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clearance be obtained give rise immediately to the wider
issue of whether the scope of procedure agreed in 1954

URGENT will be available now that a number of the Government. 3rd January, 1962.

CONFIDENTIAL accordingly discussed the matter informally
with the British Foreign Office. The United Kingdom view, as
expressed to us by the official consultation (was) is on

THE SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS: The British Foreign Office from the
South African's Department (from the Transvaal) in
that, in the spirit of the original arrangements between
South Africa and the United Kingdom, there was no reason
to assume that any change in the agreed notification
procedure was implied in consequence of the new consti-
tutional position. He suggested that we should continue
to work on the basis of the procedure outlined in the

Royal Society Expedition to Tristan
da Cunha

Clearance for South African Frigate
"Transvaal"

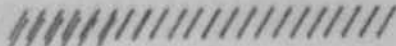
Please refer to your file 1/64/1 and to paragraph
3 of your telegram no. 2 of 2nd January, 1962, requesting
that clearance be arranged for the "Transvaal's" forth-
coming visit to Tristan da Cunha and Gough Island.

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
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P.S.37/3
South African Embassy,



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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.

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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 12/3029)

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

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Abb 1266

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TO: SECEXTERN PRETORIA.
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No. 11.

Your No. 6.

British authorities have no objection.

James Drake

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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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REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA



DEPARTEMENT VAN BUITELANDSE SAKE
DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

PRETORIA.

14. 2. 1962



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

PAYMENT VOUCHER ISSUED

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1 MAR 1962 Gough Island : Uitreiking van n radiolisensie.

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No. *[Handwritten mark]*

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 Gough Island.

Met die onlangse ontruiming van Tristan da Cunha het dit nou onmoontlik geword, en dit sal derhalwe waardeur 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 roepsein is ZD9AM.

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

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② The Accountant: Mr. Duff
May I please have R27/-
a P.V. for 10/-
made out to the
TRISTAN ADMINISTRATION FUND.
27/2/62

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TRISTAN ADMINISTRATION FUND. *[Handwritten note: acht handbest]*

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REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICADEPARTEMENT VAN BUITELANDSE SAKKE
DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.PRETORIA.
19. 2. 1962Die Buitengewone en Gevolmagtigde Ambassadeur
van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika,
LONDEN.Gougheiland : 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

Philip
u SEKRETARIS VAN BUITELANDSE SAKKE.

Mr. K. K. K.
M. K. K. M.
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LUGPOS

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 bewoon 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, aangeroer 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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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.

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A.G. 2/3

Send to
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Mr. Kruger

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2/3/62



COLONIAL OFFICE
GREAT SMITH STREET, LONDON S.W.1
Telephone: ABBEY 1266 EXT.

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

19th March, 1962.

Sent Krüger

1962.

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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COLONIAL OFFICE

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.,
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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. TWT 25/7/61 of the 19th March, with which you forwarded the radio licence and seal chain permits required by the South Africans onough Island.

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 verstrekk 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. *

A. J. OXLEY

Minister.

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REPUBLIEK VAN SUID-AFRIKA.
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA.



DEPARTEMENT VAN BUITELANDSE SAKKE.
DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

PRETORIA.

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

PAYMENT VOUCHER
11 APR 1962
No 16803
Robbeville

Gougheland : Radiolisensie

Ek erken hiermee ontvangs van u diensbrief nr.
P.S. 37/3 van 20 Maart 1962, en wens u mee te deel dat
magtiging van die Departement van Vervoer verkry is vir
die betaling van R38 aan die "Tristan da Cunha Administra-
tion Fund" vir die uitreiking van 'n radiolisensie en van
permitte vir die uitvoer van 'n aantal robbevelle deur die
bemannings van die Suid-Afrikaanse weersstasie op Gougheland.

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

MR. HONEYMAN
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
... issue of radio licence &
permits for export of seal skins

Mr. A.C.

File BK

SECRETARIS VAN BUITELANDSE SAKKE.

O.N.: No note at *
by accountants: this is only
in respect of seal skin
permits. Radio licence already
paid. BK.

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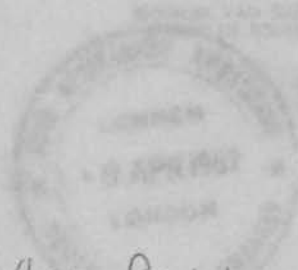
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Permits
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Mr. Kruger
A.C.

BK
20/3 2/3/62



12th April, 1962.

Dear Whitefield,

With reference to the correspondence on your file no. FST.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)

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REPUBLIEK VAN SUID-AFRIKA
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA.

DEPARTEMENT VAN BUITELANDSE SAKKE
DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS,

PRETORIA.

23.5.1962

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

Salvaging of Property and Equipment from
Tristan da Cunha.

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. Kruger.
Ask the security correspondence
division the British Colonial Office
I suggest you might have a word
with him on the above, then write to him
if more. 24/5.*

W. G. van der Merwe
SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

*File
BK 4/6/62*

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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.

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* 18 June

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Referend to noted 20/8/62 & 10/6/62 on confirmation call file

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12/8/62 Referend to Noted 10/8/62 A.Q. BK 11/7 11/9/62

Referend to #17/62

(re +) call file

Mr Krüger MJE 11/7 noted MJE 8/6 11/9 Krüger 8/10/61

Mr Krüger. Please see earlier letter to Mr Pettitt. I suggest you write him on the above. Mr Pettitt has a letter to write to her.

W. E. Rothwell
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 Calshot 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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The Times

Dated 2nd August, 1962

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 Culshot, 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.

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."

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

13 August, 1962

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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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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:

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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 to-day 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.

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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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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 ~~from~~^{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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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 re-inhabiting 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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**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.