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SOUTH GEORGIA FUTURE OF THE
ADMINISTRATION - WITHDRAWAL OF GOVERNMENT
STAFF

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South Georgia Future of Administration

D. J. Cohen: Personal file.

D/2/65

IN CONFERENCE

11 April 1968

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Based on the assumption that the Survey will take over at South Georgia in November 1969, I think it would be as well to let you know the position regarding each post on the existing South Georgia establishment.

Administrative Officer and Magistrate: D.J. Coleman, aged 52.

Coleman is on the permanent and pensionable staff. He will complete 10 years' service at South Georgia on 24th June 1969 at which stage he will have earned a small pension. He will not reach the retiring age of 55 until 7th October 1970. It will be the responsibility of the Government of the Falkland Islands to see that Coleman receives the compensation to which he is entitled on abolition of his post.

Senior Customs Officer and Administrative Assistant: Vacant.

Junior Customs Officer and Administrative Assistant: R.J. Biggs, aged 25.

Biggs is a Falkland Islander who is on the permanent and pensionable staff and he can be absorbed into the Colony establishment once he is no longer required at South Georgia.

Senior W/T Operator: A. McRae, aged 22. On contract until November 1969.

Junior W/T Operator: Vacant.

Senior Diesel Electric Mechanic: J.J. Quigley, aged 34.

He is on the permanent and pensionable staff; the Falkland Islands Government will have a similar responsibility regarding him as it has in the case of Coleman. Quigley's wife is with him in South Georgia. He has informed me that when his services are no longer required in South Georgia he hopes that he might find employment in the United Kingdom under the Ministry of Works.

Assistant Diesel Electric Mechanic: The post is filled on a temporary basis by a Chilean former steward named L. Vera.

Handyman: B.W. Biggs, aged 50. This man is on the permanent and pensionable staff and the Government of the Falkland Islands will have a similar responsibility towards him as it has towards Coleman.

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Sir Vivian Fuchs.

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IN COMPLIANCE

Handyman: H.A. Troppan, aged 35. On contract, expiring in November 1969.

Met Forecaster: Vacant. (Borland has already transferred from South Georgia to the Colony).

Met Assistant: Vacant.

Cook/Steward: A. Smith, aged 51. On contract until February 1969.

Cook/Steward: Mrs A. Smith. On contract until February 1969.

Cook/Steward: Vacant.

Cook/Steward: Vacant.

Sealing Inspector/Biologist: Vacant.

Medical Officer: Dr E. Nowak, aged 63. On contract until 22nd June 1968 when he will be relieved by Dr D.M.A. Taylor on a one-year contract ending in June 1969.

From what I have written above you will see that the South Georgia staff has been run down considerably during the past two years. The Falkland Islands Government will have a continuing responsibility for Colman, R.J. Biggs, Quigley and B.W. Biggs.

In fairness both to pensionable and contract men at South Georgia, I am naturally anxious to give them as soon as may be a firm date with effect from which their services will no longer be required, so that they may start planning their future. I realise that there is still uncertainty about the establishment of a base of the Survey at South Georgia but the need to deal fairly with existing staff is another reason for pressing for a decision.

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STAFF

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Ref.166 C.

- + 1. When BAS take over and the P & P Officers' services are terminated, what will be the terms offered to these officers in respect of loss of employment ?
- + 2. What will be the position of the Falkland Islands P & P Officers. i.e. B.Biggs and R.Biggs. Will they be transferred to Colony Government service or will they be subject to the same terms as may be granted to other P & P Officers.
3. Married officers should be told well in advance their expected date of departure so that they may run down their food stocks and arrange packing of personal and household belongings.
4. BAS should be responsible for shipment to U.K. or Stanley household belongings of married officers, and from U.K. port of discharge to officers home.
5. If possible dates required in respect of phasing out of present staff.

P & P Staff.

Coleman.D.J.(Married)	Will have completed 2 year tour by November 1969.
Biggs. R. (Single)	Will have completed 2 year tour by November 1969.
Quigley.J. (Married)	Due to return from leave in December 1968, will have completed one year tour by November 1969.
Biggs. B. (Married)	Due to return from leave in January 1969, will have completed ten months tour by November 1969.

Contract Staff.

Contract Expires

Dr.S.Nowak	Medical Officer	June 1968
L.Vera.	Asst. Diesel Mechanic	November 1968
M.Guzman	Met.Observer/Handyman	November 1968
N.Tropman	Handyman	November 1969
A.McRae.	W/T Operator	November 1969
Mr & Mrs Smith	Cook/Stewards(present contract ten months)	January 1969

Replacements due in 1968.

Due

Contract to expire.

Acting Senior Diesel Mechanic.	June 1968	November 1969
Medical Officer.	June 1968	November 1969
Met. Observer. (if required)	November 1968	November 1969

D.J. Coleman

Retiring salary £1750

Service 24/6/59 - 30/11/69

10 years 5 months

$$\frac{125 \times £1750}{720} = £304 \text{ p.a.} + \text{additional pension } £29 = £333$$

or reduced pension of £228 p.a. and gratuity of £950

J.J. Quigley

Retiring salary £1250

Service 25/8/55 - 30/11/69

14 years 3 months

$$\frac{171 \times £1250}{720} = £296 \text{ p.a.} + \text{additional pension } £81 = £377$$

or reduced pension of £222 p.a. and gratuity of £925

R.J. Biggs

Retiring salary £730

Pensionable service 18/2/65 (20th birthday)
- 30/11/69

4 years 9 months

$$\frac{57 \times £730}{720} = £57.5 \times 5 = £288$$

gratuity £288.

B.W. Biggs

Retiring salary £700

Pensionable service 9/1/54 - 30/11/69

15 years 10 months, 190 complete months.

$$\frac{£700 \times 190}{720} =$$

£185 per annum or gratuity of £577 and reduced pension of £138 p.a.

(Approximate calculations)

to Nov. 1969.

(alteration terms)

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283
52
168
853

file on D/2/65
4 S.

during a discussion

NOTES MADE BETWEEN THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, SOUTH GEORGIA,
AND THE COLONIAL SECRETARY ON THE 18th JUNE, 1968.

The following notes are based on AO's letter, reference 166 C of the 18th April, 1968. I told the AO and all members of his staff that it was expected BAS would take over the management of King Edward Point with effect from November, 1969 and they should plan their personal future around this date.

BUILDINGS AND GENERAL

The AO will continue to paint and maintain buildings up to a modest and reasonable standard. He should undertake no major alterations.

The Administration would not be expected to carry out any alterations for BAS.

The general policy concerning the removal of items useful to the Falkland Islands would be worked out over the next few months but in general the station would be left in a fully equipped condition. There would be no unreasonable removal of attractive items but such tools and equipment as a paint sprayer, JCB, surplus office furniture, typewriters, cabinets and stationery stocks would undoubtedly be shipped to Stanley. High quality carpeting and furniture might also be useful and a special study would be made of this type of item.

Such items as tennis rackets would remain in Georgia where there is a better tennis court than in the Falkland Islands. Though tennis rackets are an unusual item they provide a good example of the reasoning behind the movement or non-movement of stores.

Sporting trophies, historical files, and books suitable for presentation to the Stanley library or for the use of Government House will be removed.

Ideally, a BAS representative should visit South Georgia early in 1969 to give an indication of what will be required at the Point. A visit to Stanley by the AO about March or April 1969 might also be advantageous.

FOOD STOCKS

There should be no undue run down of food stocks. Unconsumed balances might be sold to the incoming BAS party or transferred to Stanley and disposed of by tender. At the worst balances could be written off. BAS should indicate, not later than June 1969, what, if any, food stocks they might wish to take over.

STAFF

Only four permanent and pensionable staff are involved.

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STAFF (Cont.)

They are D. J. Coleman, R. Biggs, J. Quigley and B. Biggs. Extracts from the Pensions Regulations concerning the abolition of office have been prepared and handed to all of them. They have also been informed of their calculated retirement emoluments as at 30th November, 1969, (Folio 67 on main file).

I have promised to look out for jobs in the Falkland Islands' service for R. Biggs, B. Biggs and J. Quigley but have made it clear, both in my discussions with the AO and to the officers personally that no promises of employment can be given. All officers (permanent and contract) have been told to plan their departure date for November, 1969. If this date has to be changed they will be informed as soon as possible. All have been assured that their personal effects will be shipped to a required port of discharge. Officers are under the impression that their baggage allowance on retirement is limited to 60 cubic feet but this requires to be checked upon and they should receive an allowance which is not less favourable than that applicable to officers in the Falkland Islands.

A temporary medical officer will be required for the period between the end of Dr. Taylor's contract and the change in management.

The permanent and personable officers have asked whether they may purchase certain household effects. I have promised an answer in good time.

ADMINISTRATION

BAS should be asked to furnish details of what they will require as soon as possible.

South Georgia Government files are to be divided into four categories. Those to be destroyed completely: those to be edited and kept: those to be copied so that BAS may acquire copies of essential material and the originals removed to Stanley: those files which are of historical interest. After destruction and editing the balance of files will be removed to Stanley or, perhaps, sent to some such organisation as the Colonial Records Project.

It would seem that all codes and ciphers will be returned to Stanley but this will be confirmed nearer the handing over date. One time pads will almost certainly have to be returned to Stanley.

The suggestion that the closing date for the South Georgia Treasury should be April, 1969 might be as broad as it is long because if accounts and moneys are transferred to Stanley at that time the amount of telegraphic correspondence might cause more work than maintaining the accounts until the bitter end. Mr. Gleadell to be consulted on his return. The same applies to South Georgia Post Office accounts.

The Admiralty Chart Agency to be transferred to the harbour master in Stanley. The AO is already in direct correspondence with the Hydrographer and will make the necessary arrangements. It should be noted that only about four charts per year are sold.

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ZBH RADIO STATION ACCOUNTS

The transfer of these accounts to Stanley is for discussion with Mr. Gleadell.

The AO will raise by telegram or letter any new points that may occur to him.

REVENUE

The AO now understands that the line on the hand over is never to mention any transfer of revenues from the Falkland Islands to BAS. It is to be assumed that all revenues will continue to accrue to a Dependency account which will continue to be handled as at present.

The only worth while revenue is from the postal services and it should be noted that the Post Master, South Georgia is officially a deputy Post Master to the Post Master in Stanley. It is for consideration whether the Falkland Islands should not continue to maintain a postal official of some account at King Edward Point.

Crown leases should continue to accrue to the Dependency account.

The AO will think about a new revenue raising three or four stamp issue on any useable theme. No theme came to mind during our discussions.

MISCELLANEOUS

The following items not connected with the hand over are committed to paper for the information of the AO.

He will do his best to arrange for continuity of meteorological observations.

I will be responsible for making any alterations in the Estimates which might be necessary.

No rent is to be charged for the BC4 party but we continue to reserve our right to make charges should the need arise.

Mr. Fried should be charged a house rent based on Falkland Island Government house rents but it is suggested that the minimum should £10 per month with, in addition, £2.10.0d. per month for electricity and water.



W. H. Thompson

Colonial Secretary

C.S.

Appendix B.

10/9/68

Pensions now being paid :-

Barlas, C.S. (Mrs)	£205.	13.	7d.
Biggs, B.N.	20.	11.	10d.
Browell, S.E.	117.	4.	4d.
Fleuret, A.I.	132.	1.	-d.
Hookey, T.V.	71.	16.	2d.
Mercer, J.	159.	10.	-d.
Mercer, A.	15.	9.	2d.
Jones, A.G.N.	255.	6.	4d.
Rumbolds, W.C.	224.	6.	8d.
Slade, H.E.	6.	1.	-d.
Atkins, S.P.	79.	17.	6d.
Spivey, R.E.	84.	18.	-d.

£1372. 15. 7d.
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The following officers are at present on the Falkland Islands Government establishment and will be due to receive a portion of their pension from South Georgia.

Grierson, W.J.
Luxton, H.T.
Borland, D.
Roberts, W.H.
Goodwin, W.A.N.
Maddocks, C.

All relatively minor amounts as they are still serving 1968 but not yet possible to calculate their final pensions.

[Gutteridge and Jones served at the Antarctic Bases. They have not been in South Georgia service.]

The following officers at South Georgia will be due to receive a pension from South Georgia funds on their retirement. The figures are based on total pension without any deduction for an element of gratuity.

Coleman, D.J. £333
Biggs, R.J. (£-~~only~~) £68 [7 6]
Quigley, J. £377
Biggs, B.W. £224

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[Note:

allowance for deaths at 'A'. The total Bill is not likely to rise much. A total of £2500 is about the maximum likely figure.]

Acting Colonial Treasurer:

Acting Assistant Colonial Secretary:

Please set out on the reverse side of this paper the South Georgia pensions position after the change of management. H.E. wishes these figures very soon to go out on the SF216 mail.

- (a) Those already in receipt of South Georgia pensions.
- (b) Those who have left South Georgia and who we know will receive a portion of their pensions from South Georgia, e.g. Grierson and what about Gutteridge and Jones?
- (c) Those in employment in Georgia who will receive pensions when they leave there.

W. H. Thompson

(W.H. THOMPSON)
COLONIAL SECRETARY

5th September. 1968.

SC

See p. 83 of
D/2/65

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App. A. (Govt letter to Sugg)

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Establishment - South Georgia
as at 1 Sept 1968.

Post. Appointment.	Name & Age.	Type of appointment	Date of 1st appointment	NOTIONAL EXPIRY DATE
Administrative Officer & typist. (36)	D. J. COLEMAN 52.	Pensionable	24.6.59	ON HANDING OVER
Senior Customs Officer & Admin Asst. (50) Administrative Assistant	VACANT	-	-	-
Junior " " " " "	R. J. Biggs 23	Pensionable	14.6.65	ON HANDING OVER
Senior W/T operator	A. McRAE 22	Contract	23.11.67	NOV. 1969
Junior " " "	VACANT	-	-	-
* Senior Diesel Electric Mechanic (30)	J. J. QUIGLEY 34	Pensionable	25.8.55	ON HANDING OVER
Asst. " " "	L. VERA Age unknown	Contract	1.4.66	DEC. 1966
Handy man	B. W. Biggs 50	Pensionable	9.1.54	ON HANDING OVER
Handy man	N. A. TROPMAN 35	Contract	23.11.67	NOV 1969
Met. Forecaster. Meteorological forecaster (25)	VACANT	-	-	-
Met. Assist. Meteorological Assistant.	M. GORMAN 24	Contract	1.4.66	DEC 1966
- Cook / Stewardess	A. SMITH 51	Contract	26.3.68	FEB OR NOV 1969
" "	MRS A SMITH	Contract	"	" "
" "	VACANT	-	-	-
" "	VACANT	-	-	-
Sealing Inspector / Biologist. (27)	VACANT	-	-	-
Medical Officer (15)	DR D. M. A. TAYLOR M.B. B.S. 30	Contract.	17 June 1968	APRIL OR NOV 1969.
Superintendent				

* Acting Senior Diesel mechanic during absence on leave of J. J. Quigley is -

→ A LAFFI, 25, on contract, appointed 17 June 1968, until Nov 1969

He will take over duties of Asst. Diesel Electric Mechanic when Quigley returns to duty & then leaves South Georgia.

T.E.

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Form 88C.

I am afraid we cannot get closer.
The estimate is within the nearest pound but
will alter in due course as

(a) Pension, Luxton, Baland, Roberts,
Goodwin Maddocks retire. It is
quite impossible to say when any of
them will retire. Pension alone can be
calculated but we to affect the
furthering estimates.

(b) Pensioners at the head of the page will
also ~~also~~ alter as they die and as
various Pension increases are applied. One increase
is already on its way.

London realise that pensions adjustments
have to be made. Also they have no queried.
You letter of Feb 88.

Have I perhaps forgotten a point that
was raised in the letter?

S.

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C. Thank you. I think that that is as far as
we can go for the moment. I imagine C.T.
is in his picture and provided we have
overlooked no one I suggest BV at, say,
end of March 1969. by 1/1/69 19/12/68

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FROM LONDON HQ
YO STANLEY OFFICE

AS/164/8 GOVERNOR/FUCHS. AM RELIEVED AT DARWIN SAILING 7TH DEC.
NOW ENVISAGE 7/8 OCT SHIP DEPARTS UK THEN 4/8 NOV STANLEY 12/14
DECEPTION FOR AIRCRAFT 18/20 SOUTH GEORGIA 22/25 SIGNY 27/28
SOUTH GEORGIA 2 DEC STANLEY.

RE BAS 337. PARA 4. WE HAVE CALCULATED ON TAKING OVER RUNNING
STATION AND WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT ITEMS FIG INTERESTED IN AS WE
COULD BE PLACED IN FINANCIAL DIFFICULTY.

PARAS 6 AND 7. I AM NOT CLEAR WHAT ARE THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS
REFERRED TO AS WE EXPECTED MORE THAN THE BUILDING AND GENERATORS.

VEF/SAP

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*CS. Please look up my
letter to Sir Vivian. I have
asked O/C to BV x/- to you
if I fly soon, otherwise to me.*

- 1. Decided immediate action not necessary
to award H's Union*
- 2. Bill is with BAS*
- 3. Wound ends of which held by both sides now.*

D/2/65

1st April,

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As you know, I am about to leave the Falkland Islands and this is probably my last shot in your direction.

In connection with the change of management in South Georgia, it occurs to us that you might wish to make use of our Handyman there, N.A. Tropman. He knows all about the heating system; the vagaries of the plumbing; matters connected with the maintenance of buildings and, indeed, all the small points that a good handyman should know.

He would be prepared to stay in South Georgia until the end of the 1969/70 season and it seems to us here that someone on the ground with the knowledge he has could be of benefit to you. Perhaps when you are next writing to the Governor you might like to let him know whether you are interested in having Tropman for a few months.

We have also a diesel electrical mechanic in charge of the electrical system who is a Chilean by the name of Laffi. Would he be of any use to you? I understand he is willing to stay in South Georgia for up to a year.

(W.H. THOMPSON)

Sir Vivian Fuchs.

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Extracted to P/Files 1043 & 1138.

Reply at 132

F. I. ref: P/Files

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C. O. ref:

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SAVING DESPATCH.

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

To: The Secretary of State for Commonwealth Affairs.

Date: 1st April 1969

No. 2 SAVING. SOUTH GEORGIA

South Georgia - Change of Management

Your letter HGF/1/1 of the 23rd January 1969 refers.

In connection with the provision of funds for the forthcoming change of management at South Georgia, it would seem that this is the time to bring to your notice representations made to me by officers serving there.

We envisaged discharging the four officers on abolition terms as laid down in the Pensions Ordinance (No. 6 of 1965). It is extremely difficult to see, and explain, the hairline which divides a change of management as envisaged and the change-over that comes about when a territory achieves independent status. If South Georgia were being handed over to resident Colonial citizens, who, by a stroke of a pen, were being granted independence, the officers would receive preferential terms. Because the Dependency is being handed over to another body but still retaining the status of a Dependency, the officers concerned are receiving only the slimmest additional benefits.

I must assume that I have no alternative but to proceed in accordance with the Pensions Ordinance, but I would earnestly enquire whether any special consideration can be given to the officers concerned. They are:-

<u>Name</u>	<u>Post</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>First Appointment</u>	<u>Present Salary</u>
D.J. Coleman	Administrative Officer	53	24.6.59	£1750
R.J. Biggs	Customs Officer and Administrative Asst.	24	14.6.65	£700
J.J. Quigley	Senior Diesel Electrical Mechanic	35	25.8.55	£1250
B.W. Biggs	Handyman	51	9.1.54	£700

You will see that any special award would not cost very much.

GOVERNOR

See 34

RRB.

2/2/65 ~~138~~ **GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE** 8.

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	STANLEY			2.8.69

To

ETAT ADMINOFF ZBH

SGA/C

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No 96 Yourtel 110 10th July stop Every consideration is being given and I will telegraph immediately I obtain required details

Secretary

RA.

Time

A.C.S.

C.T.

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You may recall recently a telegram from A.O. South Georgia expressing concern that no advice had been sent to him by the "A.E.S." recently on the subject of terminal benefits.

2. I seem to recall that the whole of this question was already tied up. Perhaps you will, as the next priority task to the production of the Exco Minutes, study the file and consult as necessary with C.T. with a view to letting me know the position before the end of this week.

3. Apart from this immediate question of terminal benefits I wish in any case to have a discussion with you regarding the division of the physical assets as between ourselves and B.A.S. and I have mentioned to Mr Clements that I want to get this matter settled as soon as possible also. For this reason as well, therefore, I would wish the outstanding questions about South Georgia to be given priority.

(J. A. JONES)
ACTING GOVERNOR

29 July, 1969.

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JG.

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I have discussed with C.T. who regrets he was unable to send the calculations by A.E.S. At the moment he has one or two priority jobs on hand but will apply himself to this task as soon as possible.

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A.C.S.

Wheed: but we need to reply to p.133. Morale at P.G. will not be improved by silence. Please speak to me telephonically about this.

2 I also want to arrange discussion with Ag. M. Lee, Ag. O.T. B.A.S. + yourself on matters referred to at p 126-8, 131, 134, + propose it for 1430 hours on Thursday, 7 August. Reassure Ag.C.S. + give my wish to take a further look

the papers concerned, making the file to me at least one full
day before the meeting to enable me to study them.

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DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER SOUTH GEORGIA

To COLONIAL SECRETARY STANLEY

Despatched : 10th July, 19 69 Time : 1800

Received : 10th July, 19 69 Time :

No. 112. Change of management South Georgia.

116. Please refer to my memo 166C dated 2nd February
which contains suggested list of items for removal
to Stanley. Grateful latest position this subject
Adminoff

P/L : AA

Intld H.L.B.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER SOUTH GEORGIA

To COLONIAL SECRETARY STANLEY

Despatched : 10th July, 19 69 *Time :* 1230

Received : 10th July, 19 69 *Time :*

No. 110 Permanent and Pensionable staff feel very disappointed that in last mail there was no communication of any kind on the subject of compensation on abolition of office. Grateful if you can give me any information on this subject

Adminoff

GTC : AA

Intld H.L.B.

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BRITISH ANTARCTIC SURVEY

FORMERLY FALKLAND ISLANDS DEPENDENCIES SURVEY

DIRECTOR: SIR VIVIAN FUCHS

30, GILLINGHAM STREET, S.W.1

TELEPHONE: 01-834 3687

TELEGRAMS: POLASURVEY, LONDON-SW1



D/2/65

AS/164/8

7th May, 1969.

Dear Mr. Jones,

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Mr. Thompson, your predecessor, wrote to Sir Vivian on 1st April, reference D/2/65, suggesting that Mr. N.A. Tropman, the handyman in South Georgia, should stay in South Georgia until the end of the 1969/70 summer season, as an employee of the British Antarctic Survey. Sir Vivian has discussed this with me and I agree that Mr. Tropman should remain there for this period on our pay roll.

I cannot yet give a definite statement about Mr. Laffi. As things stand at the moment it looks as though we will have a diesel electric mechanic for the post but I will write to you again when I have a definite ruling on this.

I am copying this letter to Clapp so that he can be put in the picture.

Yours sincerely,

W.O. Sloman
PERSONNEL OFFICER

Extracts made to
P/1043 + P/1138.

AA. 9/7/69.

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

Mr. Laffi informed Clapp telephonically on 7/7 that there is no objection to A.D. P. Georgia, being informed about the continued employment of Tropman.

BW to CS 18.7.69

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Outward Bag Room

Please despatch

enclosure

to Falkland

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With the compliments of

FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH
OFFICE

GIBRALTAR AND SOUTH ATLANTIC





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HGF 1/11

SAVING DESPATCH

UNCLASSIFIED

From the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs.

To the Officer administering the Government of the FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 20 Saving

Date 13.5.69.

F.I. Reference P. Files.

South Georgia. Change of Management.

7a Your No. 2 Saving dated 1 April 1969 has been received and its contents are being studied. A further communication will be addressed to you as soon as possible.

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P/366/II
P/871
P/704/II



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HGF 1/11

UNCLASSIFIED

SAVING DESPATCH

From the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs
To the Governor, FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 25

Date 3. 6. 69

South Georgia - Change of Management

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Your Saving No. 2 South Georgia refers.

I understand that Sir John Field wrote to you recently and suggested that as our records of H.M.O.C.S. officers in your service appeared to be incomplete it would be helpful if your office would supply us with an up to date list.

I should like to anticipate your reply to Sir John Field by enquiring whether any of the four pensionable officers, referred to in your Saving under reference, are members of H.M.O.C.S.

The information is required before we can give the fullest consideration to your suggestion of a special award to the particular officers.

A.C.S.

I cannot answer this. Mr. Coleman was appointed by Coleman Office as contract and was transferred to Port Lockroy. Mr. Quigley was a Crown Agents appointment. Commonwealth Office appears to be the place to find the answer re H.M.O.C.S.

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L.R.
7/8/69

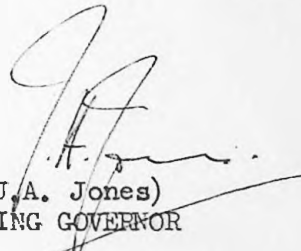
C.T.

We discussed yesterday the possibility which had occurred to you that the terminal benefits about which A.O., South Georgia, expressed telegraphic despondency recently are not pension benefits but compensatory benefits. And in this connection we agreed that, as you had extracted from the main file into another (?) file two inconclusive communications on the subject (the circumstances surrounding which were not known to either of us personally) you would send a telegram to (?) F.C.O. (or ODM) briefly giving date of first appointments of the two individuals involved, nature of first appointment and date when, if first appointment was on contract, it was transmuted into P & P, stating that there was no documentary evidence here to indicate whether they were members of H.M.O.C.S., and requesting advice.

2. I believe (my South Georgia staff list is in Secretariat and I can't locate the G.H. one quickly) A.O., South Georgia, is aged about 50, so that even if he was considered to be eligible for some kind of Lump Sum Compensation I would not expect it to be very much at that age. Generally, maximum LSC is awarded at age 39/40 after 10 + or 15 + years service, and after age 40 it falls away pretty rapidly.

3. You will let me know what answer is received to our telegram?

13 August, 1969.


(J.A. Jones)
ACTING GOVERNOR

DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 15.8.69

Time:

Received:

Time

16
NO. 115. Your saving despatch 25 of 3rd June South Georgia change of management. D.J. Coleman Administrative Officer appointed temporary (contract/gratuity) Colonial Office letter WAF/P 6449 27th February 1959 transmuted permanent pensionable locally 1st December 1961 with retrospective effect. J.J. Quigley Senior Diesel Electric Mechanic engaged by Crown Agents three year tour 14th August 1955 transmuted permanent pensionable locally 17th June 1959 retrospective effect. Cannot say whether either is member of HMOCS can you ascertain from information now provided

Jones

See 24.

P/L : ARA

See 25.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

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From ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER SOUTH GEORGIA

To COLONIAL SECRETARY STANLEY

Despatched : 15th August, 19 69 Time : 1800

Received : 15th August, 19 69 Time :

NO. 129

Grateful to know by what vessel you intend
shipping to UK heavy baggage and household
effects of Government staff and if possible
vessels eta UK

Adminoff

P/L : ARA

Intld H.L.B.

RES. but be our since she is coming
with in Jan vessel voyages. DSL confirm.
Sas vessel ?

Reply at

23

18th August,

69.

Dear Sir,

I refer to my conversation of this morning and confirm that enquiries should be made regarding the possibilities of shipping heavy baggage and household effects of the Government staff at South Georgia by the January, 1970 sailing of M.V. "A.E.S."

It is not possible at this stage to quote measurements but if you could merely give an indication whether you consider a fair amount of space would be available it would be helpful.

Yours faithfully,

H. L. Bond,
Assistant Colonial Secretary.

The Manager,
Bernin Shipping Limited,
Stanley.

reply 21

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BU 28.86

D2/65/A

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DARWIN SHIPPING LIMITED

Directors: R.G.Vinson, ~~XXXXXX~~ A. SLOGGIE

Telegrams: "Fleetwing Portstanley"



STANLEY,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

1ST SEPTEMBER, 1969.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,
THE SECRETARIAT,
STANLEY.

/REP.

DEAR SIR;

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER REFERENCE D2/65/A DATED
18TH AUGUST, 1969.

WITH REFERENCE TO HEAVY BAGGAGE AND HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS
BELONGING TO GOVERNMENT STAFF AT SOUTH GEORGIA TO BE SHIPPED
PER 'A.E.S.' IN JANUARY, 1970, AT PRESENT WE CAN ONLY OFFER
SPACE IN THE MAST-HOUSE WHICH YOU KNOW IS VERY LIMITED, AND
ONE MEASUREMENT OF A CRATE OR BOX MUST BE KEPT TO A MINIMUM
OF 18 INCHES.

THE ITINERARY FOR M. V. 'A.E.S.' AFTER ARRIVAL TO THE
COLONY IN OCTOBER IS UNKNOWN AT PRESENT.

YOURS FAITHFULLY,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "P. Pearl", written over a horizontal line.

FOR DARWIN SHIPPING LTD.,

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

SENT

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WAP 15142-821 584578/790938 500 pds 12/68 Grp.782

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	STANLEY			9.9.69
To	STAT ADMINOFF ZBH		SGA/C	

19

Re 106 Yourtel 129 Heavy baggage stop Darwin on Stanley 7th December to connect Uruguay Star 12th December would appear best opportunity stop AEB cannot carry baggage when lifting wool and only other direct sailings would be BAS vessels in April

Secretary

Time ARA

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C.T.

Terminal Report for South Georgia HMOCS Staff.

18 How you had any reaction from FCO/ODM to your recent telegram to them on the above subject?

2 I am more than ever inclined to the view that neither of the two persons concerned is in fact a member of HMOCS. If this is a fact, it will be a material one.

Y.G. no reply yet

19.9.69

HCS. Imp 1 case again
1 week.

19/9/69 BU HHE 10.9.69

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 17.9.69

Time :

Received :

Time :

PRIORITY

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N^o. 134 Paragraph 4 your saving despatch 25 of 3rd June
South Georgia change of management and my telegram 115 ¹⁸
of 15th August. Grateful advise progress consideration
this matter

Jones

P/L : ARA

See 25.

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched: 19.9.69 Time: 1205 Received: 19.9.69 Time:

PRIORITY

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18 NO. 118. Your telegram No. 134 ODM are only able to support a case for the two entitled officers named in your telegram No. 115 matter was referred to Civil Service Department on 12th September. Reply awaited. Will keep you advised

Stewart

P/L : ARA
Intld H.I.B.

See 34.

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TELEGRAM.

26.

From ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER SOUTH GEORGIA

To COLONIAL SECRETARY STANLEY

Despatched : 19th September, 19 69 Time : 1800

Received : 19th September, 19 Time :

NO. 138 Will it be possible for Government Officers shipping unaccompanied household and personal effects to UK per BAS or other vessel to insure effects through Crown Agents? If answer affirmative what action will be required of the officers concerned?

Adminoff

PEL : ARA
Intld H.L.B.

Reply at 27.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

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WAP 15142--821 584578/790938 500 pds 12/60 Grp.782

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	STANLEY			26.9.69
To	STAT ADMINOFF ZBH			SGA/C

26
NO 138 115 Yourtel 138 Insurance personal effects can
be arranged locally through FIC or Falkland Store
Secretary

Time

ARA.

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DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

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From ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER SOUTH GEORGIA

To COLONIAL SECRETARY STANLEY

Despatched : 30th September, 19 69 Time : 1800

Received : 30th September, 19 Time :

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NO. 141. Please refer to my telegram 110 and your telegram 96. Appreciate that in your telegram 96 you said you would telegraph immediately details were known however I am under continuous pressure from others concerned who find it inconcievable that after all this time details not known and I cannot but sympathise with their feelings. Most grateful if you can in any way expedite matters

Adminoff

P/L : ARI
Intld H.I.B.

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WAP 15142-821 584578/790938 500 pds 12/68 Grp.782

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
To	STANLEY			1.10.69
	STAT ADMINOFF ZBH			SGA/C

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NO 115 Yourtel 141 stop In reply to my hastener dated 17th
September Commonwealth Office reply quote matter has been
referred to Civil Service Department reply is awaited
will keep you advised unquote

Secretary

Dec 31

Time

ARA.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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WAP 15142—821 584578/790938 500 pds 12/68 Grp.782

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	STANLEY			1.10.69
To				
etat ADMINOPF ZEN				SGA/C

NO. 116 Now that AES will be calling yours on route to
UK you may wish to consider forwarding heavy baggage by
this opportunity stop Please advise soonest all details
necessary for preparation of shipping documents in Stanley
ie measurements contents and consignees

Time

ARA.

Reply at 32

Secretary

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TELEGRAM.

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From ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER SOUTH GEORGIA

To COLONIAL SECRETARY STANLEY

Despatched : 2nd October, 19 69 Time : 1800

Received : 2nd October, 19 Time :

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NO. 143. Many thanks your telegram 115. Your
effort on our behalf much appreciated

Adminoff

P/L : ARA

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

From ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER SOUTH GEORGIA

To COLONIAL SECRETARY STANLEY

Despatched : 4th October, 19 69 Time : 1230

Received : 4th October, 19 Time :

NO. 145. 30

Yourtel 116 baggage by AES. Thank you Coleman will ship fourteen cases to Jersey Macrae three cases to Scotland. Will FIC London arrange transshipment from London to Jersey and Scotland? Can FIC advise insurance rate per hundred pound value and if insurance requested whether total value each shipment will suffice for this purpose? Will forward full details both shipments soonest

Adminoff

Reply at 33

P/T : ARA

Intld R.R.B.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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STANLEY

3.10.69

To

ETAT ADMINOFF ZBH

SGA/C

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NO 119 Yourtel 145 stop FIC can arrange transhipment from London stop Please supply full measurement of each case stop Full address to Jersey and Scotland stop Insurance 20/- and 22/6 per £100 up to one and two months respectively after delivery to London but does not include insurance on any article scratched or broken stop 47/6d and 50/- per £100 up to one and two months respectively after delivery to London includes loss or 10% of each article scratched or broken stop Total value of shipment will suffice unless expensive items are included such as jewellery cameras tape recorders refridgerators etc these must be listed seperately stop Baggage allowance 240 cubic feet in addition to ticket allowance stop All insurance will be for your account

Secretary

Time

PA.

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DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched: 31.10.69 Time: 1753 Received: 31.10.69 Time:

PRIORITY

NO. 135

7a. 25.
Your saving No. 2 of 1st April and my telegram No 118 of 19th September South Georgia regret to inform you that it has not been found possible to make special awards in this case saving despatch follows

Stewart

P/L : ARA

M^s Lawburn Pl. make copy (which should include this p/le ref. no.) for me to take with me by S. Georgia.
Rec'd. M^s H¹¹ M^s H¹¹ Pa

A.C.S.



HGF 1/11

UNCLASSIFIED

SAVING DESPATCH

From the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs
To the Officer administering the Government of the FALKLAND ISLANDS

No. 44 SAVING

31 October, 1969

Falkland Islands Reference P. Files.

South Georgia: Change of Management

Your No. 2 Saving, South Georgia, of 1 April, 1969 refers.

2. The proposal to give special consideration to the four officers named in your Saving Despatch has been carefully studied in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, the Ministry of Overseas Development, the Civil Service Department and the Treasury. The initial examination appeared to show a prima facie case for treating the two officers, D.J. Coleman, Administrative Officer and J.J. Quigley, Senior Diesel Mechanic, as "entitled officers" if general compensation circumstances were applicable. However, it was finally decided that since the change in South Georgia is administrative rather than constitutional, an ex gratia compensation payment could not be justified, although abolition of office terms would seem to be appropriate.

3. It is regretted that this decision will be disappointing to the officers concerned.

Reply at 39.

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*Personal letter to all 4 named at 7 a
informing them of the outcome.
2 Inf. CT of position.*

20th November, 1969

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You are aware that approximately six months ago representations were made on your behalf to the British Government regarding the possibility of some additional financial compensation being made to you by that Government as a result of the change of administrative management at South Georgia.

The representations were carefully studied by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, the Ministry of Overseas Development, the Civil Service Department and the British Treasury, but I regret to have to inform you that the decision reached was that since the change in South Georgia is administrative and not constitutional an ex gratia payment to individuals could not be justified.

I regret having to convey this disappointing decision to you but you will have the satisfaction of knowing that the underlying issue was given consideration in depth by the competent British authorities.

(J. A. Jones)
Colonial Secretary.

Mr. D. J. Coleman,
c/o Government House,
STANLEY.

JML

Mr. B. Biggs,
c/o Mr. J. Cheek,
STANLEY.

Mr. R. Biggs,
c/o Mr. T. Wallace,
STANLEY.

Mr. J. Quigley,
c/o Mr. D.H. McMillan,
STANLEY.

C.T.,

from p. 35. To note position pl.

f.c.s.
25/11/69

C.T. ?
S/C's minute above reached you.
D. not previously. L.G. 18/12/69.

J/12

BU 3/1/70
11/12/69

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EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF MEETING NO 16/69 HELD ON

1ST, 2ND, AND 3RD DECEMBER 1969.

D/2/65/A

25. SOUTH GEORGIA PENSIONS


Council advised that the following pension benefits be awarded to Messrs Coleman and Quigley of South Georgia:-

Mr D.J. Coleman: Full pension of £328.124 or a reduced pension of £246.093 with gratuity of £1025.387.

Mr J.J. Quigley: Full pension of £383.101 or a reduced pension of £287.326 with gratuity of £1197.187.

The amounts specified included adjustment for abolition of office.

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CLERK OF COUNCILS.

D/II/65/A

File copy

(on 1/1/66
in the main file
is retained)

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C.T.

(Copy to A.C.S.)

It has been formally agreed that the appropriate pensions will be paid to Mr. Coleman and Mr. Quigley. This Memorandum does not mention the amounts as I have not available a copy of the Memorandum. I can take it that normal processes for eventual payment at the appropriate time will proceed?

2. (For A.C.S. only) I shall be glad if you will take the opportunity the next time you see Mr. Coleman and Mr. Quigley of informing them that approval for the payment of their pensions has been given, making it clear, however, that actual payment does not begin until some time, presumably one month or three months after the expiry of their leave.

J. A. Jones
5th December, 1969

File Reference D/II/65/A
JML

BU 3.1.70

D/2/65/A

17th December

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To: Officer-in-Charge,

From: The Colonial Secretary.

British Antarctic Survey,

STANLEY.

Copies to: Treasury & Audit

Accommodation of B.A.S. Personnel

You will recall that it was agreed that Government should accept responsibility for accommodating seven B.A.S. personnel who were required to disembark at Stanley in order to provide accommodation for returning Government South Georgia officers on R.R.S. John Biscoe.

2. We have received and unfortunately paid an account from the Upland Goose Hotel for Messrs. Stocks, Macallister, Lawton, Trinick and Gilmore. I am therefore to request that you refund the sum of £32. 10s. -d. (13 days at £2. 10s. per day) in respect of Lawton's accommodation.

3. I am returning the account from Mrs. Mills for Atkins which is likewise a B.A.S. commitment.

(H.L. BOUND)
for COLONIAL SECRETARY

F. I. ref: D/2/65/A

C. O. ref: HGF/ 1/11

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SAVING DESPATCH.

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

To: The Secretary of State for Commonwealth Affairs.

Date: 5th January, 1970

No. 2 SAVING. COLONY

South Georgia: Change of Management.

Your No. 44 ³⁵ Saving of 31st October, 1969 refers.

The officers concerned have been informed of the decision in this matter. It is understood that D. J. Coleman is making further representations to you on the matter by way of petition.

(GOVERNOR)

A.C.T.

P. 38 para 2. Has the sum of £32.10/-
been refunded pl? § f ch. Sec.

Note: Amount not yet rec'd of
7.1.70

6.1.70.

JML

By H. 3.70
K.V.

A.E.T.

P38 para 2

Can you confirm if payment has yet been made for?

✓ 13.4%

A.S.

L32 10. -- has been refused by B.C.S.

- R.V. 25442 of Feb 1970

and
14/4/70

P.A.