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JSA 2101/1

FROM G. H. Whitefield  
Colonial Office to Mr.  
Elam

SUBJECT

List of meteorological, radio and other  
equipment on Tristan da Cunha.  
Asks if the South African government intend  
to establish a meteorological station on  
Tristan

No. FST. 25/7/01

Dated 14/1

Received 16/1

References

JSA 2101/5 (63)

MINUTES

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A. Mr. W. Malan (S.A. Embassy) to Mr. Elam.

January 29.

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8b) Mr Wellman. C.O. 6/5

8b) Mr. Wellman. May 19.

B. W. Malan (S.A. Embassy) to Mr Elam. May 19.

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GREAT SMITH STREET, LONDON S.W.1  
Telephone: ABBey 1266, ext. 257

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JSA 2101  
Tristan da Cunha

14<sup>th</sup> January 1964

Our reference: FST.25/7/01  
Your reference:

Genl Kirk,

Please refer to Foster's letter (JSA2101/5) of 26th June, 1963 to W. Malan of South Africa House about South African meteorological, radio, household and other equipment on Tristan da Cunha.

As you know I put this to the Administrator and I now enclose a copy of his reply in which he gives the quantity, condition, whether required or not and the amount the Tristan Administration is prepared to offer for the stores and equipment.

Incidentally as the Tristan Administration does not intend to establish a meteorological station we should be glad to learn whether the South African Government intend to do so and whether they wish to take us up on our offer of the part time services of the radio operator on Tristan.

Your  
Gordon

(G.H. Whitefield)

J.N. ELAM, ESQ.

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Your Reference FBT 25/7/01

ence. 30/2

28th October 1963

*Dear Gordon*

(12)

Thank you for your letter dated 2nd July 1963, concerning stores and equipment left by the South African Government here. Much of it is in fact not here, but I am sending a list of what remains with my comments on condition, value, and whether we require it.

Item	Quantity	Condition	Remarks	Value & Amount Prepared to offer
<u>Radio Equipment</u>				
Generating sets Lister JPL4 Diesels & 22kw Generators	2 sets	Fair	Not Required	
Transmitters ET 4336	2	Useless	" "	
Alternators 5KVA		"	" "	
Batteries	300	Poor	" "	
Mast & Aerials		Poor	Purchase	£30
Tank fuel Glass Fibre	1	Good	" "	£75
Fuel Dieseline	800 Gall	"	" "	£70
Paraffin	100 Gall	"	" "	£ 8
<u>Furniture in Dwelling Houses</u>				
Refrigerators	3	Poor	Purchase	£15
Kitchen Tables	3	Fair	"	£ 1-10
Heaters	3	Fair	"	15
Lounge Suites	1	Poor	"	£ 1-10
Dining Room Suites	3	Fair	"	£15
Beds single with Matresses	4	Fair	"	£15
Wardrobes	3	Fair	"	£ 5
Chest of Drawers	2	Fair	"	£ 1-10
<u>Furniture in Weather Office</u>				
Tables collapsible	2	Fair	Not Required	
Chairs	3	"	" "	
Hester	1	Poor	" "	
Safe	1	Good	Purchase	£ 5
<u>Tools Miscellaneous</u>				
Ladder 8'	1	Fair	Purchase	10/-

There is also a fair collection of Meteorological instruments, but as none of us here are familiar with the names of the various items I am unable to compile a list, but confirm that the Administration is not interested in any of them. As I understand that there is still a possibility of a station being established here again I think that all we need do is keep these items until a final decision is arrived at.

*Yours sincerely*  
*P.A. Day*

P.A. Day  
Administrator

by 1700 hrs today pl

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W. Malan, Esq.,  
South Africa  
House.

From:  
J.N. Elam.



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In your letter to Peter Foster of September 6 about the weather station on Tristan da Cunha you said that your authority<sup>ies</sup> in Pretoria would welcome the administrator's report on the present condition of the South African equipment that is still on the island.

I have now received the administrator's report, which I am afraid has come to me in a rather round-about way, and I enclose a copy of it. The administrator sets out the condition of the items concerned and, where he wishes to purchase them, the amount he is prepared to offer.

I am also informed that the Tristan<sup>do not</sup> Administrative Council~~intend~~ intend to establish a meteorological station but they are prepared to offer the part-time services of their radio operator should the South African Government wish to establish a station.

~~We should~~ be grateful to know whether or not your Government intend to establish a station.

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Mr Whitefield  
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(JSA 2101/1)

FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

January 24, 1964.

In your letter to Peter Foster of September 6 about the weather station on Tristan da Cunha you said that you authorities in Pretoria would welcome the administrator's report on the present condition of the South African equipment that is still on the island.

I have now received the administrator's report, which I am afraid has come to me in a rather round-about way, and I enclose a copy of it. The administrator sets out the condition of the items concerned and, where he wishes to purchase them, the amount he is prepared to offer.

I am also informed that the Tristan Administration do not intend to establish a meteorological station but they are prepared to offer the part-time services of their radio operator should the South African Government wish to establish a station. We should therefore be grateful to know whether or not your Government intend to establish a station.

(J. N. Elam).

W. Malan, Esq.,  
South Africa House.



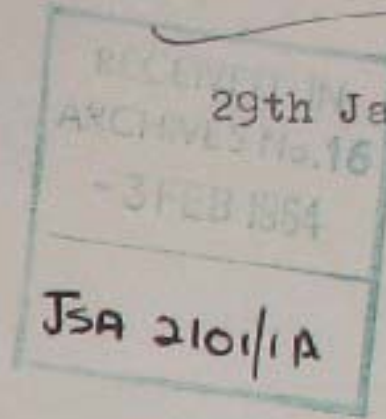
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SOUTH AFRICAN EMBASSY,  
TRAFALGAR SQUARE,  
LONDON, W.C.2.

Telephone: WHITEHALL 4488  
Telegraphic Address:—  
For Inland Telegrams:  
"OPPOSITELY LESQUARE LONDON"  
For Overseas Telegrams:  
"OPPOSITELY LONDON WC2"

29th January, 1964.



*W*  
*Dear Nick,*

I write to thank you very much for your letter No. JSA 2101/1 of the 24th January under cover of which you were kind enough to forward a copy of the report submitted by the Administrator of Tristan da Cunha in regard to South African equipment on the island. I have passed a copy to Pretoria.

*Yours ever,*  
*Boet Malan.*

(W. Malan)

J.N. Elam, Esq.,  
Foreign Office,  
Whitehall,  
LONDON, S.W.1.

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You wrote on January 28 to say that ~~you~~ you had passed to Pretoria a copy of the report by the <sup>ADMINISTRATOR</sup> Administrator of <sup>TRISTAN DA CUNHA</sup> Tristan da Cunha containing details of the offers he was prepared to make for various items of South African Government property on the island.

2. We should be most interested to ~~know~~ know Pretoria's <sup>whether</sup> ~~comments~~ comments on the Administrator's offers are acceptable.

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No. JSA 2101/1

FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

May 5, 1964.

You wrote on January 29 to say that you had passed to Pretoria a copy of the report by the Administrator of Tristan da Cunha containing details of the offers he was prepared to make for various items of South African Government property on the island.

We should be most interested to know whether the Administrator's offers are acceptable.

(J. N. Elam)

Mr. W. Malan,  
South African Embassy,  
South Africa House,  
Trafalgar Square,  
W.C.2.

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SOUTH AFRICAN EMBASSY,  
TRAFALGAR SQUARE,  
LONDON, W.C.2.

19th May, 1964.

Dear Nick,

Your letter JSA 2101/1 of May 5 refers.

I'm afraid that we have not yet had a reply from Pretoria on the disposal of South African equipment and supplies on Tristan da Cunha. I have now sent a further reminder and hope to be in a position to pass on the reply to you shortly.

yours sincerely,  
Boet

(W. Malan)

J.N. Elam, Esq.,  
Foreign Office,  
LONDON, S.W.1.

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West and Central African Department

JSA 2101/2

SOUTH AFRICA

FROM G. H. Whitefield  
Colonial Office to Mr  
Elam

SUBJECT Encloses correspondence about a  
meeting held in Cape Town to discuss  
the possibility of the R.S.A. carrying  
stores for the Triston administration

o. FST. 24/7/01

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21<sup>st</sup> January, 1964.

FST.24/7/01 JSA2101/2

Our reference:  
 Your reference:

Dear Sir,

I enclose two copies of a letter from Mr. C.S. Russell of the Marine Division, South African Department of Transport to the Secretary for Transport about a meeting held in Cape Town to discuss the possibility of the "R.S.A." carrying stores for the Tristan da Cunha Administration.

I shall be grateful if you will send a copy of the letter to Gillson who will no doubt keep us informed of developments. It is essential that we have a reply from the Department of Transport fairly soon if the orders for stores are to be placed in time.

Yours,  
 G.H. Whitefield  
 (G.H. Whitefield)

J.N. ELAM, ESQ.

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URGENT

→ (PRINCIPAL)

Marine Division,  
Department of Transport,  
P.O. Box 4251,  
CAPE TOWN.

The Secretary for Transport.

R.S.A. : CARRIAGE OF STORES TO TRISTAN DA CUNHA.

1. I had a meeting today in my office with Mr. G.H. Whitefield of the British Colonial Office together with Mr. Day, Administrator of the island and Messrs Spooner and Heinks of Tristan Investments Ltd..

2. Mr. Whitefield stated that the Colonial Office was keen to make arrangements whereby "R.S.A." would take stores to Tristan da Cunha twice a year, that is to say, on the annual relief voyage to Gough Island during March/April and again during October.

3. I informed Mr. Whitefield that you would almost certainly agree to convey stores during March/April, 1964 at the ruling freight rate of R30 per ton but he said that this rate was too high and would adversely affect the economy of the island.

4. Mr. Whitefield, after stating the advantages enjoyed by the South African Government in respect of the establishment of meteorological stations on the islands, said that there should be a "quid pro quo" arrangement whereby the "R.S.A." should carry stores to Tristan da Cunha at a cheaper rate which he suggested should be R10 per ton, plus a sum per hour to be agreed in respect of demurrage if the ship were to be delayed by bad weather at the island, pending the discharge of the cargo. He added that R10 per ton is the ruling conference rate for the carriage of cargo to Beira which is equidistant from Cape Town.

5. With regard to the shipment of cargo in October I said that this would be out of the question unless the Department came to some agreement with Tristan Investments Ltd. about the carriage of refrigerated cargo or unless the Colonial Office made it economically possible for the "R.S.A." to make a special voyage.

6. Mr. Whitefield said that in the event of "R.S.A." being converted to carry refrigerated cargo from Tristan da Cunha he could guarantee an outward cargo of 100/150 tons of stores at the reduced rate aforementioned but that he could not agree to charter "R.S.A." for a special voyage as he already had an alternative arrangement whereby a British survey vessel could take stores to the island during October.

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7. It is now for consideration if it can be agreed to convey freight for the Colonial Office during the coming voyage to Gough Island at the rate of R10 per ton plus a demurrage payment of R8.00 per hour for the time spent at Tristan da Cunha exceeding the two days during which the ship could be expected to be discharged in suitable weather. The demurrage rate is based on the running cost of the ship, R300 per day less 5 tons of fuel per day costing R110.65 rounded up to R8.00 per hour. The cargo is expected to comprise about 100 tons of general stores including paraffin.

8. An early reply will be appreciated.

C.S. RUSSELL  
PRINCIPAL OFFICER.

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C.S. RUSSELL  
*[Handwritten signature]*

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West and Central African Department

JSA 2101/3

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FROM J. H. Gillson,  
Cape Town Mr. Elan

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SUBJECT

Question of R.S.A carrying stones  
for Lourenco da Cunha.  
The matter is before S. African  
Treasury.

No. 10211

Dated 11/2

Received 17/2

References

JSA 2101/2

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British Embassy,  
Cape Town.

February 11, 1964

JSA 2101

Dear Nick,

Please refer to your compliments slip JSA 2101/2 of January 22 about the possibility of the R.S.A. carrying stores for Tristan.

2. I saw Russell of the Marine Division of the Ministry of Transport on February 7. The R.S.A. is at present on her way back from the Antarctic, and is expected in Cape Town on February 18. It has been decided that she will combine her trips to Marion Island and Gough Islands; on previous occasions she has gone to Marion Island first, and returned to Cape Town to load for Tristan and Gough. The combined trip means that she will load all stores at once and will have the effect of bringing her loading for Tristan forward to the end of the month. We therefore have only three weeks.

3. Russell appreciates the urgency and will speak to his Under Secretary to get him to ask Pretoria for a progress report; I understand that the question is at present before the South African Treasury for decision.

4. After I had made my appointment with Russell I realised that I was by-passing the Department of Foreign Affairs. I therefore cleared my visit with du Plooy of the Department of Foreign Affairs and this morning explained to him briefly what was going on. He said amicably but firmly that in future we ought to make our approaches to the Department of Foreign Affairs.

5. I am sending copies of this letter to Gordon Whitefield in the Colonial Office and Flip Fielding in the Consulate General, Cape Town.

Yours ever  
Tom.  
(T. H. Gillson)

J. N. Elam, Esq.,  
W.C.A.D.,  
Foreign Office,  
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Mr Whitefield,  
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JSA 2101/3

~~Following for Gillson from Etam~~  
Gillson's letter 10211 of February 61  
to Etam. → ELAM

~~Administrator Tristan~~ has  
asked P6 and confirm that  
R.S.A. will call P6 at  
Tristan after Gough.  
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Administrator Tristan.

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FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO CAPE TOWN

En Clair

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No. 86

February 20, 1964

D. 9.9 p.m. February 20, 1964

Gillson's letter 10211 of February 11 to Elam.

Please confirm that R.S.A. will call at Tristan after Gough.

2. Please repeat reply to Administrator, Tristan.

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West and Central African Department

JSA 2101/34

SOUTH AFRICA

FROM  
T.H. Gillson (Cape Town)  
to Mr. Elam.

**CONFIDENTIAL**

No. 10211/6

Dated February 21.

Received February 27.

SUBJECT

Idea of a round trip by R.S.A.  
has been abandoned: Telegraph/Air  
Service to Tristan da Cunha started  
unofficially after Christmas

References

JSA 1431/4 (63) -13

MINUTES

A. Sir H. Stephenson (Cape Town) no 170.

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BRITISH EMBASSY,  
CAPE TOWN.

February 21, 1964.

JSA 2101/3

*Dear Nick,*

*JSA 2101*

*JSA 2101/3*

Please refer to your telegram No. 86 about Tristan da Cunha.

2. The idea of a round trip for the R.S.A. mentioned in para. 2 of my letter 10211 of February 11 has now been abandoned. If she is going to Tristan, stores must be ready for loading on March 19, and she will sail on March 23. Maughan of Cook's Cape Town Office who is arranging the purchase of stores, knows of this change.

3. Tristan is not at present in the Captain's sailing orders, and Russell of the South African Ministry of Transport, has not yet had a reply from his Treasury about the freight rate.

4. With reference to my letter 10211 of January 28, du Plooy of the Department of Foreign Affairs tells me that the telegraph/air service started unofficially soon after Christmas, but he has not yet heard from the South African Post Office about an official date for the inauguration of the service. As soon as he does he will reply to our Notes.

5. I am sending a copy of this letter to Whitefield in the Colonial Office and Fielding at the Consulate-General, Cape Town. I have not sent anything to Day, the Administrator of Tristan.

*Yours ever Tom  
(T. H. Gillson)*

J.N. Elam. Esq.,  
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Following for Gillson from Elam  
Your letter 10211/6 of February 21.

En Clair  
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Grateful if you could confirm as soon as you are able that R.S.A. will definitely be able to carry stores to Tristan on March 23, loading on March 29, at rates settled before that date if possible.

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FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO CAPE TOWN

En Clair

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No. 94

February 26, 1964.

D. 8.2 p.m. February 26, 1964

Following for Gillson from Elam. Your letter 10211/6 of February 21.

Grateful if you could confirm as soon as you are able that R.S.A. will definitely be able to carry stores to Tristan on March 23, loading on March 19, at rates settled before that date if possible.

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(Date) 7 April

Address to Cape Town (Emb)

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Col. Off. (rW Whitefield)

Following for Gilson from Etam.  
Telegraph/air service to Tristan.  
Grateful to know immediately  
(i) address to which letters  
should be sent for forwarding  
(ii) charges.

One letter has already been  
returned to the sender in  
his country by the South

African authorities and  
~~relatives here are distressed.~~

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FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO CAPE TOWN

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D. 6.35 p.m. April 7, 1964

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Following for Gibson from Elam.

Telegraph/air service to Tristan.

Grateful to know immediately

- (i) address to which letters should be sent for forwarding
- (ii) charges.

One letter has already been returned to the sender in this country by the South African authorities and uncertainty is causing distress.

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FROM CAPE TOWN TO FOREIGN OFFICE

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En Clair

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Sir H. Stephenson

JSA 2101/4A

No. 170

April 15, 1964.

D. 3.12 p.m. April 15, 1964

R. 3.14 p.m. April 15, 1964

JSA 2101/4

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Your telegram No. 190.

Following for Elam from Gillson.

I have spoken to the Department of Foreign Affairs, who have agreed to deal with this as a matter of urgency. Unfortunately, the section of the Post Office concerned is in Pretoria and delay is unavoidable.

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Sir H. Stephenson

No. 200

April 28, 1964

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JSA 2101/4 B.

Your telegram No. 190.

Following for Elam from Gillson.

Air letters for persons on Tristan da Cunha should be addressed c/o The Superintendent, Radio Station, Cape Town.

2. Charges as in enclosure with your JSA 1431/4 of July 2nd 1963.

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J SA 2101/5

SOUTH AFRICA

FROM  
T.H. Gillson  
(Cape Town) to  
Mr. Elam.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. 10211/8

Dated March 2.

Received March 9.

SUBJECT

Journey of the R.S.A. to Tristan:  
awaiting to hear if our  
proposed freight rate is  
acceptable.

References

MINUTES

A. Sir H. Stephenson. NO: 97.

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March 11.

Reply sent.

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B. Sir H. Stephenson. Cape Town. no 112. March 16

answered

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1) del. Cape Town 134.  $\frac{12}{3}$

2) Mr Pettit. Col. O. 16/3.

3) del. Cape Town 138.  $\frac{16}{3}$

4) Mr Whitefield. Col. O. 10/3

C. Tristan da Cunha to Colonial Office.  $\frac{19}{3}$

$\frac{25}{3}$  GMS

D. T.H. Gillson (Cape Town) to Mr. Elam. 10211/13 17/3

$\frac{7}{4}$  GMS

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BRITISH EMBASSY,  
CAPE TOWN.

March 2, 1964.

*Do her up*

*6 GMS*

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*Dear Nick,*

*JSR2101*

I had a telephone call about Tristan this morning from someone in the South African Ministry of Transport Parliamentary Office (I am not sure how he came into it nor did he seem to be). He had received a telegram from the South African Embassy in London saying that the Colonial Office had asked what was happening about the R.S.A. He knew nothing about it himself but had talked to Russell of the Marine Division of the Ministry of Transport and now wanted to know if I had heard anything further. I told him that we were waiting to hear from them whether or not our offer of R10 per ton was acceptable.

2. He said he understood that Cooks were already getting the stores together; what happened if the offer were rejected? I said it would be up to the Colonial Office to decide whether to make a further offer or to make other arrangements. He pointed out that it would be very expensive to charter another vessel to take 100 tons of stores.

3. It seems to me that we shall in the last resort have to accept whatever terms the South Africans stick at. I do not think the South African Ministry of Transport, which handles the R.S.A., is concerned to make profit - only to see it is clear of any danger of being out of pocket. Russell told me at one point that although the distances from Cape Town to Beira and to Tristan were comparable, the conditions were not for whereas one was a simple coastwise trip, a gale "down in those latitudes" could find the R.S.A. with her engines flat out using maximum fuel and making about 2 knots. To fix the same freight rate as for Beira might therefore be unreal. The South African Treasury where, I understand, the question is still lodged, may be looking at the steady annual debit the R.S.A. incurs and thinking different thoughts.

*Yours ever*

*Tom*  
(T.H. Gillson)

J.N. Elam, Esq.,  
West and Central African Dept.,  
Foreign Office,  
London, S.W.1.

*(I have sent a copy  
of this to Gordon  
Whitefield.)*

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Sir H. Stephenson

No. 97

March 11, 1964

D: 11.21 a.m. March 11, 1964

R: 11.25 a.m. March 11, 1964

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Gillson's letter to Elam 10211 of March 2.

South African Ministry of Transport have accepted offer of R10 (£5) per ton for stores for Tristan.

May I confirm that stores are to be shipped by R.S.A.?

2. Present dates of loading March 19 and sailing March 23 may be shifted back.

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FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO CAPE TOWN

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Sir H. Stephenson

No. 112  
March 16, 1964

D. 1.30 p.m. March 16, 1964  
R. 1.41 p.m. March 16, 1964

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Addressed to Foreign Office telegram No. 112 of March 16,  
Repeated for information to Colonial Office.

Your telegram No. 134 [Stores for Tristan]

Following for Elam from Gillson.

South African Ministry of Transport require from us

- a) total indemnification
- b) agreement to demurrage of R.8 (£4) per hour for stores for Tristan da Cunha to be carried by R.S.A.

2. Stores due to load 18th. Grateful for telegraphic reply by afternoon of 17th.

Foreign Office please pass Colonial Office.

[Copies sent to Colonial Office]

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Your telegram no 112 of MARCH 16  
Following for <sup>GILLSON</sup> Gilson from Etam.

You may accept indemnification  
for cargo (but not for ship!)  
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INWARD TELEGRAM  
TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES



FROM TRISTAN DA CUNHA (Administrator)

En clair D. 19th March, 1964.  
R. 19th " " 12.10 hrs.

No. 34.

Following for Whitefield. *PA*

Your telegram No. 19. *N/R*

Consider freight rate most reasonable.  
Has rate been fixed for this trip only or for all  
future trips.

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Copy sent to:-

Foreign Office - Mr. Elam

10211/13



BRITISH EMBASSY,  
CAPE TOWN.

March 17, 1964.

*Dear Nick,*

*JSA 2101/5*

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*Yours ever*  
*T. H. Gillson*

(T. H. Gillson)

J. N. Elam. Esq.,  
Colonial Office,  
LONDON, S.W.1.

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Dear Sir,

With the compliments of

I thank the attached original consent to me in error by Tom Gillson. I have taken a copy for our files. Yr. Obedient

COLONIAL OFFICE

GREAT SMITH STREET, LONDON S.W.1.

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CAPE TOWN.

March 17, 1964.

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1964

SOUTH AFRICA

**JSA 2101/6** ✓

FROM  
T.H. Gilson  
(Cape Town) to  
Mr. Elam  
No. 10211  
Dated April 30.

SUBJECT:  
Radio Telegraph Service between  
Cape Town and Lissan da Cunha.

Received  
May 6

Encloses Copy of:  
S. African Notes:-  
74/41 - April 18.  
74/41 - Sept: 30.  
British Embassy Note:-  
36 - Jan. 28.  
712 - Dec. 18-63

References and Relevant Papers:

(Outward Action)  
8b) Mr. Wellman  
(Colonial  
Office) 6/5.

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(Referred to Legal Adviser)

(Action completed)

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J. N. Elam, Esq. 10211  
W.C.A.D.



1. copy to  
Co.  
(P. Wellman)



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DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

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THE FIRST SECRETARY TO THE  
BRITISH EMBASSY

(T. H. GILLSON) <sup>4</sup> JMG

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91 PARLIAMENT STREET,  
CAPE TOWN

Telephone 2-7583

Telegraphic Address: PRODROME

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Air Letters intended for persons on the island  
should be addressed

c/o The Superintendent,  
Radio Station,  
Cape Town.

With regard to the Embassy's enquiry about charges,  
it will be recalled that this was dealt with in the Depart-  
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Embassy acknowledged in its Note No. 712 of the 18th December,  
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The Department of Foreign Affairs avails itself of  
this opportunity to renew to the British Embassy the assurance  
of its highest consideration.

PRETORIA,  
18<sup>th</sup> April, 1964.



Copy to Mr Elam with comps,  
and with  
copies of  
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reference.

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REPUBLIEK VAN SUID-AFRIKA  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

DEPARTEMENT VAN BUITELANDSE SAKE  
DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

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The Department of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the British Embassy and with reference to the Embassy's Note No. 36 of the 28th January, 1964, has the honour to state that a radiotelegraph service between Cape Town Radio and Tristan da Cunha for the handling of telegrams exchanged between the island and the United Kingdom, as well as the Air Letter Service, was introduced on the 1st January, 1964. A telegram service between South Africa and the island was introduced officially on the 28th February, 1964.

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PRETORIA,

18<sup>th</sup> April, 1964.

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Note No. 36.

The British Embassy presents its compliments to the Department of Foreign Affairs, and with reference to Embassy Note No. 712 of the 18th of December, 1963 about Tristan da Cunha, has the honour to enquire whether the South African authorities are now in a position to say when the telegraph and air services will begin.

The Embassy also has the honour to enquire where next of kin should address letters, and what charges will be made.

The British Embassy avails itself of the opportunity to renew to the Department of Foreign Affairs the assurance of its highest consideration.

British Embassy,

CAPE TOWN.

January 28, 1964.

BRITISH EMBASSY,  
PRETORIA.  
December 18, 1963.

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Note No. 712

The British Embassy presents its compliments to the Department of Foreign Affairs and with reference to the Department's Note No. 74/41 of the 30th of September, 1963, has the honour to inform the Department that the British authorities agree that the division of rates for overseas traffic from Tristan da Cunha, proposed in the memorandum enclosed with the Embassy's Note No. 336 of the 25th of July last, should be applied when payment is made to South Africa in respect of telegrams to the Island. They also agree with the division of rates proposed by the South African Government for telegrams from the Republic to Tristan da Cunha and suggest that for ease of accounting the same division should be used for telegrams in the reverse direction rather than those suggested in the Memorandum referred to above.

The authorities on Tristan da Cunha are ready for the telegraphic and air services to begin, and the Embassy would be grateful to be informed in due course when the South African authorities propose to inaugurate the daily schedule.

The British Embassy is instructed to convey to the South African authorities appreciation of the co-operation given in this matter and avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Department of Foreign Affairs the assurance of its highest consideration.

British Embassy,  
PRETORIA.

December 18, 1963.

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REPUBLIEK VAN SUID-AFRIKA  
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DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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3 copies to Mr <sup>J.N.</sup> Klam WCAD  
with my comps, ref his  
letter to the <sup>Government</sup>  
JSA 1431/4 of September 23

16/9 3/54/23

The Department of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the British Embassy and with reference to the Embassy's Note No.336 of the 25th July, 1963, in connection with radio telegraphic communications with Tristan da Cunha, has the honour to inform the Embassy as follows:-

The South African authorities agree to the re-opening of the radio telegraphic communications with Tristan da Cunha.

The proposed division of rates in respect of overseas telegrams from Tristan da Cunha is acceptable, but it is suggested that the same rates be applied when payment is made to South Africa in respect of overseas telegrams to Tristan da Cunha. The proposed division of rates for telegrams from Tristan da Cunha to the Republic of South Africa, is acceptable, but for telegrams in the opposite direction the following division of rates is suggested:-

Republic of South Africa/Tristan da Cunha.

Republic of South Africa terminal	1.5d	
Republic of South Africa	W/T	5.7d
Tristan da Cunha	W/T	5.7d
Tristan da Cunha	terminal	1.5d
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So far as the Air Letter Service is concerned, the South African authorities are agreeable to its re-institution. The payment of a lump sum of R200 to the South African Government in respect of this service is acceptable, subject, however, to review after one year.

As in the past, the contents of the telegrams should be of a social nature - business telegrams do not qualify for this Service - and, it is available only to bona fide inhabitants of Tristan da Cunha and their friends and relatives in South Africa and Commonwealth countries. Each person may send and receive fifty words every fortnight.

It is recommended that initially, a daily schedule be instituted at 0800 GMT, operating on the following frequencies: 13394 Kc/s and 14387.5 Kc/s respectively to and from Tristan da Cunha. Relaying conditions at 0635 GMT are very unfavourable.

The Department would be glad to learn whether these proposals are acceptable to the United Kingdom authorities.



PRETORIA.

30 September, 1963.

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WEST AND CENTRAL AFRICAN DEPT.

SOUTH AFRICA

J SA 21017.

FROM  
A.J.R. Pitt (Cape Town)  
to Mr. Elam.

SUBJECT:

South African Authorities have agreed to the re-institution of a telegraphic air service between Tristan da Cunha and South Africa: fee has now been paid: queries to whom this should be changed.

No. 10211/23.

Dated May 13.

Encloses Copy of:

References and Relevant Papers:

JSA 1431/4 (63)

Received  
May 22.

(Outward Action)

8) Mr Wellman  
(Col. O) 20/5.

9) A.J.R. Pitt (C. Town)  
fr. Mr. Fowler. 15.6.

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This should be changed to the C.O. but we must await Mr Wellman's letter saying so before authorising Mr Pitt to change it to them.

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S.M.C.

A D.F.P. Wellman (Col. O) to Mr. Elam.

June 2

Letter to issue

P. G. C.

(Printing Instructions)

(Referred to Legal Adviser)

(Action completed)

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Copy to C.O.  
Mr Hellman  
for advice.

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13th 2 May, 1964.

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Dear Elam, (63)

Would you please refer to your compliment slip JSA1431/4 to Donald Gordon enclosing a copy of Whitefield's letter reference CM 239/150/01 of the 25th June, 1963, about external communications in Tristan da Cunha?

As you know, the South African Authorities agreed to the re-institution of the telegraphic air letter service at a flat rate of R200 (£100) per annum, subject to review after one year. We have now paid the first R200 which has been provisionally debited to our local Suspense Account. I would be grateful if you could let me know to which subhead or Department this expenditure should be charged.

Yours ever,  
John Pitt.

(A.J.R. Pitt)  
ACCOUNTANT

J.N. Elam, Esq.,  
Foreign Office,  
LONDON S.W.1.

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

*to submit*

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 1304

*2nd.* June, 1964  
 JSA 2101/A

Our reference: FST 133/7/01  
 Your reference: JSA.2101/7

*JSA 2101*

*JSA 2101/7*

*Dear Elam,*

Would you please refer to Pitt's Letter 10211/23 of 13th May to you, regarding the Tristan da Cunha air letter service.

If you would care to have the account sent to me I will arrange for it to be settled.

*Yours sincerely*  
*D.F.P. Wellman*  
 (D.F.P. Wellman)

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A. J. R. Pitt Esq

Cape Town.

from

P. J. Fisher.

Please refer to your letter 10211/23 of  
May 13 to Elam, who is on leave.

2. This account should be sent to

D. F. P. WELLMAN  
D. F. P. Wellman in the Colonial Office

who will arrange for it to be  
settled.

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SOUTH AFRICA

J SA 2101/8

FROM R.G. Pettit (Col. O) to Mr. Elam.

SUBJECT:

Asked if one South African can be asked if they could arrange for the Administrator's and Medical Officer's replacements on *Sustan da Cunha* to go by the RSA. in April 1965.

No. FST. 88/174/02

Dated June 9.

Encloses Copy of:

References and Relevant Papers:

Received June 11

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- 1) ~~R.G. Pettit~~ } 16
- 2) T.H. Gillson (Cape Town) } 6
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- 7) Pretoria 26/7 30/7
- 8) Wellman, C.O. 30/7
- 9) Mr. Wellman C.O. 16/3/65

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I spoke to Mr Wellman C.O. Telegram to Pretoria.

BU in a week. — cancel p 29.7.

A Sir H. Stephenson, Pretoria 159 27/7

(Printing Instructions)

(Referred to Legal Adviser)

I spoke again to Mr Wellman. He may come back to us in order to try to charter the RSA for a special trip out.

(Action completed)

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14.10.65

Telegram sent. p 30.7.



*Letter to  
Elam P.O.B.*

COLONIAL OFFICE

GREAT SMITH STREET, LONDON S.W.1

Telephone: ABBey 1266, ext.

9 June, 1964.

Our reference: FST.88/174/02

Your reference:

JSA 2101/8

Dear Elam

JSA 2101

We are endeavouring to arrange replacements for the Administrator (P.A. Day) and Medical Officer (Dr. S.G. Gooch) on Tristan de Cunha, and it is hoped to effect this change-over sometime in April 1965.

I believe that the South African Department of Transport vessel RSA usually makes a trip to Gough Island about this time, and we should therefore like to arrange for this ship to take the new men and their families from Cape Town to Tristan da Cunha and bring off Day and Gooch and their families and take them back to Cape Town. Would you therefore kindly enquire if the South African authorities are agreeable to this.

The Day and Gooch families total 9 in number (5 children), and on the assumption that the replacements will require the same number of passages, I should be grateful if you could ascertain the approximate cost of these passages.

We are also hoping to have some wireless equipment ready for shipment to Tristan da Cunha in September/October 1964. If it could also be arranged with the South African authorities, we should like this equipment to go from Cape Town on the RSA, together with an engineer who will set up the equipment.

/If

J.N. ELAM, ESQ.

dy bag 17/6 1000 hrs

x 2cc.

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~~P. S. Ziegler Esq~~

~~Cape Town.~~

T. H. Gillson, Esq.

Cape Town.

P. J. Forder

Copy to Mr. Pettitt c.o.

I enclose a copy of a letter FST. 88/174/02  
of June 9 from Pettitt in the Colonial  
Office to <sup>Nick</sup> Elam, who is on leave. It asks  
that some enquiries be made with the  
South African authorities with regard to the  
replacement of the Administrator and Medical  
Officer in Tristan de Cunha and ~~to~~ the  
shipment of some wireless equipment to the  
island.

<sup>2</sup> If you see no objection I would be grateful  
if you would take the action requested.

P. J. F.



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(JSA 2104/8)

FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

UNCLASSIFIED

June 16, 1964.

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I enclose a copy of a letter FST.88/174/02 of June 9 from Pettitt in the Colonial Office to Nick Elam, who is on leave. It asks that some enquiries be made with the South African authorities with regard to the replacement of the Administrator and Medical Officer in Tristan de Cunha and the shipment of some wireless equipment to the island.

2. If you see no objection I would be grateful if you would take the action requested.

(P. J. Fowler)

T. H. Gillson, Esq.,  
CAPE TOWN.

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Fowler's letter to Gillson of June 16: Tritam da Cunha

The wireless equipment would weigh 30 tons and would include explosives. Two other personnel would accompany the engineer.

2. Grateful for telegraphic reply on whether South African authorities would accept these for transport on the RSA; estimated

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FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO PRETORIA

En Clair

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No. 247

July 23, 1964

D. 7.41 p.m. July 23, 1964

PRIORITY

Fowler's letter to Gillson of June 16: Tristan da Cunha.

The wireless equipment would weigh 30 tons and would include explosives. Two other personnel would accompany the engineer.

2. Grateful for telegraphic reply on whether South African authorities would accept these for transport on the RSA; estimated cost for all personnel and equipment and sailing date.

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FROM PRETORIA TO FOREIGN OFFICE

En Clair  
Sir H. Stephenson  
No. 159  
July 27, 1964

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*Enclair*

D:5.35 p.m July 27, 1964

R:5.40 p.m July 27, 1964

PRIORITY

Your telegram No. 247.

*J*  
*SAISON/8* *ISA 2101/8 (A)*

The R.S.A. will not go to Tristram again before March/April 1965. No difficulties foreseen in providing passages for Administrator and Medical Officer and families both ways on that occasion. Wireless equipment, engineer and other personnel could probably also be accommodated. Exact sailing date not yet known cost likely to be about one third commercial rate.

2. You will presumably seek alternative transport for wireless equipment and engineer, but if you wish to send it by R.S.A. next year it would be helpful for us to have an estimate of the cubic capacity of the equipment.

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No. 267

(Date) 30/7

And to:—

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K.C.

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[Codeword—if any]

Address to

telegram No.

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Your telegram No 159 [ July 27 : Tristan da  
Cunha ]

Please enquire urgently if the R.S.A  
could be chartered for approximately  
20 days <sup>in October</sup> for this trip. Also the  
estimated total cost.

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FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO PRETORIA

En Clair

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No. 267

July 30, 1964

D. 2.46 p.m. July 30, 1964

PRIORITY

Your telegram No. 159 [July 27: Tristan da Cunha].

Please enquire urgently if the R.S.A. could be chartered for approximately 20 days in October for this trip. Also the estimated total cost.

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WEST AND CENTRAL AFRICAN DEPT.

SOUTH AFRICA

J SA 2101/8 ✓

FROM

Mr Gordon  
Pretoria

No. 186

Dated 4 August

Received 5 August

SUBJECT:

Arrangements for chartering RSA for  
administrators and medical officers to be sent  
to Justa la Cunta.

Encloses Copy of:

References and Relevant Papers:

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(Outward Action)

- 8) Mr Wilman, C.O. 4/8.
- 8) Del. Pretoria. 315. 7/8
- 8) D.P.F. Wellman. (C.O.) 11/8
- 8) Del. Pretoria. 331. 11/8
- 8) D.P.F. Wellman. (C.O.) 13/8
- 8) Del. Pretoria. 326. 12/8
- 8) D.P.F. Wellman. (C.O.) 13/8
- 8) D.P.F. Wellman (C.O.)
- 8) D.P.F. Wellman (C.O.) Aug. 21.
- 8) Del. Pretoria. 352. 19/8
- 8) Del. Pretoria. 367. 24/8
- 8) D.P.F. Wellman. (C.O.) 27/8
- 8) D.P.F. Wellman. (C.O.) Aug 27.

MINUTES

J speaks to Mr Wilman C.O.

A. Sir H. Stephenson (Pretoria) 315. August 10. P 28.

B. Sir H. Stephenson (Pretoria) 202. August 11. P 11.8.

C. Sir H. Stephenson (Pretoria) 224. August 20

D. Sir H. Stephenson (Pretoria) 231. J 15/8 Aug. 26

By U 2 weeks to Mr Fowler

Mr Fowler P 1.9.

(Printing Instructions)

(Referred to Legal Adviser)

(Action completed)

(Main Indexed)

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10/8.

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14.10.65

FROM PRETORIA TO FOREIGN OFFICE

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Clair

Mr. Gordon

No. 186

August 4, 1964

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D. 2.45 p.m. August 4, 1964

R. 3.01 p.m. August 4, 1964

JSA 2151/9

Your telegram No. 267. [Tristan da Cunha]

R.S.A. is already chartered for an unknown period commencing third week September, DFA are urgently seeking firm indication of its availability in October. Cost of chartering is estimated at about £140 per day not including harbour dues, lighter fees etc. (I am told this represents lowest economical running cost and that there would be no hire charge).

2. If R.S.A. were available in October or November would you propose to send Administrator and Medical Officer out then instead of March/April?

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(Date) 7/8

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C.C.

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(Date) 7 AUG 1965

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Your telegram No 186 [August 4: Tristan da Cunha]

If RSA is not available in October grateful for urgent notification of the first <sup>possible</sup> date.

- The medical officer and administrator will not be available to travel until March/April 1965 and grateful agreement for passages offered in your telegram No 159.

Distributed to P.S.  
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FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO PRETORIA

En Clair

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No. 315

August 7, 1964

D. 9.00 p.m. August 7, 1964

Your telegram No. 186 [August 4: Tristan da Cunha]

If RSA is not available in October grateful for urgent notification of the first possible date.

2. The medical officer and administrator will not be available to travel until March/April 1965 and grateful agreement for passages offered in your telegram No. 159.

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(Date) \_\_\_\_\_

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Telegram to:—

PRETORIA

No. 336

(Date) 12 Aug

And to:—

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En Clair.

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Mr Welman C.O.

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telegram No. \_\_\_\_\_ (date) \_\_\_\_\_

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— JSA 2101/9.

My telegram 331 [August 11: Tristan da Cunha]

Please seek charter from October 15 and confirm. Letter follows with details of personnel and equipment to be carried.

I etc. sent to P 412.8.  
WZAD

S.S. [Signature]  
12/8/64



FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO PRETORIA

En Clair

FILES

No. 336  
August 12, 1964

D:7.35 p.m August 12, 1964

PRIORITY

My telegram No. 331 [August **11**: Tristan da Cunha].

Please seek charter from October 15 and confirm. Letter follows with details of personnel and equipment to be carried.

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Telegram to:—

PRETORIA  
No. 331

(Date) 11 Aug

And to:—

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Mr Wellman cho.  
Aug 13.

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JSA 2101/9  
Yaw telegram No 202 [August 11:  
Tristan da Cunha].

We do wish to charter the RSA and will let you know the firm date as soon as possible. It is likely to be from mid-October for the period of the round trip.

Distributed to 7.11.8.  
WZATD

S.I.S.  
11/8/64

FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO PRETORIA

En Clair

J

FILES

No. 331  
August 11, 1964

D. 5.58 p.m. August 11, 1964

PRIORITY

Your telegram No. 202 [August 11: Tristan da Cunha].

We do wish to charter the R.S.A. and will let you know the firm date as soon as possible. It is likely to be from mid-October for the period of the round trip.

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FROM PRETORIA TO FOREIGN OFFICE

10 AUG 1964

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Sir H. Stephenson

No. 199

August 10, 1964

JSA 2101/9 A

D: 1.25 p.m. August 10, 1964

R: 1.27 p.m. August 10, 1964

Your telegram No. 315.

JSA 2101/9

Indication at present is that R.S.A. will be free the third week of October, but firm date not yet available.

2. Bookings for medical officer and administrator and families March/April confirmed.

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FROM PRETORIA TO FOREIGN OFFICE

11 AUG 1964

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Sir H. Stephenson

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No. 202

August 11, 1964

D. Untimed August 11, 1964

R. 9.20 a.m. August 11, 1964

PRIORITY

My telegram No. 199.

JSA 2101/9

R.S.A. will be free from October 12. Cost, as anticipated in my telegram No. 186, plus cost of fuel, which is anticipated at about £1,000 for the round trip. Department of Transport are investigating the possibility of a return cargo of fish to reduce the total cost to Her Majesty's Government.

2. Grateful for early indication whether you wish to charter.

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Copied. Col. O. Aug. 21.

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FROM PRETORIA TO FOREIGN OFFICE

En Clair

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Sir H. Stephenson

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*Johnson*

No. 224

D. Untimed

August 20, 1964

R. 5.03 p.m. August 20, 1964

*PD*

*John 20/8/64*

Your telegram No. 352.

The ship is reserved for twenty days from October 15. I await receipt of the letter mentioned in your telegram No. 336 before finalising the charter.

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FROM PRETORIA TO FOREIGN OFFICE

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En Clair  
Sir H. Stephenson  
No. 231

August 26, 1964. PW  
Your No. 367.

D. 5.10 p.m. August 26, 1964.  
R. 5.18 p.m. August 26, 1964.

JSA 2101/9

No objection in principle but you would have to provide facilities such as pen etc. since R.S.A. is not equipped to transport livestock.

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Telegram to:—

~~Antonia~~  
No. 352

(Date) 19/8

And to:—

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(Mr Wellman)  
✓ Aug 21.

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My telegram No 336 [of Aug. 12]

~~Antonia~~

Colonial office anxious

for earliest confirmation

that ~~the~~ ship <sup>is</sup> chartered

as requested.

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FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO PRETORIA

En Clair

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No. 352

D. 10.50 a.m. August 20, 1964

August 19, 1964

My telegram No. 336 [of August 12].

Colonial Office anxious for earliest confirmation  
that ship is chartered as requested.

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(Date) 24 AUG 1964

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 25 AUG 1964

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Telegram to:—

Pretoria

No. 367

(Date) 24 Aug

And to:—

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[Codeword—if any]

Address to

telegram No. (date)

repeated for information to

JSA2101/9

Repeat to:—

Your tel. no 224 [of August 20]

~~Investigate~~ we are investigating  
 possibilities of providing Hereford bull  
 calf for Tristram da Cunha. Gratefully  
 to learn by August 31 if R.S.A.  
 able to transport animal.

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 Colonial office.  
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FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO PRETORIA

En Clair

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No. 367

August 24, 1964

D: 7.25 p.m. August 24, 1964

Your telegram No. 224 [of August 20].

We are investigating possibilities of providing Hereford bull calf for Tristan da Cunha. Grateful to learn by August 31 if R.S.A. able to transport animal.

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WEST AND CENTRAL AFRICAN DEPT.

SOUTH AFRICA

JSA 2101/10

FROM  
W. Malan (S.A. Embassy)  
to John Wilson.

SUBJECT:

Purchase of various equipment and  
Supplies on Tristan da Cunha.

No. PS. 37/3.

Dated August 17.

Encloses Copy of:

References and Relevant Papers:

Received August 21.

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(Outward Action)

2/pt) W. Malan to John Wilson  
Col. off / 9

4/pt) A. J. Oxley (JA Hse)  
f. Sunrossil. Nov. 4

MINUTES

Draft to Co. L. 27/8.

Can you advise how this money (at present made out to Mr Wilson personally) can be paid over, as is required, to the South African Embassy?

Finance Department.

Dismissed

(Printing Instructions)

(Referred to Legal Adviser)

As suggested by Mr. Lee, we 7/10 have returned the p.o., in order that it may be made payable to the S.African Embassy. I confirmed with Crown Agents by phone that this would be done.

Al. 17/10.

We spoke.

You are holding the p.o. for these files. It can now be forwarded to the South African Embassy. Alpe inc 27/10  
over

(Action completed)

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Asm  
14-10-65

Lord Dunrossid  
W.C.A. Dept.

I have now written & sent the  
cheque to the SA Embassy (locally)

D<sup>21</sup>/<sub>4</sub>

A. D.F.P. Wellman (Colonial Office) to Mr. Wilson. FST 25/7/01.

Sept. 29

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B. J. Oxley (S. Africa House) to Lord Dunrossid. Nov: 9

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ENQUIRIES  
TELEPHONE WHF. 4488 Ext.

SOUTH AFRICAN EMBASSY,  
TRAFALGAR SQUARE,  
LONDON, W.C.2.

JSA 2101/10

JSA 2101 17th August, 1964

Dear John,

With further reference to Nick Elam's letter No. JSA 2101/1 of the 5th May, Pretoria has now informed us that the offer made by the Administrator of Tristan da Cunha to purchase certain South African equipment and supplies on the island is acceptable to the South African authorities. This equipment, you will recall, was listed in the Administrator's letter 30/2 of the 28th October (vide Nick's letter of the 24th January, 1964) and comprises the following:-

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Offered</u>
One lot	Masts and aerials .....	£ 30. 0. 0.
1	Tank Fuel .....	75. 0. 0.
800 gallons	Diesel fuel .....	70. 0. 0.
100 gallons	Paraffin .....	8. 0. 0.
3	Refrigerators .....	15. 0. 0.
3	Kitchen tables .....	1.10. 0.
3	Heaters .....	15. 0.
1 set	Lounge Suite .....	1.10. 0.
3 sets	Dining Room Suite .....	15. 0. 0.
4	Beds, single with mattresses .....	15. 0. 0.
3	Wardrobes .....	5. 0. 0.
2	Chests of Drawers .....	1.10. 0.
1	Safe .....	5. 0. 0.
1	Ladder, 8' .....	10. 0.
		<u>£243.15. 0.</u>

If the offer still stands we should be grateful to receive a cheque for this amount at the convenience of the authorities concerned.

We have been asked to add that the South African authorities would be pleased to hand over the remaining equipment free of charge to the Administrator.

Yours sincerely,  
Boet Malan

(W. Malan)

The Hon. John Wilson,  
West & Central African Department,  
Foreign Office,  
Whitehall,  
London, S.W.1.

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Draft. Letter

To:  
B.P.F. Wellman  
.....  
Colonial Office.

From:  
Mr. Wilson



I enclose a copy of a letter I have had from the South African Embassy about the purchase of South African equipment and supplies for Tristan da Cunha. If the details given in Malan's letter are correct, would you let us have a cheque as soon as possible to forward to the South African Embassy? You will note that the South African authorities are prepared to hand over the remaining equipment free of charge to the Administrator.

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Ante  
G.C.

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(JSA 2101/10)

COLONIAL OFFICE  
FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

September 1, 1964.

*Dear Wilson,*

---  
I enclose a copy of a letter I have had from the South African Embassy about the purchase of South African equipment and supplies for Tristan da Cunha. If the details given in Malan's letter are correct, would you let us have a cheque as soon as possible to forward to the South African Embassy? You will note that the South African authorities are prepared to hand over the remaining equipment free of charge to the Administrator.

(John Wilson)

B. P. F. Wellman, Esq.,  
Colonial Office.





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

D. 5/10

29th September, 1964

Our reference: FST 25/7/01  
 Your reference: JSA 2101/10

Dear Wilson,

Thank you for your letter of September 1st about the purchase of South African equipment by the Administration of Tristan da Cunha.

The details given in the enclosure to your letter are correct, and the Crown Agents for Oversea Governments and Administrations have been instructed to forward to you a payment of £243 15s. 0d. made payable to 'The South African Embassy', in settlement of the account.

Yours sincerely,

*D.F.P. Wellman*

(D.F.P. Wellman)

*DE*

*plus with Finance Dept 19/10*

THE HON. JOHN WILSON,  
 FOREIGN OFFICE.



South African Embassy

Revised  
5<sup>th</sup>/10

P.S. 37/3

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London  
9th November, 1964

My dear John,

I have handed to the Embassy Accountant the Crown Agents' cheque for £243.15.0d. which you were kind enough to send me with your letter JSA 2101 of the 4th November in connection with the purchase of certain equipment on Tristan da Cunha.

Sincerely yours,  
John

The Viscount Dunrossil,  
Foreign Office,  
London, S.W.1.

JSA 2101 / 10

FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

November 4, 1964

Dispatched in  
Department

Boet Malan wrote to John Wilson on August 17 with reference PS 37/3 about the purchase of certain South African equipment and supplies on the island of Tristan da Cunha.

... I now enclose as requested a cheque for £243. 15. Od. made out to the South African Embassy.

(Dunrossil)

A.J. Oxley, Esq.,  
South African Embassy,  
Trafalgar Square, W.C.2.

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WEST AND CENTRAL AFRICAN DEPT.

1964

SOUTH AFRICA

JSA 2101/11

FROM  
W. Malan (S.A. Embassy)  
to Mr. Wilson.

SUBJECT:

The helicopter on board the "R.S.A"  
is to be used to unload stores.

No. P.S. 37/3.

Dated August 17.

Encloses Copy of:

References and Relevant Papers:

Received August 21.

(Outward Action)

of the Mr. Wilson to Mr. Vellum  
Col. Off 1/9.

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Draft to CO. 11/27/8.

(Printing Instructions)

(Referred to Legal Adviser)

(Action completed)

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Am  
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Enter J 207/8

P.S. 37/3

SOUTH AFRICAN EMBASSY,  
TRAFALGAR SQUARE,  
LONDON, W.C.2

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Dear John,

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Pretoria has advised us that the Administrator of Tristan da Cunha asked for the helicopter on board the "R.S.A." to be used to unload stores which were conveyed to the island on that vessel in April this year. We understand that the Administrator assumed liability for the charges involved, viz. 11 hours 50 minutes @ £16 per hour = £189.6.8d. The bill in question has already been paid by the South African authorities who would accordingly be grateful to be reimbursed in due course.

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Yours sincerely,  
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(W. Malan)

The Hon. John Wilson,  
West & Central African Department,  
Foreign Office,  
Whitehall,  
London, S.W.1.

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To:  
B.P.F. Wellman  
Colonial Office.

From:  
Mr. Wilson

I enclose a copy of a letter I have had from the South African Embassy asking to be reimbursed the sum of £189. 6. 8. for the use of a helicopter which conveyed supplies to Tristan da Cunha in April. If the facts given in the Embassy's letter are correct, I should be grateful if you could let us have a cheque as soon as possible which we can send to the Embassy.



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(John Wilson).

B.P.F. Wellman, Esq.,  
Colonial Office.

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SOUTH AFRICA

**J** SA 2101/12.

FROM  
D.F.P. Wellman.  
(Colonial Office)  
to Mr. Wilson.

No. FST. 358/1/01.

Dated August 28.

SUBJECT:

Personnel and equipment to be carried to Inistan da Cunha on the RSA.

Encloses Copy of:

References and Relevant Papers:

Received September 2.

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28<sup>th</sup> August, 1964.

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JSA 2101

Dear Wilson,

We spoke about the recent series of telegrams which have passed between the Foreign Office (on our behalf) and Pretoria concerning the charter of the South African Ministry of Transport vessel 'R S A' for a trip to Tristan da Cunha, and I should be grateful if the following information regarding the personnel and equipment to be carried could be conveyed to the Embassy in Pretoria.

The passengers will be Mr. J.H.P. Hawtrey (who is the Chief Civil Engineer, Crown Agents), Professor P.A. Munch (of Southern Illinois University (who will be visiting Tristan da Cunha to study the islanders reaction to rehabilitation) and a Marconi engineer (most probably from a local South African office) whose name I do not yet know. The equipment, the total weight of which is expected to be about 20 tons, includes wireless equipment (transmitter, generator etc.), quarrying plant (compressor, jackhammers, rods and air hose etc.), fuel oil and lubricants (approximately 12½ measurement tons), landrover and trailer and gabions. Additionally there will be approximately 6 metric tons of explosives (special gelatine in cartridges, plaster gelatine in slabs). It is not yet known what equipment Professor Munch will be taking to Tristan da Cunha with him, but it is not expected that it will amount to very much.

It would be helpful if the passengers could be notified of a central point of contact in Cape Town from which they can obtain any necessary instructions regarding embarkation, and I should be grateful if this information could be conveyed to me not later than the middle of next month.

The equipment (but not explosives and fuel oil) is being shipped from the United Kingdom to arrive in Cape Town before the 15th October and is being addressed to Thomas Cook's representative there, Mr. N. Maughan, who will ensure it's delivery to the 'R S A' on time. The explosives and fuel oil are being purchased by the Crown Agents for Oversea Governments and Administrations from local sources in South Africa and will give instructions for their delivery to Mr. Maughan. (The fuel oil is, I understand, being obtained from South African associates of Shell, while the explosives are understood to be coming from Messrs. African Explosives and Chemical Industries of Johannesburg).

Information regarding the cubic measurement and weight of the equipment etc., has been sent to Mr. Maughan and he will no doubt be able to give the South African authorities any details which they may require.

Yours sincerely

D.F.P. Wellman  
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Hon. J. WILSON, M.P.

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Wellman's letter FST358/7/01 to Wilson - R.S.A. to Tristan - paragraph 3.

Point of contact in Cape Town C.S. Russell, JSENBAL [sic] officer, Marine Division, Department of Transport, Dock House No. 2 Portswood Road. Telephone 22548.

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SOUTH AFRICA

**J** SA 2101/13

FROM  
D.F.P. Wellman  
(Colonial Office)  
to Mr. Wilson.  
No. FST. 358/7/01.  
Dated September 16

SUBJECT:

Further information regarding personnel and equipment to be carried by RSA from Cape Town to Tristan da Cunha.

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References and Relevant Papers:

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E) O.M.C. Gordon  
(Pretoria)

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Dear Wilson,

I wrote to you on the 28th August about personnel and equipment to be carried on the RSA from Cape Town to Tristan da Cunha.

I now understand that Mr. David Wittridge of Marconi (South Africa) Ltd. is to be the third passenger, all three of whom have been informed of the contact in Cape Town notified in Pretoria telegram No.271 of 11th September.

I mentioned in my letter under reference that Professor Munch would be taking some equipment with him, and on the information I now have I doubt if this will amount to  $\frac{1}{2}$  ton. However, in addition to the equipment mentioned in my earlier letter there will also be compressor equipment weighing approximately 3 tons 11 cwts. Mr. Maughan of Thos. Cook's in Cape Town has the cubic measurement of this additional compressor equipment.

Progress has been made in connection with the provision of two bull calves (see Pretoria tel. No.231 of 26th August to Foreign Office), and we now know that these are being supplied by Mr. A. Hambly of Hartriver, Ingogo, Natal. Since there are, I understand, questions of livestock export permits and veterinary regulations to be sorted out, Mr. Hambly has been advised to contact Mr. Maughan in Cape Town and they will no doubt be able to clear these matters, and the problem of "penning" the bulls, between them to the satisfaction of the South African authorities. Mr. Hambly will also be arranging for a six months supply of fodder to go with the animals.

I should be grateful if, in due course, I could be notified of the normal passenger and freight (per ton) charges which the South African authorities would make for carrying passengers and cargo on the RSA from Cape Town to Tristan da Cunha.

Professor Munch is proposing to remain on Tristan da Cunha until March/April 1965, and I should be grateful to learn if the South African authorities would agree to the RSA taking him off of the island when it calls and picks up the Administrator and Medical Officer and their families (para. 2 of Pretoria tel. No.199 of 10th August to Foreign Office refers).

Perhaps the above can be conveyed to the Embassy in Pretoria.

Yours sincerely

D.F.P. Wellman

(D.F.P. Wellman)

THE HON. J. WILSON,  
FOREIGN OFFICE.

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