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Secretary for Defence.

VOYAGES BY S.A. NAVAL SHIPS IN CONNECTION WITH THE INTERNATIONAL GEOPHYSICAL YEAR.

1. Your file D.C. 63/15 refers.
2. The Chairman of the S.A. National Committee for the I.G.Y. has requested that the S.A. Navy should undertake further voyages during 1958 in connection with the International Geophysical Year, as follows :-
 - (a) A voyage to Marion Island during March 1958.
 - (b) A voyage to Gough and Tristan Islands during March/April 1958.
 - (c) Two voyages along meridian 10°E to the approximate latitude of Bouvet Island during June and September 1958.
3. Naval Chief of Staff advises that the first two voyages would take place concurrently with the normal annual relief voyages to be undertaken on behalf of the Department of Transport and would, therefore, involve no additional expenditure.
4. Special financial provision would, however, have to be made by Naval Chief of Staff on his estimates for 1958/59 for the voyages to Bouvet Island during June and September 1958. These two voyages, which could be undertaken as normal training cruises, would involve additional expenditure of approximately £10,000.
5. If approved as training cruises, charges will only be raised against the departments concerned i.r.o. the cost of victuals and accommodation provided to non-service personnel in accordance with the prescribed rates.

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6. I would like to point out that apart from the value of these voyages to the Committee of the I.G.Y. considerable benefit will also accrue to our own Hydrographic Service.

7. In view of the Cabinet's decision in regard to the Union's participation in the I.G.Y., would you kindly submit the matter to the Minister, and if approved by him, also obtain the necessary Treasury authority.

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COMMANDEANT-GENERAL UDE.

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He further stated that :-

"The periods at sea will be used to give sea training to SAF(ACF) Officers and ratings and can be considered as Training Cruises, therefore it is not proposed to raise any charges for ship's services (i.e.fuel etc.), except that costs will be recovered for victuals and accommodation of any non-service personnel embarked in accordance with the current rate laid down by the Secretary for Defence."

and that :-

"The work to be carried out by Natal will be extremely valuable to our own Hydrographic service in addition to the value that will accrue to the Committee for the International Geophysical Year."

- 8. Replying to enquiries as regards cost of the voyages Naval Chief of Staff, ^{replied} replied that "as a result of negotiations between the Hydrographer, SA Navy and the Chairman of the abovementioned committee, a programme was devised which was suitable to both sides.

The actual seetime involved has been set off against the normal votes (N.1 Stores and N6 Fuel/Lubricants) which can be met from the 1957/1958 estimates. As the ships involved will be doing their normal work during the time they are making observations for the I.G.Y. committee, it is not possible to indicate exactly how much will actually be spent on specific work for them."

- 9. The request was put to the Secretary for Minister's approval which was obtained.

FURTHER REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE BY SA NAVY DURING 1958

- 10. Dr. SCHUMANN has now requested Naval Chief of Staff to arrange for the following cruises to be undertaken during 1958 :-

- (a) a voyage to MARION ISLAND in March 1958
- (b) a voyage to GOUGH & TRISTAN ISLANDS in March/April 1958.
- (c) Two voyages along meridian 10°E to approximate latitude of BOUVET ISLAND during June and September.

- 11. Naval Chief of Staff advises that the first two voyages ie to MARION, GOUGH and TRISTAN correspond with the normal annual relief voyages to be undertaken on behalf of the Department of Transport and would, therefore, involve no additional expenditure. The voyages to BOUVET ISLAND during June and September, would have to be specially provided for as no provision has been made on his estimates for 1958/59. He estimates that the cost of these two voyages will be approximately £10,000 and requests that Treasury approval be obtained therefor.

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- 12. In this connection it must be pointed out that the Secretary in his letter conveying Treasury authority for the special equipment etc. referred to in para 5 above also stated that "if it should transpire at a later stage that the funds provided under the Subhead are insufficient to meet the expenditure in question, extra funds will be asked for in the Additional Estimates."
- 13. The voyages as requested above by the Chairman of the IGY Committee (Dr. SCHUMANN) are recommended for approval by Naval Chief of Staff.
- 14. If CG concurs the request will have to be put to Secretary for Ministerial approval, in principle, after which Treasury authority will be obtained.

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