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HIGH COMMISSIONER
FOR THE
UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA

SUBJECT:

GOUGH ISLAND

AND

TRISTAN DA CUNHA

Scientific Survey - T.E.W. Schumann

Amateur Radio Licence - 6/35/3.

from 2/5/52 - 4 Dec '62.

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RUSSIANS VISITED GOUGH ISLAND

Fishermen Report Signs of Slava Landing

Cape Times Shipping Correspondent

FISHING expeditions from Tristan da Cunha have reported finding inscriptions made on the rocks on Gough Island, near Tristan, by the crew of the Russian whaling factory ship Slava, which apparently landed there during the recent whaling season. Except for birds' eggs, Gough Island has no industry, though it is rich in guano.

Curiosity has been answered by the movements of the Slava after the close of the whaling season, for she returned to Table Bay almost a month behind other expeditions, but was known to be operating not far away.

The time supply tankers took to go from the Cape to the Slava and return showed that she was not more than a week's steaming distant, and the landings on Gough Island would confirm my earlier reports that she was in that vicinity.

Larger islands to the south-west of the Cape have shore whaling stations in operation, notably South Georgia, which has been developed by a Leith firm.

PROSPECTING

The visit of the Russians to Gough may have been with a view to prospecting, and establishing whether a shore station could be erected there.

Gough Island is a British possession.

Gough Island, also known as Diego Alvarez, lies about 1,500 miles from Cape Town, and about 250 miles S.S.E. of Tristan da Cunha. It is about eight miles long and 4 miles broad, with a total area of 40 square miles.



P.M. 102/2



UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.
UNIE VAN SUID-AFRIKA.

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.
DEPARTEMENT VAN BUITELANDSE SAKE.

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CAPE TOWN.

6 - MAY 1952

The High Commissioner for the
Union of South Africa,
L O N D O N.

I attach a report which appeared in the Cape Times of 2nd May, 1952, regarding a visit to Gough Island by the Russian whale factory ship "Slava" and should be interested to learn whether the competent British authorities have any comments on the matter.

You will recall that one of the motives which prompted South African occupation of the Prince Edward Islands was the desire to forestall possible Soviet occupation.

SECRETARY FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

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24th May, 1952.

MRS. SAKE.

Dear Reed,

I am enclosing four copies of a report which appeared in The Cape Times of the 2nd May, 1952, regarding a visit to Gough Island by the Russian whale factory ship "Slewa".

As I mentioned to you, our people would be interested to learn whether your authorities have any comments to make on the matter.

Yours sincerely,

G. V. DOXEY,

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A.H. Reed, Esq.,
Commonwealth Relations Office.

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS.

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Although we have no details of the movements of the Slava between leaving Cape Town on the 18th November 1951 and her return on the 6th April 1952, we feel on balance that the explanation given by the Ship's Master is probably correct. (Gough Island is about five days steaming from Cape Town.)

Yours - h,
A. J. [Signature]



COMMONWEALTH RELATIONS OFFICE

Whitehall 2323

Ext.:

Your reference :

DOWNING STREET

Please quote in reply: F 2872/7

LONDON S.W.1

26 June, 1952.

Dear Doxey,

Thank you for your letter (19/88/2) of the 24th May with which you sent me a cutting from the Cape Times about the visit of the Russian Whale Factory Ship "Slava" to Gough Island.

When the Administrator of Tristan da Cunha landed on the island last February, he saw a stone at Glen landing place which had on it the name "Ivanov" in Russian characters, and "Semejcov Scava" in Roman letters, and the date "1951". He understood that "Ivanov" was the name of the Slava's Chief Engineer and reported that he believed the visit to have taken place in November 1951.

The Master of the Slava was in London earlier this month for the meeting of the International Commission for the Regulation of Whaling, and advantage was taken of an informal conversation to question him discreetly about Gough Island. He said that the ship had lain off the island while refuelling her catchers and that some members of the crew had landed for a few hours. It was then no doubt that they indulged in their taste for calligraphy.

The

G.V. Doxey, Esq.,
South Africa House.



19/88/2

CO AIR MAIL HEALTH RELATIONS

27th June, 1952.

THE SECRETARY FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:

Russian Whaling off Gough Island June, 1952.

Acting on your minute P.M.102/2 of the 6th May last, we approached the authorities here about the visit of the Russian Whale factory ship "Slava" to Gough Island.

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K. E. PAKENDORF.

Political Secretary.

GVD/RLW

19/88/2

27th June, 1952.

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Dear Reed,

Thank you for letting me have your comments on the visit of the "Slava" to Gough Island under cover of your letter F.2872/1 of the 26th June.

These will be most useful to our people in Pretoria.

Yours sincerely,

G. V. DOXEY,

A. H. Reed, Esq.,
Commonwealth Relations Office.

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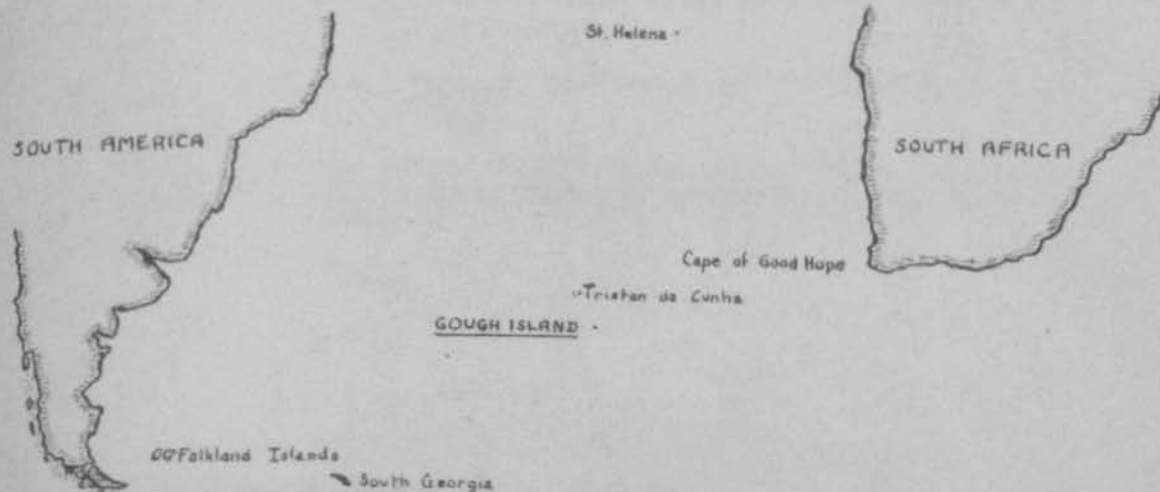
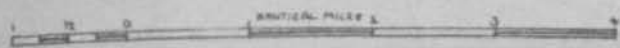
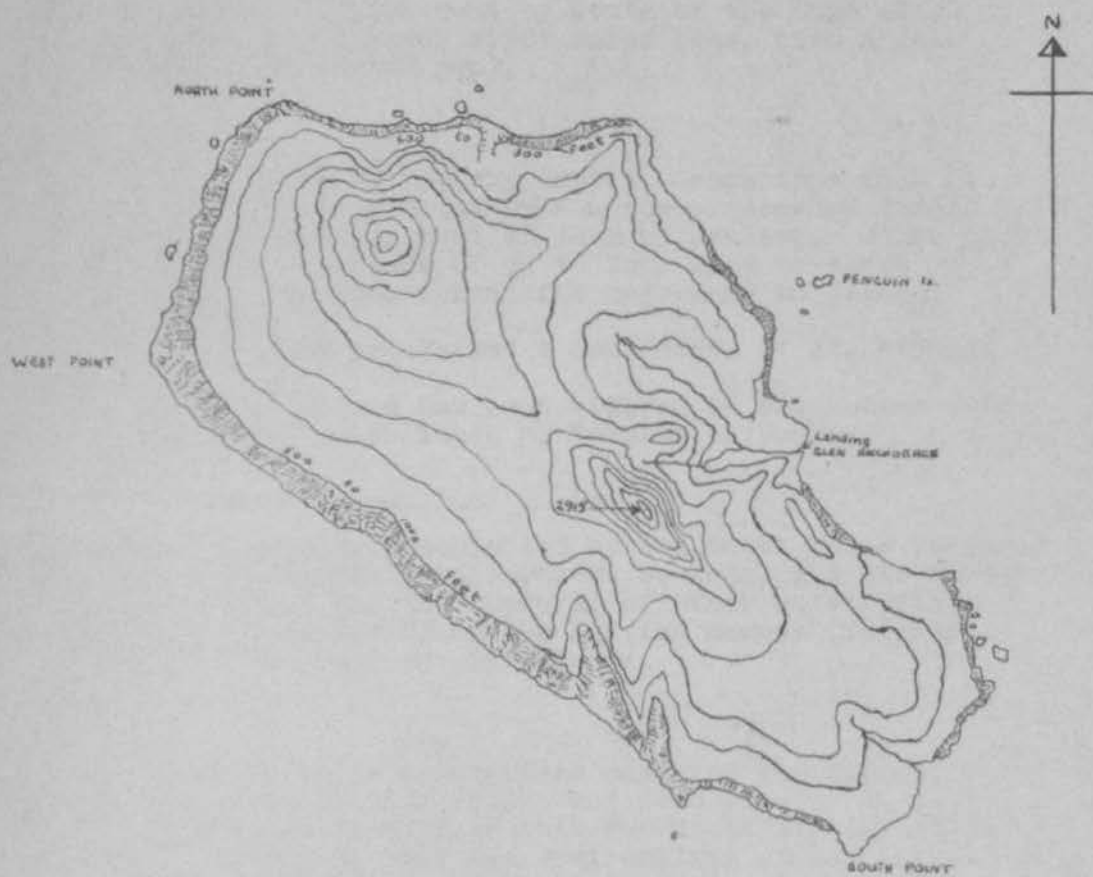
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SKETCH MAP OF GOUGH ISLAND

40° 20' S. 9° 57' W.



There are indications that Fur Seals have returned to breed on the island in some numbers, after being exterminated by the sealers in the last century. Investigations will indicate whether it would be possible to start controlled farming of the seals for their valuable pelts.

PERSONNEL

J.B. Heaney (leader, surveyor), 24....
South Georgia Survey, 1951-52. Army trained surveyor.

M.K. Swales (zoologist), 24....
Leader of Cambridge University Norwegian Ornithological Expeditions, 1953 and 1954. Honours degree in Zoology and Botany.

N. Wace (botanist), 26....
ex-Royal Marines.

R.W. Le Maitre (geologist), 21....
Cambridge University Mountaineering Club.

J.J. van der Merwe (meteorologist)
seconded from Weather Bureau, Pretoria.

J.G. McLaggan (general assistant), 21....
Third year medical student.

R.J.H. Chambers (general assistant), 23....
Cambridge University Mountaineering Club.

P.J. Mullock (Radio operator-mechanic), 21....
Cambridge University Wireless Society.

All seven members ^{from U.K.} detailed above will have graduated at Cambridge or Oxford Universities by June 1955.

COST

The approximate cost of the expedition will be £5,000-£6,000.

J.B. Heaney.

16 March 1955

GOUGH ISLAND SCIENTIFIC SURVEY

Plan

OBJECT

The expedition will map the island, and make a thorough study of its fauna, flora, and geology, and also establish a pilot meteorological station to transmit daily weather reports to the Central Forecasting Office, Pretoria, from August 1955 to February 1956.

DESCRIPTION

Gough Island is a small uninhabited island in latitude $40^{\circ}20'S$. and longitude $9^{\circ}57'W$. It is some 260 miles south by east of Tristan da Cunha, and nearly 2,000 miles west by south of the Cape of Good Hope. In size the island is about eight miles long, with a peak rising to 2,915 feet (see sketch map).

HISTORICAL NOTE

The island was sighted in 1731 by Captain Gough from whom it gets its name. There are only about half a dozen recorded visits up to the end of the last century, most of them by sealers. Since then visits have been made for periods of up to four days by three Antarctic Expeditions, and some scientific specimens collected.

In 1938 the island was proclaimed a dependency of St. Helena.

More recently Gough Island has been visited in connection with the crawfish industry now established on Tristan da Cunha.

SUPPORT

The expedition is actively supported by the Scott Polar Research Institute, Cambridge, the Royal Geographical Society, and the Weather Bureau, Pretoria. It also has the approval of other scientific societies and institutions including the British Museum (Natural History), for whom collections are being made.

FIELD WORK

The weather reports to be transmitted daily by the expedition in conjunction with those already being sent from Tristan da Cunha, will increase the reliability of forecasts for South Africa and its western sea areas. This will test the desirability of maintaining a permanent station on the island.

Gough Island is the only remaining sub-antarctic island on which no systematic scientific collecting has been done. The place has been described as a naturalist's paradise; there is abundant vegetation and a rich bird population. Complete collections will be made of the plants, mosses, lichens, and invertebrates, and the study of these and the birds and seals should elucidate some interesting problems of biological distribution.

The survey work will be made difficult by the high rainfall and low cloud.

The geology of the island is not completely known, and the proposed expedition will make a thorough examination possible.

I have been in touch with the Royal Navy over the question of transport, but the programme for their *ship* snips stationed on Simonstown is already prepared, and so the chances of their *ship* do not appear high.

The expedition's Agent in South Africa is Mr. A. B. Crawford, the Port Meteorological Officer for Cape Town. He is in the South African Naval Reserve, and would be able to make arrangements with the Navy in South Africa, on my behalf.

I would be glad to let you have further details, or to come up to see you.

I have the honour to be,
Your Excellency's obedient servant,

J. B. Heaney

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GOUGH ISLAND SCIENTIFIC SURVEY

Leader:
J. B. HEANEY

Oldhouse Farm,
Wakes Colne,
Colchester,
Essex.
30th March, 1955.

Supported by:
SCOTT POLAR RESEARCH INSTITUTE
ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

South African High Commissioner in U.K.,
South Africa House,
Trafalgar Square,
LONDON.

Your Excellency,

I enclose the plans for an expedition that is setting out for Gough Island in June 1955.

The expedition is actively supported by the Scott Polar Research Institute, the Royal Geographical Society, the British Museum, and other scientific institutions in this country. The Colonial Office has approved the plans, and given permission to visit the island. In addition, The Director of the Weather Bureau, Pretoria, Dr. T.E.W. Schumann, welcomes the plan to establish a pilot weather station on Gough Island for six months, and has offered to second one of his experienced meteorological observers to the expedition, and to lend all the necessary instruments.

The American expert, Professor A. Spilhaus, reporting officially on the Union's meteorological services in 1947, said: "Gough Island is a very important point from which to secure meteorological observations in addition to those of Tristan da Cunha. By the comparison of simultaneous readings at the two points, information may be secured which is not available from one alone." The simultaneous readings make it possible to orient fronts, and to fix more correctly the centres of passing depressions, thus enabling their time of arrival in South Africa to be forecast more accurately. This leads to improved weather forecasts, see (Weather Bureau News Letter, Pretoria, No.61, 1954, p.5). In 1950, when a member of the Scott Polar Research Institute was in Cape Town it was suggested that the preliminary trials for a weather station on Gough might be carried out by private enterprise, and could well be undertaken by a University party, as the present one is.

Dr. Schumann is not able to offer any financial assistance since the resources of his department are heavily taxed by the plan to establish a weather station on Bouvet Island, but he attaches great importance to reports from Gough Island. One of the big problems is fixing transport from Cape Town to the island, and since South Africa attaches so much importance to the Meteorological side of the expedition's programme, I wonder whether it would be possible for you to recommend official co-operation from the South African Navy. It would appear that the best way of getting there would be by a frigate; the expedition plans to arrive in Cape Town at the end of July, ¹⁹⁵⁵ and to leave the island in February 1956.

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1st April, 1955.

Dear Sir,

I write with reference to your letter of March 30th to the High Commissioner on the proposed expedition to Gough Island in June next.

The High Commissioner received your letter on the eve of his departure from London on an official visit, and has requested me to let you know that he has referred to the South African authorities for consideration your suggestion regarding transport for the expedition. As he is not conversant with all the details of the expedition he does not feel able to express an opinion in the matter, but will inform you as soon as the views of the South African authorities are received.

Yours faithfully,

J. G. STEWART

Political Secretary.

J. B. Heaney, Esq.,
Gough Island Scientific Survey,
Oldhouse Farm,
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P.S. 17/192

AIRMAIL

4th April, 1955.

THE SECRETARY FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

Gough Island Scientific Survey

I am directed to forward for consideration by the appropriate authorities a copy of a letter dated 30th March, with enclosure, from Mr. J. B. Heaney, the leader of the Gough Island Scientific Survey. It will be seen that the expedition is seeking the assistance of the Union authorities in providing transport from Cape Town to Gough Island in July, 1955, and back to Cape Town in February, 1956.

As the expedition is setting out from England in June there remains little time to complete arrangements, and it would be appreciated if the matter could receive urgent consideration and if you would inform the High Commissioner as soon as possible what reply may be returned to Mr. Heaney.

J. G. STEWART

Political Secretary.

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AIR MAIL

4th May, 1955.

THE SECRETARY FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

Gough Island Scientific Survey.

I have to refer to our minute of the 4th April, 1955, and to enquire whether you are as yet in a position to let us know what reply should be sent to Mr. Heaney regarding his request for assistance from the Union in connection with the transport of the expedition from Cape Town to Gough Island.

J. FOURIE.

Political Secretary.

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CODE TELEGRAM

FROM: SECEXTERN, CAPE TOWN

DESPATCHED: 14.5.55

TO: HIGH COMMISSIONER, LONDON

RECEIVED: 16.5.55

No.46

Your despatch of 14th April, PS.17/192.

Union Government regret inability to provide frigate to Gough Island Scientific Survey Party unless latter prepared to meet cost. This is in view particularly of the Union's decision to participate in projected Antarctic Expedition.

*Mr Beecher
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Cape Town to Gough Island.

J. FOURIE.

Political Secretary.

JF/SB

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P.S. 17/192

17th May, 1955.

Dear Sir,

Would you please refer to your letter of the 30th March to the High Commissioner about the proposed expedition to Gough Island.

As intimated in my letter of April 1st, the suggestion that the Union Government might provide transport for the expedition was referred to the appropriate authorities, and the High Commissioner has now been informed that after careful consideration the Union Government find they will not be able to make a frigate available for the purpose unless the expedition is prepared to meet the cost.

The Union Government regret that they are not able to return a more favourable reply to your request, but their position is governed in particular by their decision to participate in the projected Antarctic expedition.

Yours faithfully,

J. G. STEWART

Political Secretary.

J. B. Heaney, Esq.,
Gough Island Scientific Survey,
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Wakes Colne,
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GOUGH ISLAND SCIENTIFIC SURVEY

Leader:

I. B. HEANEY

Supported by:

SCOTT POLAR RESEARCH INSTITUTE
ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

17, Malcolm Street,
CAMBRIDGE.

Your Ref: B.S. 17/192.

21st May, 1955.

Political Secretary,
South Africa House,
Trafalgar Square,
LONDON W.C.2.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter of 17th May. I am very sorry to hear that the Union Government cannot see its way to providing transport for the Expedition to Gough Island free of charge.

The Royal Navy have indicated that it could possibly take the party to Gough Island in November, 1955, which will necessitate a slight change of the original plan, but there still remains the problem of getting back. The available sources of transport are very limited, and therefore I would be most grateful if you would enquire what meeting the cost of a frigate to pick up the party in March 1956 would entail. It may be the only means of getting off, since the Tristan Development Company have said they cannot provide transport.

I was talking to Dr. Fuchs the leader of the projected Commonwealth Antarctic Expedition, and he was most anxious to know what you meant in your letter when you referred to the "projected Antarctic expedition". Do you mean his show, or the ~~exped~~ winter reconnaissance to Bouvet Island?

Yours faithfully,

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AIR MAIL.

24th May, 1955.

THE SECRETARY FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

Proposed Expedition to Gough Island.

Will you please refer to your telegram No. 46 of the 14th May, 1955, about the proposed expedition to Gough Island.

The leader of the Gough Island Scientific Survey has informed us that the Royal Navy have indicated that they could possibly take the party to Gough Island in November, 1955, but the party still has to find transport for the return voyage. The leader of the expedition has now enquired what meeting the cost of a South African frigate to pick up the party at Gough Island in March, 1956, would entail.

Your reply, for the information of the leader of the expedition, would be appreciated.

J. G. STEWART

Political Secretary.

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CODE TELEGRAM

TO: SECEXTERN, PRETORIA

DESPATCHED: 20.6.55

FROM: HIGH COMMISSIONER, LONDON

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No.55

Your No.46 and my despatch PS.17/192 of 24th May.

Can you now indicate estimated cost of round trip
by frigate and also cost per day in event of delay due to
bad weather at Gough Island?

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Oldhouse Farm,
Wakes Colne,
Nr. Colchester,
ESSEX.

20th July, 1955.

The High Commissioner,
South Africa House,
Trafalgar Square,
London, W. C. 1.

Your Excellency,

Following a telephone conversation I had with the Political Secretary on 18th July, I am writing to enquire whether it would be possible for the Union Government to reconsider my request that a frigate of the South African Navy might assist the expedition.

Since I last wrote on the subject I have heard from the Royal Navy at Simonstown that they will take the expedition to Gough Island via Tristan da Cunha at the end of September. Nearly all the preparations for the expedition are now complete, and the party is due to leave the U.K. on 31st August. Most of the necessary funds have been raised and all equipment collected; as I mentioned earlier, the South African Weather Bureau is seconding an experienced meteorological observer to the expedition and providing all his instruments. Since Gough Island lies in the 'path' of South African weather, the Weather Bureau is anxious to test the value of Gough Island as a weather station.

No transport has yet been fixed for return passages from Gough Island to South Africa which would have to be in February/March 1956. Commander Tripp, the head of the South African Hydrographic Department, is interested in doing a radar survey of the coastline of Gough Island, for which the expedition suitable beacons on the island, and I understand he has mentioned this to Commodore Biermann. Since both South African and Britain are already co-operating in the expedition, and both are interested in its results, I wonder whether this could be taken a step further and a vessel of the South African Navy to take the party off the island - the Royal Navy having provided outward passages.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh is keenly interested in the expedition, and has extended his support with a substantial contribution to the funds.

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GOUGH ISLAND SCIENTIFIC SURVEY

P.S. 17/192

AIRMAIL

22nd July, 1955.

THE SECRETARY FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

Gough Island Scientific Survey

This Office has again been approached by Mr. J. B. Heaney, leader of the proposed expedition to Gough Island on the subject of the provision of a South African frigate for the transport of the expedition.

It will be recalled that in your telegram No 46 of the 14th May, 1955, you indicated that the Union Government were not in a position to provide a frigate to take the expedition from Cape Town to Gough Island unless the Survey Party was prepared to meet the cost involved.

Thereafter Mr. Heaney intimated that arrangements had been made with the Royal Navy for transport to Gough Island, and enquired the extent of the cost involved should a South African frigate bring the Party back from the Island. (My minute P.S.17/192 of the 24th May). This information has not yet been furnished by the Union authorities.

Mr. Heaney has now enquired whether the Union Government would reconsider his request that a South African frigate be made available (for the return journey) without refund of the cost involved, and I enclose a copy of a letter which he addressed to the High Commissioner on the 20th July, in which he sets out certain considerations in support of his request.

In the telephone conversation to which Mr. Heaney refers in the opening paragraph of his letter, I gathered that while the Survey Party was assured of sufficient funds to ensure the success of the expedition, these funds were not enough to cover the cost involved in the use of a South African frigate. Mr. Heaney also intimated that he had explored other avenues for obtaining transport back from Gough Island, but without success. He had also enquired into the possibility of his party being picked up at Gough Island by the advance party which Dr. Fuchs is sending to the Wedell Sea in preparation for the Trans-Antarctic expedition, but there were found to be practical difficulties in the way of this, and it appears that the Fuchs party could not assist except perhaps in the case of an extreme emergency.

It would be appreciated if Mr. Heaney's representations could be considered by the Union authorities and if you would inform me as soon as possible of the nature of the reply which should be returned to him.

J. G. STEWART
First Secretary.

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P.S. 17/192

23rd July, 1955.

Dear Sir,

I am directed by the High Commissioner to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 20th July, 1955, in which you ask that the Union Government give further consideration to your request that a frigate of the South African Navy be made available to assist the forthcoming expedition to Gough Island.

Your request has been referred to the Union authorities, and I shall inform you as soon as their reply is received.

Yours faithfully,

J. G. STEWART

First Secretary.

J. B. Heaney, Esq.,
Gough Island Scientific Survey,
Oldhouse Farm,
Wakes Colne,
nr. Colchester.

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J. G. STEWART
First Secretary.

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*Mr. Becker
29/8/55*

*Mr. Becker
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*Thank you
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LUGPOS.
AIRMAIL



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UNIE VAN SUID-AFRIKA.
UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.

DEPARTEMENT VAN BUITELANDSE SAKE
DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

PRETORIA.

25 AUG 1955



Die Hoë Kommissaris vir die Unie van Suid-Afrika,
LONDEN.

Wetenskaplike Opname van Gough-eiland:
Gebruik van n fregat van die Suid-Afrikaanse
Vloot.

Met verwysing na u diensbrief nr. P.S. 17/192 van 22 Julie 1955, waarin u n versoek van mnr. J.B. Heaney oorgedra het om heroorweging van die Unie-regering se besluit dat n fregat van die Suid-Afrikaanse Vloot nie kosteloos voorsien kan word om die lede van bogemelde ekspedisie by Gough-eiland op te tel nie, moet ek u meedeel dat daar weereens op die saak ingegaan is. Tot sy spyt moes die Unie-regering andermaal besluit dat hy nie aan die versoek kan voldoen nie weens die Unie se verpligtings in verband met die stigting van n weerkundige stasie op Bouvet-eiland en die voorgestelde Statebondekspedisie na die Suidpoolstreek.

Ek sal bly wees indien u mnr. Heaney in dier voeë kan meedeel.

SEKRETARIS VAN BUITELANDSE SAKE.

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Handwritten: Mr. Stewart
A.C.
29/8

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It would be appreciated if Mr. Heaney's representations could be considered by the Union authorities and if you would inform me as soon as possible of the nature of the reply which should be returned to him.

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J. G. STEWART
First Secretary.

P.S. 17/192

30th August, 1955.

Dear Sir,

In your letter of 20th July, 1955, you enquired whether it would be possible for the Union Government to reconsider your request that a frigate of the South African Navy be made available free of charge for the return of your Expedition from Gough Island.

The factors which you put forward in your letter were conveyed to the Union Government. After careful consideration, however, they have to their regret come to the decision that, in view of their obligations in regard to the establishment of meteorological stations on Bouvet Island and their participation in the proposed Antarctic Expedition, they cannot see their way clear to comply with your request.

Yours faithfully,

J. G. STEWART

First Secretary

J. B. Heaney, Esq.,
Gough Island Scientific Survey,
Oldhouse Farm,
Wakes Colne,
nr. Colchester.

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J. G. STEWART
First Secretary.

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CODE TELEGRAM

FROM: SEC. FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, PRETORIA

DESPATCHED: 31.8.55

TO: HIGH COMMISSIONER, LONDON

RECEIVED: 31.8.55 (4.50 p.m.)

No.124

Re British Expedition Gough Islands.

1. On the invitation of Heaney, South African Weather Bureau attaching one meteorologist and Port Liaison Officer to expedition.
2. Apart from expedition, Weather Bureau interested in possibility of establishing Weather Station on Gough Island during geophysical year. But before approaching United Kingdom Government with definite proposal would like to study suitability of island for the purpose. Anxious therefore to attach engineer to expedition to examine the possibilities.
3. Please ascertain United Kingdom's view on inclusion of engineer and the purpose of his visit. If reaction favourable enquire if passage would be available frigate H.M.S. 'Magpie' due to leave Simonstown September 25th. Also cost of passage.

*Macindale with
Mr Brown (CRO) with
whom I left a copy
of this telegram. He will
consult botanical office
and inform me of UK views
as soon as possible.*

*Mr. [unclear]
Mr. [unclear] has information for
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*Mr Macindale of CRO is now dealing
with this matter.*

B.F. 8/9.

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The Admiralty have sent a signal to enquire whether a passage would be available for an extra person on H.M.S. Magpie. We shall let you know what the reply is as soon as it is received. In the meantime, you may like to know that, if a passage is available, the only charges on the ship would be for messing.

Yours sincerely,

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Mr Macindoe of RO is now dealing with this matter.

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COMMONWEALTH RELATIONS OFFICE
DOWNING STREET
LONDON, S.W.1

14 September, 1955.

Whitehall 1323/Est.

Your Reference:

Please quote in reply: CON 58/4/1

Dear Becker,

We discussed over the telephone the telegram which Stewart left with Brown the other day about the possibility of a South African engineer being attached to the Gough Island expedition in order to study the suitability of the Island for the purpose of establishing a Weather Station there.

We should have no objection to the inclusion of an engineer in the expedition for this purpose. The South African Government will no doubt approach us again, as envisaged in paragraph 2 of their telegram, if his visit leads to firmer proposals for the establishment of a weather station on Gough Island.

So far as the inclusion of an extra person in the expedition is concerned, we feel that the decision must rest with the leader of the expedition who will know the number for which he can provide accommodation, food and transport. As you perhaps know, H.M.S. Magpie will only be taking the expedition as far as Tristan and back. We suggest, therefore, that an approach might be made to the leader on his arrival in South Africa.

J. J. BECKER, ESQ.,
SOUTH AFRICA HOUSE.

Macindoe pleased & asked that "and back" be deleted from 2nd para of his letter
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Mr. Baker phone Brown + see whether has information re
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Mr Macindoe of CRo is now dealing with this matter.

B.F. 8/9.

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CODE TELEGRAM

TO: SEC. FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, PRETORIA.

DESPATCHED: 14. 9. 55.

FROM: HIGH COMMISSIONER, LONDON.

No. 111.

Your telegram No. 124. Re British Expedition Gough Island.

C.R.O. advise that U.K. Government have no objection to the inclusion in the expedition of engineer to study suitability of island for weather station. So far as the inclusion of an extra person in the expedition is concerned, U.K. feel that the decision must rest with the leader of the expedition who will know the number for which he can provide accommodation, food and transport. H.M.S. Magpie will only be taking the expedition as far as Tristan. U.K. suggest therefore that an approach might be made to the leader on his arrival in South Africa.

The Admiralty are ascertaining whether a passage would be available for an extra person on H.M.S. Magpie and will inform as soon as possible. C.R.O. say that the only charges on the ship would be for messing.

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*Mr. Robert
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*Mr Macindoe of CRO is now dealing
with this matter.*

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P.S. 17/192

15th September, 1955.

Dear McIndoe,

Thank you for your letter #8
CON 58/4/1 of the 14th September about
the Gough Island Expedition.

I have informed our authorities
accordingly.

Yours sincerely

(J. J. Becker)

W. I. McIndoe, Esq.,
Commonwealth Relations Office.

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TO: SECEXTERN PRETORIA.
FROM: OPPOSITELY LONDON.
D: 19.9.1955.

My telegram No. 111.

C.R.O. advise that C.-in-C. South Atlantic unable to accommodate engineer on H.M.S. Maggie. Ship is already overcrowded as extra persons from Colonial Office have been included in expedition.

C.R.O. has asked U.K. High Commissioner, Pretoria, to take up matter with our authorities. He will suggest inter alia that engineer be taken by ship of Tristan Development Co. later this year.

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W. I. Macindoe, Esq.,
Commonwealth Relations Office.

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UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA
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DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.
DEPARTEMENT VAN BUITELANDSE SAKE.

PRETORIA.

21 DEC 1955

The High Commissioner for the
Union of South Africa,
LONDON.



As 28/12/55

South African participation in
the activities of the International
Geophysical Year: Establishment of
a scientific observation station on
Gough Island.

As one of its projects in connection with the Union's participation in the activities of the International Geophysical Year, the South African National Committee for the International Geophysical Year proposes to erect a scientific observation station on Gough Island.

The United Kingdom authorities are already aware that the establishment of such an observation post on the island has been under consideration - Vide your telegram No. 111 of the 14th September, 1955.

It would be appreciated if you could now obtain the formal approval of the United Kingdom Government of the use of Gough Island for the erection and operation of a South African scientific observation station during the International Geophysical Year.

As it is the intention to send the expedition team to the island as early as May, 1956, I shall be glad to receive early advice of the outcome of your request to the United Kingdom authorities.

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SECRETARY FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

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P.S. 17/192

29th December, 1955.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that, as one of the projects in connection with the Union's participation in the activities of the International Geophysical Year, the South African National Committee for the International Geophysical Year proposes to erect a scientific observation station on Gough Island.

The United Kingdom authorities are already aware that the establishment of such an observation post on the island has been under consideration. In this connection I would refer to Commonwealth Relations Office letter #8 CON.58/4/1 of the 14th September, 1955.

The Union Government would be most grateful if the United Kingdom Government would now kindly consider granting their approval for the use of Gough Island for the erection and operation of a South African scientific observation station during the International Geophysical Year.

As it is the intention of the Union authorities, if the approval is granted, to send the expedition team to the island in May, 1956, it would be greatly appreciated if the United Kingdom authorities would be so kind as to furnish their views as early as possible.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(sgd.) J. R. Jordaa

Minister Counsellor.

The Under Secretary of State for
Commonwealth Relations,
Commonwealth Relations Office,
Downing Street, S.W.1.

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CODE TELEGRAM

FROM: SECEXTERN, CAPETOWN

DESPATCHED: 18.1.56

TO: HIGH COMMISSIONER, LONDON

RECEIVED: 19.1.56

No.9

My despatch 21st December 102/2/6 over 102/1.

Please telegraph whether United Kingdom Government agree to the establishment of South African Observation Station on Gough Island.

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Mr. Becher
Mr. Stewart

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granting their approval for the use of Gough Island for the erection and operation of a South African scientific observation station during the International Geophysical Year.

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The Under Secretary of State for
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Downing Street, S.W.1.

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CODE TELEGRAM

TO: SECEXTERN, CAPE TOWN
a.
DESPATCHED: 19.1.56
FROM: HIGH COMMISSIONER, LONDON

No.7

Your telegram No.9.

Understand informally that U.K. authorities have no objection to establishment of South African Observation Station on Gough Island.

Hope to telegraph confirmation within two or three days.

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Mr. Becker

the erection and operation of a South African scientific observation station during the International Geophysical Year.

As it is the intention of the Union authorities, if the approval is granted, to send the expedition team to the island in May, 1956, it would be greatly appreciated if the United Kingdom authorities would be so kind as to furnish their views as early as possible.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(sgd.) J. R. Jordan

Minister Counsellor.

Mr Becker

The Under Secretary of State for
Commonwealth Relations,
Commonwealth Relations Office,
Downing Street, S.W.1.

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COMMONWEALTH RELATIONS OFFICE
DOWNING STREET
LONDON, S.W.1

Whitehall 2323

19th January, 1956

Your Reference:

Please quote in reply: CON.58/4/1

Please address reply to THE PERMANENT UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE

Sir,

With reference to your letter, No. PS 17/192, of the 29th December, 1955, I am directed by the Earl of Home to say that the United Kingdom Government gladly gives its approval for the erection and operation on Gough Island of a South African scientific observation station during the International Geophysical Year.

I am to add that Mr. M. A. Willis of the Colonial Office will be in Cape Town from the 23rd January for discussions with the Tristan de Cunha Development Company and will be very pleased, if the South African Government sees no objection, to discuss certain details of the project for Gough Island with the appropriate South African authorities.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

F. A. K. Harrison

(F. A. K. HARRISON)

THE OFFICIAL SECRETARY,
SOUTH AFRICA HOUSE,
TRAFALGAR SQUARE,
W.C.2.

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I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(sgd.) *J. R. Jordan*

Minister Counsellor.

Mr. Becker

The Under Secretary of State for
Commonwealth Relations,
Commonwealth Relations Office,
Downing Street, S.W.1.

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CODE TELEGRAM

FROM: HIGH COMMISSIONER: LONDON.

TO: SECXTERN CAPE TOWN.

D: 21.1.56.

No.8.

My telegram No.7.

Now been informed that U.K. Government quite gladly gives its approval for the erection and operation on Gough Island of a South African Scientific Observation Station during the International Geophysical Year. unquote.

Willis of Colonial Office will be in Cape Town from 23rd January. C.R.O. suggests, if you see no objection, discussion with him of certain details of project. He may be contacted at Tristan de Cunha Development Co.

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THE OFFICIAL SECRETARY,
SOUTH AFRICA HOUSE,
TRAFALGAR SQUARE,
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(sgd.) J. R. Jordan
Minister Counsellor.

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Commonwealth Relations Office,
Downing Street, S.W.1.

*Mr. Stewart
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BF 16/1

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P.S. 17/192

23rd January, 1956.

Dear Harrison,

Thank you for your letter SS
CON.58/4/1 of the 20th January, 1956,
about the erection and operation on Gough
Island of a South African scientific
observation station.

We are grateful to you for your
assistance in the matter.

Yours sincerely,

(sgd.) J. R. Jordan

F. A. K. Harrison, Esq.,
Commonwealth Relations Office.

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I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(sgd.) J. R. Jordan
Minister Counsellor.

The Under Secretary of State for
Commonwealth Relations,
Commonwealth Relations Office,
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1 March 1956.

REGISTERED.

The Leader,
Gough Island Scientific Survey,
c/o Dr. Brian Roberts,
Scott Polar Research Institute,
Lensfield Road,
CAMBRIDGE, England.

Dear Sir,

PURCHASE OF HUT AND CERTAIN EQUIPMENT
ON GOUGH ISLAND.

I enclose a warrant voucher to the value of £950.0.0 being the price agreed upon between Mr. R.T.H. Chambers and Dr. Schumann for the following items referred to in the list of equipment and stores which could be left behind by your Expedition, which list was handed to Dr. Schumann in Cape Town last year :-

- Items: A.(i) to (vii) - Hut and Accessories
B.(1) - Eddystone Communications Receiver
(iii) - Panda Transmitter
C. - Generator

Will you kindly acknowledge receipt.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) J.F.W. Cilliers.
for SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT.

(sgd.) J. R. Jordaa

Minister Counsellor.

SECRETARY FOR INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

The Under Secretary of State for
Commonwealth Relations,
Commonwealth Relations Office,
Downing Street, S.W.1.

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Mr. Becher
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after surrender of the warrant voucher in question, which is to be returned with your claim on this Department.

Lawrence
SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT.

Mr. [Name],
[Address]
[City]

Dear Sir,

Reference is made to your letter of the [Date] regarding [Subject].

I enclose a copy of the [Document] as requested. The [Document] contains the [Information] which you have requested. It is hoped that this will be of assistance to you. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

- 1. [Item 1]
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- 4. [Item 4]

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

Approved by [Name]
[Title]



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Per index "Dr. Brian Roberts"
& file on "Scott Polar Research Inst."
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Dr. Brian Roberts,
Scott Polar Research Institute,
Lensfield Road,
CAMBRIDGE, England.



Dear Sir,

PURCHASE OF HUT AND OTHER EQUIPMENT FROM GOUGH ISLAND
SCIENTIFIC SURVEY EXPEDITION.

I enclose for your information copy of a letter dated 1 March 1956 addressed to the leader of the abovementioned Expedition care of yourself.

In forwarding a warrant voucher to the value of £950.0.0 with the abovementioned letter sight was lost of the fact that warrant vouchers issued by the Union Government is only payable within the Union of South Africa within three months after date of issue.

It would therefore be very much appreciated if you could open the letter referred to and present the warrant voucher at the office of the High Commissioner for the Union at Trafalgar Square. That office is being requested to pay the amount in question over to you after surrender of the warrant voucher.

If you have no authority to act as requested it would be appreciated if the contents of this letter could be brought to the attention of the Leader of the Gough Expedition on his arrival in England during May next with the request that he follows the procedure set out above.

Yours faithfully,

J. F. W. COLLIER

SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT.

The Secretary,
Office of the High Commissioner for South Africa,
South Africa House,
Trafalgar Square,
LONDON,
England.

For your information. Copy of the letter referred to above is enclosed. Will you please arrange, if possible, to pay an amount of £950.0.0 to either Dr. Brian Roberts or the Leader of the British Expedition to Gough Island, Mr. Heaney

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Telephone:--
KENSINGTON 6821.

Telegram:--
NATHIKES, SOUTHRENS, LONDON.



HWP/RSG

Assistant Secretary,
High Commissioner for
Union of South Africa,
South Africa House,
Trafalgar Square, W.C.2.



BRITISH MUSEUM (NATURAL HISTORY),

CROMWELL ROAD,

LONDON, S.W.7.

10th November, 1956



PS 17/192

Dear Sir,

Arrangements for the study of the zoological material collected by the Gough Island Scientific Survey Expedition are being centered in this Department. Part of the work is actually being done here but in other instances specialists at other institutions are being approached by us to undertake the work of naming the collections.

The current practice in such matters is that ~~the~~ representative collections are deposited at a public institution where they will be available for consultation by anyone interested. In the present instance the first set will be deposited here but the leaders of the expedition are anxious that a second set shall be deposited in an appropriate institution in South Africa.

I would be glad of your guidance regarding which of the South African museums would be the most appropriate. I believe the Transvaal Museum is the premier national institution but perhaps since visitors to Gough Island (meteorologists and commercial fishery staffs) will probably sail from Cape Town, the Museum there might well be more appropriate.

The matter is perhaps a trivial one and it is not likely to cause jealousy or heart-burnings amongst the museums in South Africa; so it is not worth-while obtaining an official decision at a high level. I would just appreciate your advice.

Yours faithfully,

H.W. Parker
Keeper of Zoology

Yours faithfully,

J. F. W. COLLIER

SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT.

The Secretary,
Office of the High Commissioner for South Africa,
South Africa House,
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P.S. 17/192.

15th November, 1956.

Dear Sir,

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, reference HWP/RSG, of the 10th November.

It is rather difficult to decide which South African museum would be the most appropriate to house the collections. There appear to be advantages in sending them to the Cape Town Museum but we wonder if your best course would not be to send them in the first instance to the Secretary for Education, Arts and Science, Pretoria, with the request that he should forward them to whichever museum he considers the most suitable. Such comment as you yourself might feel able to offer at the same time would be helpful to him.

Yours faithfully,

C. F. G. von Hirschberg,

Minister.

H. W. Parker, Esq.,
Keeper of Zoology,
British Museum (Natural History),
Cromwell Road,
S. W. 7.

CVH/SR

J. F. W. CILLIENS

SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT.

The Secretary,
Office of the High Commissioner for South Africa,
South Africa House,
Trafalgar Square,
LONDON,
England.

For your information. Copy of the letter referred to above is enclosed. Will you please arrange, if possible, to pay an amount of £950.0.0 to either Dr. Brian Roberts or the Leader of the British Expedition to Gough Island, Mr. Heaney

after/....



BRITISH MUSEUM (NATURAL HISTORY),

CROMWELL ROAD

LONDON, S.W.7.

Telephone:
Kensington 6323

Telegrams:
NATHMUS,
SOUTHERN, LONDON.

HWP/RSG

20th November, 1956

Assistant Secretary,
High Commissioner for
Union of South Africa,
South Africa House,
Trafalgar Square,
London, W.C.2.



Dear Sir,

I am very grateful for your
letter P.S.17/192 of 15th November,
and will act on your suggestion.

Yours faithfully,

H.W. Parker
Keeper of Zoology

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15th November, 1956.

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The matter is perhaps likely to cause jealousy or in South Africa; so it is not worth while obtaining an official decision at a high level. I would just appreciate your advice.

C. F. G. von Hirschberg.

Minister.

H. W. Parker, Esq.,
Keeper of Zoology,
British Museum (Natural History),
Cromwell Road,
S.W.7.

CVH/SR

J. F. W. CLEGG

SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT.

The Secretary,
Office of the High Commissioner for South Africa,
South Africa House,
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Assistant Secretary,
High Commissioner for
Union of South Africa,
South Africa House,
Trafalgar Square
London, W.C.2

12th February, 1958.

AIR MAIL

12th February, 58

Dear Sir, The Director of Overseas Surveys,
Kingston Road,
Folworth, Surbiton,
Surrey,
ENGLAND

Dear Sir,

PROPOSED MAGNETIC OBSERVATIONS ON THE ISLANDS GOUGH AND TRISTAN DA CUNHA

One of the I.G.Y. projects envisaged by the Magnetic Observatory at Hermannus, South Africa, was the establishment of secular variation stations on the above two islands. The hydrographical survey ship S.A.S. "Natal" is scheduled to leave Cape Town on April 14th 1958 and to return on April 24th and is not likely to remain at either island for longer than two days. In view of the limited time and weather conditions it might not be possible to obtain sufficient observations for a satisfactory determination of the magnetic field at these stations, but it is felt that even a limited program of observations would justify the effort involved.

Commander Mallory, the Hydrographer to the S.A. Navy, has sufficient information about the triangulation of Gough Island to complete the observations without a new determination of azimuth. For Tristan da Cunha, however, neither he nor this Office has any survey information available and to complete the observations at a station on this island an azimuth determination will have to be made. If you have any information about a triangulation on Tristan from which azimuth can be deduced it would be appreciated if it could be made available to this Office.

A request for permission for the observations to be made is forwarded to your Government through the Union Department of External Affairs.

Yours faithfully,

J. J. BOONZAAIER,

DIRECTOR : TRIGSURVEY

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LUGPOS.
AIR MAIL.



UNIE VAN SUID-AFRIKA.
UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.

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DEPARTEMENT VAN BUITELANDSE SAKE.
DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

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PRETORIA.

27 FEB 1958

Die Hoë Kommissaris vir die Unie van Suid-Afrika,
LONDEN.

Magnetiese Waarnemings op die Gough en
Tristan da Cunha eilande.

Ek stuur u hiermee 'n afskrif van 'n brief D 131
gedateer 12 Februarie 1958, wat die Direkteur van Drie-
hoeksmeting aan die Direkteur van Oorsese Opnames, Surrey,
Engeland gerig het, aangaande voorgenome waarnemings wat
tussen 14 en 24 April 1958 op die Gough en Tristan da
Cunha eilande gemaak sal word.

Dit sal gewaardeer word indien u so gou
doenlik die belanghebbende instansies om die nodige toe-
stemming vir die waarnemings sal nader.

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J. J. BOONZAAIER,

DIRECTOR : TRISURVEY

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P.S. 17/192

4th March, 1958.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that, in connection with the Union's participation in the activities of the International Geophysical Year, the South African authorities are anxious to obtain magnetic observations on the islands of Gough and Tristan da Cunha. It is accordingly proposed that the hydrographical survey ship S.A.S. "Natal" should call at the islands for this purpose between the 14th and 24th April, 1958. The vessel is expected to remain not longer than two days at either island.

It would be greatly appreciated if the United Kingdom authorities would grant their approval for the observations to be made.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

I. F. A. de VILLIERS.

Minister.

The High Commissioner

for your information

(Adm)

The Under-Secretary of State for
Commonwealth Relations.

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J. J. BOONZAAIER,

The Secretary,
Office of the High Commissioner for South Africa,
South Africa House,
Whitehall, London, W.C.2.

DIRECTOR : TRIGSURVEY

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COMMONWEALTH RELATIONS OFFICE

DOWNING STREET

LONDON, S.W.1

25 March, 1958

Whitehall 4323

Your Reference:

Please quote in reply: GEN.151/558/2

Please address reply to THE PERMANENT UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE

Sir,

I am directed by the Earl of Home to refer to your letter P.S. 17/192 of the 4th March, and to inform you that the Secretary of State for the Colonies is pleased to grant permission to the South African authorities to obtain magnetic observations on the islands of Gough and Tristan da Cunha in connection with the International Geophysical Year.

2. The Administration of Tristan da Cunha is being informed accordingly.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

E. R. Sudbury

(E. R. SUDBURY)

THE SECRETARY,
OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER
FOR THE UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA,
SOUTH AFRICA HOUSE,
TRAFALGAR SQUARE,
LONDON, W.C.2.



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I. F. A. de VILLIERS.

For your information

Minister.

(Adm)

The Under-Secretary of State for
Commonwealth Relations.

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J. J. BOONZAAIER,

DIRECTOR : TRIGUNWEY

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P.S.17/192.

AIR MAIL.

28th March, 1958.

THE SECRETARY FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

Magnetic observations on the islands of
Gough and Tristan da Cunha.

With reference to your minute 102/2/6; 1/64/1 of the 27th February, 1958, I have to inform you that the United Kingdom authorities are agreeable to the Union authorities obtaining magnetic observations on the islands of Gough and Tristan da Cunha in connection with the International Geophysical Year. They have informed the administration of Tristan da Cunha accordingly.

L. F. A. de VILLIERS

Minister.

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J. J. BOONZAAIER,

DIRECTOR : TRIGUNWEY

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AIR MAIL.



UNIE VAN SUID-AFRIKA.
UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.

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DEPARTEMENT VAN BUITELANDSE SAKE
DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

PRETORIA.

25 MAR 1958

URGENT.

The High Commissioner for the Union of South Africa,
LONDON.

THE SECRETARY FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

Magnetic observations on Gough and
Tristan Da Cunha Islands.

I shall be glad to learn whether you are now
in a position to furnish me with a reply to my minute
102/2/6 over 1/64/1 of the 27th February, 1958, regarding
permission for the proposed magnetic observations on
Gough and Tristan da Cunha Islands between the 14th
and 24th April, 1958.

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SECRETARY FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

J. J. BOONZAAIER,

DIRECTOR : TRIGUNWEY

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pay an amount of 1958.0.0 to either Mr. John Roberts or the
Leader of the British Expedition to Gough Island, 13. 1958.

P.S. 37/3

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UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.
UNIE VAN SUID-AFRIKA.



DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.
DEPARTEMENT VAN BUITELANDSE SAKE.

CONFIDENTIAL.

PRETORIA.

27 SEP 1958

The High Commissioner for the Union of South Africa,
LONDON.

Gough Island : Continuation of Weather
Station.

You will recall that your telegram No. 8 of the 21st January, 1956, conveyed [the United Kingdom Government's approval for the erection and operation on Gough Island of a South African Scientific observation station during the International Geophysical Year.]

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[The I.G.Y. as such is now drawing to a close, but, as following the recent CSAGI conference in Moscow, it has been decided that many of the scientific activities undertaken under its aegis will be continued. One of the regions particularly affected by this decision is the Antarctic whose definition for the purposes of the Special Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR), has been extended to include, inter alia, Gough Island. The delegates of the Western countries represented at the Moscow conference referred to were exercised by the evident Soviet intention to broaden and extend the scope of their activities in Antarctica, and current feeling was that Western countries should endeavour to match the Soviet effort.]

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[The Union Government feel that the continuation of the Union's weather station on Gough Island would, it is felt, serve this end admirably, and it would accordingly be appreciated if permission could be obtained from the United Kingdom authorities for the retention of the presently existing weather station for a further period until March/April, 1960.]

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[As it is imperative that all activities in the Southern oceans be coordinated in good time for the coming season, some urgency attaches to this request, and an early reply, would be appreciated.]

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ACTING SECRETARY FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

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Confidential

7th October, 1958.

Sir,

As you will recall, your letter CON.58/4/1 of the 20th January, 1956, conveyed the United Kingdom Government's approval for the erection and operation on Gough Island of a South African scientific observation station during the International Geophysical Year.

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The Union Government feel that the continuation of the Union's weather station on Gough Island would serve this end admirably, and would accordingly be most appreciative if permission could be granted by the United Kingdom Government for the retention of the presently existing weather station for a further period until March/April, 1960.

As it is imperative that all activities in the Southern oceans be co-ordinated in good time for the coming season, I would add that some urgency attaches to this request, and I should be very grateful therefore for an early reply.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

I. F. A. de VILLIERS.

| Acting High Commissioner.

The Permanent Under-Secretary of State for
Commonwealth Relations.

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In this connection it is the understanding of the United Kingdom Government that all the livestock kept by the South African party on the Island will either be withdrawn or destroyed when the party finally leaves.

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Acting High Commissioner.

The Permanent Under-Secretary of State for
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Mr. Villiers

The Union Government of members of the Commonwealth
has in the matter of Guyana held a meeting regarding the
presence of four stations will be brought to attention of
the Government of the Union
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DOWNING STREET

LONDON, S.W.1

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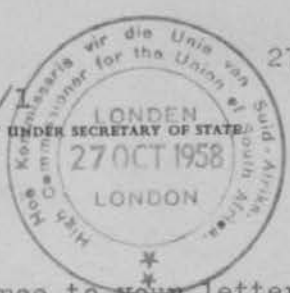
Whitehall 2323

Your Reference:

Please quote in reply: CON.58/4/1

Please address reply to THE PERMANENT UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE

27th October, 1958



Sir,

With reference to your letter No.P.S.37/3 of the 7th October 1958, I am directed by the Earl of Home to say that the United Kingdom Government gladly gives its approval to the retention by the Union Government of their existing weather station on Gough Island for a further period until March or April 1960.

2. I am, however, to add that for scientific reasons it is important that the flora and fauna of the Island should be left as far as possible undisturbed. When Mr. M.A.Willis of the Colonial Office was in Cape Town in 1956 he discussed with Dr. Schumann, the then Head of the Union Meteorological Department, the question of importation of livestock into Gough Island and was assured that the United Kingdom Government's wishes on this point would be borne in mind. It has, however, recently been learned from the Administrator of Tristan da Cunha, under whose charge Gough Island falls, that the South African party have imported some goats which, with rabbits, were specifically mentioned as undesirable importations. It would be appreciated if they could be asked in future not to import any livestock into the Island without the prior consent of the Administrator of Tristan da Cunha.

THE ACTING HIGH COMMISSIONER,
SOUTH AFRICA HOUSE

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Your obedient servant,

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Acting High Commissioner.

The Permanent Under-Secretary of State for
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29th October, 1958.

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Sir,

I wish to thank you for your letter no. CON.58/4/1 of the 27th October, 1958, and to express appreciation of the readiness of the United Kingdom Government to meet the Union Government's request that it be permitted to retain the existing weather station on Gough Island for a further period until March/April, 1960. The wishes of the United Kingdom Government regarding the preservation of the flora and fauna of the Island are being brought to the attention of the appropriate Union authorities.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

I. F. A. de VILLIERS.

Acting High Commissioner.

The Permanent Under-Secretary of State for
Commonwealth Relations.

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Acting High Commissioner.

The Permanent Under-Secretary of State for
Commonwealth Relations.

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AIRMAILConfidential

29th October, 1958.

THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.Gough Island : Continuation of Weather
Station

With reference to your minute no. 102/2/6 over 102/1 of the 27th September, 1958, I append for your information the text of the reply received from the Commonwealth Relations Office on the 27th October:

"I am directed by the Earl of Home to say that the United Kingdom Government gladly gives its approval to the retention by the Union Government of their existing weather station on Gough Island for a further period until March or April 1960.

"I am, however, to add that for scientific reasons it is important that the flora and fauna of the Island should be left as far as possible undisturbed. When Mr. M. A. Willis of the Colonial Office was in Cape Town in 1956 he discussed with Dr. Schumann, the then Head of the Union Meteorological Department, the question of importation of livestock into Gough Island and was assured that the United Kingdom Government's wishes on this point would be borne in mind. It has, however, recently been learned from the Administrator of Tristan da Cunha, under whose charge Gough Island falls, that the South African party have imported some goats which, with rabbits, were specifically mentioned as undesirable importations. It would be appreciated if they could be asked in future not to import any livestock into the Island without the prior consent of the Administrator of Tristan da Cunha.

"In this connection it is the understanding of the United Kingdom Government that all the livestock kept by the South African party on the Island will either be withdrawn or destroyed when the party finally leaves."

W. D. van SCHALKWYK

Acting High Commissioner.

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AIR MAIL.



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UNIE VAN SUID-AFRIKA.
UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.

DEPARTEMENT VAN BUITELANDSE SAKE.
DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

PRETORIA.

20 AUG 1959

The High Commissioner for the Union of South Africa,
LONDON.

Gough Island: Wireless Station ZOE.33.

At the beginning of the International Geophysical Year, the Administrator of Tristan da Cunha was good enough to grant a gratis licence to the Department of Transport for the operation, in connection with its weather station, of wireless station ZOE.33 on Gough Island for the duration of the I.G.Y.

The Secretary for Transport has now informed the Department that though the weather station has continued as part of the International Geophysical Co-operation 1959, the licence has not as yet been renewed after its expiry date (31st December, 1958).

It would be appreciated if you would approach the appropriate British authorities for the renewal of the licence for a further period of one year from 31st December, 1958. Please send the original copy of the licence to the Department.

W.D. van Schalkwyk

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SECRETARY FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

"In this connection it is the understanding of the United Kingdom Government that all the livestock kept by the South African party on the island will either be withdrawn or destroyed when the party finally leaves."

W. D. van SCHALKWYK

Acting High Commissioner.

26th August, 1959.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your letter CON.58/4/1 of the 27th October, 1958, conveying the United Kingdom Government's approval to the retention by the Union Government of their existing weather station on Gough Island until March or April, 1960.

At the beginning of the International Geophysical Year the Administrator of Tristan da Cunha was good enough to grant a gratis licence to the Union's Department of Transport for the operation, in connection with this weather station, of wireless station ZOE.33 on Gough Island for the duration of the I.G.Y. It is understood that the licence of this station has not as yet been renewed after its expiry date (31st December, 1958) and it would accordingly be much appreciated if the United Kingdom authorities could be requested to renew the licence for a further period of one year from 31st December, 1958. The licence could be sent to this Office for transmission to the Union.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

W. D. van SCHALKWYK

/ Minister.

The Permanent Under-Secretary of State
for Commonwealth Relations,
Downing Street, S.W.1.

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W. D. van SCHALKWYK

Acting High Commissioner.

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COMMONWEALTH RELATIONS OFFICE
DOWNING STREET
LONDON, S.W.1

Whitehall 2323/Ext.

Your Reference:

Please quote in reply: CON. 58/4/1

10 September, 1959

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Dear Schalkwyk,

Please refer to your letter PS 37/3 of 26th August about the renewal of the licence of wireless station ZOE.33 on Gough Island. We have forwarded your request to the Administrator of Tristan da Cunha.

Yours sincerely,
M. J. Rabarts.

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W. D. VAN SCHALKWYK, ESQ.,
SOUTH AFRICA HOUSE,
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COMMONWEALTH RELATIONS OFFICE
DOWNING STREET
LONDON, S.W.1



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P.S. 37/3

UNIE VAN SUID-AFRIKA, 12 September, 1959
UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.



DEPARTEMENT VAN BUITELANDSE SAKE.
DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
PRETORIA.

5.11.1959

The High Commissioner for the Union of South Africa,
LONDON.

Yours sincerely,
H.J. Roberts

Gough Island: Wireless Station ZOE.33.

(H.J. ROBERTS)

It would be appreciated if you would let me know whether you have succeeded in obtaining the renewed licence for the operation of Wireless Station ZOE.33 on Gough Island, as requested in my minute 102/2/6 of the 20th August, 1959.

W.D. van SCHALKWYK, ESQ.,
SOUTH AFRICA HOUSE,
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SECRETARY FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

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W.D. van Schalkwyk
Under-Secretary of State
for Commonwealth Relations,
Downing Street, S.W.1.

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W. D. van SCHALKWYK

Acting High Commissioner.

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10th November, 1959.

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Dear Rabarts,

Would you please refer to your letter CON.58/4/1 of the 10th September about the renewal of the licence of wireless station ZOE.33 on Gough Island. I should be grateful to learn whether a reply has yet been received from the Administrator of Tristan da Cunha.

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Yours sincerely,

(K.R.S. von Schirnding)

M. J. Rabarts, Esq.,
Commonwealth Relations Office.

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The Under-Secretary of State
for Commonwealth Relations,
Downing Street, S.W.1.

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W. D. van SCHALKWYK
Acting High Commissioner.

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AIRMAIL

10th November, 1959.

THE SECRETARY FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

Gough Island : Wireless Station ZOE.33

Please refer to your minute 102/2/6 of the 5th November, 1959.

The United Kingdom authorities have informed us that our request for the renewal of the licence of wireless station ZOE.33 on Gough Island was forwarded to the Administrator of Tristan da Cunha during September, 1959. They expect that a reply will now not be long delayed.

K. R. S. von SCHIRNDING
Minister.

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W. D. van SCHALKWYK
Acting High Commissioner.

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COMMONWEALTH RELATIONS OFFICE

DOWNING STREET
LONDON, S.W.1

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Your Reference:

Please quote in reply: CON. 58/4/1

Please address reply to THE PERMANENT UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE

17 November, 1959.

Sir,

I am directed by the Earl of Home to refer to your letter P.S. 37/3 of the 26th August, and to enclose a wireless licence for 1959 in respect of Gough Island.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

(O.R. BLAIR)

The High Commissioner,
South Africa House,
Trafalgar Square,
London,
W.C.2.

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W. D. van SCHALKWYK
Acting High Commissioner.

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P.S. 37/3

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Dear Blair,

Thank you for your letter
CON.58/4/1 of the 17th November, enclosing
a wireless licence for 1959 in respect
of Gough Island.

Yours sincerely,

(K.R.S. von Schirnding)

O. R. Blair, Esq.,
Commonwealth Relations Office.

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Acting High Commissioner.

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AIRMAIL

18th November, 1959.

THE SECRETARY FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

Gough Island : Wireless Station
ZOE.33

With reference to your minute 102/2/6 of the 20th August, 1959, I enclose herewith a wireless licence for 1959 in respect of wireless station ZOE.33 on Gough Island.

K. R. S. von SCHIRNDING
Minister.

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Acting High Commissioner.

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AIRMAIL



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UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.

DEPARTEMENT VAN BUITELANDSE SAKE.
DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

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PRETORIA.

3.12. 1959

The High Commissioner for the Union of South Africa,
LONDON.



Gough Island: Continuation of
Weather Station.

With reference to your minute P.S.37/3 of the 29th October, 1958, I have to inform you that the Union authorities are desirous of maintaining their weather station on Gough Island for a further period beyond March/April 1960. It would be appreciated if you could again approach the United Kingdom authorities for permission for the further retention of the existing weather station on Gough Island until March/April 1961.

For your information the continuation of the weather station on Gough Island is closely linked with the question of establishing a weather station on Bouvet Island. No decision on this latter question can be taken until a further reconnaissance of Bouvet Island has been carried out, probably in January or February, 1960. Thereafter the whole position will be considered. In the meantime it is desired to keep the weather station on Gough Island in operation.

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J.S.G. Booysse
SECRETARY FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

CONFIDENTIAL.

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W. D. van SCHALKWYK

Acting High Commissioner.

DV/AG

P.S. 37/3

8th December, 1959.

CONFIDENTIAL.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your letter CON.58/4/1 of the 27th October, 1958, conveying the United Kingdom Government's approval to the retention by the Union Government of their weather station on Gough Island until March or April, 1960.

I have now been informed that the Union Government wish to maintain this station for a further period beyond March/April, 1960, and I should accordingly be grateful if permission could be granted by the United Kingdom Government for the retention of the existing weather station until March/April, 1961.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. D. van SCHALKWYK

Minister.

The Permanent Under-Secretary of State,
Commonwealth Relations Office.

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W. D. van SCHALKWYK

Acting High Commissioner.

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COMMONWEALTH RELATIONS OFFICE

DOWNING STREET

LONDON, S.W.1

27 December, 1959.

Whitehall 2323

Your Reference:

Please quote in reply: CON. 58/14/1

Please address reply to THE PERMANENT UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE

, 1959.

Sir,

I am directed by the Earl of Home to acknowledge the receipt of your Minister's letter P.S. 37/3 of the 8th December about the operation of a South African weather station on Gough Island.

2. The views of the United Kingdom authorities concerned are being sought on the Union Government's proposal to maintain this station for a further year beyond March or April 1960 and a further letter will be sent to you as soon as possible.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

(B.E.H. HUNTER)

THE SECRETARY,
OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER
FOR THE UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA,
SOUTH AFRICA HOUSE,
TRAFALGAR SQUARE,
W.C.2.

Noted A.C. 30/12

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Minister.

The Permanent Under-Secretary of State,
Commonwealth Relations Office.

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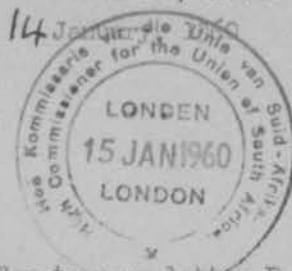
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LONDON, S.W.1

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1959.

Sir,

I am directed by the Earl of Home to refer to your letter P.S. 37/3 of the 8th December, 1959, and to state that the United Kingdom Government have no objection to the Union Government continuing the operation of their weather station on Gough Island for a further year until March or April, 1961.

2. I am, however, to invite attention to the requirement mentioned in the letter from this Office of the 27th October, 1958, that no livestock should be imported into Gough Island without the first consent of the Administrator of Tristan da Cunha, and to request that this requirement may continue to be strictly observed.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

C. N. Dixon

(Sir C. Dixon)

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[copy made of P.S. 37/3.2] 16.29.59 Dec. 1958

The Minister,
South Africa House,
Trafalgar Square,
London, W.C.2.

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The Permanent Under-Secretary of State,
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Acting High Commissioner.

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COMMONWEALTH RELATIONS OFFICE
DOWNING STREET
LONDON, S.W. 1

P.S. 37/3

15th January, 1960.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter CON.58/4/1 of the 14th January, 1960, conveying the approval of the United Kingdom Government to the retention by the Union Government of their weather station on Gough Island for a further year until March or April, 1961. The readiness of the United Kingdom Government to assist the Union Government in this matter is greatly appreciated.

The request regarding the importation of live-stock into Gough Island is being brought to the attention of the responsible authorities in the Union.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

L. F. A. de VILLIERS.

Minister.

The Permanent Under-Secretary of State,
Commonwealth Relations Office.

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W. D. van SCHALKWYK

Acting High Commissioner.

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AIRMAIL

CONFIDENTIAL

15th January, 1960.

THE SECRETARY FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

Gough Island : Continuation of Weather Station

Please refer to your minute 102/2/6 of the 3rd December, 1959. The United Kingdom authorities have replied as follows to our approach in this connection:

".... the United Kingdom Government have no objection to the Union Government continuing the operation of their weather station on Gough Island for a further year until March or April, 1961.

2. I am, however, to invite attention to the requirements mentioned in the letter from this Office of the 27th October, 1958, /my minute P.S.37/3 of the 29th October, 1958/ that no livestock should be imported into Gough Island without first obtaining the consent of the Administrator of Tristan da Cunha, and to request that this requirement may continue to be strictly observed."

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Acting High Commissioner.

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- (a) Extension of the Union's right to maintain a weather station on Gough Island for a further period of three years from April, 1961.
- (b) The erection by the Union of a new, fully-equipped weather station on the plateau on the South East side of the Island above "Transvaal Bay".
- (c) The construction in the bay by our authorities of a safe landing berth with facilities for unloading.

Philip

SECRETARY FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

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102/2/6.

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.
UNIE VAN SUID-AFRIKA.



DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.
DEPARTEMENT VAN BUITELANDSE SAKE.

PRETORIA.

23 SEP 1960

The High Commissioner for the Union of South Africa,
LONDON.

Gough Island: Continuation of Weather Station.

With reference to your minute P.S.37/3 of the 15th January, 1960, I have to inform you that the buildings on Gough Island presently occupied by the personnel of the South African weather station there are now not only in a very poor condition but also inadequate. It is accordingly regarded as essential that an entirely new station should be erected. If permission is granted to do so, the Union authorities would wish to abandon the existing station towards the end of 1961 and to occupy the proposed new station from about the beginning of 1962. To make this possible and to ensure that the Union may, meteorologically speaking, gain the maximum benefit from the expenditure involved in the erection of new buildings and the installation of new equipment it is necessary that application be made for our right to maintain a weather station on the Island to be extended for a further period of at least three years beyond the present authorised term which expires in March/April 1961.

The site of the present station is moreover not suitable for proposed future activities such as for example comprehensive upper air observations. As the plateau on the South East side of the Island, just above "Transvaal Bay", is, however, thought to be adequate for this purpose it is regarded as necessary that permission also be sought for the right to erect the new better-equipped station at this more suitable site.

In the circumstances and in view of the fact that the Cabinet has already agreed to the proposed continuation of the weather station it would be appreciated if you could now approach the British authorities to enquire whether they would be prepared to authorise:-

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CONFIDENTIAL

3rd October, 1960.

Sir,

As you will recall, your letter no. CON 58/4/1 of the 14th January, 1960, conveyed the approval of the United Kingdom Government for the retention by the Union Government of their weather station on Gough Island until March or April, 1961.

I have now been informed that the buildings on Gough Island presently occupied by the personnel of the South African weather station there are now not only in a very poor condition but also inadequate. It is accordingly regarded as essential that an entirely new station should be erected. The site of the present station is moreover not suitable for proposed future activities such as, for example, comprehensive upper air observations. The plateau on the south-east side of the Island, just above "Transvaal Bay", however, is thought to be a more suitable site for the purpose of erecting a new better-equipped station.

To ensure that the Union may, meteorologically speaking, gain the maximum benefit from the expenditure involved in the erection of new buildings and the installation of new equipment, it is necessary that the Union Government maintain a weather station on the Island for a period of at least three years beyond the present authorised term and they would therefore wish to abandon the existing station towards the end of 1961 and to occupy the proposed new station from about the beginning of 1962.

In the circumstances, I have been instructed to ask whether the United Kingdom Government would be prepared to authorise:

- (a) the extension of the authority granted to the Union Government to maintain a weather station on Gough Island for a further period of three years from April, 1961,
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I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

M. I. BOTHA,

Minister.

The Permanent Under-Secretary of
State for Commonwealth Relations.

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Pend 2 minutes
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COMMONWEALTH RELATIONS OFFICE
DOWNING STREET
LONDON, S.W.1

Whitehall 2323

Your Reference:

Please quote in reply: CON 58/4/1

Please address reply to THE PERMANENT UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE



10th October, 1960

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Sandys to acknowledge the receipt of your Ministers letter P.S. 37/3 of the 3rd October about the operation of a South African weather station on Gough Island.

The views of the United Kingdom authorities concerned are being sought on the Union Government's proposals and a further letter will be sent to you as soon as possible.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

(B.E.H. HUNTER)

The Secretary,
Office of the High Commissioner
for the Union of South Africa,
South Africa House,
Trafalgar Square,
S.W.1.

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The Permanent Under-Secretary of
State for Commonwealth Relations.

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PRIORITY CODE TELEGRAM.

FROM: SECEXTERN PRETORIA

D: 2.11.60

TO: H. C. LONDON

R: 2.11.60

No. 194.

My despatch 23rd September 102/2/6

Regarding permission to erect building Gough Island, matter now most urgent since initial survey must be undertaken and only available transport leave in weeks time. Please inform by telegram whether authority obtained.

*Plan of Mrs. Hanley.
promised to phone back.
2/11*

*despatched as ordered
R 8/11/60*

See letter to Mr. Butterfield

*Noted
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The Secretary,
Office of the High Commissioner
for the Union of South Africa,
South Africa House,
Trafalgar Square,
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I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

M. I. BOTHA.

Minister.

The Permanent Under-Secretary of
State for Commonwealth Relations.

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CODE TELEGRAM.

FROM: H. C. LONDON
TO: SECEXERN PRETORIA
D: 8.11.60

No. 173.

Your no. 194.

Request re Gough Island still under consideration and although matter being expedited U.K. authorities regret that decision not expected in time to enable Union to make use of transport presently available.

This let. sent after discussion with Mr Butterfield of the Constitutional Department.

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*B/F 28/12/60
Noted A.C. 28/11
Mr van Vuuren*

The Secretary,
Office of the High Commissioner
for the Union of South Africa,
South Africa House,
Trafalgar Square,
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Sir,
Your obedient servant,

M. I. BOTHA,

Minister.

The Permanent Under-Secretary of
State for Commonwealth Relations.

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IMMEDIATE CODE TELEGRAM

FROM: SECEXTERN PRETORIA.

D: 19.11.60.

TO: H.C. LONDON.

R: 19.11.60.

No. 213.

Your telegram 173.

Owing to inter-departmental misunderstanding Messrs Mcall and Kotze of the Public Works Department already en route Gough in ^{the} Marionette and will arrive November 26th. Please express regret to British Authorities. Since these officials en route and in view scarcity of transport facilities, please ascertain if any objection to them landing and carrying out preliminary survey without commitments or prejudices to final decision.

*18. Refuse Mr Butterfield, C.R.S.
He will inform his authorities
and give us their reaction.*

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The Secretary,
Office of the High Commissioner
for the Union of South Africa,
South Africa House,
Trafalgar Square,
S.W.1.

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I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

M. I. BOTHA,

Minister.

The Permanent Under-Secretary of
State for Commonwealth Relations.

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CODE TELEGRAM.

FROM: H. C. LONDON
TO: DECENTERN PRETORIA
D: 21.11.60

No. 188.

Your telegram 213.

Under circumstances United Kingdom authorities agree without prejudice to final decision.

Mr Anke

The Secretary,
Office of the High Commissioner
for the Union of South Africa,
South Africa House,
Trafalgar Square,
S.W.1.

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Sir,
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The Permanent Under-Secretary of
State for Commonwealth Relations.

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102/2/6.

LUGPOS.
AIR MAIL.

UNIE VAN SUID-AFRIKA.
UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.



DEPARTEMENT VAN BUITELANDSE SAKE.
DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

PRETORIA.

14 DEC 1960

The Acting High Commissioner for the Union of South Africa,
LONDON.

Gough Island : Wireless Licence.

Your minute P.S. 37/3 of the 18th November, 1959,
and my evenly numbered minutes of the 20th August, 1959,
and 23rd September, 1960, refer.

you

The Secretary for Transport has now informed
the Department that if authority ^{is} granted for our
meteorological station on Gough Island to be maintained
for a further period it will also be necessary to approach
the British authorities for a renewal of the licence to
operate and maintain wireless station ZOE.33 on the island
for a further twelve months as from 1st January, 1961. It
would accordingly be appreciated if you could ask the British
authorities to consider this matter in conjunction with the
requests transmitted in my evenly numbered minute of the
23rd September, 1960. ^{letter of}

I may add that since the beginning of the
International Geophysical Year, free licences for the
operation of this station have been issued by the
Administrator of Tristan da Cunha, and it is presumed that
no charge will be raised in respect of the desired renewal.

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Philip

SECRETARY FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

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authorities of a safe landing berth with
facilities for unloading.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

M. I. BOTHA.

Minister.

The Permanent Under-Secretary of
State for Commonwealth Relations.

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21st December, 1960.

Dear Mr. Hunter

Might I refer to the Minister's letter of 3rd October, 1960, to the Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations on the Gough Island weather station and your reply no. CON58/4/1 of 10th October, 1960?

We have now been informed by the authorities in the Union that if authority is granted for our meteorological station on Gough Island to be maintained for a further period it will also be necessary to approach you for a renewal of the licence to operate and maintain wireless station ZOE.33 on the island for a further twelve months as from 1st January, 1961. I should therefore be most grateful if the United Kingdom authorities would kindly consider this matter in conjunction with the requests transmitted in the Minister's letter of 3rd October.

I should also be grateful to learn if the desired renewal is granted, whether this would be free of charge, as free licences for the operation of this station have been issued by the Administrator of Tristan da Cunha since the beginning of the International Geophysical Year.

Yours sincerely
(Sgd)

(P.H.J.J. van Vuuren).

M. I. Botha
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B.E.H. Hunter, Esq.,
Commonwealth Relations Office,
Downing Street,
S.W.1.

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I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

M. I. BOTHA,

Minister.

The Permanent Under-Secretary of
State for Commonwealth Relations.

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DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.
DEPARTEMENT VAN BUITELANDSE SAKE.

PRETORIA.

20 DEC 1960

Die Waarnemende Hoë Kommissaris vir die Unie
van Suid-Afrika,
LONDEN.

Gough Eiland: Voortsetting van Weerstasie.

Ek verwys na ons enersgenommerde skrywe van 23 September 1960, en na u telegram nr. 173 van 8 November 1960, in verband met die voortsetting van die Weerstasie op Gough eiland.

Die hele aangeleentheid het nou baie dringend geword, aangesien daar in die nabye toekoms 'n begin gemaak sal moet word met die oprigting van die nuwe geboue indien goedkeuring verleen word deur die Britse Regering. Dit sal op prys gestel word indien u iets kan doen om die beslissing te bespoedig.

Die redes vir die lang versuim is nie heeltemal duidelik nie en ons sal dit waardeur indien u nadere inligting in hierdie verband kan verstrek, veral of daar besondere probleme of moeilikhede betrokke is.

Mr. Van Vliet for Mr. Debe.

Spoke with Mr. Botha

would you go into this urgently please?

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I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

M. I. BOTHA,

Minister.

The Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations.

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AIRMAIL

29th December, 1960.

THE SECRETARY FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRSGough Island

With reference to your minute no. 102/2/6 of 20th December, 1960, in connection with the South African weather station on Gough Island, I made further enquiries and was informed by the Commonwealth Relations Office that while they were considering our request, as contained in your minute of 23rd September, 1960, the representatives of the United Kingdom High Commissioner's office in Pretoria were summoned by the Department of Transport to discuss the future of the weather stations in Bechuanaland and on Tristan da Cunha.

It seemed that, at these discussions, the closing down of the weather station at Tristan was proposed by the South African authorities, the intention being to hand back the station to the United Kingdom authorities with possibly a few South Africans remaining attached to the station.

Our original proposals regarding Gough Island had therefore to be reviewed in the light of the discussions that took place in Pretoria and particularly as the proposed closing down of the Tristan da Cunha station would cause certain complications for the Colonial Administration. Some delay was also caused by the fact that two channels were used in raising these related matters with the United Kingdom authorities.

We were assured however that the United Kingdom authorities were considering the matter urgently and that we could expect a reply in the near future.

P.H.J.J. van VUUREN.

Acting High Commissioner.

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I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

M. I. BOTHA,

Minister.

The Permanent Under-Secretary of
State for Commonwealth Relations.

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AIRMAIL

16th January, 1961.

THE SECRETARY FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

Gough Island Weather Station.

With reference to the correspondence on the Gough Island weather station under your reference no. 102/2/6, I wish to inform you that the Commonwealth Relations Office has suggested to us informally that all further negotiations on the above matter be conducted in Pretoria. As you will recall from my letter of 29th December, 1960, Gough Island, as well as the future of the Tristan da Cunha station, has been under discussion between the United Kingdom High Commission in Pretoria and the Department of Transport, and the Commonwealth Relations Office feels that it may be better to use one channel of communication in these related matters.

M. I. BOTHA.

Acting High Commissioner.

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I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

M. I. BOTHA.

Minister.

The Permanent Under-Secretary of
State for Commonwealth Relations.

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AIR MAIL.
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UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA
UNIE VAN SUID-AFRIKA



DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.
DEPARTEMENT VAN BUITELANDSE SAKE.
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21 JAN 1961

The Acting High Commissioner for the Union of South Africa,
LONDON.

Gough Island : Continuation of Weather Station.

With reference to your minute P.S. 37/3 of the 29th December, 1960, I have to inform you that the decision in regard to the proposed continuation of the South African weather station on Gough is now most urgently awaited in view of the pressing need for the planning of new buildings as well as the necessity for arrangements which will shortly have to be made for relieving the personnel of the Station. In the circumstances any steps which you may possibly be able to take to expedite the decision of the British authorities would be much appreciated.

W. Botha

for SECRETARY FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

See our letter

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I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

M. I. BOTHA,

Minister.

The Permanent Under-Secretary of
State for Commonwealth Relations.

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scientific relations with other Governments. The provision of rent-free sites in the Union for scientific projects sponsored from abroad, and of free passages for British officials proceeding to and from Tristan da Cunha are but two examples of this type of co-operation. The United Kingdom Government can also claim with justification to have honoured this international spirit of co-operation in the past, and will doubtless be among the first to acknowledge its value in the scientific field.

10. In these circumstances, it would be appreciated if the appropriate authorities could be requested to reconsider the decision to levy these fees on the occupation of the Gough Island site and the operation of the radio transmitter there. I refer specifically to the "site" since I assume that the proposal is to impose a rental on the "site" and not on the "station" as stated in the letter under reply. The buildings to be erected at the new base would of course remain the property of the South African Government.

11. As regards the second condition mentioned, namely the restrictions on importation of livestock into the Island, the proposal is not entirely clear. Paragraph 2(b) of the letter states that no foreign fauna or flora should be introduced into the Island "without first obtaining the approval of the Administrator". The interpretation here would seem to be that slaughter-sheep to provide fresh meat for the station personnel may still be imported provided the Administrator's prior approval is obtained - which in fact reflects the current procedure. Paragraph 3, on the other hand, seems to imply a total ban on the importation to, or maintenance on, the Island of livestock for this purpose. Your clarification on this point would be much appreciated.

12. I should be most grateful if you would be kind enough to convey the considerations outlined above to the appropriate United Kingdom authorities, and if you would in due course inform me of their reply.

Yours sincerely,

P. H. Philip

Office of the High Commissioner
for the United Kingdom

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5. This task was undertaken in a spirit of co-operation and, does not imply that the Union Government has assumed any obligation to maintain a station which is not in South African territory. A parallel situation exists in Bechuanaland which is a British Protectorate and where, by agreement, the Union Government similarly mans and maintains meteorological stations. Since, therefore, the Union Government has agreed in this spirit to discharge what, in terms of Regulation 2.2, amounts to a United Kingdom responsibility, it is difficult to agree that justification exists for payment by the Union of rental and licence fees as well.

6. The Union Government derives no special advantage from operating this station. In February, 1957, Regional Association I (Africa) of W.M.O. passed Resolution 13/11/RAI, subsequently endorsed by W.M.O. itself, directing the Union to undertake the duties of, and to act as, a "communications centre". Technical Regulation 6.1 lays down that

"each member shall make available to the communications centre

- (a) those meteorological reports made at synoptic stations in its territory which are by Regional Association Resolution required for International dissemination,
- (b) meteorological reports received from ships and aircraft."

It follows that, had the United Kingdom Government maintained the Gough Island station, the results of its observations would in any case have been at the disposal of the Union Government in terms of the above-quoted regulation.

7. It follows also that the benefits flowing from the operation of the station are in no sense exclusive to the Union, but are available to all territories of the region. The information collected is freely disseminated to all interested institutions and is, thus, of international interest and importance. That the Union should be required to pay rental to provide this international service does not seem equitable.

8. The same considerations apply to the conditional payment of a radio licence fee. The station's radio installation is used exclusively in connection with the scientific work performed on the Island, and not for commercial or any other purposes. Licences to operate it were issued gratis in the past, and it is not clear what new circumstances have arisen to justify a change in this practice.

9. The maintenance of the station by the South African Government is a considerable financial burden which it is now proposed to increase by the imposition of these fees. I would, however, emphasise that it is the principle rather than the amount involved which is causing concern. The new procedure proposed would not appear to be in accordance with the generally accepted principle of scientific co-operation in the international sphere, which formed the basis of the Gough Island arrangement in the past, and which has guided the Union Government in its

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CAPE TOWN.

29 MAY 1961

Dear Peter,

As you will doubtless be aware, the continued operation of a weather station on Gough Island by the South African Government, and the transfer of this station to another site on the island, have been the subject of correspondence which culminated in a letter (SAR.467/3) which Eleanor Emery addressed to me on the 7th March, 1961.

2. In that letter, we were informed that there would be no objection to the continued operation of the station for a further period and its transfer to another site, provided, however, that two conditions were observed. It is in connection with these conditions that I am writing to you now.

3. The first condition envisages "a rental of £100 per annum for the lease of the station on Gough Island and £50 per annum for the wireless licence". This is a new departure from previous practice, and contains several implications which are discussed below.

4. Technical Regulation 2.2, which was framed under the provisions of Article 7(d) of the Convention of the World Meteorological Organisation provides that

"Each member shall establish in its territory a network of synoptic stations on land."

It follows that, since Gough Island is a British dependency, the responsibility for establishing and maintaining a weather station there would normally fall upon the United Kingdom Government. In fact, however, the Union Government has been maintaining this station in accordance with an arrangement reached during the International Geophysical Year. Since the results of meteorological observations on the island are of great benefit to Southern Africa as a whole - including both British and South African territories - and since the British authorities were not at the time prepared to establish a station there, the Union Government

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DEPARTEMENT VAN BUITELANDSE SAKE
DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

- 9 MAY 1961

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With the Compliments of the
Secretary for External Affairs.



The High Commissioner for the Union
of South Africa,
London.

For your information and records.
Your minute P.S. 37/3 of the
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had occurred to us that it might be possible for the vessel which will relieve the South African weather station on Gough Island to carry our expedition and divert to Tristan on her return voyage. This, of course, would necessitate a short period at Gough Island and it is felt that this might be a benefit as the geologists could examine the trachytic domes there as a basis for comparison with their studies on Tristan.

If some form of South African assistance with the transportation of our expedition could be effected early in the New Year we would fly our personnel to Cape Town. The equipping of such an expedition presents quite separate problems and although it will be possible for us to send a reasonable quantity of material by sea, this will have to be done within a few weeks and I feel it would probably be beneficial for us to purchase many items such as foodstuffs in Cape Town. If, as you suggest, Mr. Crawford would be prepared to co-operate in this venture, I am sure his local knowledge of the island would prove most valuable. Perhaps we could discuss items which could be provided from this country at a later stage. The major problems which come to mind are those of suitable boats and radio equipment: a small radio transmitter would be essential to enable the expedition to maintain communication with any shipping in the area in case of emergency. Perhaps regular schedules might even be arranged with the fishing vessels of the Tristan da Cunha Development Company. In any case I feel we must go into the question of range and frequencies fairly carefully and some advice on the frequencies usually employed on the Tristan - Cape Town circuit might be useful.

As you will realize, the plan for this expedition is in its very early stages and owing to the little time available we must act as quickly as possible. I should therefore be most grateful if you would kindly give this matter your earnest consideration and enquire on our behalf what co-operation might be possible from South Africa.

Yours sincerely,

(sgd.) D. C. Martin

Assistant Secretary.

J. A. King, Esq.,
South African Scientific Liaison Office.

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THE ROYAL SOCIETY,

Burlington House,
London, W.1.

TCE/GEH/FBW
15 November 1961

Dear King,

As you are aware from our recent discussions, the Royal Society is seriously contemplating sending a small expedition to examine the volcanic activity on the island of Tristan da Cunha. Soon after the eruptions commenced, geologists in this country expressed their interest in examining the island; in particular Professor Kennedy of the Department of Geology of Leeds University stated that two members of his Department were most anxious to visit Tristan da Cunha at the earliest possible date. Since then Dr. Lemaitre of the British Museum (Natural History), who has already visited Tristan with the Gough Island Scientific Survey and in fact wrote his Ph.D thesis on the mineralogy and petrology of the rocks of Gough Island, has also expressed a wish to revisit the island.

Recently the question of the possibility of a small expedition was discussed at one of the Royal Society committees and we have now set up a special committee to investigate the matter further. Our proposal is to send a small team of about half a dozen to the island to take advantage of the rather unique opportunity of examining an active volcano of the type involving the protrusion of a solid plug whilst it is actually erupting, and this means that any such expedition should visit the island during the coming southern summer. Our committee will be primarily concerned with detailing scientific programmes and appointing personnel, but meanwhile we are urgently examining the possibilities of transport to and from the island because, as you will appreciate, this presents a major problem.

We would very much like to seek South African co-operation in this venture, particularly in so far as transport to the island early in the New Year is concerned. It is hoped that the relief of our party might be effected by one of the vessels of the Falkland Islands Dependencies Survey which will be returning from Antarctica about April of next year and we are awaiting a decision on this.

You will, of course, realize that there is a considerable degree of urgency about this matter if the expedition is to spend a reasonable time on the island and I should be most grateful if you would kindly explore the possibilities of South African co-operation and assistance with the various departments concerned. It

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African scientists may wish to be associated in some way with the investigation, but this is no doubt an aspect of the matter which can be gone into separately.

M. I. BOTHA.

Minister.

South African Research Institute
Pretoria

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THE SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS.Royal Society Expedition to Tristan
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2. It will be noted from the attached papers that the Royal Society is considering the despatch of a team of about half a dozen scientists to Tristan da Cunha early in the New Year and that South African co-operation in this venture is invited, particularly as regards the provision of transport from Cape Town. In this regard there is reference in the enclosed papers to the possibility of passages for the members of the expedition being obtainable on the South African Research Vessel which is apparently scheduled to proceed to Gough Island in January.

3. The Scientific Adviser has already conveyed certain preliminary information about the proposed expedition in a personal letter C/19/R/4 of 10th November, addressed to Mr. C. Hide of the Scientific Co-operation Division of the C.S.I.R., whom you may wish to contact in this connection.

4. It would be most appreciated if this matter could receive urgent attention, and if we could be informed as soon as possible, preferably by telegram, whether the South African authorities will be able to co-operate with the expedition, especially as regards assistance with transport. It is also possible, of course, that South

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The purpose of this note is merely to draw your personal attention to our urgent minute P.S.37/3 of 17th November (in the same bag) in regard to the expedition which the Royal Society is proposing to mount for the purposes of investigating the recent volcanic phenomena on Tristan da Cunha. South African co-operation has been invited in this exercise, particularly as regards transport. Time is of the essence, however, and anything you can do to expedite inter-departmental consideration of the matter would be of the greatest help. We feel here that there is much to be gained in co-operating in this type of venture, particularly with a body such as the Royal Society, and no doubt you will share this view.

A. J. OXLEY

P. H. Philip, Esq.,
Department of Foreign Affairs,
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The Committee agreed to report to Council that Sir Vivian Fuchs would investigate the possibility of diverting R.R.S. Shackleton as she would be carrying a quantity of geophysical equipment, that Admiral Irving agreed to investigate the availability of H.M.S. Protector, and that it was its view that, should it be possible, Dr Holdgate should be given an opportunity of visiting the island; Dr Holdgate was, in any case, spending the current southern summer with the Falkland Islands Dependencies Survey and if either H.M.S. Protector or R.R.S. Shackleton could call at Tristan da Cunha on return from Antarctica it might be possible to arrange for him to be aboard. The Committee agreed to

Recommend to Council:

- (a) that, due to the urgent need for study of the Tristan da Cunha volcanic activity, an expedition be sent in December
- (b) that Council set up a small ad hoc committee, consisting of Professor W.Q. Kennedy, Sir Vivian Fuchs, Professor L.R. Wager, Sir Edward Bullard, Dr S.H. Shaw and such others as Council might determine, which would report direct to Council but maintain liaison with the South Pacific Expedition Committee, to consider the scientific programme for a first expedition and the means by which this could be achieved
- (c) that approaches be made immediately to the South African Government, the Royal Navy and the Falkland Islands Dependencies Survey concerning the availability of shipping.

8 November 1961

SOUTH PACIFIC EXPEDITION COMMITTEETristan da Cunha

Minute 4 of the Meeting held on 7 November 1961 (advance draft)

At the Chairman's invitation, Professor Kennedy reported that the recent volcanic activity on Tristan da Cunha had followed a period of seismic activity and that so far as was known there had been no similar activity on this island for some 2500 years. The present eruption was one of particular scientific interest as it involved the protrusion of a solid plug or dome and in the past there have been few opportunities of studying volcanic phenomena under such conditions. Professor Kennedy reported that he felt it was highly desirable that a team of scientists should study this activity as soon as possible but appreciated the difficulty of getting personnel there due to the remoteness of the island; it was understood the Colonial Office would be taking no action in the near future. It was reported that there was an urgent need to send a party of four or five scientists to spend at least a month on the island and that it was known that at least three were available and anxious to go. Two of these were geologists from Professor Kennedy's own department and the third was Dr R. Lemaitre from the British Museum (Natural History), a petrologist who had visited Tristan da Cunha when he was a member of the Gough Island Scientific Survey.

The Chairman said that it would be extremely valuable if a biologist could also visit the island and suggested that Dr M.W. Holdgate would be the ideal person since he already had some experience with the flora and fauna of both Tristan da Cunha and Gough Island. Dr Holdgate said that, in his view, the biological study was not so vital at this stage since the eruptions appeared to be fairly localized and, other than the effects which the gases might have produced, he anticipated few biological changes. He stated that he felt the biological study would certainly be important when the activity had quietened down and recolonisation had commenced. He would, however, welcome the opportunity to visit the island at an early date in order to make a preliminary biological survey and also to collect peat cores with ash bands in order to obtain more data on past volcanic activity.

It was agreed that there was urgent need for a small party of geologists and vulcanologists to spend a short time on Tristan da Cunha during the current southern summer and that it might be desirable to consider establishing self-recording instruments and arranging for more comprehensive geological and biological studies in future years.

The main problem about mounting an expedition to Tristan da Cunha was that of transport and various possibilities were suggested. Sir Vivian Fuchs was asked whether it might be possible to divert one of the Falkland Islands Dependencies Survey ships returning from Antarctica and he agreed that this might be possible provided a strong case could be made. The Hydrographer agreed to the suggestion that H.M.S. Protector might help and undertook to investigate this as he agreed that a series of depth soundings around the island would be extremely useful. It was further reported that the South African research vessel Marionette would be visiting Gough Island early in the New Year to establish a weather station and that she might be prepared to divert to Tristan da Cunha. The Tristan da Cunha Development Company had some passages on this vessel and might be prepared to cancel them in favour of the scientists. It was reported that in addition to the interest of British scientists it was known that the Belgian Institute of Vulcanology and the United States Office of Naval Research were anxious that some action be taken and possible South African interest was also suggested. In considering the possible composition of the party it was agreed that the two geologists from Professor Kennedy's Department and Dr Lemaitre might usefully be supported by two Tristan Islanders and the Belgian vulcanologist, Dr Tazief might also be considered.

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(j) Effect on water supply and Settlement.

2. Past history

(a) Geological survey of island to establish volcanic chronology.

(b) Collection of specimens of K/A dating.

(c) Collection of specimens for palaeomagnetic work. It would be interesting to use the same specimens for both (a) and (b).

(d) Examination of the other secondary cones on the island.

(e) Re-examination of the nature of the Settlement platform.

(f) Collection of peat cores for C¹⁴ dating of any ash bands.

(g) Evidences of explosive activity in past geological history.

This programme would necessitate a field expedition including a geophysicist and a geochemist, in addition to geologists. In view of transport difficulties, the entire field party should not exceed from four to six scientists. There is reason to believe that the transportation difficulties to the island might be overcome.

Any action which may be taken, must be taken soon, i.e.:

1. While the eruption is still in progress.

2. Preferably during the summer season in the Southern Hemisphere.

There is some small element of danger as the eruption may develop into a violently explosive phase. The risk, however, is a calculated one which any volcanologist would accept.

This eruption on Tristan da Cunha presents a unique opportunity to investigate what is virtually a newly initiated volcano situated on one of the major structural features of the earth's surface (the Mid-Atlantic Ridge) and such an opportunity might not recur.

W.Q. KENNEDY

14 November 1961

TRISTAN DA CUNHA EXPEDITIONS COMMITTEEMemorandum Concerning the Desirability of a Scientific Investigation of the 1961 Volcanic Eruption on the Island of Tristan da Cunha

The island of Tristan da Cunha in the South Atlantic represents a lava volcano, of presumably Pleistocene to Recent age, which has been built up from the floor of the ocean, on the southern part of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge. Something is known of the petrography of the island, but no very precise geological data are available concerning the detailed structure and volcanic chronology of the island.

There is no record of an eruption within historic times and, on the basis of the scant geochronological data, it would appear that the volcano has been completely inactive for a period of at least 2,500 years. At the beginning of August, 1961, manifestations of highly localized, seismic activity initiated a phase of recrudescence volcanism which culminated, at the beginning of October (8-10 October), with the development of an active volcanic centre in the area of the settlement Plateau at the northern end of the island. This led to the evacuation of the population.

It is apparent, from the eye-witness accounts, and from photographs taken during the early phases of the eruption, that the type of volcanicity involves the protrusion of a solid to viscous lava dome.

The eruption on Tristan is particularly interesting in view of:

1. The very long period of quiescence (probably several thousands of years) that preceded the present renewal of activity;
2. The nature of the volcanicity (i.e., protrusion of a lava dome rather than explosive activity or normal emission of lava);
3. The eccentric position of the new focus of activity relative to the main central crater.

A scientific study of the phenomena now being displayed is clearly desirable and must be regarded as the responsibility of British science. Such an investigation should include:

1. Present eruptive phase

- (a) Detailed observations of the type, magnitude, rate of growth, etc., of the activity.
- (b) Temperature and viscosity of the extruded material, nature and character of gas emission, etc.
- (c) Critical examination of the rest of the island for any signs of activity elsewhere, e.g. fumarolic action, land slips, cracks, changes in shore-line, changes in water level in the lakes.
- (d) Geochemical character of lava, gases, fluids, etc.
- (e) Magnetometer survey.
- (f) Gravity survey.
- (g) Seismic survey.

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likely to prove a positive contribution to South African goodwill in this country.

With regard to transport the Royal Society hopes to be able to arrange for a ship returning from Antarctic bases in the Falkland Islands Dependencies Survey to call at Tristan da Cunha to uplift the members of the expedition. The Royal Society would be very willing to accommodate the expedition to any sailing date which can be arranged, but it is hoped that it will be able to leave as early as possible, and December has been suggested as a departure date. In order that it may move at short notice the Society plans to consign a lot of heavy equipment from their stores to their agents in Cape Town (Thomas Cook and Son, Ltd.). As a first rough estimate it is expected that the total weight of expedition equipment will be about five tons.

I look forward to hearing from you about the possibility of passages in the Gough Island relief expedition ship, or failing this, any other alternatives there may be. I may mention that Admiral Bierman, who is on an overseas visit, is at present in Germany but will return to London next week, and, if no other shipping is available, it is proposed that the possibility of sending a South African Naval ship should be discussed with him.

Mr. A.B. Crawford, whose name came up in the discussion at the Royal Society, is on the staff of the Weather Bureau and is stationed at Cape Town. There is probably no one better informed on Tristan da Cunha than he is and I am sure that it will be most helpful to have his advice on a wide variety of matters. I hope that the Director of the Weather Bureau will be agreeable to his services being used as a consultant and it would be very useful to have the Director's permission to write direct to Crawford if this can be arranged.

Mr. Gaggins of the Tristan Development Co. is over here at present, and he has promised all the assistance he can give to the Royal Society. I gather that he would be willing to transfer berths he has booked in the Marionette for the use of the Expedition. I understand he is due to leave for South Africa on Monday.

This expedition will, of course, have to be planned very quickly, and I should be most grateful to have information about the matters raised in this letter as soon as possible.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

J.A. King,
Chief Scientific Liaison Officer

JAK/FAA/NRF

A.J. Drake Esq
South Africa House

Copy for information

Melville

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URGENT:

17th November, 1961.

C.G. Hyde, Esq.,
I.S.S.D.,
C.S.I.R.,
P.O. Box 395,
PRETORIA, S.A.

Dear

Proposed Royal Society Expedition
to Tristan da Cunha

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With reference to my letter of 10th November, Professor S.P. Jackson and I had a discussion with Mr. G.E. Hennen and Dr. D.C. Martin of the Royal Society on 15th November. Since then Dr. Martin has written to me formally and I enclose a copy of his letter. I also enclose, for your information, a copy of the minute of the South Pacific Expedition Committee (now reconstituted as the Southern Zone Expedition Committee) of the Royal Society and a copy of a memorandum prepared by Professor W.Q. Kennedy (Head of the Research Institute of African Geology at Leeds University) on the desirability of an expedition to Tristan da Cunha.

The Royal Society seeks South African co-operation in this expedition and in particular would be glad if we could assist in providing transport for the party to the island. It has been suggested that the Scientific party might include one or more South African members. It has been reported that Professor Simpson has been contemplating a visit to the island and, if this is correct, he may be willing to co-operate in a joint expedition. Another possibility is that a South African Geophysicist or Geochemist may be a useful addition to the team. It seems likely that specialists in either of these fields may be more valuable to the proposed expedition than Geologists, especially as there is the suggestion of including Dr. Taxief who is considered to be the leading volcanologist and has carried out investigations on all known active volcanoes.

Professor Jackson and I think it important that we should do all we can to assist the Royal Society in organising this expedition and I have spoken to Mr. John Oxley who is also in agreement and is sending a letter to the Department of Foreign Affairs in to-day's diplomatic bag. Professor Jackson has, I believe, written a personal note to Dr. Naudé. With the loss of our Commonwealth scientific links I think that co-operation with the Royal Society in this venture affords a good opportunity for a practical demonstration of a wish on our part to continue to work in close collaboration with British scientists. I may say that the Royal Society continues to regard South Africa as an eligible participant in its Commonwealth co-operative undertakings and I am convinced that it will be very much in our scientific interests to foster and encourage the friendliness which has been made evident. Although it is outside my province to do so, I venture to remark that the proposed expedition to explore an active volcano on an isolated island has all the elements of popular appeal and that co-operation with the Royal Society is

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With the Compliments of the
Scientific Liaison Officer

17th November, 1961.

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THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT.
THE PRESIDENT: COUNCIL FOR SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL
RESEARCH.

Royal Society Expedition to Tristan
da Cunha.

I enclose herewith for your urgent attention copies
of the following documents:

1. Minute No. P.S. 37/3 of the 17th November, 1961, from the Minister in London.
2. Letter, TCE/GEH/FBW, dated the 15th November, 1961, and addressed to the Scientific Attaché in London by the Assistant Secretary of the Royal Society.
3. Minutes of the Royal Society, reference C/158(61), of a meeting convened on the 7th November, 1961.
4. Royal Society Memorandum No. TCE/1(61) of the 14th November, 1961.

From these annexures, it will be observed that a small scientific expedition to Tristan da Cunha is being considered by the Royal Society, to observe the volcanic eruption there in action. You will note that the expedition is likely to consist of four scientists and possibly two Tristan Islanders, who would like to leave Cape Town for Tristan early in the new year.

The expedition is, however, faced with a transport problem, and the Royal Society has enquired whether South Africa could assist in this regard, possibly by making available the required accommodation in the South African research vessel "Marionette", which it is understood will be sailing for Gough Island early in January.

Although it is not mentioned in the attached request, it occurs to this Department that the "R.S.A." will also be sailing about that time for Antarctica.

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The return voyage from Tristan da Cunha evidently presents much less of a problem since there is a possibility that HMS "Protector" or RRS "Shackleton" may be able to call at the Island for this purpose.

The Minister in London has commented informally on this request that,

"It could, perhaps, serve to 'keep our foot in the door' for any possible re-establishment of our weather station, if we were to show this continued interest in the Island".

You will also doubtless be bearing in mind the fact that there are indications that Commonwealth scientists are showing a tendency to treat their South African counterparts, at the professional level, as if the Republic were still a part of the Commonwealth. There may be technical, and tactical, advantages in encouraging this tendency by going out of our way to be co-operative with them.

It would be appreciated if this request could be regarded as a matter of urgency, and if this Department could be informed as soon as possible what reply should be returned to London.

P. H. Phillip

SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

The Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of South Africa, LONDON.

Copy for your information. Your minute No. P.S. 37/3 of the 17th November refers.

SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

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AIRMAIL

24th November, 1961.

With reference to my personal note of 17th November about the proposed expedition to Tristan da Cunha, I should like to let you know that we have taken advantage of his presence in London this week to acquaint Admiral Biermann with the plans of the Royal Society.

Admiral Biermann was interested to hear about the expedition and suggested that, if necessary, he would be available for consultation in Cape Town as from next week.

A. J. OXLEY

P. H. Philip, Esq.,
Department of Foreign Affairs,
Pretoria.

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Our Ref. 6/19/R/4/1
Your Ref.

27th November, 1961.

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A.J. Oxley, Esq.,
South Africa House,
Trafalgar Square,
LONDON, W.C.2.

Dear Mr. Oxley,

Royal Society Expedition
to Tristan da Cunha

I enclose herewith my memorandum on the above,
which perhaps you will be good enough to pass to
the Ambassador, as discussed on the telephone to-day.

Yours sincerely,

J.A. King,
Chief Scientific Liaison Officer

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P. H. Philip, Esq.,
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29th November, 1961.

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My dear Joe,

In accordance with the request in your letter (ref. 6/19/R/4/1) of the 27th November to me, I have handed to the Ambassador your memorandum about the proposed expedition to Tristan da Cunha.

As you know, Dr. Muller leaves London for South Africa this evening.

He will discuss the matter with the authorities in Pretoria.

Sincerely,

A. J. OXLEY

J. A. King, Esq.,
Chief South African Scientific Liaison Officer.

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P. H. Philip, Esq.,
Department of Foreign Affairs,
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connexion I would suggest that, if possible, Prof. Simpson and Prof. Gevers should be asked to join the expedition and, in addition, as the expedition requires the services of a geophysicist, we should ask Prof. A.L. Hales or one of his staff if they are prepared to go.

Finally, Mr. A.B. Crawford who is a member of the Weather Bureau and whose address is Port Meteorological Office, P.O. Box 2761, Cape Town, should be brought into any discussions concerning Tristan da Cunha as I gather he is most knowledgeable on this subject, and I would even go as far as to suggest that he should join the expedition.

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PRESIDENT: COUNCIL FOR SCIENTIFIC
AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH

A further possibility investigated was the use of commercial vessels plying between Cape Town and South America. The Royal Inter-Ocean Line has only two passenger vessels sailing at convenient times and they are the "Staat Banka" leaving Cape Town on 31st December and the "Tjisidana" leaving Cape Town on about 31st January, both bound for Rio de Janeiro.

The "Tjisidana" will be returning from Rio de Janeiro for South Africa on about 8th March.

This shipping line has investigated the possibility of landing a party on Tristan da Cunha and I gather that as there are no harbour facilities at Tristan da Cunha, persons and equipment would have to be off loaded at sea and the company is prepared to do this only if one of the ships of the Tristan da Cunha Development Company, namely, the "Francis Repetto" or the "Tristania", or, better still, both, are in the vicinity at the time.

I have approached the Tristan da Cunha Development Company in this connexion and they have unfortunately indicated that their ships will not be in the vicinity of Tristan da Cunha until the end of February. This makes it rather late for the Royal Society Expedition.

Mention is made in your minute of the "Marionette" and as there is some confusion concerning the ownership of this vessel, I should like to point out that the "Marionette" has been chartered by the Tristan da Cunha Development Company to make voyages to the "Francis Repetto" and the "Tristania" fishing in the vicinity of Gough Island. This vessel is due to leave at the end of December and again in February, 1962, but unfortunately the company has indicated that no berths are available for extra passengers. However, the Department of Transport which is responsible for licensing these vessels, has indicated that they might be prepared to allow more passengers on the "Marionette" in the interests of the expedition.

In some further communications I have received, I understand that most of the recognised landing areas on Tristan da Cunha have been destroyed by the lava flows and this, no doubt, would make landing the party somewhat difficult. In view of the situation outlined above, and the fact that landing the party might be difficult, I would strongly recommend that we should ask the South African Navy for assistance in this project.

The South African Navy has no programme in the vicinity of Tristan da Cunha, but I understand that Admiral Bierman who was in London recently, has been informed of our requirements and is well disposed to the proposal to use a South African Naval frigate to take the party to the island. I gather, however, that permission for this to take place would have to be taken up with the Department of Defence and this is a matter which your Department should consider.

The latest information I have received concerning the Expedition is that it will now consist of from eight to ten persons and South African participation would be welcomed. In this latter

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COUNCIL FOR SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH



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THE SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Proposed Royal Society Expedition to
Tristan da Cunha

I refer to your minute and enclosures of 22nd November, 1961.

At the outset I should like to say that we give our full support to the Royal Society's proposed expedition to Tristan da Cunha, both in the interests of science and our relations with the Royal Society and the United Kingdom.

We shall also do everything possible to help them in this venture and hope that it will be possible for two South African scientists to join the expedition, namely, Prof. E.S.W. Simpson, University of Cape Town, and Prof. T.W. Gevers of the University of the Witwatersrand. Both of these men are very much interested in the geology of Tristan da Cunha, and Prof. Gevers is probably South Africa's only volcanologist.

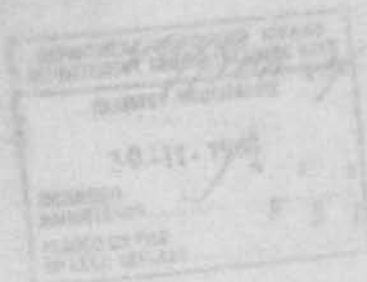
In the papers that accompanied your letter, the Royal Society stated that its main requirement was for transport to the island at the end of December, and it was hoped that the relief of the party might be effected by one of the vessels of the Falkland Island Dependencies Survey which will be returning from Antarctica about April of next year.

Subsequently, Mr. J.A. King, our scientific liaison officer in London, has reported that the Royal Society was considering the possibility of the expedition being transported direct to Tristan da Cunha from the United Kingdom in the "Kista Dan". This vessel has been chartered for the Royal Society expedition to Halley Bay and is due to leave at the end of December.

It is now learnt, however, that the "Kista Dan" will have to leave the United Kingdom on 2nd December, in which case it will be impossible to transport the Tristan da Cunha expedition, and, accordingly, we have investigated other possibilities.

The Department of Transport's vessel, the "RSA", unfortunately has a very definite schedule of commitments in relieving our Antarctic and island stations. I gather, however, that it might be possible to pick up the Royal Society party on its return voyage in April.

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DEPARTMENT FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

THE SECRETARY FOR DEFENCE. (In duplicate).

Proposed Royal Society Expedition to
Tristan da Cunha
Royal Society Expedition to Tristan da
Cunha.

I refer to your minute and enclosures of 22nd November.

This Department has recently received an enquiry from our Embassy in London relating to a proposal by the Royal Society to send a small scientific expedition to Tristan da Cunha early in the new year to observe the volcanic phenomena at present taking place there. This enquiry was referred to the Secretary for Transport and the President of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research for their comment. For your information I enclose copies of the following correspondence:

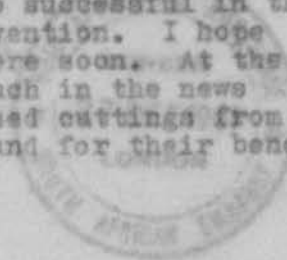
- (1) Minute from London, No. P.S. 37/3 of the 17th November, 1961.
- (2) Letter to the Scientific Attaché in London from the Assistant Secretary of the Royal Society, No. PCB/GWH/FDW of the 15th November, 1961.
- (3) Minute from this Department referred to above, No. 1/64/1 of the 22nd November, 1961.

We have now received a reply from the President of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, reference 11/26/4 of the 29th November, a copy of which is enclosed for your information and comment.

You will observe that the Royal Society has enquired whether South Africa could assist the expedition by providing transport for its members and their equipment from Cape Town to the island early in January, 1962. You will note also that the C.S.I.R. strongly recommends that such assistance be given if at all possible. This Department would support this recommendation. It would, however, appear that despite exhaustive enquiries regarding sea transport of various types no vessel is available for this purpose at that particular time. The Royal Society has explained that the expedition is particularly anxious not to delay its departure beyond early January firstly because the volcanic eruption will not last indefinitely and secondly because the tentative plans for their return voyage require departure from the island in March or early April.

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I am interested to hear of the success you have had with the weather coder which you have developed and especially that its manufacture is in the hands of Tellurometer Limited, which has been so successful in the practical development of a C.S.I.R. invention. I hope that this venture may bring you over here soon. At the moment the Tristan refugees are very much in the news and you may be interested in the enclosed cuttings from the Telegraph, which is organising a fund for their benefit.



Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) J.A. King.

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Mr. G.G. Hide - for your information.
6/19/R/4/1

28th November, 1961

CONFIDENTIAL.

A.B. Crawford, Esq.,
Port Meteorological Office,
P.O. Box 2761,
CAPE TOWN.
S. Africa.

Dear

Proposed Royal Society Expedition
to Tristan da Cunha

Thank you very much for your prompt reply to my letter and for the very considerable information which you have given. I have also heard from Mr. Hide, who is Head of the Science Co-operation Division in the C.S.I.R., who, I believe, has been in touch with you.

I believe that negotiations for the possible diversion of the Staat Banka to Tristan da Cunha are being carried out and Mr. Hide mentioned the 29th December as a possible departure date. I think that there would be a good deal of difficulty in arranging for the expedition to be ready to leave by then, but I am sure that, if a firm offer could be made, everything possible would be done to do so. You may be interested to know that during his recent visit to London Admiral Biermann expressed his interest and willingness to arrange to discuss the possible use of a South African Naval vessel on his return to South Africa. If such a discussion takes place, I hope you will be in on it, as I am sure that you will be able to contribute useful advice, particularly in regard to landing conditions, as I understand from Mr. Gaggins that the two recognised landing beaches have been affected. Landing may thus be a major difficulty, but I am sure your advice in this matter will be very useful.

The Royal Society have also arranged for two members of the expedition (le Maitre is one of them) to visit the island in H.M.S. Jaguar, due to sail from Dakar on the 6th December. The intention is that the ship will spend a short time at the island so that reconnaissance can be made, and then proceed to Simonstown, where she is due to arrive about the 22nd December.

Thank you for the information you have given about radio-communications from Tristan da Cunha. I think personally that the most satisfactory arrangement would be for the expedition to have fixed schedules with Gough Island, from where messages for onward transmission could be relayed. The Royal Society is looking into the question of the provision of radio-transmitting equipment for the expedition and it is probable that a 50 watt transmitter will be supplied. With it there will have to be a storage battery and a small generator.

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The Royal Society had proposed to include two Tristan refugees in the party to act as guides and to assist in the landing operations, in which they would be particularly experienced. I agree with you that there would be very considerable advantage if Crawford could accompany the expedition, as his knowledge and experience would undoubtedly be of high value. This would probably necessitate the elimination of the islanders from the party, though, as it would be undesirable to send only one, who would have nothing in common with any other member of the party. I may say that it is a moot point of policy whether the islanders should be included in the party, as their experience on the island may influence remaining refugees on their return to this country.

Proposed Royal Society Expedition

I have informed the Royal Society of your negotiations regarding the possible diversion of the Staat Banka, leaving Cape Town on the 29th December, to Tristan da Cunha. Although Mr. Hennen is anxious to accommodate the expedition to any departure date which can be arranged, he was, however, somewhat concerned about the very great difficulty in arranging to leave by that date.

I shall keep you informed of developments as they come to my notice, and in the meanwhile wish once again to thank you for all the help you are giving in this matter.

I have heard from Crawford, and am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter which I have written to him separately.

Yours sincerely,

J.A. King,

Chief Scientific Liaison Officer

The Royal Society Expedition will visit the island on 29th Dec. and will leave again on the 31st December. The intention is that the ship will spend a short time on the island to take reconnaissance and to make, and then proceed to St. Helena, where she is due to arrive about the 30th December.

DH

Thank you for the information you have given about radio-communication from Tristan da Cunha. I think it is probable that the radio-communication equipment for the expedition will have been fixed up by now. I have been relieved. The Royal Society is having the benefit of the provision of radio-communication equipment for the expedition and it is probable that a radio transmitter will be supplied. With it there will also be a battery and a small generator.

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SOUTH AFRICAN SCIENTIFIC LIAISON OFFICE.
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29th November, 1961.

Our Ref: 6/19/R/4/1
Your Ref: 11/26/4

C.G.Hide, Esq.,
I.S.S.D., C.S.I.R.,
P.O. Box 395, PRETORIA.

Dear Cyril,

Proposed Royal Society Expedition
to Tristan da Cunha.

Thank you very much for your letter of the 24th November. I can assure you that Dr. Martin is very appreciative indeed of all that is being done in South Africa in attempting to arrange transport for this expedition. I am sorry if I have complicated the position by referring the matter through more than one channel, but I thought in this case it would be of advantage to have the co-operation of the Department of Foreign Affairs. I may mention that the Ambassador (Dr. H. Muller) is due to leave on the 29th for a visit to South Africa, and I have recently given him a memorandum on the subject of this expedition. A copy has been posted to you and should be in your possession.

With regard to the use of a small boat, it is proposed that the expedition should take one as part of their equipment, but no decision as to the size and type has been made and it was thought that it would be advisable to consult Mr. Crawford on this point. No more precise information about the weight of equipment to be taken, beyond the indication I gave you previously (5 tons), is yet available, but it is not thought that the total weight will exceed this figure.

The Royal Society say now that it is almost certain that H.M.S. Protector, returning from the Antarctic, will be able to call at Tristan da Cunha in April. If South African scientists accompany the expedition it would, however, be very useful if they could return to Cape Town in the "RSA", otherwise they would have to return via the United Kingdom. I think, too, that if the ship can visit the island in March, there may be some considerable advantage if a part of the party who may have completed their observations could then be withdrawn. The Royal Society were pleased to hear of the interest of Professors Simpson and Gevers and it is understood that Professor Kennedy, who is Chairman of the Sub-Committee set up to organise this expedition, is writing personally to Professor Simpson.

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REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA
Scientific and Industrial
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21. 12. 1961



DIE SEKRETARIS VAN VERDEDIGING.
(in tweevoud)

"Royal Society" Ekspedisie na Tristan da Cunha.

In opvolging van my enersgenommerde diensbriewe van 20 November 1961, en 15 Desember 1961, heg ek vir u inligting 'n afskrif aan van skrywe nr. 6/19/R/4/1 van 29 November 1961, van die Suid-Afrikaanse Wetenskaplike Skakel-beampte in Londen aan 'n beampte van die Wetenskaplike en Nywerheidsnavorsingsraad, Pretoria.

Die onderhandelinge vir die verkryging van die dienste van die "Staat Banka", waarvan in bladsy twee van die aanhangsels melding gemaak word, het sedertdien misluk.

Aangesien die Ekspedisie graag in Januarie 1962 wil vertrek is die aangeleentheid nou dringend en u spoedige antwoord op my bogenoemde skrywe sal dus op prys gestel word.

P. H. Philip

DIE SEKRETARIS VAN BUITERLANDSE SAKE.

DIE SEKRETARIS VAN VERVOER.
(U diensbrief nr. A 11/45/1 van 30 November 1961, verwys)

DIE PRESIDENT, WETENSKAPLIKE EN NYWERHEIDNAVORSINGSRAAD.
(U diensbrief nr. 11/25/4 van 29 November 1961 verwys)

→ Die Buitengewone en Gevolmagtigde Ambassadeur van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika,
LONDON.
(U diensbrief nr. P.S. 37/3 van 17 November 1961, verwys)

Afskrif ter inligting asseblief.

SEKRETARIS VAN BUITERLANDSE SAKE.

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CODE TELEGRAM

FROM: S.A. EMBASSY LONDON.

TO: SECEXTERN PRETORIA.

D: 28.12.61.

No.247.

Reference your minute 1/64/1 of 21 December to Defence.

Scientific Attaché advised that five members Royal Society expedition to Tristan da Cunha scheduled to leave for Cape Town next week. Decision regarding use of South African naval vessel now urgently required. If affirmative, information is requested regarding maximum accommodation available as any space limitation will entail urgent changes in structure of expedition party.

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P. H. Philip

SEKRETARIS VAN BUITENLANDSE SAKE.

DIE SEKRETARIS VAN VERVOER.

(U diensbrief nr. A 11/45/1 van 30 November 1961, verwys)

DIE PRESIDENT, WETENSKAPLIKE EN NYWERHEIDNAVORSINGSRAAD.

(U diensbrief nr. 11/26/4 van 29 November 1961 verwys)

→ Die Buitengewone en Gevolmagtigde Ambassadeur van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika, LONDEN.

(U diensbrief nr. P.S. 37/3 van 17 November 1961, verwys)

Afskrif ter inligting asseblief.

SEKRETARIS VAN BUITENLANDSE SAKE.

B/F 6/1/62
Noted A.G.
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CODE TELEGRAM

FROM: SECEXTERN PRETORIA.

D: 28.12.61.

TO: S.A. EMBASSY LONDON.

R: 28.12.61.

No. 240.

Your despatch 17th November re Tristan da Cunha expedition.

Approval has been obtained for the conveyance by means of South African Frigate Good Hope, a party of approximately 6 members from Simonstown to Tristan da Cunha, sailing from Simonstown on Jan 11th or Jan 12th 1962. The party will be charged 70 cents per person per day for messing.

If party is to consist of more than 6 members this could be considered on receipt further information from you.

Please convey foregoing offer to Royal Society and telegraph their reply. Please also obtain clearance for Good Hope call at Tristan da Cunha and to make routine call at Gough Island with stores.

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Mr. King telephoned to say that he has passed on to the Royal Society the message about the South African frigate. They are grateful to us for making the offer and the expedition committee will consider it at a meeting this afternoon. In view of that fact that we shall be able to telegraph their reply only on Monday, and as that day is a holiday in South Africa, Mr. King wondered whether you might wish to send an interim reply today, saying that the offer is being considered and that we shall telegraph on Monday.

If you wish to speak to Mr. King you can get him at home within the next hour. After that he will not be available.

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DEPARTEMENT VAN BUITELANDSE SAKE.
DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

PRETORIA.

29. 12. 1961

The Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
of the Republic of South Africa,
LONDON.

Royal Society Expedition to Tristan
da Cunha.

In reply to your minute No. P.S. 37/3 of the
17th November, 1961, and in amplification of my telegram
No. 240, dated the 28th December, 1961, I should explain
that the South African frigate "Good Hope" is scheduled
to carry out a combined training cruise and routine voyage
to Gough Island with stores in January, 1962. She will
sail from Simonstown on the 11th or 12th January.

The Secretary for Defence has agreed (and the
Treasury has approved) that the frigate may at the same
time embark the Royal Society expedition to the number of
approximately six persons at Simonstown, and convey them
to Tristan da Cunha. The Royal Society will be charged only
for the costs of messing, amounting to 70 cents per day per
expedition member.

As requested in my telegram under reference, you
will presumably be arranging clearance for Good Hope to
call at Tristan and Gough Islands.

We understand that the return voyage from Tristan
to Cape Town presents no problems, and that our assistance
in this regard is not required.

SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

*copy furnished to
Mr King.*

PD 2/1/62

*Mr Durr
Agent*

6/19/R/4/1

1st January, 1962.

LETTER TELEGRAM

SECEXTERN, PRETORIA.

YOUR NUMBER 240. ROYAL SOCIETY GRATEFULLY ACCEPTS OFFER GOOD HOPE IF MINIMUM PARTY OF EIGHT MEN CAN BE ACCOMMODATED AND STORES ACCUMULATED IN CAPE TOWN TRANSPORTED STOP ROYAL SOCIETY INVITES CRAWFORD DEPARTMENT TRANSPORT TO JOIN EXPEDITION AND IF HE IS AVAILABLE PARTY WILL COMPRISE ADDITIONALLY FOUR GEOLOGISTS ONE RADIO OPERATOR AND TWO TRISTAN ISLANDERS STOP SOCIETY WOULD NEVERTHELESS STRONGLY PREFER OFFER ALTERNATIVE DATE LATER IN JANUARY AND PASSAGE FOR TWELVE STOP DEPARTURE BEFORE EIGHTEENTH WOULD NECESSITATE LEAVING AT CAPE TOWN SMALL QUANTITY IMPORTANT EQUIPMENT NOW IN TRANSIT AND LIMITATION OF NUMBER TO EIGHT WOULD EXCLUDE BIOLOGISTS AND OTHERS STOP GRATEFUL URGENT REPLY

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With the Compliments of the
Scientific Liaison Officer

A. F. Drake Esq.

Herewith copy of cable
dispatched on your behalf.

J.A. King

1st January, 1962.

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SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Very thanks to
Mr King.

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Mr Drake
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EN CLAIR TELEGRAM

FROM: S.A. EMBASSY LONDON
TO: SECEXTERN PRETORIA
D: 1.1.62.

Your no. 240.

Royal Society gratefully accepts offer Good Hope if minimum party eight men can be accommodated and stores accumulated in Cape Town transported. Royal Society invites Crawford Department Transport to join expedition and if he is available party will comprise additionally four geologists, one radio-operator and two Tristan islanders. Society would nevertheless strongly prefer offer of alternative date later in January and passages for twelve. Departure before 18th would necessitate leaving at Cape Town small quantity important equipment now in transit and limitation of number to eight would exclude biologists and others. Grateful for urgent reply.

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SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

My thanks to
Mr King.

PD 2/1/62

Mr D. D. King
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IMMEDIATE CODE TELEGRAM.

FROM: SECEXTERN PRETORIA
D: 2.1.62
TO: S.A. EMBASSY LONDON
R: 2.1.62

No. X.2.

Having regard to contents of your telegram no. 240. Arrangements have been amended as follows. South African Frigate Transvaal which is larger than Good Hope will sail from Simonstown on January 22nd. and can accommodate Tristan da Cunha expedition consisting of not more than 12 persons with equipment. Messing charges as before 70 cents will be required from expedition members. Please inform Royal Society.

2. Not yet known whether CRAWFORD (S) can accompany expedition. Will telegraph soonest.
3. Assume you will arrange clearance for Tristan and Gogh for Transvaal instead of Good Hope.

9/med Mr King
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Mr King

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as we were closed early
on account of Swiss bank crisis

2/1/62

SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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Mr King.

2/1/62

Mr D. S. de
Argent

CODE TELEGRAM

FROM: S.A. EMBASSY LONDON
TO: SECXTERN PRETORIA
D: 2.1.62

No. 2.

Your no. 2.

Royal Society gratefully confirms acceptance.

*Copy furnished to Mr King
2/1/62*

*distributed by
Mr King in our interest
as the office closed early
on account of snow conditions
2/1/62*

SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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Mr King.*

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*Mr D. D. D.
urgent*

IMMEDIATE CODE TELEGRAM

FROM: SECXTERN PRETORIA.

D: 5.1.62.

TO: S.A. EMBASSY LONDON.

R: 5.1.62.

No.4.

Your telegram No.2.

Understand that Royal Society propose to hold
press conference on Tristan Expedition. Please indicate when
conference will take place as we propose to issue short factual
press statement on South African co-operation simultaneously.

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as the office closed early
on account of Snowdon visit
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1/1/62*

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*Mr Drake
urgent*

IMMEDIATE CODE TELEGRAM

FROM: S.A. EMBASSY LONDON.

TO: SECDEFERN PRETORIA.

D: 5.1.62.

No.4.

Your No.4.

Royal Society press conference scheduled for Monday
8th January at 14.30 Hours G.M.T.

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D 5/1

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Mr King in our travel
as our office closed early
on account of Snow's arrival was
D 1/1/62

SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

W/ King to
Mr King.

AD 2/1/62

Mr D. D. D.
urgent

3rd January, 1962.

Dr. D.C. Martin,
Assistant Secretary,
Royal Society,
Burlington House,
London, W.1.

Dear Martin,

With further reference to your letter of 15th November, I have much pleasure in informing you that the South African Frigate Transvaal will sail from Simonstown on 22nd January and will be able to embark the members of the Royal Society Expedition to Tristan da Cunha to the number of twelve persons, and convey them with their equipment to the island. Members of the expedition will be required to meet messing charges amounting to 7s cents (7/-) each per day while accommodated in the ship.

I take this opportunity of wishing the members of the Expedition success in every aspect of this enterprise and an enjoyable voyage in Transvaal.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

J.A. King,
Chief Scientific Liaison Officer

JAN/MRF
✓ C. A.F. Drake, Esq.
South Africa House.

SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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Mr King.

APD 2/1/62

Mr Drake
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VISITS OF COMMONWEALTH NAVAL UNITS TO COLONIAL PORTS

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE

Formal Visits

Through diplomatic channels i.e. United Kingdom or Commonwealth High Commissioner to the United Kingdom Government (representing the Colony to be visited).

Informal Visits

Notification to be sent by the Commonwealth country concerned, or by the appropriate naval authority, direct to the Colonial Secretary of the Colony. Acknowledgment to be sent by the Colonial Secretary through the same channel. The United Kingdom High Commissioner and the appropriate Naval Commander-in-Chief or Naval Headquarters to be informed at the same time.

Operational Visits

Notification to be sent by the appropriate naval authority of the Commonwealth country concerned to the local naval authority, where one exists, otherwise to the Colonial Secretary, copy to the Naval Commander-in-Chief or Naval Headquarters in whose area the Colony lies.

Notes (i)

It will be assumed that the local naval authority will keep the Colonial Secretary and (if considered necessary) the appropriate Naval Commander-in-Chief or Naval Headquarters informed.

(ii)

For both informal and operational visits by S.A.N. Ships to Colonial ports, the Commander-in-Chief, South Atlantic, will be regarded as the "Commander-in-Chief in whose area the Colony lies".

Definition of Visits

(a) Formal visits are those of a formal nature requiring special honours and ceremonies to be rendered. The visits are normally made when important personages are embarked, when participating in National Ceremonies or on other special occasions.

(b) Informal visits are those involving participation in local ceremonies in which formalities normally are restricted to the customary salutes and exchanges of calls; they may, and usually do, include the objectives of operational visits.

(c) Operational visits are those made primarily for logistics, repairs, search and rescue, transport of personnel, recreation, passage through territorial waters, combined exercises, material trials, or in connection with other operational tasks. Calls and other formalities are restricted to those necessary.

clearance be obtained gave rise immediately to the wider issue of whether the code of procedure agreed in 1954 would still be applicable now that South Africa is no longer a member of the Commonwealth.

5. We accordingly discussed the matter informally with the Foreign Office. The United Kingdom view, as expressed to us by the official consulted (who is on temporary secondment to the Foreign Office from the C.R.O. and is currently concerned with questions arising from South Africa's departure from the Commonwealth) is that, in the spirit of the defence arrangements between South Africa and the United Kingdom, there was no reason to assume that any change in the agreed notification procedure was implicit in consequence of the new constitutional position. He suggested that we should continue to work on the basis of the procedure outlined in the memorandum referred to above. Thus, assuming that the "Transvaal's" visit to Tristan da Cunha and Gough Island is "operational", it is in this instance necessary only that the South African Naval Chief of Staff should notify the British Commander-in-Chief, South Atlantic and South America, Youngsfield, of it. As a matter of courtesy, the Naval ~~liaison~~ ^{OW/MS} officer at this Embassy is also informing the British Admiralty.

6. We have gone into this matter at some length in that it raises wider issues than the specific visit of the "Transvaal" to Tristan da Cunha and Gough Island. Extra copies of this minute are therefore enclosed for the Secretary for Defence and other interested authorities. They will no doubt be able to judge whether it is at all necessary to look further into the matter with a view to formalising the arrangements governing the notification of visits by South African naval units to Colonial ports, to meet the new constitutional position.

A. F. DRAKE

Minister.

AD/AG

AIRMAIL

URGENT

3rd January, 1962.

CONFIDENTIAL

THE SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS:

Royal Society Expedition to Tristan
da Cunha

Clearance for South African Frigate
"Transvaal"

Please refer to your file 1/64/1 and to paragraph 3 of your telegram no. 2 of 2nd January, 1962, requesting that clearance be arranged for the "Transvaal's" forthcoming visit to Tristan da Cunha and Gough Island.

2. In this connection we would refer to:

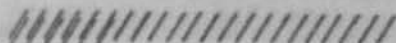
- (a) our minute 89/30 dated 23rd February, 1960, with annexure, replying to your minute 33/59 of 8th February, 1960, and
- (b) our minute 89/30, also dated 23rd February, 1960, replying to your minute 105/1/21 of 18th February, 1960.

3. The annexure mentioned above (of which further copies are attached to facilitate reference) was a memorandum entitled "Visits of Commonwealth Naval Units to Colonial Ports: Notification Procedure". This summarises the procedure agreed by Commonwealth Governments in 1954. We also explained in our two minutes (a) and (b) above that for "operational visits" as defined in the memorandum, no formal approval by the United Kingdom Government was required: the South African Naval Chief of Staff should merely notify the British Commander-in-Chief, South Atlantic and South America, Youngsfield, and the Naval Liaison Officer at this Mission would at the same time informally notify the Admiralty in London of the visit as a matter of courtesy. In other words, it was appropriate for the matter to be processed through service channels.

4. The projected visit of the "Transvaal" to Tristan da Cunha and Gough Island would clearly fall within the definition "operational". However, your request that

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AIRMAIL

12th January, 1962.

THE SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Royal Society Expedition to Tristan
da Cunha

With further reference to your file 1/64/1 and your telegram no. 4 of 5th January, I enclose, for information, press reports from The Times, the Daily Telegraph and the Guardian of 9th January about the expedition, following on the Royal Society press conference the preceding day. It is regretted that only one copy of the Daily Telegraph report is available for transmission to you.

The Times and Daily Telegraph reports both contain a reference to the provision of the South African frigate Transvaal for the conveyance of the expedition; the Guardian's report, however, makes no mention of this.

A. F. BRAKE

Ambassador.

c.c.

Mr. J. A. King,
Scientific Attaché.

AD/AG

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CODE TELEGRAM

FROM: SECEXTERN PRETORIA.

D: 12.1.62.

TO: S.A. EMBASSY LONDON.

R: 13.1.62.

No. 8.

Department of Transport anxious to salvage as much as possible of equipment meteorological station to value R8000 which had to be left on Tristan da Cunha during evacuation. They plan to do this either when SAS Transvaal calls at island to land Royal Society Expedition or else in the course of routine voyage to Gough Island which research vessel RSA is scheduled to make early in April. Please ascertain whether the United Kingdom authorities would have any objection to proposed arrangements.

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(copy on 12/30/29)

15th January, 1962.

Dear Mr. Pettitt,

May I refer to our telephone conversation today when I advised that the South African Department of Transport was anxious to salvage as much as possible of the meteorological station equipment, valued at £4,000, which had to be left behind on Tristan da Cunha at the time of the evacuation. As I mentioned, the South African authorities plan to do this either when the S.A.S. "Transvaal" calls at the island in the near future to land the Royal Society Expedition or, alternatively, in the course of a routine voyage to Gough Island which the South African research vessel "RSA" is scheduled to make early in April.

I am grateful to you for confirming that there will be no objection to the arrangements proposed. I have informed the South African authorities accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

A. F. DRAKE

A.F. Drake.

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TO: SECDEFERN PRETORIA.
D: 15.1.62.

No. 11.

Your No. 8.

British authorities have no objection.

Your sincerely,

R. F. DRAKE

A.F. Drake.

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12th January, 1962.

Dear Sir Clifford,

I am to inform you that S.A.S. Transvaal is to carry out a combined training cruise and routine voyage to Gough Island with stores.

She will also embark the Royal Society Expedition to Tristan da Cunha departing Simonstown 22nd January, 1962.

Yours sincerely,

Sgd. R. Cousens.

Sir Clifford Jarrett, KBE, CB,
Permanent Secretary,
Admiralty,
Whitehall,
LONDON, S.W.1.

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South African Embassy.

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17th January, 1962.

THE SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Salvaging of Meteorological Station Equipment
from Tristan da Cunha.

Please refer to your telegram No. 8 and my telegram No. 11 reporting that the British authorities would have no objection to the arrangements proposed for the salvaging of the meteorological station equipment left behind on Tristan da Cunha.

The Colonial Office has, however, asked to be informed when the salvage operation has been completed, and I should be grateful, therefore, if this information could be conveyed to me in due course.

A. F. DRAKE

Minister.

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REPUBLIEK VAN SUID-AFRIKA.
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA.



DEPARTEMENT VAN BUITELANDSE SAKE
DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

PRETORIA.

14. 2. 1962

17 February, 1962.



Die Buitengewone en Gevolmagtigde Ambassadeur
van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika,
LONDEN.

[Handwritten signature]

PAYMENT VOUCHER 1962

1-MAR 1962 Gougheland : Uitreiking van n radiolisensie.

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No. *[Handwritten initials]*

Volgens n skrywe nr. A 11/47/1 van 22 Januarie 1962, van die Sekretaris van Vervoer, het die Administrateur van Tristan da Cunha nog altyd in die verlede die uitreiking onderneem van n amateur-radiolisensie aan mnr. W.J.C. Visagie, lugvaartradiobediener van die Departement van Vervoer op Gougheland.

Met die onlangse ontruiming van Tristan da Cunha het dit nou onmoontlik geword, en dit sal derhalwe waardeer word indien die betrokke Britse owerheid versoek kan word om mnr. Visagie se radiolisensie vir die tydperk 1 Januarie 1962 tot 30 April 1962 te hernieu, waarna mnr. Visagie na die Republiek terugkeer. Mnr. Visagie se roepsin is 2D9AM.

Dit sal op prys gestel word indien u die foot van R1.00 kan betaal en teen die Departement van Vervoer debiteer.

[Handwritten notes and signatures]
① Mr. [unclear] 26/2
② The Accountant: Mr. [unclear] 27/2
May I please have R1.00/- a p.v. for 10/- made out to the SECRETARIS VAN BUITELANDSE SAKE. TRISTAN ADMINISTRATION FUND. *[unclear]*
Rsk 27/2/62.

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102/2/6.REPUBLIEK VAN SUID-AFRIKA.
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA.DEPARTEMENT VAN BUITELANDSE SAKKE.
DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.PRETORIA.
19. 2. 1962Die Buitengewone en Gevolmagtigde Ambassadeur
van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika,
LONDEN.Gougheland : Uitvoer van Robbevelle.

Volgens 'n diensbrief nr. A 11/47/1 van 2 Februarie 1962, van die Sekretaris van Vervoer, het die Administrateur van Tristan da Cunha in die verlede namens die Britse regering die uitreiking van permitte aan lede van die Suid-Afrikaanse weerstasie op Gough-eiland om robbevelle vanaf Gough na die Republiek uit te voer, waargeneem.

As gevolg van die onlangse ontruiming van Tristan da Cunha, het dit nou onmoontlik geword, en dit sal derhalwe waardeur word indien u by die Britse owerhede aansoek kan doen vir die toestaan van permitte vir die uitvoer van 38 velle, op ondergenoemde basis bereken:

| <u>Naam</u> | <u>Hoeveelheid</u> |
|---------------|--------------------|
| W. Visagie | 4 |
| A. van Wyk | 5 |
| M. Harper | 4 |
| B. Sciocatti | 5 |
| H. Basson | 5 |
| J. Labuscagne | 2 |
| P. Mostert | 5 |
| Honeyman | 5 |
| C. Pearson | 3 |
| Totaal | 38 |

u SEKRETARIS VAN BUITELANDSE SAKKE.

Mr. K. K. K.
Mr. K. K. K.
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Verw: P.S.37/3

2 Maart 1962.

DIE SEKRETARIS VAN BUITELANDSE SAKE.

Gougheiland : Radiolisensie en Robbevelle

Na aanleiding van u diensbriewe nos. ^{2/13/39}_{102/2/6}
en ^{131/2}_{102/2/6} van 14 en 19 Februarie 1962 onderskeidelik,
wens ek u mee te deel dat die Britse owerhede versoek is
om die radiolisensie en die permitte vir die uitvoer van
robbevelle uit te reik. Die lisensie en permitte sal aan
u besorg word sodra hulle ontvang word.

Dit is van die Britse Kantoor vir Koloniale Sake
verneem dat noudat Tristan da Cunha nie meer bewo~~n~~ word nie,
dit en Gougheiland onder die beheer van die Goewerneur van
St. Helena val en dat sake soos die onderhawiges direk by
die Britse Ambassade in Suid-Afrika, soos die geval blykbaar
was toe Tristan da Cunha nog bewoon was, aanger~~o~~er behoort
te word. Dit wil voorkom asof die Britse Ambassade direk
met die Goewerneur van St. Helena kan skakel en goedkeuring
verkry om byvoorbeeld permitte en lisensies uit te reik.

A. J. OXLEY

Minister.

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u SEKRETARIS VAN BUITELANDSE SAKE.

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M. K. K. K.
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I have advised the South African authorities that they should in future cases of this nature approach Her Majesty's Embassy in South Africa in the same manner as was customary before Tristan da Cunha was evacuated.

Thank you very much for kindly agreeing to assist in disposing of these two matters.

Yours sincerely

(B. J. Krüger)

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- 1. Mr. Krüger
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- 1. Mr. ...

I regret that I do not have the facilities of Mr. Krüger, but should be pleased to give assistance in any way possible.

Her Majesty's Embassy,
The Strand, Cape Town,
South Africa.

2/3/62

2nd March, 1962.

Dear Pettit,

As arranged during the course of our telephone conversation of a few days ago, I am troubling you with two matters concerning South Africans who are at present stationed on Gough Island.

As you are aware, it has up till recently been the practice to arrange through the Administrator on Tristan da Cunha for the renewal of a radio licence for Mr. W.J.C. Visagie on Gough Island and for permits to export seal skins from the latter island. Now that Tristan da Cunha is no longer inhabited this is, of course, no longer possible.

In the circumstances, I should be grateful for your assistance in obtaining a renewal of the licence for an amateur radio receiving and transmitting station operated by Mr. W.J.C. Visagie, whose call sign is ZD9AM. Mr. Visagie requires the licence for the period 1st January to 30th April, 1962, and a payment voucher for 10/- is enclosed to cover the cost. In accordance with your suggestion, the voucher is made payable to the Tristan Administration Fund.

In regard to the seal skins, I have been informed that the following persons wish to export in all thirty-eight seal skins to South Africa from Gough Island:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>No. of skins</u> |
|----------------|-------------------------|
| W. Visagie | 4 |
| A. van Wyk | 5 |
| M. Harper | 4 |
| B. Sciocatti | 5 |
| H. Basson | 5 |
| J. Labuschagne | 2 |
| P. Mostert | 5 |
| C. Pearson | 3 |
| ? Honeyman | 5 |

I regret that I do not know the initials of Mr. Honeyman, but should be grateful for your assistance in obtaining the required permits for all of the persons mentioned above.

R. G. Pettit, Esq.,
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Great Smith Street, S.W.1.

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Mr. Kruger
A.C.
20/3 2/3/62



COLONIAL OFFICE

GREAT SMITH STREET, LONDON S.W.1

Telephone: ABSEY 1266 Ext.

Your reference: P.S. 37/3
Please quote: PST 25/7/01

19th March, 1962.

962.

Sent Krüger

Please refer to your letter to Pettitt of 2nd March concerning South Africans who are at present stationed on Gough Island.

I enclose a licence to enable Mr. W. J. C. Visagie to operate an amateur radio receiving and transmitting station (call sign ZD9AM) on Gough Island from 1st January to 30th April, 1962, the fee of ten shillings sterling having been paid.

On the question of the fur seal skins I am enclosing permits for each of the nine persons named in your letter under reference and I should be grateful if you would arrange for the required fee of ten shillings sterling in respect of each fur seal skin to be paid to the Tristan da Cunha Administration Fund.

Your sincerely,

G. H. Whitefield
(G. H. Whitefield)

B. J. KRÜGER, ESQ.,
SOUTH AFRICAN EMBASSY.

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Mr. Krüger
A.C.
20/3 2/3/62

20th March, 1962.

Dear Whitefield,

Thank you for your letter no. FST 25/7/01 of the 19th March, with which you forwarded the radio licence and seal skin permits required by the South Africans on Gough Island.

As arranged, I have requested the South African authorities to authorise me to pay the amount of £19 to the Tristan da Cunha Administration Fund without delay.

I greatly appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

Yours sincerely

(B. J. Krüger)

G. H. Whitefield, Esq.,
Colonial Office,
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Verw: P.S.37/3

20th March, 1962.
20 Maart 1962.

DIE SEKRETARIS VAN BUITELANDSE SAKE.

Thank you for your letter no. FSI 25/1/61 of the 19th March, with which you forwarded the radio licence and seal skin permits required by the South African Government.

Gougheiland : Radiolisensie en Robbevelle

Ter voortsetting van my diensbrief van 2 Maart 1962 waarin daar na u diensbriewe nos 2/13/39 : 102/2/6 en 131/2 : 102/2/6 van 14 en 19 Februarie 1962 onderskeidelik verwys word, heg ek hieraan die benodigde radiolisensie en permitte vir die uitvoer van die 38 robbevelle.

Dit sal opgemerk word dat die permitte uitgereik is in 'n vorm wat veronderstel dat 'n fooi van tien sjielings per vel reeds betaal is. Inderwaarheid is geen sulke betalings gemaak nie en is die permitte aan hierdie Missie goedgunstiglik ingevolge 'n informele reëling verstrekkend nadat onderneem is om sonder versuim in Londen die bedrag van R38 by die "Tristan da Cunha Administration Fund" in te betaal.

Onder die omstandighede sal dit waardeer word indien die departement dringend die verlangde magtiging sal verstrekk. *

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12/4/62
Pend to

A. J. OXLEY
Minister.

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10/4/62 *Noted A.C.* *20/3*
(next) *BK* *20/3/62*

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BK *20/3/62* *Noted* *A.C.* *2/3*
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Mr. Kruger *A.C.* *20/3* *2/3/62*



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REPUBLIEK VAN SUID-AFRIKA
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA



DEPARTEMENT VAN BUITELANDSE SAKE
DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

P.S. 37/

PRETORIA.

4. 4. 1962

DIE SEKRETARIS

Die Buitengewone en Gevolmagtigde Ambassadeur
van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika
LONDON.

PAYMENT VOUCHER
11 APR 1962
No 16803
Robbevelle

Tot voort...
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permitte vir die uitvoer van 'n aantal robbevelle deur die

Dit erken hiermee ontvangs van u diensbrief nr.
is P.S. 37/3 van 20 Maart 1962, en wens u mee te deel dat
pennagtiging van die Departement van Vervoer verkry is vir
betalingsbetaling van R36 aan die "Tristan da Cunha Administra-
tion Fund" vir die uitreiking van 'n radiolisensie en van
vermyte vir die uitvoer van 'n aantal robbevelle deur die
bemannings van die Suid-Afrikaanse weerstasie op Gougheland.
betaal.

Dit sal derhalwe waardeur word indien u so gou
doenlik die betaling wil doen, en die uitgawe sal debiteer
in die verhouding van die Departement van Vervoer op die ge-
gewone wyse.

MR. D. J. ...
10/4

Accountant: May I please have
a P.V. for £19 (R38)
made out to the TRISTAN
DA CUNHA ADMINISTRATION
FUND. Debit Dept. of
Transport.

* Amount due
100.0 issue of radio licence &
permits for export of seal skins

Mr. A.C.

R.K.
10/4/62

File R.K.
12/4/62

SEKRETARIS VAN BUITELANDSE SAKE.

O.N.: No note at *
by account: This is only
in respect of seal skin
permits. Radio licence already
paid. R.K.

I regret that I do not know the initials of
Mr. Honeyman, but should be grateful for your assistance
in obtaining the required permits for all of the persons
mentioned above.

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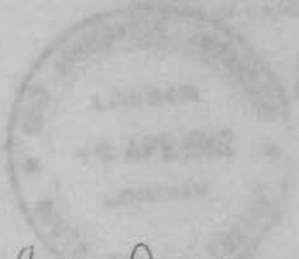
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R. G. Pettit, Esq.,
Room H. 546,
Colonial Office,
The Church House,
Great Smith Street, S.W.1.

R.K. 20/3/62 Noted
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Permit to
20/3/62

Mr. Krüger
A.C. 20/3 2/3/62



12th April, 1962.

Dear Whitefield,

With reference to the correspondence on your file no. PST.25/7/01, I have pleasure in enclosing our Payment Voucher No. 16803 for nineteen pounds in respect of the amount payable to the Tristan da Cunha Administration Fund for permits to export thirty-eight seal skins.

Once again, thank you very much for your co-operation in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

(sgd)

(B. J. Krüger)

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

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BK 12/4/62

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Receipts
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Mr. Krüger
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REPUBLIEK VAN SUID-AFRIKA
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA.

DEPARTEMENT VAN BUITELANDSE SAKE.
DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

PRETORIA.

23.5.1962

The Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
of the Republic of South Africa,
LONDON.

your file no. 284.25/7/61. I have pleasure in enclosing
our Payment Voucher No. 15803 for nineteen pounds in
respect of the amount payable to the
Administration Salvaging of Property and Equipment from
Tristan da Cunha.
seal skins.

operation in With reference to your minute No. P.S.37/3 of
the 17th January, 1962, I quote for your information and
attention please, the contents of a minute No. A.11/45/1
of the 1st May, from the Secretary for Transport:

"While on the island, the representative
of this Department (Mr. Crawford) managed to salvage
certain articles but many other articles had to be
left on the island due to lack of suitable transport.
The salvaged articles were returned to South Africa
on board the S.S. 'Protector' during the beginning
of April 1962.

The Department might at a later stage wish
to make a further attempt to salvage the property
remaining on the island and it would be appreciated
if the British authorities could be informed
accordingly."

I should be grateful if this information could
be passed on to the British authorities.

Mr. Kuyper.
Are the records accompanied
by the Pitt-Rivers
I suggest you might have a word
with him on the above, then write to him
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W.G. van der Merwe
SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

File
BK 4/6/62

4th June, 1962.

Dear Mr. Pettitt,

* May I refer to our telephone conversation on Friday when I advised you that when Tristan da Cunha was visited by South African officials early in April it was possible to salvage some articles, which were returned to South Africa on board the s.s. "Protector".

Due to the lack of suitable transport the officials had no option but to leave especially the heavier articles on the island, and it is believed that they might at a later stage wish to make a further attempt to salvage the remaining equipment.

I should be grateful for your confirmation that there would be no objection to such a further attempt at salvaging the property being made. *

Your sincerely

B. J. KRÜGER.

B.J. Krüger.

* 18 June

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Referend to noted 2 of 8/62 & 10/6/62 to confirmation

16/8/62

Referend to 11/7/62

R.G. Pettitt Esq.,
Room H546,
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Great Smith Street,
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Referend to 12/8/62
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Mr Krüger
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Mr Krüger.
I've the earlier copy
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I suggest you might have a word
with him on the phone, then write to him
or write. MJE 24/6/62

W.G. Southey
SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

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Airmail.

27th July, 1962.

THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS.Return to their homes of the former
inhabitants of Tristan da Cunha.

The Department and the Secretary for Transport may possibly be interested in the following reply furnished by the Secretary of State for the Colonies (Mr. Sandys) in the House of Commons on the 24th July when he was asked "if any further steps have been taken to explore the possibilities of the islanders of Tristan da Cunha returning to their homes; and if he will make a statement on their future position:-

"Mr. Sandys: The islanders are now housed at Galshot on Southampton Water and have found employment. Apart from the risk of another eruption and the difficulty of maintaining a reasonable standard of life and services on the island, the lava flow has made it much more difficult to land on it or leave it. Therefore in the opinion of Her Majesty's Government the best course is for them to remain in this country. The islanders were informed at the end of May that Her Majesty's Government could not take the responsibility of arranging for them to return this season. It is hoped to arrange for another inspection of the island in the autumn."

According to press reports many of the former islanders are sick and unhappy in their present quarters in the United Kingdom and 12 volunteers amongst them have just been chosen to proceed to the island to determine whether it is safe for the whole group to return there. Six of this advance group will work for the South African canning concern fishing off Tristan and the other six will, if conditions are found to be favourable, repair and otherwise prepare the abandoned homes of the islanders before their return. They hope to leave for Tristan within about a fortnight it is reported.

Sgd W. M. M. M.
Ambassador.

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From The Times Dated 2nd August, 1962

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SIX RETURNING TO TRISTAN

LEAVING NEXT WEEK ON EXPLORATORY VISIT

Six refugee islanders are to leave Britain next week for Tristan da Cunha to explore conditions there. This was decided yesterday in talks at the Colonial Office between Mr. Nigel Fisher, the Colonial Under-Secretary, and four of the islanders headed by their leader, Mr. Willie Repetto.

The six will sail for Cape Town on August 9 in the Stirling Castle, the liner that brought them to England last November when the island was evacuated after a volcanic eruption.

The Colonial Office said that the purpose of the exploratory visit would be to ascertain the extent of the damage caused by the volcanic eruption and to discuss whether the island could be made habitable again.

"The most important question to be determined in addition to the feasibility of resettlement of families on the island is whether the beaches, which have been severely damaged by lava from the volcano, are capable of being used by the island longboats. Subject to this being the case, the six islanders intend to plant a crop of potatoes, repair the damage to the houses and look after the livestock and draught oxen."

They will be accompanied by a Colonial Office official who will send an independent report back to England. The result of the exploration will not be known until just before Christmas, when the party will return to Cape Town.

The cost of the islanders' journey will be met from the Tristan relief fund, the Colonial Office said. The islanders had agreed that a decision whether permanent resettlement on the island was feasible could not be taken until the Secretary of State for the Colonies had studied the reports and discussed them with his representative and the islanders.

The islanders have been living at the former R.A.F. station at Calshot, Hampshire. Another six of them who will also travel to Cape Town next week are to work on fishing boats owned by the South Atlantic Islands Development Corporation. The exploration party will travel to Tristan da Cunha from Cape Town in these boats.

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AIRMAIL

2nd August, 1962.

THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS.SIX RETURNING TO
TRISTAN

HAVING BEEN WITH ON

possible Return to their Homes of the
Former Inhabitants of Tristan da Cunha

In amplification of my previous evenly numbered minute of the 27th July, 1962, I would mention that the Colonial Office has just announced that the advance group of six islanders who will survey Tristan da Cunha with a view to determining whether a return there is possible will leave for Cape Town on the 9th August en route to the island. They will be accompanied by a Colonial Office official who will send an independent report back to England. The party will return to Cape Town just before Christmas.

The Colonial Office is further reported to have said that the purpose of the exploratory visit would be to ascertain the extent of the damage caused by the volcanic eruption and to discuss whether the island could be made habitable again. The statement adds that "the most important question to be determined in addition to the feasibility of resettlement of families on the island is whether the beaches, which have been severely damaged by lava from the volcano, are capable of being used by the island longboats. Subject to this being the case, the six islanders intend to plant a crop of potatoes, repair the damage to the houses and look after the livestock and draught oxen."

(s/d) W. Malan

Ambassador.

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COLONIAL OFFICE
GREAT SMITH STREET, LONDON S.W.1
Telephone: ABBey 1266, ext.

S. 37/3

13 August, 1962

Our reference: FST 370/7/03
Your reference: PS 37/3

1 August, 1962.

Dear Mr Kruger

I must apologise for not replying to your letter of 4th June before, about which you spoke to me this morning.

There is no objection to a visit by South African officials to salvage South African property on Tristan.

As I said in June we should be interested to know in advance if any South African vessel is to visit Tristan, though permission to land does not of course depend on prior notification, as we might wish to ask for a report on the state of the island. As I expect you know a party of islanders are going out in August to discover whether the beaches are such that a permanent return to the island is practicable. A representative of Government (actually Mr. H.G. Stableford the Senior Agricultural Superintendent for St. Helena who was previously Agricultural Superintendent on Tristan) will accompany the islanders and will make an independent report on the state of the beaches. We hope to relieve Stableford (and the islanders if necessary) by one of our vessels in October. If it is proposed to visit the island after October and if the islanders are still alone we should certainly be interested to have a report on how they are progressing. X

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(s.d.) W. Malan
Ambassador.

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AIRMAIL.

16th August, 1962.

THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS.Salvaging of Property and Equipment from
Tristan da Cunha.

With reference to your minute no.1/64/1 of the 23rd May, 1962, I have to inform you that the United Kingdom authorities were advised on the 1st June, of the Department's wish to salvage further items of equipment left at Tristan da Cunha.

I subjoin for the Department's information the official reply which was received from the Colonial Office on the 13th August:

"I must apologise for not replying to your letter of 4th June before, about which you spoke to me this morning.

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A. J. OXLEY

Chargé d'Affaires, a.i.

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PRESS CUTTING.

From Daily Telegraph Dated 20th September 1962

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TRISTANIANS CLEAN UP DAMAGE

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

CAPE TOWN, Wednesday.

THE islanders who have returned to Tristan da Cunha to see if it will again be habitable are now busy cleaning up some of the damage caused by volcanic eruption nearly a year ago.

A brief message giving this information, was received in Cape Town today by the Royal Navy headquarters at Youngsfield. It was sent by Mr. H. G. Stableford, the Colonial Office agricultural expert who accompanied the reconnaissance party.

The message said all 12 members of the party were fit.

They have now been in the island over a week and a previous message from them said the volcano was still smoking. Messages from the 12 men are reaching Cape Town through the lobster vessel *Tristania*, 628 tons, fishing in Tristan waters.

PRESS CUTTING.

From *The Guardian* Dated *28th November, 1962*
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RETURN TO TRISTAN

Britain willing to help

By PATRICK KEATLEY,
our Commonwealth Correspondent

The Government has decided to accept in principle the responsibility of seeing that all the islanders wishing to return to Tristan da Cunha will be helped to do so.

Mr Nigel Fisher, Parliamentary Under-Secretary at the Colonial Office, announced this in London yesterday in a written reply. He also invited the islanders' leaders to call on him later in the day to discuss details of the repatriation plan.

The Government is well aware that the project is fraught with possible frustrations, but is acting in the conviction that the first principle to be observed is freedom of choice.

Rightly or wrongly (and perhaps pig-headedly) the exiles want to return home to their lonely island in the South Atlantic.

Written canvass

There are about 250 islanders in the care of the Government at hostels set up for them in the south of England. The leaders of the community claim that at least 90 per cent want to return home. The Colonial Office hopes to carry out a written canvass, informally referred to as a secret ballot, to enable each one to declare privately his wishes.

The older members undoubtedly want to return, but there is some doubt whether the younger generation are quite so unanimous.

The dilemma, if that is what it is, will not present itself acutely for about a year. At the moment, the plan is that only an advance party should return, making use of what remains of the summer season to land supplies and begin rehabilitation work.

The two best landing beaches are now unusable because of lava, and much work will have to be done to create an alternative landing stage. Many stretches of road will have to be rebuilt, and most of the houses have suffered from volcano damage.

The Royal Navy is providing ships for the advance party and their supplies, and the Colonial Office is providing an administrator and works foreman.

No volcano danger

The Colonial Office experts are satisfied that there is little danger of the volcano erupting in the foreseeable future. On the other hand, the Government has been confronted by a political dilemma in which either course could be deemed to be wrong.

To refuse to assist the islanders to return would seem to be churlish. Equally, those who go may soon find themselves thoroughly miserable. For the past 20 years most of the men have had a cash income from the fish factory that was put out of action by the eruption; but until this is rebuilt, there will be only a subsistence living of fish and potatoes.

- (d) That no state shall, without prior international agreement use either air or outer space for any cause likely to modify mankind's environment. (This presumably refers to the detonation of nuclear bombs at high altitudes and similar experiments).
- (e) That radio transmissions from space vehicles should not interfere with other telecommunications systems and that such transmissions should cease when the mission of the spacecraft concerned has been completed.

In case the Department should wish to acquire a copy of the Draft Code I would add that copies thereof may be purchased at a price of 4/-d.

W. MALAN,
Ambassador.

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That the setting up of military stations of any substantial body and the use of such stations of any substantial bodies for military purposes should be prohibited.

That the location of any military device, or the disposal of radioactive waste on any celestial body should be prohibited.

Airmail.

3rd December, 1962.

THE SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS.Draft Code of Rules on the Exploration
and Uses of Outer Space.

The Department may possibly be interested to learn that the problem of extending law into outer space was recently studied by a group set up by the David Davies Memorial Institute of International Studies. This study group under the chairmanship of Prof. R.Y. Jennings, Professor of International Law at Cambridge, has just published a "Draft Code of Rules on the Exploration and Uses of Outer Space" setting forth the fundamental principles of the developing law on outer space.

The basic problem of defining outer space has been dealt with by the study group negatively by defining what is air space, described as the volume of space between the surface of earth at sea level and an altitude of 80,000 metres above it. All else is described as outer space and is recognised, together with the celestial bodies, as being in common ownership free for exploration and use by all States. Outer space moreover is said to be incapable of appropriation or exclusive use by any state for landing on or establishing space stations on celestial bodies.

The Code also, inter alia, recommends that:-

- (a) No spacecraft carrying any type of warhead or otherwise designed as a weapon for use against targets on the earth or in air space should be placed in orbit round the earth or be carried in or launched from any space station.
- (b) That the setting up of military stations on any celestial body and the use of such stations or of celestial bodies for warlike purposes should be prohibited
- (c) That the testing of any nuclear device, or the disposal of radioactive waste on any celestial body should be forbidden.

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Surface Mail.

3rd December, 1962.

THE SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Thirteenth Meeting of the Scientific Council for Africa.

I enclose a copy of the report of the above-mentioned meeting which was held at Muguga earlier this year, which was received from the C.C.T.A. publications office on a personal basis.

The Department will observe from page 153 of the report that it is explicitly stated that members of C.S.A. "serve in a spirit of complete impartiality and objectivity, regardless of political considerations and without reference to their national governments".

The Climatological Atlas is dealt with on page 158, and the Geological Bureau on page 159. In regard to the latter, special attention is invited to the manner in which the mentioning of South Africa by name was avoided, thus ".... in spite of recent changes in membership of the Commission, the authorities of the host country continue to extend their hospitality to the Geological Bureau for a further period of one year".

A. J. F. VILJOEN,

Ambassador.

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administrative officer and a qualified person to help them make the necessary improvements at the beaches, in the settlement and on the tracks between them. I hope that this party will go out in a month or two's time. The others will go back towards the end of next year (during the Tristan summer) when reception arrangements have been completed and the weather will be suitable for the main operation to take place."

Indien amsdag mettertys geskenk word aan die noontlike terugkeer na die eiland van ons Veerburopersoneel word dit verhoed dat u my sal meedeel of enige vertoë in die verband deur hierdie kantoor aan die Britse owerhede gerig moet word.

W. MALAN

Ambassadeur.

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administrative officer and a qualified person to help them with the necessary improvements of the houses, in the settlement and on the tracks between them. I hope that this party will be in a month or two's time. The return of the party towards the end of next year (during the winter) when residential arrangements have been completed and the weather will be suitable for the visit.

3 Desember 1962.

DIE SEKRETARIS VAN BUITELANDSE SAKE.

Terugkeer na Tristan da Cunha van die
Vorige Inwoners van die Eiland.

U is vermoedelik bewus van die feit dat die Britse owerhede so pas besluit het om die vorige inwoners van Tristan da Cunha toe te laat om na die eiland terug te keer. Geriflikheidshalwe, en ingeval volledige besonderhede nie in Pretoria beskikbaar gestel is nie, haal ek hieronder die inhoud aan van die amptelike verklaring in die verband wat op 27 November in die Parlement hier deur die Staatssekretaris vir die Kolonies, mnr. Fisher, gemaak is in antwoord op 'n navraag van mnr. Hughes:-

"Mr. C. Hughes asked the Secretary of State for Colonies, what are now the prospects of reinhabiting Tristan da Cunha.

Mr. Fisher: The officer whom my right hon. Friend sent to report on conditions on Tristan da Cunha has made it clear that a number of things would have to be done to make the island fit for re-settlement. In particular the landing beaches have been affected by the flow of lava and some work needs to be done to make them safe and usable.

My right hon. Friend's other main concern has been about the means of livelihood of the islanders if they go back. Some of them will be able to obtain employment in the fishing vessels of the South Atlantic Islands Development Corporation, but the freezing plant, which employed a large number, has been obliterated by the volcano. The company, however, stated that they intend to set up the plant again, provided the natural features are suitable. They are sending an expert to the island early in the New Year. Meanwhile, it is clear that many of the islanders are determined to return even if it means going back to the old subsistence economy of 15 years ago.

It has been decided to help those who wish to go back to do so, but we must first arrange for an advance party of about a dozen men to make the reception arrangements. They will be accompanied by an

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From Daily Telegraph Dated 4th December, 1962

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**TRISTAN EXILES
VOTE FOR HOME**

By Our Commonwealth Affairs Staff

The Tristan da Cunha islanders at Calshot Camp, near Southampton, decided at the week-end by 148 votes to five to return to their island. All refugees over 21 voted in a secret ballot carried out by Colonial Office officials.

The islanders were not surprised by the result. One believed that a complete family, rather than five individuals, had voted against returning.

"Climate" complaints

Mr. Allan Crawford, welfare officer to the refugees, said in Cape Town yesterday that he would ask Britain and South Africa to let them stay in Cape Town while waiting to return to Tristan da Cunha. They were unhappy in Britain because of the climate.