRATION AND PAYMENT TO BE MADE LOCALLY TO MEN
CONCERNED stop YOUR APPROVAL REQUIRED BUT MUST POINT
OUT IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO AGREE TO CONDITIONS AS
OUTLINED IN THIS CABLE MEN WILL BE IDLE AS FROM
COMPLETION NEW DISCOVERY CONTRACT TO DATE OF SAILING

GOVERNOR

Reply at 431

Time

EPA/ER.

Telegram to Simms Sons & Cooke Ltd.

DECODE.

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No. 42.

TELEGRAM.

From W.J. Simms Sons & Cooke Ltd., Nottingham.

To Governor, South Georgia.

Despatched : 21st Feb., 1963. *Time :* 1416

Received : 22nd Feb., 1963. *Time :* 1300

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Re cable B92 regret misunderstanding. We agree to mens optional employment doing odd jobs for and to be paid by local administration. Insurance policy have been adjusted to cover. Redden notified.

Simms

P/L : LH
(Intld.) DM

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

No. 207.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia,

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 23rd February, 19 63. Time : 1145

Received : 19 Time :

No. 44. For Governor. Pleased to report to Y.E. New Discovery contract completed to entire satisfaction 22nd February. Now moving in equipment and food stores and hope to have official opening latter part next week.

Administrative Officer

See 434

Record

P/L : LH

K.I.V. News Item

(Intld.) HLB

Phoned R.S.

26.2.63

DECODE.

No. 208.

TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 23rd February, 19 63. *Time :* 1145

Received : 19 *Time :*

No. 45. New Discovery contract. Before final settlement between Crown Agents and Simms Crown Agents should be requested to forward all documents to Governor for checking so that variations damaged goods and shortages can be assessed.

Administrative Officer

P/L : LH

Vide 7 H-L has
sent a telegram.
5/2/63

Rel for this KIV 7

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

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48. I am delighted to hear that new Discovery House completed to entire satisfaction and great credit is due to Redden and Simms employees for a notable achievement and to you for your excellent work of supervision stop Paragraph 2 This fine new building should make living conditions far more comfortable for single men but I think it should do more than this and the amenities provided in the lounge etc should be enjoyed by all at the Point stop Paragraph 3 I wish every good fortune to the house and all who live in it and enjoy it

GOVERNOR

Time EPA/ER

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To	etat ADMINOFF ZBH			SGA/c

No. 49. Following received from Simms in reply to telegram sent as in your draft to Governor begins re cable B92 regret misunderstanding stop We agree to mens optional employment doing odd jobs for and to be paid by local administration stop Insurance policy have been adjusted to cover stop Redden notified ends

Time EPA/LH

Secretary

DECODE.

No. 222.

TELEGRAM.

436

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 27th February, 19 63. *Time :* 1830

Received : 28th February, 19 63. *Time :* 1030

No. 48. For Governor.

For Your Excellency's information New Discovery House will be officially opened on Saturday the 2nd March.

Administrative Officer

P/L : LH
(Intld.) DM

DECODE.

No. 230.

TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 28th February, 1963. *Time* 1250

Received : 28th February, 1963. *Time :*

435 No. 49. Your telegram No. 49.

Simms men now engaged on odd jobs as
agreed by H.E.

Administrative Officer

P/L : LH
(Intld.) DM

H.C.S.

On my recent visit to South Georgia, I went all over New Discovery House more than once. It is a magnificent building and the only pity is that it was not put up several years ago. The single men will be housed very comfortably but I am anxious that the amenities of the building should be available to all on the Point, and that married families should be able to use the lounge etc. and perhaps to have a meal there from time to time. Coleman is going into this.

2. There is one point which worries me: I believe provision has been made for three Cook Stewards, all employed at the same rate of pay. I think this is bound to cause trouble for there will not be one man responsible to the Administrative Officer. I feel there is a case for employing a Chief Cook Steward at a somewhat higher salary than the other two. I believe we have an indent in now for another Cook Steward, and I should be grateful if you would go into this and let me know the position.

March 1, 1963.

781

F. I. ref: D/3/58/11

C. O. ref:

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SAVING TELEGRAM.

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

To: The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Date: 14th 1, 1963.

No. S. 1. SAVING.

NEW DISCOVERY HOUSE, SOUTH GEORGIA.

Under the contract with Messrs. W. J. Simms, Sons & Cooke Ltd., Captain Coleman, the Administrative Officer at South Georgia, was nominated as Engineer's Representative to supervise works at site. New Discovery House has now been completed to his entire satisfaction, and handed over to Government.

2. The supervision of this building entailed much extra work and a great deal of responsibility for Captain Coleman, and I think some extra remuneration is justified. I do not know what provision the Crown Agents may have included for supervision in their final estimates, but had they had to send someone out from England the cost would have been well in excess of £1,000. In these circumstances, I think it would not be unreasonable to pay Captain Coleman an amount of, say, £400 or £500 for his services.

3. I have recently returned to Stanley after a three day visit to South Georgia, where I was most impressed by the way that the Contractors' men have worked in completing this very fine building approximately one month ahead of schedule, and by the excellent relations that existed between Captain Coleman and Mr. Redden who was in charge of the construction after the death at South Georgia of Simms' Building Supervisor. I think both the Contractors' team and Captain Coleman, the Engineers Representative, have done an excellent job.

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TELEGRAM.

From ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, SOUTH GEORGIA

To GOVERNOR STANLEY

Despatched : 2nd March 19 63 *Time :* 2221

Received : 3rd March 19 63 *Time :*

No. 52. Thank you for your kind message and good wishes on the opening of New Discovery House stop On behalf of all Government staff I would like to convey sincere appreciation of Y.E. foresight and energy which have resulted in such a fine building stop It will do so much to improve living conditions for the men and provide recreational facilities for married families stop On the opening night party a toast was drunk to Y.E. good health.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER.

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March 4, 1963

Gentlemen,

I have recently returned from a visit to South Georgia, and I was most impressed by the work of your team in completing New Discovery House about a month ahead of schedule. They have done an excellent job, and credit is especially due to Mr. Redden who took over the Supervisor's duties after the death of Mr. Watt.

This was a real team effort, and if we could do as well at football I have no doubt we would win the World Cup !

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

(signed)

GOVERNOR

Messrs. W. J. Simms, Sons & Cooke Ltd.
Haydn Road,
Sherwood,
Nottingham.

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G.E.

(am very sorry that my previous minute on 426 was wrong / have now removed it.

Besides the vacancy referred to at 66 of D 18/5/63. for which the last progress report at 74 says that interviews were to be held on 15/2/63.

There is now a vacancy for a Cook Steward for A.O.'s house for which the office is making out an incident and which should be filled by November. We might find out the position about the recruitment now going on & whether the person recruited would be willing to transfer to A.O.'s house in November. If he was willing we could make that an incident for a Chief Steward for November.

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Please send a Telegram inquiring whether a suitable candidate has been recruited. The A.O. was particularly anxious to be present at interviews of candidates for his own house, and nothing should be said about a transfer from here. Discovering to A.O.'s house.

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