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SUBJECT :

SOUTH GEORGIA STAFF.

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CONNECTED FILES.

NUMBER AND YEAR.

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Customs Staff.

D/4/42

Constable, South Georgia.

MAGISTRATE'S OFFICE,

KING EDWARD COVE,

SOUTH GEORGIA.

No. D/9/51/2

(It is requested that, in any reference to this letter, the above Number and the date may be quoted.)

10th. April 1951

*Dear Frank,*

With reference to your telegram P/1/249 dated 9th. April 1951, regarding the replacement of F.I. wireless operators by expatriot staff.

2. Whilst I am in full agreement with this policy, there are several points which should be born in mind when the new personnel are recruited in the United Kingdom.

3. It is, I feel sure, essential that we should maintain a 24 hour service throughout the whaling season and to do this it will be necessary to have a very high degree of maintenance to both the generators and the radio equipment, particularly as we have only 2 5KVA Ruston & Hornsby generators and one Redifon G40 transmitter. With this equipment running for 24 hours a day it is possible for things to break down and in order to restore the service, the operator must have a high degree of both technical and practical knowledge.

4. I would like to point out that most wireless operators have only a very cursory knowledge of this type of maintenance because in almost all commercial telegraph organisations they only have to operate and never maintain the equipment which is looked after by a separate tradesman. I am not sure that in view of the importance of the W/T service at South Georgia, we should not also engage a technician of this type. To emphasise this point it is necessary to bear in mind the fact that the generators will require major overhauls at least once and possibly twice a year and one could not expect a wireless operator to undertake this work.

5. I do not agree that the third wireless operator should be a member of the F.I.D.S. staff as it would break up the organisation of the wireless station and he would virtually have two masters, one the leader of the F.I.D.S. Base and the other the senior wireless operator. There is no reason why he should not mess with F.I.D.S. as do all the other unmarried officers, but he should have his own quarters which he could share with the Radio Mechanic, if the latter's appointment is approved. These quarters which are also in the Discovery House are at present being used by Laws as a laboratory and office. They consist of two rooms and a small kitchen.

6. With regard to the maintenance of a 24 hour W/T service at South Georgia during the whaling season, I feel that it would be an advantage to operate a direct link with Norway in order to eliminate the delays caused by passing traffic for that country through Port Stanley. I have been  
/approached

*See also  
FIDS P/1 file  
Pages 248, 250,  
255 and 256.*

approached by the three Managers of the whaling companies on this point and one even suggested that they might be granted permission to set up their own private link to avoid this delay, this of course I pointed out would not be permissible. I therefore hope that during the forthcoming months we shall be able to carry out tests with Norway direct in order to ascertain if the existing equipment would be powerful enough to maintain regular daily schedules with that country. If the equipment proves to be too weak for the service I would strongly recommend that a Marconi SWB8 transmitter should be installed, this will of course also entail the installation of a more powerful generator.

7. I have attached separate lists giving the number and size of rooms, inventory of furnishings and details of floor coverings in all the W/T operators quarters

*Yours,  
J. H. B. Butler*

The Secretary,  
The Falkland Islands Dependency Survey.  
Port Stanley,  
Falkland Islands.

Details of Building

- SENIOR WIRELESS OPERATORS QUARTERS

12/4/51

	FLOOR SIZE & COVERAGE	NR AND SIZE OF WINDOWS	INVENTORY & REMARKS
KITCHEN	11 x 9ft LINO	2. <del>12</del> 4'6" x 3'9" 4'6" x 2' 2 Carpets 3x3'	Pr LONG CURTAINS, 1 LONG CURTAIN, SINK. EASYWORK DRESSER/TABLE, 3 CHAIRS LAMP SHADE/STOVE. BREAD BIN. FEW ITEMS CROCKERY. MINCER. FRYING PAN. FEW ITEMS COOKING UTENSILS (REQUIRE REPLACEMENT) COAL SHOVEL.
SCULLERY	<del>4</del> 6' x 33" LINO	NONE	3 SHELVES. LINO PATCHES NEED REPLACEMENT.. LAMP SHADE
PANTRY	<del>2</del> 5'2"x3' LINO	1.. 2'6"x2'	3 SHELVES (Windows Painted)
LAVATORY	3'8"x3' LINO	1.. 4'6"x2'	LINO GOOD CONDITION
BATHROOM	7x5' LINO	1.. 4'6"x2'	1 LONG CURTAIN. MIRROR. STOOL. COSMETIC CABINET. BATH. WASH BASIN. LINO GOOD.
SITTING ROOM	18'x12' LINO CARPET 12x9'	2.. 3'9"x4'6" --do-- FRENCH WINDOWS 6'6"x22" each	LONG CURTAINS FOR ALL WINDOWS. OVERMANTLE. PENDULUM CLOCK. CURB (OLD) CARD TABLE. BOOKSHELF. 3 PIECE SUITA (VERY OLD CONDITION). COVERS FOR SEAT (NEW). MIRROR (OVAL). WALLPAPER (NEW)
CONSERVATORY	<del>27x33</del> 15'x5'	3.. 15'x4'6" <del>5'x22</del> 5'x4'6" --do--	BAD STATE OF REPAIR
PASSAGE	27'x3' LINO	NONE	11 COAT HOOKS. . LINO OLD
FRONT PORCH	3'6"x4'6" LINO CARPET	1.. 4'6"x21"	
PASSAGE TO SITTING RM	8'x4'6" LINO	NONE	LINO OLD.
BACK PORCH	6x3' LINO	NONE	LINO GOOD
DINING ROOM	12x10' LINO	1.. 4'6"x3'9"	TABLE (OAK). 1 SWIVEL CHAIR (OLD).. PAIR LONG CURTAINS. SIDEBORD. LINO GOOD .



SNR OPS QTS.

ROOM	FLOOR SIZE & COVERAGE	WINDOWS NR & SIZE	INVENTORY & REMARKS
BEDROOM NO1	12x10' LINO 2 carpets 4x2' each	1... 4'6"x3'9"	CURTAINS LONG.WARDROBE.DRESSING- TABLE.(WITH MIRROR).DRESSING CABINET.DOUBLE BED MATTRESS(GOOD CONDITION).LINO GOOD.
BEDROOM NO2	12x7' LINO	1... 4'6"x3'9"	LONG CURTAINS.WARDROBE.DRES. CABINET.SINGLE BED.MATTRESS(GOOD)

SECOND OPERATORS QUARTERS.

<u>ROOM</u>	<u>FLOOR SPACE&amp;COVERAGE</u>	<u>WINDOWS</u>	<u>INVENTORY</u>
KITCHEN	14' X 10' LINOLEUM.	1. 4' x 5' 1. 2' x 8'	2 CHAIRS
BEDROOM	12' X 12' LINOLEUM.	1. 4' X 5'	BED. BOXSPRING. WARDROBE. CHEST OF DRAWERS
BATHROOM	10' X 5' LINOLEUM.	1. 2' X 4'	BATH. HAND BOWL. WATER CLOSET.
SITTINGROOM	16' X 13' LINOLEUM. CARPET.	1. 6' X 5' 1. 10' X 6'	ARM CHAIR. OVERMANTLE.
DININGROOM	12' X 12' LINOLEUM.	1. 6' X 5'	TABLE. 6 CHAIRS. CHEST OF DRAWERS. SIDEBOARD.
PASSAGE	34' X 4' LINOLEUM.	.....	.....

26th April, 51.

Gentlemen,

It has become increasingly difficult of late to release trained staff from the Colony of the Falkland Islands for service in the Dependencies at South Georgia. Consequently, His Excellency the Governor has agreed that in future personnel will be recruited in the United Kingdom and I am, therefore, directed to request that immediate steps are taken to appoint three Wireless Operators and a Diesel-Electric Mechanic who must reach the station by early October. You must, however, first ascertain that passages can be obtained for them (and the two wives and any children) direct on whaling vessels from the United Kingdom.

I have enclosed a Schedule giving details of the appointments and can supply any further information required after I return to England in July.

2. Persons will be engaged for service with the Falkland Islands Dependencies Administration (not the Falkland Islands Dependencies Survey) and it would be appreciated if the expenses involved could be kept as a separate issue to facilitate expenditure allocation later. Free quarters and basic furniture are provided but the persons selected must provide other household effects such as table and bed linen, blankets, cutlery and crockery, etc. Food can usually be purchased from the Whaling Companies' Stores and next year there will probably be facilities for buying standard F.I.D.S. foodstuffs in the Government station. Items of men's warm clothing can be purchased locally but the persons appointed should take with them warm clothing for their wives and children. Ordinary winter garments used in England are quite suitable.

The Junior married Operator is to be appointed for 18 months only in the first instance to cover leave incidence, but in each case subsequent tours will be for 30 months. I realise the difficulties of recruiting persons having all the qualifications listed but I would point out that up to now the job has been run quite satisfactorily by local staff with little in the way of technical qualifications. What we need are men who have taken an intelligent interest in such things, who are temperamentally suitable for the life, and who are confident of their own ability to run the station.

3. Please find enclosed a schedule showing details of the quarters offered and an Indent for furniture to bring the quarters up to Government basic scale.

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The Crown Agents for the Colonies,  
5, Millbank,  
LONDON, S.W.1.

4. I would be grateful if copies of all correspondence relating to this matter are repeated and posted direct to The Magistrate, South Georgia.

5. These appointments are in no way connected with the Falkland Islands Dependencies Survey, but in view of my return to England the Colonial Secretary has requested that I pursue the matter with you.

I am, Gentlemen,  
Your obedient Servant.

SECRETARY.

Copy to: The Magistrate,  
South Georgia.



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Staff required for service in the Falkland Islands  
Dependencies at South Georgia.

- A. Senior Wireless Operator - married, preferably with not more than one child although Government has no objection. It must be understood, however, that there are no facilities on the station for educating children and the quarters provided have only two bedrooms.
- B. Junior Wireless Operator - married, preferably without children because quarters provided have only one bedroom.
- C. Junior Wireless Operator - single.
- D. Diesel-Electric Mechanic - single.

Periods of Service.

For tours of approximately 30 months. In the first instance however the married Junior Wireless Operator must be appointed for a first tour of 18 months.

Qualifications and Duties.

Wireless Operators must be able to send and receive morse-code plain language at 25 w.p.m. and code at 20 w.p.m. They must be familiar with Radio Regulations, preparation of telegram accounts and relevant charges.

The persons engaged must possess between them a working knowledge of the general principles of electricity, theory and practical knowledge of radio telegraphy and telephony, operating and maintenance experience with small diesel-driven A.C. and D.C. plants with associated switchboards, and experience in maintaining lead acid accumulators and automatic transmitting and receiving (distress signals) equipment. The three operators will be required to put in daily between them 14 hours watch-keeping and 10 hours automatic (for distress calls only).

The persons engaged will be required to maintain between them

- (i) Two Ruston-Hornsby twin cylinder diesel driven 230 volt 50 cycle alternators  $4\frac{1}{2}$  k.w. output, fitted with automatic voltage regulators.
- (ii) One Petter type S. twin cylinder semi-diesel 24 B.H.P. engine direct coupled to a  $6\frac{1}{2}$  k.w. D.C. 110 volt dynamo.
- (iii) A battery bank of 54 Tudor accumulators, 350 a/h capacity, used for lighting Government station.
- (iv) One Redifon Transmitter type G.40, 500 to 800 watt output, C.W. only.
- (v) One Marconi Transmitter type T.G.Y./2, C.W., M.C.W. and R/T.
- (vi) Two Redifon Receivers type R.50.
- (vii) Creed Automatic Transmitter equipment.
- (viii) Automatic distress signal equipment.

84 m. Marine Station Admin. Exp.

/Salaries. ....

### Salaries.

- A. Senior Wireless Operators (married).  
£385. x £15. to £445.
- B. Junior Wireless Operator (married).  
£310. x £15. to £370.
- C. Junior Wireless Operator (single).  
£310. x £15. to £370.
- D. Diesel-Electric Mechanic. (single).  
£310. x £15. to £370.

### Income Tax.

Falkland Islands Income Tax is payable from the date of appointment as follows :-

On every £1. of the first £100 of taxable income	...	...	1/-
On every £1. of the next £250	...	...	2/-
On every £1. of the next £250	...	...	2/6

Reliefs from payment of Tax are at present as follows :-

Personal Allowance	...	...	...	£100.
Wife's Allowance	...	...	...	£100.
Children's Allowance	...	...	...	£40. first child £25. all others (each)
Dependent relative	...	...	...	£25. (providing that the relative's total income does not exceed £50 p.a. Deductions to be apportioned where two or more persons contribute to maintenance)

Earned income Allowance ... .. 1/10th of earned income.

Premiums paid on Life Assurances, provided amount does not exceed 1/6th earned income.

Free quarters are assessed at £50. per annum.

### Quarters.

Free furnished quarters (see Appendix "Details of Quarters" attached), free light and water, and a free allowance of fuel sufficient for normal requirements.

The single Wireless Operator and the Diesel-Electric Mechanic share a quarter and are offered facilities for taking all meals in the Falkland Islands Dependencies Survey Mess on a repayment basis (scale of payment not yet fixed but will be approximately £1. per week - cable confirming rate follows).

/Passages .....

Passages.

Free passages to and from South Georgia for persons engaged (and wives and children) up to three and a half full adult fares.

Leave.

Three days for each completed month of service abroad, calculated from date of embarkation from the United Kingdom up to and including the day prior to date of return.

Re-Engagement.

Subject to satisfactory service and by mutual arrangement, persons engaged may renew Agreements and may then join the Falkland Islands Dependencies Provident Fund Scheme.



Secretary  
Falkland Islands Dependencies Survey.  
(on behalf of the Colonial Secretary).

26th April, 1951.

# DETAILS OF QUARTERS.

## 'A' - SENIOR WIRELESS OPERATOR'S QUARTERS :-

Room	Floor Size.	No. & Size Windows.	Basic Furniture
Kitchen	11' x 9'	2. 4'6" x 3'9" 4'6" x 2'	1 Table 3 Cahirs 1 Rug 6' x 3' 1 Easywork Dresser
Scullery	4'6" x 3'3"	-	-
Pantry	5'2" x 3'	1. 2'6" x 2'	-
Lavatory	3'8" x 3'	1. 4'6" x 2'	-
Bathroom	7' x 5'	1. 4'6" x 2'	1 Mirror 1 Stool 1 Cabinet with mirror 1 Rug 6' x 3'
Sitting-room	18' x 12'	2. 3'9" x 4'6"  French windows :- 6'6" x 4'4"	1 Three piece suite. 2 Occasional chairs 1 Set occasional tables 1 Carpet 1 Rug 6' x 3' 1 Hanging Mirror 1 Overmantle 1 Card Table
Conservatory	15' x 5'	3. 15' x 4'6" 5' x 4'6" " x " "	-
Passage	27' x 3'	-	-
Front Porch	3'6" x 4'6"	1. 4'6" x 2'	-
Passage to Sitting-room	8' x 4'6"	-	-
Back Porch	6' x 3'	-	-
Dining-room	12' x 10'	1. 4'6" x 3'9"	1 Table 4 Chairs 1 Sideboard 1 Carpet 1 Rug 6' x 3'
Bedroom No. 1	12' x 10'	1. 4'6" x 3'9"	1 Double Bed c/w mattress. 1 Dressing Table 1 Chest of Drawers 1 Wardrobe 1 Carpet 1 Rug 6' x 3' 2 Bedroom chairs
Bedroom No. 2	12' x 7'	1. 4'6" x 3'9"	1 Single Bed c/w mattress 1 Bedroom chair 1 Rug 6' x 3' 1 Wardrobe 1 Chest of Drawers

Linoleum on floors of all rooms.

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DETAILS OF QUARTERS.

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**'B' - JUNIOR MARRIED WIRELESS OPERATOR'S QUARTERS.**

Room	Floor Size	No. & Size Windows	Basic Furniture.
Kitchen	14' x 10'	2. 4' x 5' 2' x 5'	1 Table 3' x 4' 1 Rug 6' x 3' 2 Chairs 1 Arm Chair 1 Easywork Dresser
Bathroom/ Lavatory	10' x 5'	1. 2' x 4'	1 Stool 1 Cabinet with mirror. 1 Rug 6' x 3'
Sitting-room	16' x 13'	2. 6' x 5' 10' x 6'	1 Three piece suite 2 Occasional chairs 1 Set occasional tables 1 Overmantle 1 Carpet 1 Rug 6' x 5' 1 Hanging Mirror
Dining-room	12' x 12'	1. 6' x 5'	1 Table 4 Chairs 1 Sideboard 1 Carpet 1 Rug 6' x 3'
Passage	34' x 4'	-	-
Bedroom	12' x 12'	1. 4' x 5'	1 Double Bed c/w mattress 1 Dressing table 1 Chest of Drawers 1 Wardrobe 1 Carpet 1 Rug 6' x 5' 2 Chairs

All floors covered with linoleum.

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INDENT.  
SOUTH GEORGIA.

Item No.	Description.	Denom.	Quantity.
1.	Rugs 6' x 3'	numbers	10
2.	Three piece suite	"	2
3.	Occasional chairs to match Item 2.	"	4
4.	Occasional tables	sets	2
5.	Dining-room chairs	numbers	4
6.	Carpets 10' x 8'	"	4
7.	Bed -room chairs	"	2
8.	Single bed c/w mattress	"	2
9.	Kitchen table 3' x 4'	"	1
10.	Easywork Dresser	"	1
11.	Bathroom stool	"	1
12.	Bathroom Cabinet	"	1
13.	Hanging frameless mirrors	"	1
14.	Double Bed c/w mattress	"	1
15.	Dressing table	"	1
16.	Linoleum, green	sq. feet.	150
17.	" , brown	" "	150

All furniture in medium oak.

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Indent S.G. / 1 7 26/4/51



14.

H.C.S

You may wish to see the  
correspondence to date. I intend  
sending telegram at once to Magistrate  
Smith Georgia to keep him in  
the picture. - Do you agree please?

WJ  
27/4.

S/7.

Seen. Thank you. I agree with telegram

1/5/51

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secfids

To Magistrate, South Georgia.

Despatched : 2.5.51.

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Time : 0900

Received :

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Time :

FID 1/15 your letter D/9/51/2 of 10th April. Have asked Crown Agents to recruit (a) Senior married Wireless Operator (b) Junior married Wireless Operator (c) Junior single Wireless Operator (d) Diesel-electric mechanic single. Persons engaged to reach South Georgia by October this year.

2. Full description of quarters together with standard list basic furniture included in details of appointment. Indent placed on Crown Agents to bring present furniture Inventory up to basic scale.
3. Please arrange if possible that Laws vacates two rooms and small kitchen in time to accommodate single operator and mechanic.
4. Am sending copies all correspondence to you for information.
5. Please cable early for information of applicants weekly messing rate decided for officer with F.I.D.S.
6. Can you arrange temporary accommodation for new married operators until passages arranged to Stanley for present staff.

GTC: JB.

FID 1/16.

2nd May,

51.

Thank you for your letter, reference D/9/51/2 of 10th April, which proved very helpful as you will see from the copies of relevant correspondence attached.

You will see that the intention is to cover the 24 hours daily by 14 hours watchkeeping and 10 hours automatic (for distress signals only). The Superintendent Posts and Telegraphs is taking up the matter of supply of suitable equipment with the Crown Agents.

Lt. Col. K.S. Pierce-Butler,  
Admin. Officer,  
SOUTH GEORGIA.

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE  
FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.  
SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				3.5.51.
To				
MAGISTRATE, SOUTH GEORGIA.				A/C FIDS.

F.I.D. 1/ 17 FURTHER MY 1/15 AND OUR CONVERSATION  
IN STANLEY REGARDING PRIVATE FOOD SUPPLIES FOR GOVERNMENT  
STATION PERSONNEL STOP I CAN IF YOU AGREE INDENT ON CROWN  
AGENTS ASKING ANDREW LUSK TO SUPPLY CERTAIN ITEMS OF STANDARD  
FIDS FOODSTUFFS TO THE GOVERNMENT STATION AT GYTVIKEN STOP  
THE ITEMS COULD THEN BE PURCHASED AS REQUIRED BY INDIVIDUALS  
ON A REPAYMENT BASIS IE COST PRICE PLUS 20 PERCENT STOP  
GRATEFUL YOUR VIEWS AND IF YOU AGREE TELEGRAPHIC INFORMATION  
YOUR REQUIRMENTS EARLIEST STOP PLEASE ORDER FROM STANDARD  
SECTION FOURTEEN LIST GIVING "ITEM NUMBER" FOLLOWED BY  
"DENOMINATION" FOLLOWED BY "QUANTITY REQUIRED" STOP EXAMPLE  
QUOTE FIVE POUNDS 100 COMMA 44 PACKETS 60 UNQUOTE WHICH  
MEANS 100 POUNDS OF TINNED TONGUE AND 60PACKETS OF CORN FLAKES  
PARAGRAPH 2 I CAN SEE THAT ABOVE<sup>IDEA</sup>/WOULD NECESSITATE CONVERTING  
A SMALL BUILDING OR ROOM INTO A STORE AND WOULD INVOLVE A  
CERTAIN AMOUNT OF STORE ACCOUNTING

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES

RECEIVED

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
33	SouthGeorgia etat	29/28	1800	3.5.51.
To	Secfids Stanley			

D/9/51/5 your fid# 1/15 para 5 messing 24/6 weekl y para 6 yes stop grateful  
you wire salary and conditions for (B) for information

Adm Officer

Time VJSS

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From SECFIDS.

To MAGISTRATE, SOUTH GEORGIA.

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Despatched : 4.5.51. 19 Time : 14.00

Received : 19 Time :

FID/1/19. Your D/9/51/5  
thank you. Junior married wireless  
operator £310 by £15 to £370 with free  
furnished quarters, light water and free  
fuel allowance sufficient for normal  
requirements. Copies all correspondence  
which contains full details despatched to  
you.

GTC: HGH.



GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES

SENT

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				5.5.51.
To	CROWN LONDON			A/C FIDS

FID 1/20 PLEASE REFER TO MY LETTER FID 1/6 OF 26th  
 APRIL WHICH SHOULD REACH YOU BY 12th MAY STOP SCALE  
 OF REPAYMENT FOR WIRELESS OPERATOR AND DIESEL ELECTRIC  
 MECHANIC FOR MESSING IS FIXED AT TWENTYFOUR SHILLINGS  
 SIXPENCE PER WEEK

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# GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES

RECEIVED

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
39	South Georgia	61	16.20	4.5.51.
To ,Secfids Stanley				

Your FID 1/17 stop This sounds an excellent scheme and I would be quite prepared to undertake accounting stop Before I decide however prefer you send few examples of costs for example porridge oats butter flour sugar tinned fruit tinned and dried milk if figures compare favourably with current prices here and Stanley will forward lists immediately

Time

Admn Officer

# GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				5.5.51.
To MAGISTRATE SOUTH GEORGIA				A/C FIDS

FID 1/21 YOURTEL 4th STOP ROLLED OATS 1/2 POUND BUTTER 3/4 POUND FOUR 17/0 25 POUNDS SUGAR 0/9 POUND PEACHES APRICOTS 1/2 TIN PINAPPLE 1/7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> TIN IDEAL MILK 1/0 TIN NESPRAY DRIED MILK 4/2 TIN STOP ALL SIZES AS SUPPLIED BASE M THIS SEASON STOP CAN PROBABLY FIND CHEAPER SUPPLIER FOR YOU FOR THE FUTURE BUT MUST BE LUSK THIS YEAR STOP SENDING COMPLETE LIST BY MAIL

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# GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

## FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

### RECEIVED.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
61	South Georgia etat	<u>A</u> 181	1500	6.5.51.

To

Secfids Stanley

Your FID 1/21 thank you stop Please order rations for 10 with following exceptions  
 item 9 tins nil item 15 tins 60 item 36 lbs 400 item 45 lbs 20 item 60 lbs 5 item 69  
 10 item 102 gals 1 stop Could we also have following items Lux toilet soap 12 doz table  
 -ts persil 1 gross pkts bar soap 24 bars washing blue 1 gross pkts starch 6 pkts mansio  
 -n polish 24 tins dubbin 12 tins kiwi brown 10 tins kiwi black 10 tins McLean tooth  
 paste 2 gross Drene shampoo 12 bats bronco toilet paper 4 doz palmolive shaving cream  
 2 doz tubes personna razor blades 4 doz pkts zepo solid ~~black~~ black lead 2 doz brasso  
 12 tins silvo 12 tins quink blue ink 12 bottles airmail writing pads and envelopes  
 2 doz macintosh assorted toffees 50 lbs cadburys assorted chocolate 50 lbs players  
 cigarettes 70000 in tins of 50 players medium navy cut tobacco 24 lbs ponds cold  
 cream 12 jars ponds hand cream 12 bottles matches 4 gross candles 6 doz stop Para 2  
 propose converting old discovery laboratory into store with outside entrance

Admin Officer

Time

VJSS

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B  
 I approve in principle but we must obtain every approval  
 and expense  
 of SJS party and necessary difficulty ~~of~~ which has  
 informed Admin. estab<sup>t</sup> at S.G. and informing him that  
 there will be a corresponding item under Revenue. ~~to~~ Usual  
 share charge of 20%.

M.C. 2/1.

FD 1/23.

1st June, 51.

Gentlemen,

Further to paragraph 2 of my letter FD 1/6 of 26th April, the establishment of a Food and Canteen Store at South Georgia has now been arranged and I have enclosed two Indents to cover the various items required.

To avoid confusion with FIDS Base "M" Indents, I have again used the "S.G." series.

Copies of this letter and the Indents have been posted to the Magistrate, South Georgia, and I would be grateful if you would arrange that all "Advices" etc. are forwarded direct to him.

I am, Gentlemen,  
Your obedient servant,

SECRETARY.

The Crown Agents for the Colonies,  
5, Millbank,  
LONDON, S.W.1.

EXPENDABLE STORESMAGISTRATES OFFICE,SECTION 1.E.

GRYTVIKEN,

CANTEN

SOUTH GEORGIA.

INDENT S.G/2

24th May, 1951.

REQUISITIONS FOR 1952.

Item No.	Description	Denom.	Quantity Required.
1	Toilet soap, Lux	Tablets	144
2	Persil	Packets	144
3	Washing soap	Large bars	24
4	Washing blue	Packets	144
5	Starch	"	6
6	Mansion polish	Tins	24
7	Dubbin	"	12
8	Boot polish 'Kiwi', brown	"	10
9	" " " black	"	10
10	Tooth paste, "Macleans"	Tubes	144
11	"Drene" shampoo	Bottles	12
12	Toilet paper "Bronco"	Rolls	48
13	Palmolive shaving cream	Tubes	24
14	Razor blades "Personna"	Packets	48
15	"Zebro" solid blacklead	"	24
16	Metal polish "Brasso"	Tins	12
17	"Silvo"	"	12
18	"Quink" blue ink	Bottle	12
19	Airmail writing pads	Numbers	24
20	" envelopes	Packets	24
21	Toffee "Mackintosh" assorted	Pounds	50
22	Chocolates "Cadbury" assorted	"	50
23	Cigarettes "Players" (in '50' tins)	Tins	1,400
24	Tobacco, Medium Navy Cut	Pounds	24
25	Cold Cream "Ponds"	Jars	12
26	Hand Cream "Ponds"	Bottles	12
27	Matches	Gross	4
28	Candles No. 8	Dozen	6

File

EXPENDABLE STORES

MAGISTRATE'S OFFICE,

SECTION 14

GRYTVIKEN,

FOODSTUFFSINDENT S.G./3

SOUTH GEORGIA.

## REQUISITIONS FOR 1952.

Column 'A' - F.I.D.S. Man/year ration.  
 Column 'B' - Stock at date shown above.  
 Column 'C' - Amount required.

NOTE: It is not necessary to supply the exact quantity shown in Column 'C'; with the larger demands it will be sufficient to supply to the nearest standard case.

Item	Commodities	Denom.	'A'	'B'	'C'
1.	Brisket of beef (4lb tins)	lbs	26	...	260.
2.	Corned beef or mutton (12oz tins)	lbs	25	...	250.
3.	Steak & Kidney pudding (11b tins)	lbs	15	...	150.
4.	Stewed Steak (11b tins)	lbs	20	...	200.
5.	Tongue tinned (2lb or 6lb tins)	lbs	10	...	100.
6.	Ham - cooked {Whole - 12lb - 14lb tins} {Half - 6lb - 7lb tins}	lbs	20	...	200.
7.	Bacon (11b tins)	lbs	26	...	260.
8.	Sausages (11b tins)	lbs	14	...	140.
9.	Meat & vegetables (11b tins)	lbs	10	...	...
10.	Chopped ham or veal & ham (12oz tins)	lbs	25	...	250.
11.	Veal loaf or meat lunch (12oz tins)	lbs	10	...	100.
12.	Salmon (11b tins)	lbs	16	...	160.
13.	Herrings in tomato (Pilchards) (14oz tins)	lbs	16	...	160.
14.	Sardines (4oz tins)	tins	8	...	80.
15.	Potatoes (11b 14oz tins)	tins	21	...	60.
16.	Peas (11b 14oz tins)	tins	31	...	310.
17.	Tomatoes (2lb 4oz tins)	tins	31	...	310.
18.	Asparagus (2lb tins)	lbs	6	...	60.
19.	Beetroot (11b 14oz tins)	tins	10	...	100.
20.	Celery (11b 14oz tins)	tins	10	...	100.



Item	Commodities	Denom.	'A'	'B'	'C'
21.	Carrots (11b 14oz tins)	tins	10	..	100
22.	Heinz Baked Beans (11b tins)	lbs	31	..	310
23.	Heinz Spaghetti in Tomato (11b tins)	lbs	10	..	100
24.	Swedes or turnips (11b 14oz tins)	tins	10	..	100
25.	Brussels sprouts (11b 14oz tins)	tins	5	..	.50
26.	Dehydrated potatoes (101b tins)	lbs	30	..	300
27.	Dehydrated carrots (101b or 121b tins)	lbs	5	..	.50
28.	Dehydrated French beans (101b tins)	lbs	5	..	.50
29.	Dehydrated cabbages (51b tins)	lbs	10	..	100
30.	Dehydrated beetroot (141b tins)	lbs	5	..	.50
31.	Dehydrated onions (11b tins)	lbs	15	..	150
32.	Haricot beans dry (11b tins)	lbs	10	..	100
33.	Marrowfat peas dry (11b tins)	lbs	10	..	100
34.	Split peas dry (11b tins)	lbs	10	..	100
35.	Potato powder (281b or 11b tins)	lbs	21	..	.210
36.	White flour (251b tins)	lbs	250	..	.400
37.	Pearl barley (11b tins)	lbs	2½	..	..25
38.	Oatmeal (11b tins)	lbs	5	..	..50
39.	Rolled oats (11b tins)	lbs	36	..	.360
40.	Rice (11b tins)	lbs	5	..	50.
41.	Semolina (11b tins)	lbs	2	..	20
42.	Cornflour (11b tins)	lbs	2	..	20
43.	Spaghetti dry (11b tins)	lbs	2½	..	25
44.	Corn flakes (12oz packets)	pkts	10	..	100
45.	Whole meal flour (41b tins)	lbs	21	..	.20
46.	Macaroni dry (11b tins)	lbs	4	..	.40
47.	Ground rice (11b tins)	lbs	1	..	.10
48.	Ground almond (11b tins)	lbs	1	..	.10
49.	Tomato sauce (11b tins)	bol's	\$	..	..50

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Item	Commodities	Denom.	'A'	'B'	'C'
50.	H. P. sauce (9oz bottles)	bots	2	..	.20
51.	Worcestershire sauce (10oz bottles)	bots	5	..	.50
52.	Heinz mayonnaise (6 $\frac{3}{4}$ oz bottles)	bots	3	..	.30
53.	Piccalilli (20oz bottles)	bots	5	..	.50
54.	Sweet pickles (20oz bottles)	bots	10	..	.100
55.	Pickled onions (20oz bottles)	bots	5	..	.50
56.	Military pickles (10oz bottles)	bots	5	..	.50
57.	Mango chutney (10oz bottles)	bots	5	..	.50
58.	Cooking salt	lbs	5	..	.50
59.	Table salt (1 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb drums)	lbs	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	..	.25
60.	Dried yeast ( $\frac{1}{2}$ lb or 1lb tins)	lbs	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	..	.5
61.	Custard powder (1lb tins)	lbs	5	..	.50
62.	Granulated sugar	lbs	100	..	1000
63.	Assorted essences (1oz bottles)	bots	2	..	.20
64.	Mustard powder ( $\frac{1}{2}$ lb tins)	lbs	1	..	.10
65.	White pepper (1lb tins)	lbs	$-\frac{1}{2}$	..	.5
66.	Curry powder (1lb tins)	lbs	1	..	.10
67.	Bisto ( $\frac{1}{2}$ lb tins)	lbs	1	..	.10
68.	Baking powder (1lb tins)	lbs	5	..	.50
69.	Dried eggs (1lb tins)	lbs	16	..	.10
70.	Gravy salt ( $\frac{1}{2}$ lb tins)	lbs	$-\frac{1}{2}$	..	.5
71.	Gelatine powder (1lb tins)	lbs	$-\frac{1}{2}$	..	.5
72.	Icing sugar (1lb tins)	lbs	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	..	.15
73.	Bicarbonate of soda (1lb tins)	lbs	1	..	.10
74.	Cream of tartar (1lb bottles)	lbs	$-\frac{1}{2}$	..	.5
75.	Dessicated coconut (1lb tins)	lbs	1	..	.10
76.	Assorted mixed herbs (1oz tins)	tins	1	..	.10
77.	Ground ginger (1lb tins)	lbs	1	..	.10
78.	Nutmeg (1lb tins)	lbs	$-\frac{1}{4}$	..	.1

Item	Commodities	Denom.	'A'	'B'	'C'
79.	Mixed spices (11b tins)	lbs	$-\frac{1}{8}$	-	1
80.	Vinegar (1 pint bottles)	pints	4	-	40
81.	Assorted jams (11b tins)	lbs	21	...	210
82.	Golden syrup (11b tins)	lbs	10	...	100
83.	Honey (11b tins)	lbs	10	...	100
84.	Marmalade (21b tins)	lbs	21	...	210
85.	Dried peaches and apricots (11b tins)	lbs	5	...	50
86.	Dried prunes (11b tins)	lbs	5	...	50
87.	Dried apple rings (11b tins)	lbs	$17\frac{1}{2}$	...	175
88.	Currants (11b tins)	lbs	5	...	50
89.	Sultanas (11b tins)	lbs	5	...	50
90.	Raisins (11b tins)	lbs	5	...	50
91.	Dates (11b tins)	lbs	5	...	50
92.	Candied peel (11b tins)	lbs	$-\frac{1}{2}$	...	5
93.	Assorted tinned fruit (11b or 11b 14oz tins)	lbs	58	...	580
94.	Indian tea (11b tins)	lbs	16	...	160
95.	Coffee (11b tins)	lbs	21	...	210
96.	Cocoa (11b tins)	lbs	$2\frac{1}{2}$	...	.25
97.	Marmite (16oz jars)	jars	5	...	.50
98.	Beef extract (Bovril) (16oz jars)	jars	$2\frac{1}{2}$	...	.25
99.	Horlicks malted milk (11b tins)	lbs	$2\frac{1}{2}$	...	.25
100.	Ovaltine (11b tins)	lbs	$2\frac{1}{2}$	...	.25
101.	Nescafe (11b tins)	lbs	3	...	.30
102.	Califorange concentrated orange juice (1 gall. cans)	gall	$-\frac{1}{2}$	...	1
103.	Tomato soup (11b tins)	lbs	5	...	.50
104.	Chicken soup (11b tins)	lbs	5	...	.50
105.	Oxtail soup (11b tins)	lbs	5	...	.50
106.	Butter (11b tins)	lbs	40	...	400
107.	Margarine (21b tins)	lbs	21	...	210

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Items	Commodities	Denom.	'A'	'B'	'C'
108.	Suet (2lb tins)	lbs	5	...	50
109.	Lard (2lb tins)	lbs	21	...	210
110.	Assorted blancmange powder (1 pint packets)	pkts	14	...	140
111.	Assorted jellies (1 pint packets)	pkts	14	...	140
112.	'Ideal' evaporated milk (16oz tins)	tins	50	...	500
113.	Full cream powdered milk (11lb tins)	lbs	30	...	300
114.	Cheese (11lb tins)	lbs	16	...	160
115.	Christmas puddings (2lb tins)	lbs	3	...	30
116.	Mincemeat (11lb tins)	lbs	2½	...	25
117.	Assorted sweet tea biscuits (8lb 5oz tins)	tins	-½	...	5
118.	Oteq egg preserver (250 egg size)	tins	-½	...	5

(Signed) F.K. ELLIOTT.

Assistant Secretary F.I.D.S.

14th September, 1950.

NOTE:- In future the food will normally be packed in standard size containers as indicated in brackets below each commodity.

H.C.S

Reference Dependence Estimate 1951/52  
 Head I. B. 25. Scaled for your approval  
 despatch Indents S.G./2 + 3 at cost.  
 The total amount indeed may cost  
 more than £500 but in that case  
 the Revenue Side will increase  
 accordingly.

F.H.  
 1/6/51.

S/7.

Approve despatch of indent.

1/6/51.

# GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES

RECEIVED

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
52	London	68	17.15	22-6-51

To Secfids  
Stanley

Your letter Fid 1/6 of April 26th stop Passages provisionally reserved for three wireless operators and one diesel electric mechanic and families on Southern Raven expected to leave in October for South Georgia stop This is best arrangement possible at present stop Please confirm satisfactory failir -g earlier opportunity arising stop Three Fids personnel mentioned in your telegram 76/14 of 29th May provisionally booked same vessel

Crown

Time P.A. *Issue reply at cover use & extract relevant sentences to*  
FIDS. P.I. *g.H.*



SENT.

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
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26.6.51.

To

CROWN, LONDON.

A/C FIDS.

FIDS 1/32 YOURTEL 22nd AGREE ARRANGEMENTS BUT PLEASE  
ADVISE SEC FIDS WHO WILL ARRIVE IN UNITED KINGDOM SHORTLY  
STOP PARAGRAPH 2 LATTER INTENDS ON ARRIVAL TO REENGAGE  
BORLAND AS FORECASTER SOUTH GEORGIA FOR NEXT SEASON  
PARAGRAPH ONE MYTEL P/1/288 8th JUNE REFERS STOP  
ACCORDINGLY PLEASE ADD ONE TO PROVISIONAL BOOKINGS  
SOUTHERN RAVEN THOUGH BORLAND SHOULD ARRIVE IN SOUTH  
GEORGIA BY 1st OCTOBER IF POSSIBLE

AGSEC FIDS

Copy in P/1/292

mc. 13/...

Time

Operators for South Georgia.

S.P. & T. and I have spoken and, since the meeting on 7th April (page 248 of P/1 attached) :-

1. Mr. Lanning has resigned. ✓
2. It is rumoured that Messrs. Richards and Maddocks are resigning.
3. We have had no advice from C.A. about the new staff for South Georgia, who were due to arrive there by early October.

S.P. & T. has now confirmed that they are relying on P.S.Y. G.H. 5.9.51

S.P. & T. is checking (2) with A.O. South Georgia and I will take up (3) with C.A. (please see draft at back cover). However, I fear that none of the South Georgia staff will be forthcoming by October and it will be necessary somehow to provide :-

- (a) At least one more operator for South Georgia.
- (b) A replacement for Lanning.

That is two new operators (from U.K.). If the worst happens it would be best to send two new operators to South Georgia to work with Richards, and withdraw Maddocks to Stanley to make up for the loss of Lanning. We would need to retain Duke and Kendall at the Met. Office. Duke would stay, I think, but Kendall is anxious to go, though he may stay until the end of the whaling season.

G.H. 18.8.51

Issue to. at com.

Mc. 17/ VIII

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Acting Secretary.

Crown, London.

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Despatched : 18.8.51. 19 Time : 1200

Received : 19 Time :

Secfids letter FID 1/6 dated 26th April,  
W/T operators South Georgia. Matter now urgent  
please advise immediately if staff likely to be  
available.

GTC:JB

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Acsecfids

Crown London.

Despatched : 31.8.51. 19 Time : 1400

Received : 19 Time :

FID 1/35. Request early reply  
my telegram 18th August re. W/T operators  
South Georgia, also details age, experience,  
families, etc. when known.

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GTC:MLO.

Write  
across

III. 6/9/50

Mr. Hawkins.

6	42	43	1940	5/9/51	55
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Mc. 6/4

# GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
54	London etat	64/63	1700	6.9.51.

To  
AcSecfids Stanley

*Ext 112*  
Your letter FIDS243/46/ stop Please reply by return if any possibility ship clothing SouthGeorgia before Biscoe stop Owing passage difficulties two met assistants appointed May have to travel Southern Opal stop Trust magistrate can arrange accomodation during overlap for them and also for two fid operators both with families stop Please advise magistrate and inform us result fids Office

VJSS T.E. Dr. telms G S/F + A.O. at comes for appvel  
Time

7.9.51

# GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				7.9.51.

To  
FIDS CROWN LONDON A/C FIDS

~~1/2/33~~ YOURTEL 5th RE PERSONNEL SOUTH GEORGIA IN CASE NEED  
PLEASE GIVE PRIORITY TO DIESEL MECHANIC OVER THIRD OPERATOR

ACSECFIDS

Time

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.  
FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.  
SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				7.9.51.

To

SECFIDS CROWN LONDON

WID 1/38 Your tel 6th Sept ref South Georgia staff stop 7  
Clothing missed Harpon but will connect second voyage  
leaving Montevideo end September stop Admin Officer  
South Georgia being informed ref accommodation

AGSECFIDS.

Time

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.  
FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.  
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8.9.51.

To

ADMINOFFICER SOUTH GEORGIA

A/C FIDS

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FID 1/39 NOW INFORMED TWO MARRIED OPERATORS SENIOR WALTON JUNIOR KERRY WITH ONE CHILD EACH SAILING SOUTHERN OPAL STOP FURNITURE FOLLOWING SOUTHERN RAVEN STOP IMPOSSIBLE SEND OPERATORS AND FAMILIES BY OTHER MEANS AND GRATEFUL YOU MAKE BEST ARRANGEMENTS POSSIBLE UNTIL YOU CAN RETURN PRESENT OPERATORS AND FAMILIES VIA MONTEVIDEO OR OTHER OPPORTUNITY STOP BISCOE CANNOT DO THIS STOP PARA 2 SEC FIDS ALSO SENDING TWO MET ASSISTANTS SOUTHERN OPAL BECAUSE BISCOE FULL FROM UK AND FITZROY PASSAGES WHICH ARE ASSIGNED IN UK ARE APPARENTLY UNOBTAINABLE STOP TRYING TO REDUCE NUMBER TO ONE BY RETENTION NEWING WHO MAY BE USEFUL IF THIRD OPERATOR NOT FORTHCOMING STOP PARA 3 WILL ADVISE YOU IMMEDIATELY NEWS RECEIVED THIRD OPERATOR AND DIESEL MECHANIC STOP IN CASE NEED PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN LATTER

ACSECFIDS

Time

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DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From CROWN AGENTS.

To SECFIDS, STANLEY.

Despatched :	11.9.51.	19	Time :	1745
Received :	12.9.51.	19	Time :	1100

Your telegram 18th August. Senior Operator and Junior Operator both married with one child each sailing to South Georgia in the "Southern Opal" about 12th September. Single candidate in view for diesel electric mechanic post but not available to sail yet. Will arrange passage earliest opportunity and advise you of arrangements and any further progress in filling remaining vacancy single Wireless Operator. 34

GTC:JB.

Above repeated to A.O. South Georgia 13/9/51.  
S. P. T. informed by phone.  
Pse issue to HCS. 13.9.51

170	228H	21/90	1400	13/9/51	55
Secretary	Psy				60
Adm	Rep				65
Ad 1/29				12TH	70
stop					75
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A/S.					150

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Y.E.

See sec 42 <sup>about</sup> ~~with regard to~~ accommodation for WPT staff at S. Georgia.

2. If Y.E. allows that there is not sufficient room for 4 named operators, then the following points are pertinent:

Discuss with  
SPLT.

a) We do not have a third operator for S.G. yet and it would be better for Richards to stay on, rather than Antiochos, if the 3rd man does not materialize? (see 33 of this file).

Very but let  
us try

b) It is very unlikely that FIC will provide the passage from Plate?

c) The Harpin is making a 2nd voyage from Plate to S. Georgia early in October (though it is not known how long she will stay in S.G. before returning to the Plate), and, if A.O. could cope until then, it might be easier to get a passage in Fitzroy? In any event, it would shorten the time spent by the operator & family in Antiochos?

Yes.

3. Previous correspondence (eg tel at 39 & 40) were issued by me, with H.C.S.'s knowledge, but it might become appropriate if HCS issued the reply to 42?

No.

G.A.

14.9.51

MC. W  
IK

If the worst comes to the worst  
AO must just cope as best he  
can.

H.C.S.

1. Please see H3

2a) SP4T. prefers Mr. Maddocks to remain in S.G. because he has a P.M.G. certificate and would be better alone, pending the arrival of the two new operators. ✓

2 b) FIC (shipping office) have refused passage for Mr. Richards wife & confirm they have no passages until January. ✓

2. SecFIDS telegraphed this morning that he has despatched Borland and 2 net assistants in S. opul as well as 2 operators and families, which will put even more strain on A.O.'s accdn. ✓

G.H.  
15.9.51

J.E. 42 + succeeding minutes. There is no help for it. I fear. Draft telegram to D.O., S.G. at once s.f.c.

They must just go by themselves. How do

we get Richards wife and later Maddocks wife out? MC. 18/ix

J.E. Except for Pecca the only chance that I know of is any Pecca boat going up to the R. Plate, whence they came down for "Fitzroy". Passage for "Fitzroy" by Feb: next year should be easier, but not before.

When Richards should leave at first opportunity after arrival of ship. Even if it means delay in Munkides. MC. 18/ix

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A.

~~SS~~

ACS from, please. - then A/S & see.

~~SS~~

19/9/51.

B.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From The Colonial Secretary.

To The Admin. Officer, South Georgia.

Despatched : 20th September, 1951 Time 1400.  
Received : ..... 191. Time .....

42

No 90. Your telegram No 110. W/T staff.

Passages from Montevideo to Stanley by "Fitzroy" for remainder of year fully booked. We are experiencing greatest difficulty in getting passages at all even for Slessor and Elliott due back from leave. Very much regret but have no option save to ask you to squeeze them in somehow. They must understand that doubling up is a painful necessity for the relatively short period in question. Get Richards to Montevideo by first opportunity after arrival his relief, even if it does mean, as I fear it will, his waiting in Montevideo a bit.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

GTC.

SS

A/S. F.I.D.S.

Will returned, pl  
W. J. G. S.  
22/9/51

*Copy in P/390 "W. Richards."*

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES

SENT

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				22.9.51
To				
MAG-2 WEE MONTEVIDEO.				HOA/C

PLEASE ARRANGE TO GLASS ACCOMMODATION MR. MRS. RICHARDS ARRIVING  
HARFON ABOUT 2 29th STOP RICHARDS INSTRUCTED CONSULT YOU  
REGARDING DEFERRED PASSAGE TO STANLEY.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Time

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES

RECEIVED

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
87	London stat	33	1120	15.9.51.
To Secfids, Stanley.				

Following sailed for South Georgia Southern Opal twelfth September  
Borland Meteorologist Goss Constable and family both return leave Carey  
Walton wirelase operators and families MacCallum Hopsie Meteorologist  
all newly appointed.

Crown.

Time K.O.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES

SENT

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	A			27.9.51.
To	ADMINOFFICER, SOUTH GEORGIA.			A/C FIDS.

FID 1/48 NOW ADVISED CONSTABLE GOSS AND FAMILY ON  
BOARD SOUTHERN OPAL AS WELL AS CAREY AND WALTON AND  
FAMILIES AND BORLAND MACALLUM AND ROSE

ACSECFIDS

Time

Copy in L/346 "B. G. Goss."

Secretary  
Southern Opal  
No 125 Sooty Albatross  
harbour 2/11/51. Bringing following  
personnel Goss and family Walton  
and Carey with families Borland  
Rose and Macallum and  
South Georgia expedition personnel.  
Stop Opal 2. Grateful information  
regarding salaries date of  
appointment and advances for  
Walton and Carey.

Admin Officer

A/S7.

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Now dead

5 NOV 1951

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## GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				5.11.51.

To

ADMIN OFFICER, SOUTH GEORGIA

A/C FIDS

FID 1/49 YOURTEL 3rd PARA 2 STOP WALTON SALARY £385  
 ADVANCES £42.1.8d CARRY SALARY £310 ADVANCES £27.1.8d  
 BOTH APPOINTED FROM SAILING DATE 12th SEPTEMBER AND ELIGIBLE  
 £15 INCREMENTS ANNUALLY

ACSECFIDS

Time

H.C.S.,

you will recall in Frank's letter of 396 of Pt. seen by  
 you yesterday, that the 3rd operator & diesel/gas for S. Georgia  
~~etc~~ are unlikely to arrive before Feb-March. Tel at H.M.S. base  
 should come to A.O. S. Georgia in GTC? Have discussed with  
 SP+T, who agrees.

G.H.  
 7.11.51.

A/S?

Yes. I agree.  
 P.T.

Ull  
 7/11/51.

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES

SENT

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				8.11.51.
To	ADMINOFFICER, SOUTH GEORGIA.			A/C FIDS.

FID 1/50 NOW ADVISED THAT 3rd OPERATOR AND DIESEL MECHANIC  
UNLIKELY REACH YOU UNTIL FEBRUARY MARCH STOP PRESUME YOU WILL  
WISH TO RETAIN HADDOCKS UNTIL RELIEF AVAILABLE AND THAT FORMER  
WILL RETURN WITH FAMILY VIA MONTVIDEO SINCE BISCOE UNSUITABLE  
STOP PLEASE KEEP ME ADVISED OF OPPORTUNITIES SOUTH GEORGIA  
MONTVIDEO

Time

COLONIAL SECRETARY

Secretary Stanley

No 130 Your fid 1/50 stop Pesca have  
again changed plans and harpoon not  
sailing Montevideo 10th November arriving  
about 14th November stop in Lima en route  
Madagascar and then on to Harpoon stop  
Para 2 report the cargo arrangements with MacArthur  
for arrival later and onward passages  
to Harpoon and then to return to  
Montevideo. Harpoon likely to return  
after sailing fuel oil at Montevideo  
set her future plans at present.

Unknown however seems unlikely  
to return south America until  
new year at earliest stop Para 4  
could single operators and diesel  
mechanic be flown to Montevideo  
to contact Harpoon

Admin Officer

Y.E. (through A/SF)

Please see attached telegram from A.O., South Georgia. I received it this morning and it is now too late to take action to stop it. We were lucky in getting Mr. & Mrs. Richards down from M/V, and we should not count on being lucky like that again. It seems very likely that Mr. and Mrs. Maddocks will have a long wait in M/V. I regret that A.O., S.G., did not give us longer notice of his intention.

We cannot -  
surely he could have  
made do until the  
New Year; he  
should certainly have  
given us longer notice  
or asked approval.  
~~otherwise~~

2. The suggestion that the single operator and the diesel mechanic should be flown out to M/V depends firstly on our success in recruiting them and secondly on the sailings from U.K. of whaling ships. I would rather avoid flying them if possible. It is much more expensive and they will be stuck in S.G. without their heavy luggage until ~~the~~ it can get out from U.K., presumably on a whaling boat.

Yes.

10.11.51.

mc 10/11

A/SF.

I do not think this went to H.E. via you in the first instance. Had there been time I would have stopped A.O. S.G. sending Mr. & Mrs. Maddocks. Too late now, - they will have a long wait in M/V, I fear.

2) What is the latest news of the single w/o operator and the diesel mechanic. Do you agree that it is not a good idea to fly them out to M/V?

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12/11/51.

H.C.S.

The H.M. ship may relieve Fitzroy by bringing ENDS personnel from Monte. (a tele came in at the week end which might refer, but it is corrupt & cannot be deciphered)

2. There is no news of the 3<sup>rd</sup> operator & D. McLean (apart from what A.O. was told at 50A) and they could not now be flown to Monte to meet the next Harpur (about the end of November) and the meeting voyage will be in January sometime, according to A.O.

3.

- B. I should ask S/F for more information & perhaps warn him that persons concerned may have to be flown to Monte? There might be one visit in this since the busiest season is from Dec-March incl. at S. Georgia, but it is impossible to judge until we know when the men are likely to be available. Dr. tele at once. pl.

GH

12.11.51

Offici.

It is two lbs at cover.

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12/11/51

## GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERV.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES

SENT

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				13.11.61.
To				
	SEAFIDE CROWN LOAN.			A/C FIPS

GRATEFUL FOR VALUABLE INFORMATION AS TO THIRD OPERATOR AND DESSEL  
MECHANIC FOR SOUTH GEORGIA ST. AM CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY FLYING  
THEM LONGVIDEOS CONNECTING HATCHON EARLY JANUARY 19 BY DOING SO THEY  
WOULD ARRIVE APPRECIABLY EARLIER THAN BY TRADING VESSEL FROM  
UNITED KINGDOM.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Time

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

*From* The Colonial Secretary.

*To* The Admin. Officer, South Georgia.

*Despatched* : 13th November, 1951 *Time* : 11 30.

*Received* : ..... 19 .. *Time* : .....

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No 106. Your telegram No 130. We were lucky in getting Richards and wife passages per "Fitzroy" and no guarantee that this luck will hold in case of Maddocks and family, who must expect long wait in Montevideo. I should have liked to have earlier notice of your intention.

2. No present news of single W/T Operator and deisel mechanic.. Have telegraphed Elliott for latest. Will keep in view possibility of flying them to Montevideo to connect with "Harpon".

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

BW  
30/11/57

GTC.

SS

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## FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				16.11.51.
To				
MAGISTRAL MONTEVIDEO.				
MCA/G				

PLEASE ARRANGE D CLASS ACCOMMODATION AND OVERLAND PASSAGE STRAIGHT  
HADDONCKS WIFE AND INFANT ARRIVING HERE ON 17TH STOP ADVANCE FORTY  
POUNDS.

CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY.

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*Handwritten signature: William S. ...*



ADVICE OF ORDER PLACED.

OFFICE OF THE CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES,  
4, MILLBANK,  
LONDON, S.W.1.

The Crown Agents for the Colonies furnish overleaf particulars of a contract placed in pursuance of the Indent shown. Shipment will be made as early as possible after the goods are ready.

In the case of goods posted the contractor will send to the addressee one advice copy of the invoice in the parcel with the goods and another under separate cover when the parcel is posted, showing the indent number and the date of despatch of the parcel.

S G

*The Colonial Secretary,*  
~~Mrs. Roberts,~~  
*Port Stanley,*  
~~F.I.D.S. Office,~~  
*Falkland Islands.*  
~~Crown Agents.~~

19 JUL 1951



June 1951.

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Indent No. S.G.I.  
or Authority

Hampton & Sons,  
8/11 Pall Mall East,  
S.G.I.

A/c.

Date of Issue:— June 1951

Dept. S. Georgia Base.

TENDER for the supply of:—

Furniture

ITEM NO.	QUANTITY	DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES	RATE	AMOUNT
1	10 numbers	Rugs 6' x 3', Wilton (Persia design)		
2	2	Three place suite, upholstered covered in 50" uncut moquette.		
3	4	Occasional chairs to match item 2.		
4	2 sets	Occasional tables, 20" square, 20" high		
5	4 numbers	Dining-room chairs		
6	4	Carpets 10' x 8', Wilton, plain beige, seamless.		
7	2	Bed-room chairs		
8	2	Single bed 3' wide, complete with interior spring mattress.		
9	1	Kitchen table 3' x 4', deal.		
Packing & delivery P.O.B. will be the subject of an additional charge at cost.			TOTAL.	£620.13.8.

As Detailed Schedule herewith attached.

Inspector:— NO INSPECTION

Firm Hampton & Sons Ltd.,

Date of tender 4.7.51. Delivery July/August.

Date of order 17.7.51.

Entered up by HP/7.

Notes to firm

Firm's tender dated 4/7/51 has already been accepted verbally, by telephone. Firm's Contract. No. DT.56 MT.

Cost of articles specified on continuation sheet (if any)

Trade and Shipping allowances per cent. on £.....	Total £	
Cash discount for prompt payment per cent. on £.....	= £	620 13 8

Cost of packing and delivery f.o.b. LIVERPOOL.. £

Alternative cost of packing and postage to: £

Amount payable (including all charges) on receipt of Bills of Lading or Parcels Receipt or Post Office Certificate of Posting: £

Alternative, total net cost f.o.b. LONDON.. = £ 620 13 8 (including port rates).

Address for Post Packages:—

Shipping Mark

Magistrate,  
SOUTH GEORGIA.

CASE No. S.G.

The goods must be shipped Ind. S.G.I. on a whaling vessel reach South Georgia before 1/10/51. (The "Case No." and 7 Base letter inside a 6" diameter circle are to be repeated on at 1 three sides of every package.) All goods to be well packed to withstand shipment. The final cost of this contract is to be no

PAGE 2.

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	
11	12 bottles	"Drene" shampoo
12	48 rolls	Toilet paper "Dreneo"
13	24 tubes	Falmolive shaving cream
14	48 packets	Razor blades "Personna"
15	24 packets	"Zebro" solid blacklead
16	12 tins	Metal Polish "Brasso"
17	12 tins	"Silvo"
18	12 bottles	"Quink" blue ink
<sup>19</sup> <del>19</del>	24	Airmail writing pads
20	24 packets/	Airmail envelopes
21	50 pounds	Toffee "Hickintosh" assorted
22	50 pounds	Chocolates "Cadbury" assorted
23	1,400 tins	Cigarettes "Players" (in '50' tins)
24	24 pounds	Tobacco, medium Navy Cut
25	12 jars	Gold Cream "Ponds"
26	12 bottles	Hand Cream "Ponds"
27	4 gross	Matches
28	6 dozen	Candles No.8.

TO: MEMBERS.

Hampton &amp; Sons

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ITEM NO.	QUANTITY.	DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES.	RATE.	AMOUNT.
10	2 numbers	Easywork Dresser		
11	1 "	Bathroom stool		
12	1 "	Bathroom Cabinet		
13	1 "	Hanging frameless mirrors 30" x 20"		
14	1 "	Double Bed 4'6" wide, complete with <i>interior</i> spring mattress.		
15	1 "	Dressing table		
16	150 sq. feet.	Linoleum, green		
17	150 sq. feet.	" brown		

As attached schedule.

All furniture in medium oak.

Quality similar to supplies under Requisition 5369/1 of 10/3/48.

The Goods will be required to be available for shipment during July/August 1951.

(The "Case No. " and the Ross letter inside a 6" diameter circle are to be repeated on at least three sides of every package.)

All goods to be well packed to withstand shipment.

# GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES

RECEIVED

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
32	London etat	65	1730	13.11.51.

To Secfids Stanley

Wireless station staff South Georgia stop Single diesel electric mechanic will sail by whaling vessel in February after short course with our techinal advisers on radio beacon power units stop Suitable candidate for second junior wireless operator vacancy available to sail February but he is married and wishes wife to accompany stop Please telegraph whether quarters available or whether we should readvertise

Time VJSS

YE. Quarters not available. Readvertise?

Crown

19-11-51

44. 14.14.21

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES

SENT

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Number

Office of Origin

Words

Handed in at

Date

24.11.51.

To

CROWN, LONDON.

A/C FIDS.

75 YOURTEL 13th SOUTHGEORGIA W/T STAFF STOP QUARTERS NOT AVAILABLE  
BUT DO NOT REPEAT NOT READVERTISE FOR PRESENT

ACSECFIDS

Time

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From The Colonial Secretary.

To The Admin. Officer, South Georgia.

Despatched : 27th November, 19 51 Time : 0900.

Received : ..... 19 .. Time : .....

50 No 109. Further to Acting Sec. Fids telegram FID.1./50 of 8th November, 1951 re your 3rd Operator Kendall and Duke at Stanley Met both willing fill post temporarily arriving in either case early February and leaving for United Kingdom whaling vessel April. Also prepared return first whaling vessel following season on 2 year contract. Both hold PMG II or equivalent have worked well present posts and are familiar auto equipment. Do you wish take either if so state which so that consideration can be given his release from present employment. Unless you see objection would inform chosen applicant he would be considered for 2 year contract on basis of his work this season.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

GTC.  
SS

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

*From* The Admin. Officer, South Georgia.

*To* The Colonial Secretary.

*Despatched :* 26th November, 19 51 *Time :* 1800.

*Received :* 27th November, 19 51 *Time :* 0845.

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No 137. FIDO telegram 1/49 of 5th November. Please inform whether Walton and Carey are entitled to full Cost of Living Bonus while en route from U.K. and confirm that they are only entitled to half salary from date of embarkation to date of arrival in South Georgia.

ADMIN. OFFICER.

P/L.

pps.  
(Intld) M.R.R.  
27/11/51



DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

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To ~~Kxxx~~ The Colonial Secretary.

From ~~xx~~ The Admin. Officer, South Georgia.

*Despatched* : 27th November, 1951 *Time* : 2200

*Received* : 28th November, 1951 *Time* : 0845

77 No 139. Your telegram No 109. Prefer KENDALL.

No objections him informed.

ADMIN. OFFICER.

Mr. Howkins.

f.i.  
(Intld) M.R.R.  
28/11/51

H. C. S.

Noted t.y. I will now proceed to ask  
bases operators if two will volunteer  
to stay on in Stanley till December '52.  
(Intld) G.H.  
28/11/51.

GTC.  
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CONFIDENTIAL

5th March, 1952.

Dear Butler,

We have been exercised to find a solution to your W/T operator problem, as a result of the Walton affair. Howkins is asking the three F.I.D.S. operators Calder, Starling and Burgess whether any one is interested in filling the vacancy at South Georgia until Kendall returns.

The whole affair has set the Governor wondering whether there is need at the present time for three operators and a diesel mechanic. Moreover you yourself have pointed out to the Governor that a forecaster and three met assistants are too many for the met side, though Howkins is not convinced that two assistants can do all they ought to do in the summer. In fact, it would seem that the radio side is overloaded with a diesel mechanic and three operators (though 3 men there must be if you are to maintain 24-hour emergency 500 kc. watches, even with the auto-alarm) and the met side are overloaded with 3 observers if your radio section take over the met radio traffic (which they failed to do so this year). The answer appears to be some sharing of responsibilities vis a vis met and radio, and the matter has been gone into by both Mercer and Howkins, who make the following suggestions :-

Radio Staff

1 Diesel Mechanic	}	ex U. K.
2 W/T Operators		

Met. Staff

1 Forecaster	}	ex U. K.
2 Observers		

1 Observer - ex Stanley, for season only

The two U.K. observers should be on two year contracts expiring in different years (the case with Hosie and McCallum) and relief would take place at the end of the whaling season.

All three observers must learn to receive Morse so that they can handle all incoming weather messages. The observer from Stanley should go further than this and become as near to a fully trained operator as possible. (Next year this would be Henry McLeod, a lad of 16 at the Met. Office, who can already take South American weather messages, is familiar with the punching of automatic tape and whose general training as an operator continues). He might alternate with Hewing in later

Lt.-Col K. Pierce Butler,  
Administrative Officer,  
SOUTH GEORGIA.

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seasons, provided of course that the latter acquits himself well and there is no recurrence of difficulties such as reported by you this year.

Briefly then, the two radio operators would handle all your normal traffic (with such assistance as is possible from McLeod during the Christmas periods) and the three met. observers would be responsible for keeping a loudspeaker watch on 500 kcs. during the night and at such other periods not covered by the radio staff. The met. observers would, of course, combine this work with their normal weather watches and would make use of the auto-alarm equipment to wake an operator, if a call came through while they were outside taking observations (normally only 20 minutes every 3 hours, apart from occasional pilot balloon ascents).

We have not forgotten that you ~~would~~ establish direct services with Bergen (and Dorchester) but in the ~~initial~~ stages these could do no more than transfer traffic normally passed by you to Stanley, to a direct link with these two stations and should therefore involve no extra work for you. Later on, if the service develops, there is no doubt that you will have more traffic to handle and in that event, the Governor might reconsider the position in regard to W/T staff.

Perhaps you could let me have your views in writing by the third Antarctic voyage of "Biscoe"?

Yours sincerely

(sgd.) C. CAMPBELL

Reply N 83

South Georgia,  
8th April, 1952.

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CONFIDENTIAL

*Dear Campbell,*

82

Thank you for your letter-P/557 of 5th March regarding the future W/T and Met Staff at South Georgia.

1 I feel that it is high time to try to improve the W/T Service here and not as you suggest take a retrograde step by cutting down the number of skilled operators and making the doubtful addition of an unskilled and unqualified operator for part time service only.

2 I think you should know that the three companies here are far from satisfied with even the present service and I have had to handle endless complaints regarding errors in transmission and reception, some of which are caused at ZBH and some at VPC. With regard to this the Manager of the Tonsberg Company recently told me that he was forced to send his telegrams in English as if sent in Norwegian they were often corrupted in transmission, a sorry state of affairs which I unfortunately had to admit. None of the companies can understand why we do not employ fully qualified operators as they themselves do.

3 In view of this I am not at all keen on mixing the W/T and Met staff which in my opinion will only add more work to the W/T staff by taking weather messages which are received almost continuously from 0815 to 2300 daily, and thereby make it essential to have two operators on watch all day. The existing W/T schedules keep an operator on duty in the station from 0950 until 0030 daily and during that time he is either maintaining watch on 500 kcs or operating a fixed service. A second operator is also on duty perforating traffic for the automatic transmitter, cleaning the station and standing by whilst the duty operator has his meals, this was shared, when we had three operators, by the other two one working in the morning and the other in the afternoon, now that we only have two operators again it means they are virtually both on duty all the time and whilst I am in support of any system which keeps its personnel fully occupied there are many objections to making personnel work for something like  $14\frac{1}{2}$  hours per day on the salaries we pay when their colleagues working for the whaling companies earn  $2\frac{1}{2}$  times as much and everything beyond 10 hours per day is treated as overtime at 100 % overtime pay.

4 The W/T staff problem is somewhat similar to that of the Met in so far as it is necessary to maintain these watches with 3 fully trained operators from 1st September, when the first transports start to arrive, until 1st May when the last transport has normally left. During the winter two operators are quite adequate to cope with the amount of work to be done. With the Met staff the duration of the season is much shorter being in fact similar to the whaling season i.e. 16th October to 16th April when a forecaster is essential and three observers are fully occupied taking the synoptic messages and carrying out their normal observations. In the winter I feel that 2 observers could quite easily maintain daylight observations say from 0600 to 2000 and as no forecasting is necessary I can see no reason for reading synoptic messages.

5 Whilst on the question of Met staff I seriously

/recommend

recommend that the Met personnel at South Georgia should not be members of FIDS with all found but should be recruited on a two year agreement for secondment from Air Ministry to this Government for service at South Georgia only and that they should be treated as normal Governments servants provided with quarters preferably run on the lines of a hostel with a married steward to look after them and they should pay so much for their keep. The present system only causes friction with other Government servants who have to keep themselves and on smaller salaries than those of FIDS.

6 Finally I would like to stress the importance of improving the existing W/T service. For a station of its size, ZBH handles a very large amount of commercial traffic as you can see from the monthly abstracts for the W/T station accounts and although this builds up over the Christmas period it remains high throughout the season, it is essential therefore not to delay traffic and for that reason it is necessary to employ a senior operator who holds a PMG 1st Class Certificate, who has had experience in working at a coast station and above all who is prepared to take his duties seriously. The second and third operators should have at least PMG 2nd Class Certificates and have had some years operating experience. There has been in the past a complete lack of understanding on the part of the Crown Agents as far as conditions and work are concerned at South Georgia. No proper examination is made of recruits as regards their technical qualifications and experience and I feel sure that it will be impossible to obtain the right type of persons on the present salary scales. A Merchant Navy operator on NMB rates in charge of a ship station gets about £42 per month all found and overtime on Sundays, if he is any good he can expect to remain with a company and qualifies for a pension, we on the other hand offer £32 per month with only quarters provided free on a 30 month contract which may be renewed but with no pension or Provident Fund and for service in not what can be called the most congenial surroundings. I think you will appreciate therefore why we have difficulty in recruiting the right people.

*Yours sincerely*  
*Kenneth Purvis-Bath*

The Honourable.  
 The Colonial Secretary,  
 Stanley.

*CPT*  
*com*

*Can you please discuss  
 & let me have your  
 comments before 3/5.*  
*Sp.*

H.C.S.,

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The core of the matter, as A.O. states in para 5, is that both net and W/T staff need supplementing during the whaling season. See FIDS has now proposed that one FIDS net observer and one FIDS W/T operator should be transferred (at the end of their FIDS service) from a Base to S. Georgia by the 1<sup>st</sup> voyage of J. Brime (before Christmas). These men would cover most of the busy season and return to the UK by whaling transport in April or May. However, this arrangement would not meet A.O.'s objection in para 6 to staff on varied conditions (since Base personnel are "all found" and S. Georgia operators pay for their keep).

2. HE will no doubt wish to look into the remarks at the end of para 5 about winter working, since I understood from Laws (Base leader in S. Georgia) and Manfell (Forecaster S. Georgia 1951) that the whalers resumed foreca in the winter when they slip and overhaul the catcher fleet.

3. I suspect that A.O.'s other problems are because his present operators are well below the standard of the earlier F.I. operators - but S.P. & T. will no doubt comment on this.

How Cal. Sec.

G.H.  
1.5.52

45 Seen.

When it was proposed originally, to employ operators from the UK, I was asked by S.P. & T. what I considered the Senior Operator should be proficient in to suit our needs at S.G. Had S.P. & T. made a letter to suit my suggestion the Senior Operator would have been a 1<sup>st</sup> Class P.M.G. man. Something went wrong somewhere because I believe I saw the advertisement in a radio journal. However, I feel that 3 operators plus the Radio/Diesel mechanic might be sufficient for the 2nd season.



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with 2 operators and mechanic covering the out of season period.

The causes of discrepancies I attribute to the fact that neither the 2 new men had handled high speed transmission gear before, and they were not able to read the punched slip  $\therefore$  a mistake on the perforation and nobody monitoring the output caused errors to pass through. It has now been cleared up but new staff unacquainted with the gear can cause an unholy mess with code or foreign language.

If practicable, I would suggest that any FIDS operator being transferred via Stanley to S. Georgia, be stationed at Stanley WTI Station for the purpose of handling High Speed gear and similar gear before proceeding to ZBH.

Para 5 has something to recommend it and I think it would improve conditions socially.

I entirely agree with Para 6. but unless salaries are considerably increased and accommodation arrangements are revised I don't think a fully qualified man will apply.

Gives a good man at S.G. daily social worries and he will be no better than the worst.

S. Georgia has only recently caused just such anxiety and I feel C.A. should have their attention drawn to the requirements of the advent in future.

A.M. SPT  
1.5.52

S.P. 48

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This is rather short notice before Mr. & Mr. Co to S. Georgia, but you see record your views & pass to Mr. to see to day. & SPT should then take the file with him & discuss on the spot with A.O.S.G.

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S.P. 1.

81 onwards for further comment as a result of your visit to ZBH. P.

S.  
10/5.

Hon Col Sec,

81 onwards seen.

Further to my remarks on 85, I feel now since my recent visit to South Georgia that the position down there ought to be under two separate sub-heads :- Met and W/T Service.

The reception of Met reports at South Georgia should be a commitment for the Met side of the service, and apart from the transmission of Met weathers the W/T Station should confine itself to handling the all important public traffic. Please see para 3 on page 83. S.G. Cannot do justice to whaling ship traffic, point to point and local traffic as well as undertake reception of the Met reports - 81 para 2 mentions Met radio traffic as a commitment of the W/T Station-.

For consideration I propose that all Met observers be trained to copy Met reports. It is not difficult to acquire sufficient speed to copy figures.

2. I understand accommodation and establishment of staff in general was reviewed by His Excellency and A.O. during H.E.'s recent visit to S.G.

3. The W/T service was also reviewed and it has been proposed to erect transmitting and receiving aerials remote from the W/T Station proper, and in this connection Messrs Proce Cardew and Rider are being consulted as to the practicability of the proposal in this particular case.

4. To improve the service H.E. has provisionally approved the installation of Automatic Receiving gear at South Georgia W/T Station.

5. Until a direct service is established with UK and Norway by S.G., I see no reason why Falkland Is should not work U.K. and Norway during the day as well as the night for the duration of the season. Had I seen page 1 of this file before, arrangements would have been made for this service last season.

*B.M.*  
S.P.T.

22. 5. 52

*See F.H.P.*

(81) et seq.

*I now of your estimate discussion with H.E. & his visit to S. Georgia, can you please advise me if any decisions on this subject have been reached.*

*27/5*



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H.C.S.

H.E. has now decided that Met. Staff, i.e. Forecaster and two Met. Assistants, should appear under Head 1 of the Estimates and should come directly under A.O. who would be advised on Met. technical matters by C.M.O. All FIDS stores (both permanent and expendable) are to be transferred to A.O.'s charge and he will in future be responsible for placing Indents (these have already been placed from this office for 1953).

FIDS Office are to arrange the Met. staff appointments.

Conditions of service for South Georgia staff are to be revised as follows :-

Meteorological Assistants to receive Air Ministry salary (London rates) plus birthday increments and any other general increments approved by the Air Ministry.

Board and lodging to be provided free of charge but canteen stores (see list attached\*) to be issued on repayment. Clothing is to be issued free of charge up to a scale which is not to exceed normal FIDS issues (see list attached\* - some items may be unnecessary). Met. Assistants will receive no other allowances in addition to salary except that the Assistant performing senior duties will receive a Responsibility Allowance of £20 per season. A season is not necessarily a year and could be a little more or less dependent on dates of arrival and departure from the Dependency. The present Assistants are eligible to receive Duty Allowance at £50 per annum will be paid until the end of their tour.

\* files at com. 18 limited issues

Forecaster. D. Borland is on contract at £575 p.a. plus £50 p.a. Duty Allowance - he goes on leave in April 1953. We should ask him if he will agree to the revision of his conditions w.e.f. 1st January 1953 to bring him in line with the new terms. I would suggest we offer him £625 p.a. flat rate (no Duty Allowance), free board and lodgings and canteen stores on repayment. At the moment he gets free canteen stores worth, perhaps, £25 p.a. I think he would accept £625 if we pointed out to him that his leave pay would be at the rate of £625. instead of £575. Also we should offer him continuous employment on above terms serving tours of two summers (whaling) seasons and the intervening winter followed by leave in U.K.

See letter at 10.10.16

I don't think this is entirely satisfactory with Borland?

All unmarried staff (or married staff not having their wives with them) to receive free board and lodgings and to feed in Discovery Hut - a cook and a steward is to be provided. The Admin. Officer to draw his food from the Store (a chief steward/cook is to be engaged to look after him and supervise the cook and steward for Discovery Hut). Persons receiving free board and lodgings are not entitled to receive C.O.L.B. Duty Allowance will only be paid to present holders until the expiration of their present tour of duty. (Magistrate?)

get free quarters (boarded)

Married Staff who have their wives with them will make their own arrangements for food etc. but will receive C.O.L.B.

W/T/Met. Staff. There can be no guarantee that Met. Assistants will be capable of receiving figure morse especially as they will go to South Georgia direct from England. by Whaling Vessel. Also the two Assistants will have more than enough to do to keep up with the three hourly met. observations throughout the 24 hours. I feel that W/T staff must be so organised that they can deal with all general traffic plus the met. reports. I had discussed this point with the C.M.O. and we came to the conclusion that the solution would be to have two operators during the winter and three during the summer. This

P.T.O.

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could be achieved by having them all on 30 months contracts (as we do with FIDS men) bringing in one new operator each year at the beginning of the summer season and arranging for the operator who had completed his tour to leave at the end of the season. The same system must also be extended to the Met. Assistants as these are required during the summer.

I suggest that all communications from A.O. are addressed to you except on technical met. matters which might be best direct to C.M.O.

M.K.E.

27/5/52

S/E Thank you. Is A.O.S.G. aware of these decisions?  
\* If not could you please draft a letter to him setting out the new arrangements and that I will obtain his final approval.

4/6

H.C.S.,

me Your minute above. Please find draft letter at cover. I have suggested that copies of the letters to C.A. requesting staff for South Georgia, be forwarded to A.O. for information. If it is decided that the new terms shall apply from the beginning of the 1952/53 Estimates then I would suggest that a cable in G.T.C. on the following lines is sent to A.O.

"Governor has revised conditions of service at South Georgia w.e.f. 1st July 1952. All unmarried staff or staff not having their wives with them to have free messing in Discovery Hut but NOT to receive C.O.L.B. Magistrate to draw food free from the store. A Chief Steward/Cook (for A.O.) and a Cook and Steward (for Discovery Hut) are being appointed through C.A. Married staff having their wives with them are to purchase their own food but will receive C O L B. Duty allowance to be paid to present holders until the expiration of their present tours but not to new recruits. Magistrate's allowance will however continue.

2. Met. staff to be administered by A.O. An assistant is to be recruited and posted by beginning of whaling season to replace Hosie who will leave in April 1953. Cowling is being posted from Port Stanley to arrive November/December to replace McCallum who will leave December. Borland should be asked if he will accept revised conditions w.e.f. 1st January 1953 as follows: £625 per annum but with no duty allowance and canteen stores on a repayment basis. Also that he agrees to extend for a further 12 months to April 1954. You should point out to him that his leave pay will be at £625 per annum.

3. W/T Staff. Grateful you advise me urgently whether Carey prepared extend until April 1954. Kendall and one or two new operators (dependent on Carey's decision) are being appointed for South Georgia for commencement whaling season. W/T staff must be so organised that they can handle all traffic including reception met reports. SP&T agree that this can be handled by three men during the winter and four in the summer, which can be achieved by a new recruit arriving each year beginning summer and relieved operator not leaving until the following April. Are married quarters available or must C.A. recruit single operators?

/4. All

4. All stores have been ordered for met unit and communal messing for 1953 but A.O. must in future place his own Indents. All FIDS Base M inventories to be handed over to A.O. during the 1952/53 season.

5. Letter giving full details follows.

Col Sec. "

The question of Wireless Operator needs urgent consideration. At the moment Carey is the only operator on the station but Kendall is to be posted in time for the start of the whaling season. S.P.&T says that it is essential to have three operators during the winter and four during the summer if W/T staff are to handle all traffic including Met. reports. W/T operators are difficult to come by in England and if one or two are required a letter should go off to C.A. in the "John Biscoe" mail.

B.

*JFE*

11/6/52

*JFE*

(88) - (90)

Can *JFE* please confirm that these arrangements are in accordance with *JFE*'s recent ruling about S.P. staff.

C *15/6*

Yes, generally except that headquarters will continue to get his allowance and, of course, Brindley so long as he is there.

2 As to W/T operators I note that at first of 88 the <sup>recommended</sup> establishment is 3 in summer + 2 in winter (which I wd. have supposed to be sufficient IF THEYRE GOOD). whenever above we talk of 3 in winter + 4 in summer which seems a bit much.

3. I understand that AO intends  
to get his food through Tansang?

MC 16/VI

# GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				18.6.52

To

ADMIN. OFFICER, SOUTH GEORGIA.

DEPA/C

NO 97. GOVERNOR HAS REVISED CONDITIONS OF SERVICE AT SOUTH GEORGIA WITH EFFECT FROM 1ST JULY 1952 STOP ALL UNMARRIED STAFF OR STAFF NOT HAVING THEIR WIVES WITH THEM TO HAVE MEAL MEETING IN DISCOVERY HUT BUT NOT TO RECEIVE COST OF LIVING BONUS STOP MAGISTRATE TO DRAW FOOD FREE FROM THE STORE STOP A CHIEF STEWARD CHIEF COOK BRACKET FOR ADMIN. OFFICER BRACKET AND A COOK AND STEWARD BRACKET FOR DISCOVERY HUT BRACKET ARE BEING APPOINTED THROUGH CROWN AGENTS STOP MARRIED STAFF HAVING THEIR WIVES WITH THEM ARE TO PURCHASE THEIR OWN FOOD BUT WILL RECEIVE FULL COST OF LIVING BONUS STOP DUTY ALLOWANCE TO BE PAID TO PRESENT HOLDERS UNTIL THE EXPIRATION OF THEIR PRESENT TOURS BUT NOT TO NEW RECRUITS STOP MAGISTRATES ALLOWANCE WILL HOWEVER CONTINUE STOP NEW PARA 2 METEOROLOGICAL STAFF TO BE ADMINISTERED BY ADMIN. OFFICER STOP AN ASSISTANT IS TO BE RECRUITED AND POSTED BY BEGINNING OF WHALING SEASON TO REPLACE HOSIE WHO WILL LEAVE IN APRIL 1953 STOP COILING IS BEING POSTED FROM PORT STANLEY TO ARRIVE NOVEMBER STOP DECEMBER TO REPLACE McCALLUM WHO WILL LEAVE DECEMBER STOP BOWLAND SHOULD BE ASKED IF HE WILL  
 TIME  
 ACCEPT REVISED CONDITIONS WITH EFFECT FROM 1ST JANUARY 1953 AS FOLLOWS.

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# GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

## FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

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To

2.

SIX HUNDRED AND TWENTY FIVE POUNDS PER ANNUM BUT WITH NO DUTY ALLOWANCE AND CANTEN STORES ON A REPAIRMENT BASIS STOP ALSO THAT HE AGREES TO EXTEND FOR A FURTHER TWELVE MONTHS TO APRIL 1954 STOP YOU SHOULD POINT OUT TO HIM THAT HIS LEAVE PAY WILL BE AT SIX HUNDRED AND <sup>EN</sup> ~~XXX~~ TWENTY FIVE PER ANNUM STOP NEWARA 3 W/T STAFF STOP GRATEFUL YOU ADVISE <sup>EN</sup> ~~HE~~ Extracted to P/578 URGENTLY WHETHER CAREY PREPARED EXTEND UNTIL APRIL 1954 STOP KENDALL AND ONE OR TWO NEW OPERATORS BRACKET DEPENDENT ON CAREY'S DECISION BRACKET ARE BEING APPOINTED FOR SOUTH GEORGIA FOR COMMENCEMENT WHALING SEASON STOP W/T STAFF MUST BE SO ORGANISED THAT THEY CAN HANDLE ALL TRAFFIC INCLUDING RECEPTION MET REPORTS STOP SUPERINTENDENT POSTS & TELEGRAPHS AGREES THAT THIS CAN BE HANDLED BY THREE MEN DURING THE WINTER AND FOUR IN THE SUMMER WHICH CAN BE ACHIEVED BY A NEW RECRUIT ARRIVING EACH YEAR BEGINNING SUMMER AND RELIEVED OPERATOR NOT LEAVING UNTIL THE FOLLOWING APRIL STOP ARE MARKED QUARTERS AVAILABLE OR MUST CROWN AGENTS RECRUIT SINGLE OPERATORS STOP NEWARA 4 ALL STORES HAVE BEEN ORDERED FOR MET UNIT AND COMMUNAL MESSING FOR 1953 BUT ADMIN. OFFICER ~~File~~ MUST IN FUTURE PLACE HIS OWN INDENTS STOP ALL FIDS BACK IN INVENTORIES

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE  
FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.  
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To

3.

TO BE HANDED OVER TO ADMIN. OFFICER DURING THE 1952 STROKE 53 SEASON  
STOP NEHARA 5 LETTER GIVING FULL DETAILS FOLLOWS.

COLONIAL SECRETARY

Time

Candidates must hold nothing less than a P.M.C. second class Certificate of proficiency in Wireless Telegraphy and must have had experience in handling commercial traffic. It is essential for selected persons to be able to maintain radio transmitters, receivers, Creed high speed transmitting apparatus and Marconi auto-alarm equipment.



ACB

Draft at once to issue on this  
mail.

96

2) When a reply to (92) is received (which should be within the next week) an application for additional w/r staff is to be made to C/Agents by telegram.

3) This telegram can be brief & should refer only to (6) plus recent amendments. See RPS to check the draft.

4) Telegram should also include requirements listed by SP/T at (95).

19/6

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

24  
97

From The Colonial Secretary.

To The Admin. Officer, South Georgia.

Despatched : 14th May, 1952 Time : 1300

Received : ..... 19.. Time : ....

No 83. Following from Governor begins.

Please convey my good wishes to all Managements and my grateful thanks for their kind hospitality to me and to ship's officers during my recent visit.

2. I am gratified at the various improvements introduced during my visit and I look to all members of the staff to give you their full support in seeking further progress.

3. I am making immediate enquiries about domestic staff for

(a) Administrative Officer and

(b) Government Mess.

4. Enquiries re siting of ~~mess~~ on other side of Bay are being addressed to Electrical Consulting Engineers.

5. Indent for Automatic Receiving Equipment (1943-44) being prepared here.

6. Please now obtain tenders for

(a) Standard ~~xxxxxxxx~~ alterations to Discovery Hut as discussed.

(b) Renovation Meteorological Office.

(c) Repair and replacement of Government Jetty.

7. Ask Managements ascertain if Companies prepared provide dental ~~xx~~ equipment including chair, lamp, electrical drill at Hospital. If they are so prepared I will send list ~~basic requirements and will endeavour recruit dentist 1953/4.~~

Ends.

COLONIAL SECRETARY

Extracted  
to  
D/20/45

Extracted  
to  
FDS/H. File.  
Extracted  
to  
D/4/51

Extracted  
to  
D/9/50.

958

A.

Sec F.I.S.S.

Central Mess £6

I want to make enquiries on the next mail for recruiting Mess Staff for S.G.

Can you please let me know what exactly is required as the salaries offering & suggest to whom the enquiries are addressed?

26/5

B.

H.C.S.

Your minute at 'A' above. Please see my minute at 88 and 89 in CSO file D/18/51.

Following are details of Mess Staff requirements for South Georgia :-

- (i) A cook at £250 p.a. for cooking for unmarried staff in Discovery Hut.
- (ii) A steward at £250 for general duties in Discovery Hut.
- (iii) A chief steward/cook at £300 for looking after the Administrative Officer and general supervision of Discovery quarters.

For (i) I suggest that we approach the Assistant Cook (Gregory) on the John Biscoe and for (ii) the Ward Room Steward on the John Biscoe (Simmons). If they were interested they could be appointed now on Letters of Appointment, would return to England in the John Biscoe for leave, and would proceed direct to South Georgia by whaling vessel.

For (iii) I see no alternative but to apply through Crown Agents (Appointments Bureau) in the usual way.

J.H.G.

27/5.

C

Y.H.

Ref: (25) A+B

Does Y.H. agree to our approaching the Biscoe Staff?

27/6

Yes. H.C.S. 2/6

S/LF Could you please approach persons concerned & let me know the answer & perhaps we can get a letter away in the mail on Friday.



99

A.

HCS

I have contacted Gregory and Simmons  
through Capt. Johnson and neither of  
them are interested

J.H.B.  
7/6/52

B.

S/E

A party. As you are knowledgeable  
of conditions in SD. could you please  
put up a short draft to C/Agents  
explaining just what they are in for.

9/6

C.

HCS

B above. Draft submitted at once

7/6  
10/6.

HCS

If you have  
no other comments then  
can be fairly

9/6

No comment - except that we will  
be lucky to get them at the  
salaries offered.

9/6

D/10/51

20th June, 52.

Gentlemen,

I am directed to request you to endeavour to recruit personnel for service at the Government Station at South Georgia as follows:-

(a) Chief Steward/Cook

Salary: £300 per annum.  
Duties: To cook and keep house for the Administrative Officer and supervise the work of a Cook & Steward employed in "Discovery Hut".

(b) Cook

Salary: £250 per annum.  
Duties: To cook for between 8 to 12 men messing in "Discovery Hut".

(c) Steward

Salary: £250 per annum.  
Duties: Table service and general cleaning in "Discovery Hut".

2. The terms of the above appointments are as follows:-

- (i) Term of Engagement. For terms of three years in the first instance.
- (ii) Board and Lodging is provided free. Canteen stores (i.e. cigarettes, tobacco, chocolate, tooth brushes etc) are issued on a repayment basis.
- (iii) Leave on Full pay in the United Kingdom, earned at the rate of 3½ days per completed month of residential service. Free passages by whaling vessels to and from the Dependency.
- (iv) Income Tax. Falkland Islands Income Tax is payable from the date of appointment as follows:

On every £1 of the first £100 of taxable income

On every £1 of the next £200

1/-  
2/-

Relief from payment of tax is at present as follows:-

Personal Allowance	\$100
Wife's Allowance	\$100
Children's Allowance	\$40 first child and \$25 each for all others.
Dependent relatives	\$25.
(provided that the relatives total income does not exceed \$50 per annum. Deductions to be apportioned where two or more persons contribute to maintenance)	
Earned Income allowance	1/10th of earned income.
Premiums paid on Life Assurances, providing amount does not exceed 1/6th earned income. Free quarters are assessed at \$50 per annum.	

3. The above staff should be recruited in time to post to South Georgia by the earliest whaling transport vessel. Passages department are aware of passage difficulties and provisional bookings should be made immediately.

4. It is thought that ex-naval personnel would be most suitable for the posts though this should not be made a condition. If difficulties are experienced in obtaining candidates could you please advise whether a married couple for the posts of Cook and Steward could be obtained.

X | In the latter event some revision of the salaries offered would be required.

5. Any further communications on this subject should be copied to the Administrative Officer at South Georgia.

I am,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,  
(Sgd) C. Campbell

COLONIAL SECRETARY.



D/18/51

21st June, 52.

Sir,

I am directed to state that following His Excellency's visit to South Georgia Conditions of Government Service have been revised as follows and take effect from 1st July, 1952:-

102-101 2. Unmarried Staff (or married staff not having their wives with them) to receive free board and lodging and to mess in Discovery Hut - a Cook and a Steward are to be provided (copy of letter to Crown Agents attached for information). The Administrative Officer is to draw his food from the Store free of charge - a Chief-Steward/Cook is to be engaged to look after him and supervise the Cook and Steward employed in Discovery Hut.

Persons receiving free board and lodging will not be entitled to receive Cost of Living Bonus.

Duty allowance will only be paid to present holders until the expiration of their present tour of duty.

Married Staff who have their wives with them will make their own arrangements for preparation and purchase of food, canteen stores, etc., but will receive Cost of Living Bonus at the current rate in force.

3. Meteorological Staff are to come directly under Administrative Officer's administration but he will be advised on meteorological technical matters by the Chief Meteorological Officer. Administrative Officer will normally conduct all official correspondence, telegrams, etc., for Port Stanley through the Colonial Secretary except for Meteorological queries, etc. when he will communicate directly with the Chief Meteorological Officer.

FIDS Office in Port Stanley are to arrange Meteorological Staff appointments but Administrative Officer is to keep the office informed (through Colonial Secretary's Office) of his meteorological staff requirements some six to eight months before they are required at S G Georgia. The normal complement will be a Forecaster and two Meteorological Assistants but this will be increased to three during the whaling season by appointing Assistant on 30 months contracts and posting a new recruit to South Georgia each year at the beginning of the summer. Arrangements for the 1952/53 season are as follows:-

A new Assistant is to arrive in South Georgia at the beginning of the whaling season making a total of three with Hosie and MacCallum.

The Administrative Officer,  
King Edward Point,  
South Georgia.

One of the latter (preferably MacCallum) is to leave shortly after the arrival of Cowling in November/December (from Port Stanley). Hosie (or MacCallum) to leave at the end of the whaling season.

Meteorological staff recruited in future (and Cowling) to receive Air Ministry salary (London Rates) plus birthday increments as they become due, and any other general increments approved by the Air Ministry. They will be subject to conditions of service outlined in paragraph 2 of this letter - they will receive NO Duty Allowance and will pay for any canteen stores (see attached List, Section 1.4. for details) that are issued to them. The Meteorological Assistant performing senior duties will be eligible to receive a Responsibility Allowance of £20 per season. A season is not necessarily a year and could be a little more or a little less dependent on dates of arrival and departure from the Dependency. Clothing is to be issued free of charge up to a scale which is not to exceed normal FIDS issues (see list attached - some items are obviously unnecessary at South Georgia and should not be issued.

The present Forecaster, D. Borland, is on contract at £575 per annum plus £50 per annum Duty Allowance. By the time this letter reaches you, you will have received my cable requesting that Borland is approached with a view to bringing his conditions of service in line with the new terms. I suggested that he is paid a flat rate of £625 per annum (no Duty Allowance and canteen stores issued on a repayment basis) with effect from the 1st January, 1953. Also that he is asked to extend his contract for a further 12 months, i.e. until the end of the 1953/54 whaling season. It should be pointed out to him that if he accepts the new terms he will be paid the whole of his accumulated leave at £625 per annum. If he accepts, he should be given a Letter of Appointment setting out the new terms and should be asked to confirm his acceptance in writing. Two copies each of the two letters should be forwarded to the Colonial Secretary's Office, Port Stanley, for distribution to the Crown Agents and Personal File.

4. W/T Staff. There can be no guarantee that Meteorological staff will be capable of receiving figure morse especially as they will travel to South Georgia direct from England. Also the two/three Assistants will have more than enough to do to keep up with the three hourly meteorological observations throughout the 24 hours. W/T staff must be so organised that they can handle all general traffic plus the meteorological reports.

At the beginning of the 1952/53 season you will have Kendall, Carey and two new recruits, one on 18 months and the second on 30 months contracts. Carey will leave at the end of the whaling season so reducing your complement of operators to three for the winter.

5. Stores. FIDS office have ordered all stores required by the Meteorological service and sufficient food for the communal messing in Discovery Hut for 1953. In future Administrative Officer will be required to place all Indents for stores and equipment for South Georgia. FIDS Office will hand over copies of all Base 'M' Inventories for 1951/52 and Indents for 1953 during 1952/53 season. The canteen and food stocks previously purchased for re-sale and the FIDS stocks may now be pooled into one store. Canteen /

Copy from FIDS sent

Copy FIDS sent



10/c.

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Canteen stores are to be issued to MacCallum, Hosie and Borland free of charge until the end of their present agreement but new staff must pay for all stores issued to them.

I am,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) J.E. Briscoe.  
ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY.

TELEGRAM.

102

From The Admin. Officer, South Georgia.

To The Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : 21st June, 19 52 Time : 1200

Received : 22nd June, 19 52 Time : 0845

92

No. 96. Your telegram No 97 para 1. Respectively suggest decision to cease duty allowance to F.I. personnel should be reconsidered. Under revised conditions Senior Customs Officer will lose immediately £97. 10s. per annum for receiving free meals and at end of present tour if he returns will lose further £50 duty allowance. This will put his salary well below that of all other Government staff. Other single staff on the other hand are gaining free meals and losing nothing financially. Duty allowance has been major attraction for service at South Georgia and its cessation may cause difficulty recruiting second Customs Officer.

2. Your para 2. Borland wishes to go on leave at end of next season but would be prepared to return for 30 months at beginning 1953/54 season.

3. Your para 3. Carey prepared extend until April 1954. Married quarters not available so single operators only should be recruited.

4. Grateful I may be informed what is to become of FIDS clothing and bedding recommend latter should be held on inventory Discovery House but suggest former be returned to Stanley.

ADMIN. OFFICER.

P/L.  
SS

pp. pse.  
(Intld) G.E.B.

W.E.S.

For action on 96 and then return pl.

24/6

Reply at 107

A.

S/F.

Would you please be good enough to check draft telegram at back cover in acc. with 96.

2. Leave and salary is based on Carey's (see att. file). I assume that this was the intention but perhaps you would check with H.H.

3. Another point - I see by 100 we are offering the cooks, etc.  $3\frac{1}{2}$  days per month leave as opposed to 3 days for W/T. Oprs. and Mechanic. ~~THIS MAY BE NECESSARY~~ I think it most inadvisable to have different leave conditions for junior appts. on the same station. Perhaps you would put this to H.H. as well.

24.8.52.

P.S.

Para 4 of reverse - would you pl. advise.

ACS.

I have discussed p.102 with H.H.

A.O's para 1. Senior Customs Officer will lose £97 - 10 less what he pays for messing (about 25/- per week). He will be paid Duty Allowance until he leaves S.G.

2. A.O's para 2. If Borland goes on leave in April 1953. Government has no option but to recruit another forecaster on 2/3 year contract to relieve him and cover winter forecasting. A.O. should ask Borland if, in view of above, he will reconsider his decision and extend until April 1954.

3. A.O's para 3. The position regarding W/T operators is difficult. H.H. has discussed this matter further with S.P & T and has decided that 4 operators in the summer and three in the winter are necessary. The ideal arrangement would be as indicated in following table:-

SUMMER BEGINNING OCT. 1952	WINTER BEGINNING APRIL 1953	SUMMER BEGINNING OCT. 1953	WINTER BEGINNING APRIL 1954	SUMMER BEGINNING OCT. 1954
SERVICE MONTHS.	SERVICE MONTHS	SERVICE MONTHS	SERVICE MONTHS	SERVICE MONTHS.
IN → KENDALL -	KENDALL 6	KENDALL 12	KENDALL 18	KENDALL 24.
CAREY 12.	OUT → CAREY 18	IN → CAREY -	CAREY 6	CAREY 12
IN → NEW OP. 1 -	NEW OP. 1 6	NEW OP. 1 12	OUT → NEW OP. 1 18	IN → NEW. OP. -
IN → NEW. OP. 2 -	NEW. OP. 2 6	NEW OP. 2 12	NEW OP. 2 18	NEW. OP. 2 24
TOTAL: 4.	TOTAL: 3.	TOTAL: 4.	TOTAL: 3	TOTAL: 4.

(4) For this arrangement it would be necessary to approach Carey again with a view to him going on leave in April or May 1953 as originally intended and returning to S.G. in Oct. 1953 to serve another tour of duty preferably 30 months. I advised in the first place that Carey should be asked to extend, but had not planned far enough ahead. Another alternative would be to recruit only one operator this year (allowing Carey to extend until April 1954)

E  
T  
C.

and for Met. staff to continue receiving weather reports for another season. This would be just possible until April 1953 with the present staff (including Cowling who is to be transferred from P.S. for a year and who is proficient in figure morse)

(b) Other alternatives are to accept 4 operators at S.G. during the winter of 1953 or to recruit an operator for 6 months service only.

(c) Draft telegram to C.A. at cover. Whether one or two operators are to be recruited, will depend on whether Carey is to proceed on leave in April 1953 or 1954. If the decision is for two operators then one must be on 18 months tour and the other on 30 months.

(d) Paragraph 4 of letter to A.O. filed at cover is correct if Carey goes on leave in April 1953.

4 A.O.'s para 4. All FIDS stores including clothing and bedding are to be transferred to A.O.'s charge. More clothing and bedding has been ordered for delivery South Georgia during the 1952/3 season - A.O. will continue to issue clothing etc. to Met. staff as indicated in para 3 of letter to A.O. filed at cover.

Your minute at p. 103A. We should telegraph C.A. amending  $3\frac{1}{2}$  days to 3 days.

*J.H. Elliott*

*26/6/52.*

*See.*

*Before p.u. a draft Tel. to A.O. See.  
wh. of S/F's suggestions (para. 3 opposite)  
shd. be adopted, pl.?*

*8  
26/6*

*A.C.S.*

*a.!*

*Carey to proceed on leave in April & May 1953  
and 2 operators recruited - 1 operator to be  
recruited for term of 18 mos and the other for 30 mos.  
A.O. to be informed that we are endeavouring  
to recruit 2 new operators and if successful then  
there will be no necessity for Carey to extend.*

*See.*

*2 Draft Telegrams at back cover  
for appre. pl*

*26/6.*

*A.C.S. Fair 27/7*

# GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

105

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				2.7.52

To

CROWN LONDON

HOA/C

PLEASE RECRUIT TWO SINGLE JUNIOR WIRELESS OPERATORS FOR SOUTH GEORGIA IN TIME PROCEED THERE BY FIRST WHALING VESSEL THIS YEAR STOP CANDIDATES MUST HOLD AT LEAST P.E.G. SECOND CLASS CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY IN WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY STOP ESSENTIAL PERSONS SELECTED CAPABLE MAINTAIN RADIO TRANSMITTERS COMMA RECEIVERS COMMA CREED HIGH SPEED TRANSMITTING APPARATUS AND MARCONI AUTO ALARM EQUIPMENT STOP ONE OPERATOR IS REQUIRED FOR FOUR OF THIRTY MONTHS AND THE OTHER FOR EIGHTEEN MONTHS STOP FREE PASSAGES AND LEAVE Time AT THREE DAYS PER MONTH OF RESIDENTIAL SERVICE STOP BOARD AND LODGING

See 140

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

106

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date

To 2.

6 PROVIDED FREE STOP FOR OTHER PARTICULARS OF SERVICE SEE SECRETARY FIDS  
LETTER FID 1/6 OF 26th APRIL 1951.

COLONIAL SECRETARY

Time

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

107

From The Colonial Secretary.

To The Admin. Officer, South Georgia.

Despatched : 2nd July, 1952 Time : 1145  
Received : ..... 19.. Time : .....

102

No 100. Your telegram No 96. Senior Customs <sup>Office</sup> will lose Cost of Living Bonus but will retain duty allowance while employed at South Georgia.

2. Please ask Borland to reconsider extension to April 1954 in view difficult staffing position.

3. Am endeavouring recruit two single operators and if successful there will be no necessity for Carey to extend.

4. All F.I.D.S. stores including clothing and bedding are to be transferred to your charge.

COLONIAL SECRETARY

GTC  
SS

B.U. 9.7.52  
G.L. 11/558

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TELEGRAM.

108

From The Admin. Officer, South Georgia.

To The Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : 3rd July, 19 52 Time : 1800  
Received : 4th July, 19 52 Time : 0845

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102

No 103. Your telegram No 100. I was aware of this but object of first paragraph in my telegram No 96 was that decision to cease Senior Customs cost of living might be reconsidered. Is not reason for cost of living to cover not only increases cost food but also clothing etc? I would point out that other single staff whose salary presumably originally included cost of living will now and will not receive free food ~~lose~~ any money under the new conditions.

1. S. informed  
L. A. 7.

2. Borland not prepared extend service.

3. Would prefer retain Carey who has gained much useful experience here and would be more useful than new operator, he is keen to remain and is happy to serve under these conditions.

ADMIN. OFFICER.

Replies at 111 + 116



109

Sec/Hols:

To see p. 108. pl.

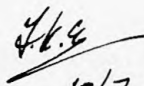
Re Barry - he will have to be replaced  
sometime and if we can get 2 new operators  
for next season and thus get a roster  
established it is far better than having  
him extend.

 10/7

C.S.

P. 108 and above notes. I am taking  
necessary steps to recruit a new prosecutor.

I agree re. appointment of 2 new  
operators - this may prove difficult however  
and we may need fall back on returning  
Barry.

  
10/7.

3.2.

P. 108. para 1.

Yes The point about clothing appears good only at first sight - C.O.L.B. is to cover increase not actual cost but in lieu they are receiving full cost of food.

The single officer referred to is presumably A.O. he is of course not aware that what he has lost is the C.O.L.B. it was proposed to pay to all officers - in view of present impasse in S.F.C. we cannot inform him?

11/7

C.S.

I agree about C.O.L.B.

2) I think that you could advise AO confidentially about C.O.L.B. proposed for all staff as it will make it easier for him to understand the set up.

3) As regards Carey - I feel we must retain him even at the expense of upsetting the rest as good operators are hard to come by.

4) The best solution would be if he went to next winter & came back for another tour (long as he wished) in Oct '53. I do this work in with the work. I don't think we have yet asked him to come back - only extend we should get a decision on this first before proceeding.

14/7

Antonia  
A.O.'s Personal file  
12.6.17

Shacked  
to P. 558.  
T.H. Carey.

A.C.S.  
Telegram etc back cover to issue (code).  
and then file back to me pl

14/7

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

To: ~~xxxx~~ The Admin. Officer, South Georgia.

From: ~~xx~~ The Colonial Secretary.

Despatched: 15th July, 19 52 Time: 1130

Received: ..... 19 .. Time: ....

108  
No 108. Your telegram No 103. Cost of living bonus covered increased repeat increased price of food and clothing and is now offset by providing total cost of food. Good reason exists for providing free food for single staff who did not receive bonus and will be explained by letter at first opportunity.

2. A further communication regarding Carey will be sent soon.

COLONIAL SECRETARY

*File back to you as instructed, M.*  
*(S.)*

GTC  
SS

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

112

From The Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To The Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : 24th July, 1952 Time : 1800

Received : 25th July, 1952 Time : 0845

111  
L. m. m. m. s.  
No 111. Your telegram No 108. Cost of Living. I did not wish to press case for expatriates who were not receiving cost of living before but Senior Customs Officer was receiving £97 10 shillings per annum cost of living and during the past 12 months his food from F.I.D.S. cost £51 10d this was for 875 meals remaining time was spent at other Whaling stations on duty receiving free meals. Had he in fact to have had all meals from F.I.D.S. it would have cost him £63 17 shillings 6d per annum which still leaves £33 12 shillings 6d to cover increased cost clothing etc. and is some compensation service in South Georgia particularly in view of his salary compared to that of expatriates.

2. In view of this recommend cost of living at the rate £33 12 shillings 6d per annum should be paid to Senior Customs Officer.

ADMIN. OFFICER.

GTC  
SS

See 114

113

G.H.

P. 112.

Comment would be superfluous  
may draft at b.c. issue?

JB  
31/7

As amended.

SP

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

114

From The Colonial Secretary

To The Admin. Officer, South Georgia.

*Despatched :* 6th August, 1952 *Time :* 1115

*Received :* ..... 19.. *Time :* ....

112

No 110. Your telegram No 111. Cost of Living.

Regret unable vary ruling already given.

COLONIAL SECRETARY

GTC  
SS

115

G.H.

Your minute paras 3 & 4 p. 110.

Solution in para 4 is the one that was being proceeded with and does not require extension - but does require Carey to come back for another term.

I feel action should be deferred until we know the outcome of D.105 which requests CAA to recruit 2 operators one of whom will relieve Carey.

JH  
7/8

CS. I would like to get Carey's views now - we don't have to commit ourselves & we shall explain in the telegram that ultimate decision depends on recruitment results in U.K.

Dunlop

7/8

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

116

From COLONIAL SECRETARY.

To ADMIN. OFFICER, S. GEORGIA.

Despatched : 11.8.52 19 Time : 1400

Received : 19 Time :

108

No. 111. Your telegram No. 103. Paragraph 3.

Decision cannot be taken until known whether Crown Agents successful in recruiting two new Operators. Meanwhile please inform me whether Carey wishes to return for further tour on completion of present agreement.

GTC. WH.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

BV 18/8

Reply at 117



Original filed in D/18/51  
Copy filed in P/558  
DECODE.

## TELEGRAM.

*From* The Admin. Officer, South Georgia.

*To* The Colonial Secretary.

*Despatched:* 14th August, 19 52 *Time:* 1200

*Received:* 14th August, 19 52 *Time:* 1400

116  
102  
108  
No 113. Your telegram No 111. Carey. Cannot understand why Crown Agents have been asked recruit 2 operators in addition to Kendall ~~xxx~~ as Carey signified his willingness to extend present agreement for 18 months vide my telegram No 96 and my telegram No 103. I am in favour of his service being retained which would be more economical than sending out new operator and returning Carey and family to the United Kingdom and I consider that he would be more useful than inexperienced replacement.

ADMIN. OFFICER.

pp. pl.  
(Int'd) J.E.B.

Reply at 121

GTC

88

Write  
across

UK

21st

August

=

admr. Officer

~~See~~

There is nothing in our F108. mail  
on above subject. I suspect a.o. has  
accommodation in mind

? Telegraph B/AA v engine

15/8.

Spoke ~~see~~

Reply at 119

119

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				16.8.52
To	ADMIN.OFFICER SOUTH GEORGIA.			DEPA/C

118  
119

NO 113. YOUR TELEGRAM 115 STOP NO INFORMATION HERE STOP HAVE  
TELEGRAPHED CROWN AGENTS.

COLONIAL SECRETARY

Reply at 12~~3~~6

Time

SS

# GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

120

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				16.8.52
To				
CROWN LONDON				HOA/C

PLEASE TELEGRAPH WHETHER ANY GOVERNMENT PASSENGERS BOOKED FOR  
SOUTH GEORGIA PER SOUTHERN OPAL 21ST AUGUST.

COLONIAL SECRETARY

Reply at 125

Time

SS

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

121

From The Colonial Secretary.

To The Admin. Officer, South Georgia.

Despatched : 18th August, 19 52 Time : 0930

Received : ..... 19 .. Time : .....

117

No 114. Your telegram No 113. Reason for 2 new operators is to provide for services of 3 operators during winter and 4 during summer.

COLONIAL SECRETARY

See pps as encl. 1st  
11/12

GTC  
SS

Communications to be addressed  
to the Crown Agents for the  
Colonies, Millbank, London,  
S.W.1. and the above refer-  
ence quoted.



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

TELEGRAMS { INLAND: "CROWN, SOWEST, LONDON."  
OVERSEAS: "CROWN, LONDON."  
TELEPHONE: ABBEY 7730.

5 JUL 1952

28 MAY 1952

Sir,

We have the honour to inform you  
that we have received a letter from  
Aktieselskapet, Tonsbergs Hvalfangeri of  
3rd May, a copy of which is attached,  
requesting the sum of £84 in respect of  
the passages of three men who sailed from  
South Georgia to England, and for  
Mr. G. Fairclough, Diesel Electric  
Mechanic, who sailed from Tilbury to  
South Georgia in the "Orwell" on the  
16th February, 1952.

We have paid the sum of £84 to  
Messrs. Keller Bryant and Co., the London  
agents of the above mentioned firm, from  
Falkland Islands Dependencies funds and  
we trust that our action meets with your  
approval.

We have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servants,

*Maynard*  
for the Crown Agents.

The Colonial Secretary,  
Falkland Islands,

*As C.S. Familiar to O. H.*

*Ask H.O. S. & write about  
the others.*

TL



Tonsberg,  
NORWAY.

3rd May, 1952.

Sirs,

Your ref. M/28624 P.A. (A).

X | The Magistrate at South Georgia sent 3 men from South Georgia to England per our transporter "Orwell".

We have previously not charged anything for carrying a few men and also goods, but as you know everything is now so expensive that we think it only fair to charge for the passages.

We will therefore charge you for the 3 men mentioned above

a £18 O.O. each

£54 O. O.

Further you sent Mr. C. Fairclough to South Georgia last February via Rotterdam/Aruba, in all 50 days on board

"30 O.O.

£84 O.O.

You will please understand that our charges only cover cost food and extras to the steward and cook as per (regulations.) Tariffs.

Yours etc.,

(Sgd)

S/F

X above - these men were F.I.S. personnel?

29/8

KIV 108/52

A.C.S

We spoke - you are to  
give A.O.

24/19/52

Page 124 re 3 D.B.S. repatriated  
from South Georgia refiled in 87/44.

Sm.  
6/8/54



DECODE.

125

TELEGRAM.

*From* The Crown Agents for the Colonies.

*To* The Colonial Secretary

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*Despatched :*      23rd August,      1952      *Time :* 1230

*Received :*      24th August,      1952      *Time :* 0845

119

Your telegram 16th August.      No Government passengers  
booked SOUTHERN OPAL 21st August.

CROWN

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

133

*Copy - FIDS/P/25*  
From The Admin. Officer, South Georgia.

To The Colonial Secretary

Despatched : 9th September, 19 52 Time : 1230

Received : 9th September, 19 52 Time : 0845

No 122. W/T Operator Christie Base B has applied transfer to South Georgia. He appears to have experience and holds second class certificate. If F.I.D.S. can replace him might he not be suitable for appointment.

2. Grateful information regarding recruitment W/T Meteorological and domestic staff for South Georgia. It will be impossible for F.I.D.S. to continue cooking for unmarried staff when full forecast programme starts at the commencement of the season.

GTC  
22

*Copy sent to S/F for obs. on para 1  
At 139  
8/19.*

ADMIN. OFFICER.

*Reply 146*

133a

Record.

Smith, appointed Met. Assistant.  
South Georgia sailed "Harpoon" from  
Montevideo 11/9/52. (See FIDS/P/110).

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

134

From The Crown Agents for the Colonies.

To The Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : 11th September, 19 52 Time : 1440

Received : 12th September, 19 52 Time : 0845

100

Your letter D/18/51 of 20th June. Candidates for  
steward cook vacancies being interviewed shortly.  
Grateful learn salary to be offered if married  
couple selected.

CROWN.

See 138

P/L.  
S.S.

KIV 132

135  
GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				12.9.52

To

ADMIN.OFFICER, SOUTH GEORGIA

DEPA/C

133 NO 123. REPLY URGENTLY REQUIRED STOP YOUR TELEGRAM NO 122 PARAGRAPH 1  
UNDER CONSIDERATION STOP PARAGRAPH 2 DOMESTIC STAFF STOP GROWN AGENTS  
INFORM CANDIDATES BEING INTERVIEWED SHORTLY STOP WOULD YOU HAVE  
ACCOMMODATION DIFFICULTIES IF BOTH WERE MARRIED.

COLONIAL SECRETARY

CONFIRMATORY COPY. ORIGINAL PHONED TO W/T STATION 12/9.

Time

SS

See 147

97

ZBH etat 61

2700

12/9/52

Secretary

Psy

No 123 your no 123 para  
2 I can provide accomodation  
for one married couple  
to act as cook and steward  
for single staff stop kendall  
is returning with wife and  
he and carly will occupy  
two married quarters stop  
all single accomodation  
will be occupied by  
bowles farrelough four  
met staff and one single  
w/ operator = Admin officer

Y.H.

To see 134.

The salaries of Cook and Stewart are  
 stated at £100. But at X on £101  
 we said that if a married couple  
 were appointed a revision of the salaries  
 offered would be required. I regret I cannot  
 see any reason for the necessity other than  
 we might be able to get them cheaper.

Suggest we inform C.A.A. £250 husband  
 £150 wife. but if necessary they may go to £250 for wife

G.S.J.  
 13/9

CP we will try to knock £50 off the woman's  
 salary, but go up to the maximum if necessary.

12/9

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				15.9.52
To				
CROWN LONDON				HGA/C

134 YOUR TELEGRAM 11TH SEPTEMBER STOP RECRUITMENT STAFF FOR SOUTH GEORGIA.  
STOP TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY POUNDS HUSBAND STOP TWO HUNDRED POUNDS  
WIFE BUT IF NECESSARY YOU CAN GO TO TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY POUNDS.

COLONIAL SECRETARY

Time



C.S.

133

Reference p.24 (B) in FIDS/P/85; I received a telegram from Deception Island in early July saying that Christie did not want to complete his second year at a Base and asked for a transfer to either South Georgia or Port Stanley. (Pages 20 & 21 in FIDS/P/85 refer)

I discussed this with H.H. and it was decided that we should keep him in mind for South Georgia if the C.A. were unable to recruit two operators. He is to be replaced and if necessary could be sent South Georgia. He will have completed his 30 months service by April 1954 but this may not fit into the winter (3) / Summer (4) rota.

(Intld)C.H.E.  
12/9

S/FIDS.  
Noted thankyou.

(Intld)J.B.  
12/9

# GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				15.9.52
To				
CROWN LONDON				HOA/C

105

LEARN  
MY TELEGRAM 2ND JULY STOP GRATEFUL/POSITION RECRUITMENT TWO  
SINGLE JUNIOR WIRELESS OPERATORS.

COLONIAL SECRETARY

Time

Lee 14-1

bu 20/9  
S.A.

SS

(CV827) Wt 10/06/07 07572. 1.000M 10/06/07 5/42. B & S. L.

Signal  
Department  
only

30 T449 London 33 1715 17/9/52  
F lat BG 11-1

Originators Instructions  
(Indication of Priority,  
Intercept Group, etc.)

### Codress/Plaindress

No. of  
Groups

TO:	Secretary	By	FROM:
140			

Yours telegram	1000000	regarding	5
recruitment two junior wireless	1000000	operators stop particulars	10
of vacancies given widest	1000000	possible circulation but no	15
suitable candidates yet in	1000000	view stop we are continuing	20
our efforts	1000000		25
	1000000		30
	1000000		35
	1000000		40
	1000000		45
	1000000		50

## System

P/L Code or Cypher

Receipt	Time of Despatch
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Operator

P.O.O.W

Dare

D/18/51 See 133 & 139

5

ACI

By: *[Signature]*

Y.H.

P. 141.

The 2 operations are required for tons  
of 30 months & 18 months respectively.

Suggest we cancel the indent for one for  
the 18 months ton & take Christie (p. 139 refus)  
this will fit in with rota.

*[Signature]*  
19/9

I agree.

*[Signature]*  
20/9 sent 19/9

# GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				20.9.52
To				
GROWN LONDON				HOA/C

141 YOUR TELEGRAM 17TH SEPTEMBER STOP RECRUITMENT JUNIOR WIRELESS OPERATORS  
STOP PLEASE ENDEAVOUR RECRUIT ONE REPEAT ONE ONLY FOR FOUR OF THIRTY  
MONTHS STOP OTHER VACANCY NOW BEING FILLED LOCALLY.

COLONIAL SECRETARY

Time

SS

See Fols

para 1 p. 133 and p. 142. We spoke.  
Will you pl arrange xfer Christie to  
S. Georgia.

*[Signature]*  
22/9

H.C.S

We spoke. born of telegram to  
Christie at once.

*[Signature]*  
23/9.

A.C.S. 10 H.I.V to inform A.O  
when arrangements completed

*[Signature]*  
25/9

DECODE.

C O P Y

TELEGRAM.

From SECFIDS, STANLEY.

To STROUD BASE B

Despatched: 23rd September 19 52 Time: 1600

Received: 19 Time:

P/85/27. Confidential. Further mytel P/85/20 July please inform Christie that vacancy now exists South Georgia. Salary £310 by £15 plus free board lodging and passage back to the United Kingdom about April 1954. Canteen stores supplied on repayment basis.

2. Please confirm with Christie that he accepts these terms and agrees determine his Agreement M/28670B dated 27th September 1951 providing Government agree to waive right to recover the cost of his passage to the Dependencies including railway fare. Present agreement will terminate day prior to his arrival in South Georgia probably late December. P/85/2

3. Christie must carefully pack the following items issued to him on Issue Voucher 94 for safe return to Stanley:- Three towels, three sheets, five pillow cases, four blankets, two kitbags, one mattress cover.

GTC: CR.

Original filed in P/85/27.

There is a copy of a file  
on this with pl 21

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Original filed in FIDS/P/85.

Copy in D/18/51.

TELEGRAM.

146

From The Colonial Secretary

To The Admin. Officer, South Georgia.

Despatched : 2nd October.

1952

Time : 1545

Received :

.....

19..

Time : .....

133

No 134. Your telegram No 122. Christie being appointed Junior W/T Operator, South Georgia at £310 x £15 to £370 with effect from date arrival South Georgia probably about third week in December. No allowances payable but entitled free board and lodgings. He has been supplied with sufficient clothing to see him through tour but will require re-issue of bedding and towels. Canteen stores to be supplied on repayment. He should be supplied with a free passage to United Kingdom in April 1954.

COLONIAL SECRETARY

BW. 28/10 (min?)  
2/10

GTC

CS



Pages 147 - 149 inclusive removed to  
Personal file 594.

118/57  
DECODE.

150  
TELEGRAM.

*From* The Crown Agents for the Colonies.

*To* The Colonial Secretary.

*Despatched :* 18th October, 19 52 *Time :* 1230

*Received :* 19th October, 19 52 *Time :* 0845

100  
Your despatch of 20th June. D/18/51. Vacancies Government Station South Georgia. Have interviewed, with assistance of Green, married couple suitable for cook and steward vacancies. Man age 32 years butcher? and ex Naval cook. Wife age 40 years trained as pastry cook. Grateful telegraph confirmation we should engage at salary authorized in your telegram dated 15th September subject to completion formalities but passages not available until middle of December. x/ Unlikely we can recruit chief steward/cook at salary specified. We await your instructions on this vacancy.

CROWN AGENTS.

p.u. on file pl.,  
(Intld) J.B.  
20/X

Reply 157

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

151

From The Colonial Secretary,

To The Crown Agents for the Colonies.

Despatched : 22nd October, 1952 Time : 1000

Received : ..... 19.. Time : ....

150  
Your telegram 18th October. South Georgia vacancies.

Appointment married couple confirmed.

SECRETARY

hes.

150 - a/c tel. to A.O. Sec. et l.c. S.G.A.

- I am sure that we have mentioned 150.

GTC  
SS

A.C.S.

NO.

20th Oct.

23/x

22/x

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

152

From The Colonial Secretary.

To The Admin. Officer, South Georgia.

Despatched : 24th October, 1952 Time : 1000

Received : ..... 19.. Time : ....

147  
No 140. Your telegram No 134. Crown Agents have interviewed married couple suitable for cook and steward vacancies and have been told to proceed with appointment. Man 32 years age, butcher and ex Naval cook. Wife 40, trained as pastry cook. Passages however not available until mid December.

COLONIAL SECRETARY

Bd. 24.11. (149.)

GTC  
SS

See 155.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

153

From The Crown Agents for the Colonies.

To The Colonial Secretary

Despatched : 25th October, 19 52 Time : 1230

Received : 26th October, 19 52 Time : 0845

150

<sup>22nd</sup>  
~~Your~~ telegram 18th October. Vacancies Government  
station South Georgia. Assume you will telegraph  
if further action required regarding vacancy Chief  
Steward/Cook.

CROWN.

P.u.on file pl.

(Intld)J.E.B.  
27/10

Reply 154 & 155

P/L.  
SS

# GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				29. 10. 52

To

CROWN LONDON

ROA/C

153

YOUR TELEGRAM 25TH OCTOBER STOP CHIEF STEWARD/COCK SOUTH GEORGIA  
STOP CONFIRMED.

SECRETARY

Time

*Handwritten:* X on 149 - 6 weeks have passed & I think we sh. ask a/c. in order that we may inform C/RA?

*Handwritten:* B.O. 2/12 (X on 149) 29.10

SS

*Handwritten:* For further action see P/594.   
 *Handwritten:* ACS / Draft at bc to issue P/4/100

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				11.12.52
To				
CROWN LONDON				100/C

153 YOUR TELEGRAM 25TH OCTOBER STOP VACANCY CHIEF STEWARD/COOK SOUTH  
GEORGIA STOP NO FURTHER ACTION REQUIRED.

SECRETARY

Time

56  
Reed

143

- Jr. Opr. (Gumee) raised for Sls. on 12.1.53

100 (b, c) Mr. Wm. Greenough who as to fill these  
posts raised for Sls. on "Struan" on 14.1.53

*[Signature]*  
28/1



CP

Operators L.C.

157

Christie is due to leave at end of 53/54 season. He would like to leave at end of 52/53 season if possible & does not wish to return.

2) Carey is due to leave at end of 52/53 season. He does not want to return but would like to extend until end of 53/54 season.

3) As Carey is more experienced & as his mother-in-law is doing a useful job there Carey should stay & Christie should go. Be confirmed with A.D.

4) Can you please work out a table on the lines of (10 3) <sup>B</sup> for next 8 years showing how we must work the replacement to keep 4 operators in summer & 3 in winter.

27 <sup>CP</sup>

EXTRACT FROM REPORT BY H. H. THE C. A. C. ON HIS VISIT TO  
SOUTH CAROLIA.

158

(Original filed in 0276 - Governor's Tours. )

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7. Domestic Staff.

As we agreed that Carey would stay on till 53/54 season, A.O. is keen to keep on Carey's mother-in-law as housekeeper and supervisor Discovery Hut staff till then. This seems a very good arrangement.

/8. ....

DECODE.

Copies filed in relevant P. files.

159.

TELEGRAM.

From The Colonial Secretary

To Administrative Officer, South Georgia

Despatched : 31st January, 19 53 Time : 09.31

Received : 19 Time :

No. 22. CONFIDENTIAL. Understand Christie would like proceed leave end this season and will not return. As Carey wishes to extend till end next season best arrangement would appear to be to let Christie go and Carey remain, please confirm.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

G. T. C. : WP

ges  
Copies shd go in P/files?

28/ 31/1/53

Yip

Reply at 160

Original in D/18/51. Copies in P/Files.

DECODE.

160

# TELEGRAM.

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

To ..... The Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : 2nd February, 19 53 Time 1200

Received : 2nd February, 19 53 Time : 0145

159 160

CONFIDENTIAL. No. 22.

Your Telegram 22. Confirmed.

ADMIN. OFFICER.

G.T.C.  
CGG

ACS

HC sent tel. to G.H.  
it hasn't returned.

A telegram came in  
yesterday for this file?  
Q 42  
B.U. to 25/2

FIDS/P/136  
2/18/51  
DECODE.

161  
TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary, Stanley

To A.O., South Georgia

Despatched : 10th April 19 53 Time : 1530

Received : 19 Time :

G.H.  
107  
101a  
Your No. 52. Proposed return of clothing to Stanley not understood in view paragraph 4 of my telegram No. 100 of 1952 and my letter D18/51 dated 21st June, 1952 informing you that clothing is to be issued to Met. staff. Please explain.

2. Re statement bedding is responsibility of Steward I must advise you that whilst you may delegate authority by placing in his care you cannot delegate your responsibility.

File  
GTC : AIL

Copy filed in Fido 7/36/7  
Reply 162

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

162

From ADMIN OFFICER SOUTH GEORGIA

To SECRETARY PORT STANLEY

Despatched : 12th April 1953 Time : 2200

Received : 13th April 1953 Time : 1000

No. 55. Yourtel unnumbered of April 10th.  
I am sending clothing to Port Stanley for the following reasons:-

(a) There are at the maximum only 4 Meteorologists out of a total Government staff of 15.

(b) With the exception of myself other Government servants are on similar or less salary to Meteorologists and should in my opinion receive same consideration regarding issued clothing.

(c) South Georgia climate does not call for issues of special clothing.

(d) Meteorologists at South Georgia are not repeat not members of F.I.D.S. and should be recruited as members of Government staff.

2. If however clothing is to be issued to Meteorologists it should be similar to clothing used in U.K. and not as at Bases and it should be supplied to personnel before leaving the U.K. or Falklands in order to avoid holding large quantity surplus stores here.

3. I am perfectly aware of my responsibility regarding meteorological stores and I feel paragraph 2 of your telegram was an unnecessary comment and was couched in term derogatory to me. Steward is responsible to me for all articles placed under his control and I am in turn responsible for all meteorological stores at South Georgia.

Copy filed in Fids P/136/8

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DECODE.

*COPY*  
TELEGRAM.

From OAG, STANLEY

To ADMIN OFFICER SOUTH GEORGIA

Despatched : 28th April 19 53 Time : 1500

Received : 19 Time :

*P*  
No. 58. Your No. 55. FIDS Clothing.  
I agree to return of clothing and an issue will  
not in future be made to Met. Staff though we must  
honour existing commitments. *162*

2. Am addressing you separately on your  
paragraph 3.

GTC: CR, AIL.

ORIGINAL in P/136/10

B

*Off. Para 4 first pt.*  
*24/4 pt. 101 28/4/59* *25/4*

164

Base 'H',  
Signy Island,  
South Orkneys,  
Falkland Islands Dependencies.

3.4.53.

A

Dear Mr. Elliott,

I understand that a vacancy will arise for  
a Wireless Operator at the Government Station at South  
Georgia next year.

Although I have only contracted for the short tour,  
I shall be pleased to extend this to the longer tour if,  
by so doing, I may be allowed to fill this particular  
vacancy.

I shall be obliged if you will consider my qualifications,  
and suitability for this post, and notify me of your decision  
at your earliest convenience so that I may make arrangements  
accordingly.

Yours Faithfully,

(Sgd) T.G. OWEN.

KIV 163B

B

34 18/12/53

H.C.S.

Please see ~~333~~ above. He is a good man  
and should fit in well at South Georgia.

(Intld) J.R.G.

29/4

FIDS P/125  
returned. 15/5/53

C.T. You need for this file re.

18/5. Returns B

D

As above has been extracted from FIDS/P/125 & is submitted  
in acc. w. your instructions

19.5.



165

A

ACS

Pro discuss - what salary etc  
we offer him?

20/5

Off. Re. av. P/Fs of  
the w/t ops.

ACS

P/Fs of Jewell & Kendall 20/5  
w/t pl. we spoke re Carey.

21/5.

Jewell £310 x 15 - £570

V. L.

B

Re. ascertain from P/Fs who the  
from w/t ops. (as S.S.) contracts expire.  
i.e. Kendall, Carey & Jewell

25/5.

C.

A.C.S.

As as B above pl.

Name.	Service	Service to count from date of		Contract expires
		Departure from U.K.	Arrival at U.S.G.	
Kendall	36 mos.	28.9.52		27.9.55
Carey	18 mos.		2.11.51	Extended to end of 1953/54 season
O'Brien	18 "		16 Dec 1953	16.6.55
Jewell	30 mos.	9.1.53		8.7.55

Charles

Oct.  
25.5.53

Done  
Pl. sec 167

ACP

Please signal Owen that his application is under consideration & that a decision will be given shortly.

2) It appears that we require an operator for the coming season & if this is correct please find

a) find out from Sec. 167 how soon he could release Owen.

b) If there are any objections to this proceeding direct to S. George.

c) On what terms is he on - etc.,

In sec 1310-15-1370 d) what could we offer him at S. George.

26/8

DECODE.

Copy sent to Sec. Fido 28/5.

TELEGRAM.

167

From The Colonial Secretary.

To The Base Leader, Base H.

Despatched : 28th May, 19 53 Time 1000

Received : ..... 19 .. Time : ....

Following for Owen begins.

Your application for employment at South Georgia under consideration and decision will be given shortly. Ends.

COLONIAL SECRETARY

See 171

Further action P/607 Owen

GTC  
SS

KIV 163 B4

168

EXTRACT FROM H.E. the GOVERNOR'S DOSSIER.  
Original filed in 0762 "Official Visits of H.E. the Governor  
to the United Kingdom"

From Agents as better type of telegraphists for South  
Georgia - they must have commercial experience. (as  
are likely to get our messages copped by the Whaling  
Companies).

Done - all  
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of work f

KIV 167

Li: (168)

we have Kendall, Carey & Jewell at present -  
the quality of the work has much improved.

526

Good. the 5/VI

see the spoke p/595 ad.  
see vol? 1/3 31/7

31/7 (Horn's relief)  
see p/607  
1/3 31/7  
PB

157  
DECODE.

Original filed in 0273/A copies in D/18/51 & P/329.

TELEGRAM.

169

From The Admin. Officer, South Georgia.

To The Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : 26th September, 1953 Time : 1800

Received : 27th September, 1953 Time : 0845

In 0273/A  
No 107. CONFIDENTIAL. Your telegram No 114.  
Confidential. Customs Officer. Whitney.

2. Person named is interested in post and I consider he is most suitable.

3. I feel there is greater necessity for two Customs Officers during season than four W/T operators particularly in view of amount of clerical work entailed in Customs, Postal and Government accounts, I am fully employed during season with shipping and administrative duties and cannot efficiently add Customs to it. Frequently during season one Customs Officer and I must be away from Point for some days and outward mails have to be prepared and other clerical work done by second Customs Officer. Whilst W/T operators could be trained to do Postal work I feel main objections would be that he would be virtually fully employed in office and question of salary ~~diff~~ <sup>difference</sup> between him and Whitney would lead to much ill feeling. I therefore strongly recommend that if staff must be reduced we should be left with 2 Customs Officers and 3 W/T Operators, one of whom would be employed on reception of Meteorological messages and other 2 in station.

4. Provided you agree to this and you can recruit Falkland Islander and give him some training in Post Office before coming here in Biscoe, Whitney would be prepared postpone leave until 1955 and W/T station could function with 3 W/T operators during season (Kendall, Carey and Jewell) and 2 during the winter increasing to 3 at the beginning of the following season.

ADMIN. OFFICER.

GTC-W.H.  
Typed-S.S.

Reply at 170

7/18/57  
DECODE.

Original in 0273/A.

TELEGRAM.

170

From The Colonial Secretary.

To The Admin. Officer, South Georgia.

Despatched . 6th October, 1953 Time : 1100

Received : ..... 19.. Time : ....

169

No 124. CONFIDENTIAL. Your telegram No 107. Whitney. Person named should continue act as Customs Officer and should be prepared postpone leave until 1955 though final decision depends on Bowles' condition.

2. In meantime W/T operators should render assistance on postal side as temporary measure and as this occasioned by unforeseen emergency there should be no occasion for ill feeling.

3. Governor expects visit yours November when question of future establishment will be finally resolved.

COLONIAL SECRETARY

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

141

From Colonial Secretary.

To Administrative Officer.

Despatched : 10th October, 19 53. Time : 1215.

Received : ..... 19 .. Time : ...

No. 127. ~~CONFIDENTIAL.~~ I assume Mrs. Home is leaving at end of season and new Chief Steward/Cock must be recruited. Do you wish suggest any variation of original proposals in light of your experience with Willisicrofts.

SECRETARY.

Reply at 172

Bu. 20/10

G.T.C./DRM  
Typed/CGG

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

172

From The Admin. Officer, South Georgia.

To The Colonial Secretary.

Despatched . 16th October, 19 53 Time : 1800

Received : 17th October, 19 53 Time : 0845

171  
No 121. Your telegram No 127 Confidential. Mrs. Horne  
leaving here end of season.

2. I suggest steward/cook recruited from the  
United Kingdom and my successor appoint either new  
man or Williscroft as chief steward after a period here.

ADMIN. OFFICER.

File  
(Intld) J.B.

Bv 1 week.

19/10

S.U. 18/11  
26/10/53



GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE  
FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.  
SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
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19.11.53.

To

CROWN LONDON.

HGA/C

100 MY LETTER 20TH JUNE 1952 AND YOUR TELEGRAM 20TH OCTOBER 1952 AND 25TH OCTOBER 1952  
154 AND MY TELEGRAM 29TH OCTOBER 1952 STOP VACANCIES GOVERNMENT STATION SOUTH GEORGIA  
STOP PLEASE ENDEAVOUR RECRUIT STEWARD/COOK VICE CHIEF STEWARD/COOK TO COOK AND  
KEEP HOUSE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER BUT NEED NOT SUPERVISE DISCOVERY HUT STOP  
SALARY 300 POUND PER ANNUM AND TERMS AS PREVIOUSLY ADVISED STOP NEW PARA 2 HE SHOULD  
ARRIVE SOUTH GEORGIA BY END OF PRESENT WHALING SEASON STOP NEW PARA 3 IF YOU STILL  
CONSIDER SALARY INSUFFICIENT WHAT SUM DO YOU SUGGEST.

SECRETARY.

B.u. 1 month.  
(Intld.)  
C.C.

19.11. 13419/2/53

Time

Reply at 190 in Vol II

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Original filed in 0273/A.

194

TELEGRAM.

From Governor, South Georgia.

To Governor's Deputy.

Despatched : 22nd November, 19 53 Time : 1200

Received : 23rd November, 19 53 Time : 0845

126 in 0273/A. M.C.6. Your telegram 0273/A. Customs Officer, South Georgia. Tait should be appointed as temporary Customs Officer and he will return U.K. at the end of the season.

2. In view of this appointment Owen W/T operator will not now be required.

GOVERNOR.

G.T.C.  
CGG

Reply at 17.15

DECODE.

Original filed in 0278/A.

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TELEGRAM.

From Governor's Deputy.

To Governor, H.M.S. Nereide.

Despatched : 23rd November, 19 53 Time : 1350

Received : ..... 19 .. Time : ....

Your M.C. 6. Customs Officer, South Georgia.  
Owen was offered and accepted eighteen months appointment in June so feel we cannot now withdraw. This was to fill existing establishment of four in winter and three in summer.

2. Suggest either:

(a) Tait is appointed also and establishment reduced later or

(b) We dispense with Tait and customs assistance rendered this season by operators.

In latter event Secretary F.I.D.S. advises Tait better employed at Base than Stanley and should come out later.

3. I recommend 2 (a) . Grateful early instructions.

Reply at 176

GOVERNORS DEPUTY.

DECODE.

Original in 02/5/A  
Copy in D/18/51.

TELEGRAM.

176

*From* Governor, H.M.S.Nereide.

*To* Governor's Deputy, Stanley.

*Despatched* : 24th November, 19 53 *Time* : 0030 GMT

*Received* : 24th November, 19 53 *Time* : 0845 LST

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MC/8. Your 231500. Agree 2 (A) in circumstances  
but consider summer establishment of four quite  
unnecessary.

GOVERNOR

DECODE.

Original filed in P/346  
Copies in D/18/51 and D/4/42

TELEGRAM.

177

From The Colonial Secretary

To The Admin. Officer, South Georgia.

Despatched . 25th November, 1953 Time : 1030

Received : ..... 19.. Time : ....

103 in  
P/346

CONFIDENTIAL. No 153. Your telegram No 122.  
Goss. Am advertising for successor and will  
advise you regarding appointment in due course.

2. Goss must appreciate that he is resigning present post and cannot expect automatic transfer to new post here at existing salary. However there is good prospect that we can employ him as W/T operator and his service, record and ability will receive every consideration.

SECRETARY

Recd 28/11 11  
5/12 11

YH

# Staff South Georgia

17

Can YH. pre confirm the following decisions re Staff S. Georgia.

## a) Operators

Three in summer and ~~four~~ <sup>two</sup> in winter.

Confirmed. The additional summer operator to be drawn seasonally from P.D.S.

NB 1) The position will right itself at the beginning of next season - we will have Kendall, Jewell & Owen & will not need a P.D.

I have not heard so.

2) Is ~~any~~ there a possibility that Kendall whose 3 year contract expires in Sept 1955 may not stay the course?

## b) Customs

Confirmed

~~One~~ Two in summer and one in winter.

The additional summer officer to be drawn seasonally from P.D.S.

He said he was prepared to do "one more year" but indicated that he would not wish to do longer. He expects to take leave in 1955 & to return to Stanley. Bowles' reports - unless there has been some change - indicate that there is not the remotest likelihood of his return to S.G.

Whitney wishes to leave at the end of next season (?) - replacement must be Bowles' final reports but we may have to go to U.K.

## 2) As S.G.

Three year tour is too long and he should be cut to 18 months i.e. 2 seasons and a

Confirmed

~~A season & a winter~~ ~~to 2 seasons~~ with a winter (i.e. summer leave) in between. Customs Officer to act in his absence.

I suit able

## 3) Other Staff

I doubt if we can expect anyone to stay on long enough to become pensionable ex. A.O. (who may require special pension concession) and we should only recruit on contract.

Correct

No

For YH. consider a maximum 3 year tour long for contract people?

There is also the point that in

if we had P.E. staff or taking leave periodically  
or contract men returning after leave as  
'stand ins' are not readily available i.e.  
domestic staff, constable/handy man, ~~customs officer~~.

The exception might be the customs officer  
who if he did 18 month tours would take  
alternate winter leaves with A.O. & A.O.  
Yes, would have to stand in for him also.

Can we hear from CO.?

Q  
4/12

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Bd. 1 web.

Q  
4/12

NO. FIDS P/1/756

MEMORANDUM.

It is requested that, in any reference to this memorandum the above number and the date may be quoted.

2nd December, 1953

Hon. Colonial Secretary,

Port Stanley.

Asst. Secretary, FIDS.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT :-

A

H.E. has discussed with me the idea he has in mind of supplying an out-going Wireless Operator from FIDS bases to South Georgia for the summer season each year and also an Assistant Custom's Officer as in the case of Tait.

I can see no difficulty in arranging this and would be glad if you would let me know your requirements when the time comes.

*Reply at 183*

*M. Hall*

*B. F.*

*3/12*

*B.*  
*ACF what about financial aspect*  
*B.*



181

A/SF.

B on reverse - pl. let me know at convenience

- (a) salary of F.D.S. w/ Operators
- (b) salary of <sup>type of</sup> F.D.S. Officer likely to be  
 deemed to S.E. as Am. b.o.

Q  
 5/12.

A.C.S. above.

- (a) - Scale £330 x 15 - £420 according to age & experience  
 but not to exceed age scale £330 at 20, £345 at 21 etc.
- (b) - as at (a)
- Average age of both classes - 24

B/S 5/12

B/S 10/12

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Copy filed in P/607.

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TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary.

To Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

Despatched : 14th December, 19 53 Time : 1500

Received : ... .. 19 .11 Time : ...

CONFIDENTIAL. No. 166. Governor's decision that Owen not required South Georgia was subsequently rescinded as person named had received firm appointment previously and relevant telegrams presumably exchanged after Governor left you. Operator establishment will be reduced to two winter and three summer at first opportunity i.e. beginning of next season.

SECRETARY.

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/SS  
GG

D/1851.

16th December, 53.

To: Secretary,

From: The Colonial Secretary,

F.I. Dependencies Survey,  
Stanley.

S. Georgia staff.

180  
Your memorandum P/1/756 of 2nd December, 1953.

The arrangement suits us admirably. As far as I can see our requirements will be 1 Customs Officer and no operator for next season.

(Sgd.) C. Campbell

Colonial Secretary.

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