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Nov 1941

TEMPORARY AIRFIELD

HOOKERS POINT

**ARCHIVE**

Dec 20/5

Jan 27/5

Feb 6/5

Mar 13/5



①

ACS

20/7

AC Face is my slight re-hash of SNV's plan B for the terminal building. Does it suit from the Inn point of view?

Note

Custom & Medical & SNV

20/7

also agree.

21/7

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~~Y/E~~ I thank you

25/7

may come to see these pp. I have agreed to meet with SNV & de la Clin towards the end of August to site the temporary terminal and agree on the re-alignment of the road.

25/7

BU 25/8

✓

BU 29/8

✓

BU 5/9

✓

③

~~Y/E~~

Draft of Face for approval.

60/80

As remembered

60/14/9

13/9



Reg.

(4)

Outward letter For Felix J.

C.S.

Sec r. 54.

Reg

19/9/72

18/9

BU 2 Week

X

22/9

Y/E / Y/S / P.d / 24/10

(5)

R 58. You have sent a tel asking the position I think?

BU

23/10

X

X

24/10

(6)

Y/E

Re La Colina gave me following list of those coming for the airfield opening:

- 1/ V Boys + Mr Fantorio
- 2/ V1 Army General
- 3/ V1 Admiral
- 4/ V Director of YCF
- 5/ V Iasmine + Ross + MFA
- 2 ex Brit Embassy (now not coming if Scott + co come)
- 7 Air Force Officers
- 1 Albatross + crew

(7)

X 29/10

to Chief Sec,

1-5 will have to come to G. M.

for lunch. As that are the ranks of the Air Force Officers? Are they part of the official delegation because if so they may have to come also.

30/11

P.S.

Did any of the words coming? I was asked from Mr Fantorio.



Proctor 15 Feb 99

(8)

Chief Secretary

1. Willie Bowles and I were discussing last evening at the cocktail party the question of a farewell for the members of the Argentine construction team when they have finally completed the temporary airfield. He said that there was quite a strong ground swell in the town that we should do something to mark our appreciation. Perhaps you could think about it and we can discuss but a reception at the Town Hall might be the answer.

*EGL*

EGL

17 November 1972

(9)

*YE*  
The Arg Cont Team leaves in 3 sections by the weekly flight beginning on Dec 4<sup>th</sup>. I am therefore proposing the following programme:

*For Dec 1<sup>st</sup>*  
~~Thurs Nov 30<sup>th</sup>~~: As many as want go by Forster for a day trip to Berkeley Sound (this is their special request.)  
*Thurs Nov 30<sup>th</sup>* 1900  
~~Fri Dec 1<sup>st</sup>~~ 1830 Drinks Party in Town Hall for 250 invited guests. Gov & HM6 provides drink, Council provides Free Hall, Guests are invited to bring a plate.

2030 Drinks are 'off' and party turns into a dance to which the public is invited. Siroce provide free music.

Sadie & DCS have arrangements - had if you approve.

P.S. I have changed the above dates around because the Fri is the opening of St Mary's bazaar.

*29/11*

*I have done / I thank you. I will forward /*



(10)

~~YF~~ Draft at Face was agreed by  
Heads of Posts today. Have you any  
points to add or change before it issues?

(11)

~~to King's Sec~~ The only comment I have is that  
Lester's design should be included in the list  
of names at para 10 / ~~11/12~~

~~1/12~~

(12)

Typed

11 Fair draft at 1200 = the  
form of a memo to Heads of Posts.

(13)

~~YF~~ Many thanks / ~~14/12~~  
We will already have seen 105 on the circulating  
file?

~~9/12~~

~~14.12.72~~

(14)

C.S.

The matter at 103a has been dealt  
with pl?

~~20/12.72~~

~~2.1.73~~ (15)

A.S. No. 11 write to SMO, let note clear Ambulance not to be in regular  
attendance only used when it is known  
that a sick person is coming or going. 3/1



13/5  
Chief Secretary

(16)

ROAD TO THE TEMPORARY AIRFIELD

1. With the advent of the rains I think we must do something to maintain the road to the airfield, particularly to the approaches to the terminal building and to the public car park.
2. Would you please ask the SPW to give us his recommendations so that if necessary we can go to Finance Committee.

*Relh*  
DGL

6 February 1973

(17)

*YE* *17/2*

*My wish to see you from R 120.*

*CS* *17/3*

*You may wish to see R. 124*

*28/3*

*15/2*

(18)

*DCS*

*R 125. Pl ascertain from De la Colina whether a DC 3 can land on our 800 metre strip. I suspect not. Then refer to R125 accordingly and say that no application to collect wildlife has yet been received from the E.R. Foundation and that export licences are issued only subject to v. stringent controls.*

*23/4*



Y.E.

(19)

18. I've spoken to V.C. de la Colina and he says a DC3 could land all right but taking off from a 800 metres air strip might not be possible, but it would probably depend on the loading of the aircraft. He reminded me of the need to seek permission before clearance was given!

Supt. of Civil Aviation thought that a DC3 could take off but again the loading of the aircraft might be the deciding factor.

As a first step the Elizabeth Reyyuk Foundation should apply for a licence which as the CS points out at 18 would be subject to very stringent controls. IF they obtain a licence, we could apply for permission for the aircraft to use the airstrip. If the pilot decided that the airstrip was not long enough the Elizabeth Revyuk Foundation could still obtain their birds by chartering a plane through LADE to fly them from Stanley to Comodoro.

Reply on the above lines?

26th

26.4.73

D. B. S. / PH reply to [unclear] [unclear] / 26/4



D.C.S.

(21)

Reception building at temporary airfield

Apart from the dishonourable mention on the radio the other night, I have heard from several people that the reception building at the temporary airfield is quite often in a filthy state, full of dirty ashtrays and other junk including empty beer cans. You are out there each week and will know if there is anything in this criticism, but we must ensure that the place is kept clean. Will you please speak to the S.P.W. and make certain that when visitors arrive they at least start off with a good impression and do not think that we too suffer from the English disease of litter everywhere.

*E.G.L.*  
E.G.L.

25th May, 1973.

(22)

*D.C.S.*  
SPW has been instructed to have the terminal building thoroughly cleaned each Monday afternoon, and the Starnies have undertaken to clean it each Monday morning. SPW has the matter in hand so no action is required now. But I'll keep an eye on things and see that the cleaning does not get forgotten.

*25/5*

*C.S.*

Noted.

(23)

*TRM*  
28.5.73



(24)

YE

As a result of 128 I  
drafted a memo to issue  
but see that instructions  
issued in December on the  
subject - R120 refers. (Sovay 103)

2. Need we remind?

3. Draft to Supt Fire Brigade re  
additional water supply s/c pl

DM  
9.7.73

(27)

C.S.

I'm not clear to what previous  
instruction you refer. Some reminder seems  
needed - specifically to tell SCA abt to issue  
papers for very good reasons.

2. Supt of Fire brigade. Now comes under  
SPW. Should we write to his direct - perhaps v/s?

(29)

YE

Sovay, R103 gave very  
clear instructions

DM  
12.7.73

12/7

(25)

C.S.

I suggest issue as amended

DM  
12.7.

17/7

Bp 10/8/73  
(na)



(26)

YE

R131 The Supt Fire Brigade considers that a further supply of water is unnecessary. The fire tender has 90 gallons.

Tether

30.7.73

(27)

C.S. For meeting at next Hd O meeting

(28)

Record.

Noted on CSO/7/4.

Tether  
28.7.73

7/7

(29)

For

Bu 20.8.73

Y.E.

R136. The Superintendent of Civil Aviation is in overall charge as airport Manager according to R103 and is in turn responsible to the local representatives of the Joint Consultative Committee.

We ban all unauthorised persons from the area for several good reasons and the Police have tightened up on this.

Section 5 of the agreement for the operation and maintenance of the airport says "5. The aerodrome shall be operated and maintained by personnel from the Argentine mainland, with the participation of local personnel....."

I can foresee complaints if the local population are prohibited from entering the area and Argentine tourists allowed to wander where they like because V.C. de la Colina gives them permission to take photographs. With more tourists likely to arrive this summer there appears to be the likelihood of yet more persons wandering around the aerodrome and consequently more friction.

DM  
23.8.73



(30)

C.S.

R 136. Pl aware to discuss  
this with me together with CPO & SCA idc.

R 132. Pl write authorising  
CA to pay - we can't argue over trivia  
when HMG is giving is £12 1/4 million. Also  
ref to Fisher accordingly.

YE

(31)

Dealt with

DM

24.8.73

28/8

(32)

Note

Meeting held and all told  
to play things cool in a difficult situation

C.S.

(33)

You are dealing with para 2

30/8

4 (30) ?

YE

(34)

Dealt with.

DM

30.8.73

30/8

Ja



Jhm  
12.11.73

(35)

Acting Chief Secretary -

First Anniversary of the Opening of the  
Temporary Airfield.

1. The outline programme looks as follows:-

10:30 a.m. Plane arrives from Comodoro  
10:45 a.m. H.E. greets visitors and introduces  
to Members of Council  
11.00 a.m. Party leaves airstrip for Stanley  
11:30 a.m. Drinks party given by Argentine Air  
Force - probably in St Marys Annexe  
12:30 a.m. Buffet lunch at Government House  
15:30 a.m. Plane returns to Comodoro

2. The following various points come to my mind:

- (a) Flags. We will need to have both the Jack and the Argentine flag flying alongside it as was the case for the official opening.
- (b) Traffic control
- (c) Additional transport, numbered so that everyone knows clearly which car to go to.
- (d) Crowd control. Probably as before. We will have to have the Marines out there unarmed and possibly also the FIDF.
- (e) Chief of Police will have to consider security aspects at the field ~~before~~, during and prior to the ceremony.

3. As you no doubt heard on the box, John Shakespeare will be staying on over the weekend for talks with me and I will try and fly him out to Camp for the day on Saturday: he will return on the plane of the 19th.

4. Will you consider the above urgently and let me know if you have any other points and then we will have a co-ordinating meeting of Heads of Departments concerned.

5. All travel cards and vaccination certificates and other documentation will be waived for this occasion: Aide memoires having been exchanged in the Consultative Committee.

6. One final point, Captain Isacke will join me on parade, if necessary helicoptering in from wherever the ship is in our waters.

7. A copy of this minute goes to Captain Collins, O.C.R.M.

10th November, 1973

  
E.G. Lewis



Y.E.

(36)  
Anniversary of opening of temporary airfield

I cannot see a large number of people attending an anniversary service as it hasn't <sup>the</sup> appeal of the opening of an external air service. I wouldn't think we would need the FIDE and think the Marines should suffice.

We should have a commentary as before.

Publicity: Last year the event publicised itself to a great extent in the normal course of events. There is a definite hardening of attitude towards Argentina by the public so I cannot see a terrible lot of enthusiasm but I could be wrong.

Cleaning of air terminal. The cleanliness is pretty good now but there may well be need for a special clean-up.

(37)

Y.E.

The Manager of the FIC has enquired if Government is going to meet the account for the use of the FIC jetty by the Bahia Buen Suceso while she discharges cargo for the airfield. He would like an assurance that Government will meet the charges for the use of the jetty, use of the crane and wharfage charges.

I've made an extract from SFC minutes regarding YPF tankers which bring fuel for the aircraft in which SFC ~~wish~~ wish to consider each case as it arises.

In the circumstances it would appear that we have no option but to give the assurance requested. The duration of Bahia Buen Suceso's visit is said to be two days.

16/11, yes we will have to pay

19/11

Mr. Stogge informed that we ~~were~~ will pay for time spent in discharging the airfield 21.11.73



Pa

(38)

YE  
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YE will wait to see R177

19/12

Bu 31/1/74

(39)

Peter

R180. Any applies?

DMH  
31.1.74

40

DCS

affraid not.

DMH  
7.2.74

(41)

CS

R180 No one appears interested in this now. I doubt if a re issue of the public notice will produce a candidate as a vehicle is required, the road is poor, the profit I wd think small for the time involved.

DMH  
1.2.74

(42)

DCS

P1 write to Mrs Biss as to if she will continue the refurbishment at a reasonable rental?

1/2



(43)

C.S.

Mrs Biggs paid £5 for the concession to operate a cafeteria at the airport temporary (no time limit was set to the duration) and so she would in any case be selling without paying any rent. The acceptance of her tender is at R133.

Thm  
5.2.74

(44)

DCS  
My impression from R179 is that Mrs B thinks she has to pay £5 per 6 months concession. I have now rung her & she is v. interested in continuing to provide the refreshment service as long as there is no tender fee and we provide her with a cupboard & one or two other things. She will write or call & advise.

Thm  
11/2/74

✓  
11/2

Thm BV 20/2

45.

A.S.

Re telephone 170 B re (44). I spoke to Adrian B. who said his wife was v. interested in continuing as long as she does not have to pay another £5.

✓  
21/2

Note: Mrs Biggs is now out of town

22.2.74.

By 26.2.74.



46.

C.S.,

I have spoken to Mrs Biggs. She has considered the matter but is still not interested in carrying on the concession, even if the £5 fee is waived.

§.  
26.2.74.

BV  
7/3

BV 1/4

(E chare Mr B)  
Tried twice unable to contact her

47.

Bu 8.474

Spoken to Mrs Biggs.  
Incoming passengers never used the facilities  
Outgoing passengers on rare occasions.  
The only people who used the cafeteria  
were Govt officials and to give up a  
morning for this was just not worth it.

25th  
9.474

79

48.

18/6  
yes.

Papers forwarded as requested please.

The official Argentine committee on the occasion of the opening of the temporary airfield is listed at p. 81, that on the occasion of the ceremony to mark the 1st anniversary of the opening is at p. 169 pt.

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17.6.74.



F.S.

Please see 182. S.P.W. has been asked for costs. Will you kindly see that he gives you these - approximately if need be, and lets you know if he can absorb into existing votes.

2. As this is technical assistance I take the view that our contribution is counterpart assistance.

3. Work will start last week in October when contractors arrive and PWD shall have to liase with them.


4. If a large expense is involved have you funds? Grateful you advise if necessary to go to SFC and ExCo.

  
C.S.

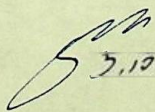
30.9.74

C.S.

I consider that an application will have to be submitted to the Standing Finance Committee for consideration as S.P.W. does not have a vote into which he can absorb the costs. He estimates it will cost between £500 and £1000 and will give me the figures before the end of the week so that I can include it on the schedule of additional expenditure for the SFC meeting on 15th Oct.

  
Ag.F.S.  
3.10.74.
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182  
W. r. t. (182) you will now wish to see 50 above.

54
  
3.10.74  
over



C S

1. This navigational aid (the VOR system) is being put in to improve the useability of the temporary airfield at Hooker's Point: it will enable planes to land at the field in weather conditions which at present would close the airfield for flying operations. It will also improve the approach facilities, and, in my opinion, the safety of the flying operations must be regarded as paramount.
2. The main cost (and it is indeed substantial) is being borne by the Argentine authorities, but I think it is only reasonable that we provide counterpart assistance in the way of help from the PWD: in other words, a joint operation.

*E. G. Lewis*  
E G Lewis  
8 October 1974

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*74. 16.11.2 9/10/74*

*Have noted 54. SFC agenda for 15 Oct will include provision for the VOR cable-laying as well as for contingent expenditure for VOR installation.*

*SCG*  
8.10.74

56

*AKG*

*Can we pl. have a run through of SFC agenda on Mon 14th? 1100 am would suit me. gr*

9.10.74

57

*Per*

*PLA*

*SM*  
19/10

*16.11.2 31/10/74*

58

*YE*

*(185) gr.*

*SM*  
5/11



DCS

59

(157)

Why has he not got in our transport? Is he so incompetent that he can't sort this out for himself?

5th  
7.11

60

CJ

Met. Officer has never had transport and in the days of S.C.A. going to the airport the Met. Officer was picked up by Mr Kent taken to the airport and when the plane departed Mr Kent returned the Met. Officer to the Met. station.

2. I do not think that Mr Barland can drive so if he could get a vehicle from the PWD he wd need a driver.

3. I do not think he is incompetent but this is a continuation of the policy of passing problems to us to sort out.

4. I suggest he be advised to explore every avenue - Royal Marines, Police, <sup>PWD</sup> or even HADE, before coming to us.

8/11

61

DCS

Yes pl. as at 4/60 & sort it out himself.

62  
9.11

CJ

Pl see your BU on (185). The public are to be told of this extension of the temp. airfield?

12.11.74



63

DCS

62

Th. a. for drawing to notice. / thought it was common knowledge. Have we not already issued a release? & not we shd do so but as the money has only so far been voted / think we shd wait until we can be more definite about a starting date. / understand from V/C BR that there may well be a problem over accommodation for labour wh. cd delay the project.

64

gm  
13.11

CS

No news release has been made as far as I know. What brought it to my mind was that the S.C.A. said he was not aware of the extension. I presume he meant that he was not "officially" aware of the extension.

2 Ill Bu. for one month.

reth  
14.11

65

DCS

Th. a.

gm  
15.11  
66

CS

63. The starting date is still far away?

Bu 14.12.74

reth  
17/12

67

DCS

yes. / understand to wait start until PE are finished. 6.7/12 la



Foreign and Commonwealth Office  
London SW1

Telephone 01-

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Your reference

J A Jones Esq OBE  
Colonial Secretary  
STANLEY  
Falkland Islands

Our reference  
HGF 21/3  
Date

5 November 1971

*Dear John.*

AIRFIELD SURVEY

1. The Ministry of Defence arranged to ship a Craelius Minuteman earth auger in SS John Biscoe which is due in Stanley on 17 November. This auger was for the use of the Royal Engineer detailed reconnaissance party and, as the reconnaissance will now be carried out by Rendel, Palmer and Tritton, the Ministry of Defence have agreed to allow RFT to use the auger.

2. On completion of RFT's survey the auger should be re-packed and returned to the Ministry of Defence in UK and I hope you can arrange for this to be done.

*Yours ever*

*George Kinnear.*

(G F Kinnear)

*SLC*

*F.R. in 2408.*

*M/4/11*



# GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

SENT

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WAP 15142—821 584578/790938 500 pds 12/68 Grp.782

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	PSY			16.11.71
To	LTF CROWN LONDON SW1			HD A/c

No. 246

YOUR REF ELB/FALK IS 1/30515 PORTABLE GENERATOR SET AIRFIELD PLEASE ORDER  
AS SPECIFIED YOURTEL 25TH AUGUST AND EXPEDITE DELIVERY DECEMBER SAILING  
CHARTER VESSEL STOP CONFIRMATORY INDENT NO PE 199/71 FOLLOWS

SECRETARY

Time HRT.

DECODE.TELEGRAM.*From* ..... HADOW BUENOS AIRES .....*To* ..... GOVERNOR FALKLAND ISLANDS .....*Despatched :* 12th November 1971 *Time :* 0327*Received :* 12th November 1971 *Time :*

To Priority FCO telno 567 of 11 Nov. Information Falkland Islands yrtelno 378. Text of Aide Memoire is as follows:-

Her Majesty's Government have instructed the Embassy to explore with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship the possibility of concluding an additional agreement related to the construction of a temporary landing strip by the Argentine Government. The agreement would incorporate its own "Sovereignty Umbrella" in the terms of that agreed in the notes exchanged on the 5th August and might also cover the following points:-

1. The provision by the Argentine Authorities of materials for the landing strip and for the maintenance of the construction party. These materials would naturally be free from duty.
2. The technical specifications according to which the landing strip which will be constructed.
3. The facilities for the Argentine members of the construction party which will be provided by the islands. These facilities would include water, electricity and the land for the tents or other accommodation.
4. The facilities such as land which will be provided for the landing strip by the islands



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5. The role of the Argentine Authorities in operating the landing strip once it has been built.

6. A precise estimate of the cost including all material for the landing strip and ancilliary buildings and equipment that could be taken by the Argentine Authorities when the landing strip ceases to be operational.

7. A precise statement of the costs that would be covered by the 2 parties to the agreement

HADOW

S/C

Usual copying plus two for G.H. files and one for CSO Airfield file

12/11/71

J.A.J.

PL: HT

~~Y/K.~~

*E.O. 11/11*

*will wish to write this (p. 16-17) for mention at next Exco.*

*K.I.V.*

*J. 11/11*

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# The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

°(INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1851.)°

REGISTERED 1902.

AGENTS FOR LLOYDS.

TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY" VIA RADIO.

*Stanley,*

19TH JANUARY,

19 72

THE COLONIAL TREASURER,  
THE SECRETARIAT,  
STANLEY.

DEAR SIR,

FURTHER TO OUR LETTER OF 22ND DECEMBER, 1971.

WE NOW HAVE PLEASURE IN ENCLOSING DETAILED LLOYDS UNDER-  
WRITER'S INDICATION.

WE AWAIT YOUR ADVICE AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE.

YOURS FAITHFULLY,

*R. S. S. S.*

FOR FALKLAND ISLANDS CO. LTD.

BOB/us.



TYPE: AVIATION PASSENGER PERSONAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE

FORM: K(A) FROM. NO PROPOSAL.  
DEATH, LOSS OF LIMBS, PERMANENT TOTAL DISABLEMENT.

ASSURED: THE FALKLAND ISLANDS COMPANY LIMITED.

PERIOD: 12 MONTHS AT DATE TO BE ADVISED LEADING UNDERWRITER.

INTEREST: TO COVER PASSENGERS TRAVELLING IN ALBATROSS AMPHIBIANS  
OF THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT BETWEEN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS  
AND COMODORO RIVADAVIA, ARGENTINE.

SUM

INSURED: PASSENGER PERSONAL ACCIDENT : £5,000 ANY ONE PASSENGER/  
£30,000 ANY ONE AIRCRAFT.

SITUATION: SOUTH ATLANTIC BETWEEN ARGENTINA AND THE FALKLAND  
ISLANDS.

CONDITIONS: NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING CONTAINED HEREIN TO THE  
CONTRARY, IT IS HEREBY UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED THAT  
THIS POLICY IS EXTENDED TO COVER THE INSURED  
PERSONS WHILST TRAVELLING IN MILITARY AIRCRAFT  
BEING USED FOR REGULAR AIR SERVICE BETWEEN  
COMODORO RIVADAVIA IN ARGENTINA AND THE FALKLAND  
ISLANDS.

PREMIUM: MINIMUM AND DEPOSIT PREMIUM £100 ADJUSTABLE AT £1  
PER PASSENGER PER FLIGHT.

INFORM-  
ATION:

REGULAR AIR SERVICE IS COMMENCING IN JANUARY, 1972,  
USING ARGENTINE ALBATROSS AMPHIBIANS, BETWEEN  
ARGENTINA AND THE FALKLAND ISLANDS. MILITARY  
AIRCRAFT BEING USED, BUT ON NON-MILITARY OPERATIONS  
AND AIRCRAFT WILL BE CARRYING UP TO SIX PASSENGERS  
ON EACH FLIGHT. FLIGHTS ARE AT FORTNIGHTLY INTERVALS.  
ANTICIPATED 100 PASSENGERS WILL BE CARRIED ANNUALLY,  
MOSTLY GOVERNMENT STAFF AT FIRST, BUT LATER A FEW  
FARMERS. VERY EXPERIENCED MILITARY PILOTS BUT NOT  
IN UNIFORM.

b. A.

19-20

Attached is the F.I.C. proposal for providing insurance facilities for passengers travelling by Albatross. The terms seem satisfactory: I interpret the premium clause as meaning a minimum of £100 for up to 100 passengers and £1 per passenger thereafter.

We may visit the point in Argentina - Comodoro Rivadavia - to be broadened to take in other landing points, and this should present no problem.

No reply to date from the Manager, Falkland Store.

L.G.

25.2.72

H.C.T.

We should accept the offer, with F.I.C. meeting the bill so far as F.I.C. staff & dependents are concerned. Presumably non-F.I.C. passengers should pay their own contributions.

2 I do not follow the reasoning behind the proposal to insure the aircraft: is this loosely worded so that it means maximum insurance per aircraft load of 6 passengers, £20,000?

3 Small inaccuracy of fact. Last sentence p.20. — "but not in uniform." The crew normally are in flying uniform though not in "blues". Perhaps it doesn't matter.

4 Can we go ahead as in my para. 1 or do we



72  
Need some sort of coming approval, e.g. from S.F.  
In view of the vital need to effect the necessary  
loan I consider that, provided there is an  
appropriate vote to which the cost can be charged,  
we effect the loan forthwith, asking H.F. for  
an urgent S/W, & report to S.F. later.

J  
3/11

24th January

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Superintendent, Public Works

Colonial Secretary

cc Mr. G. M. Johnston

Vice-Comodoro Ferrari

Vice-Comodoro Ferrari, who, when he comes here permanently in March, may reside, or at least initially reside, in an ESRO house, tells me that he would like to convert the cooker to gas. As you probably know, gas cooking, using containered gas, is highly popular in Argentina.

2. I have informed Vice-Comodoro Ferrari that he would have to discuss this possibility with you as I could not even guarantee that we permit the use of gas.

3. A copy of this memorandum goes to Mr. G. M. Johnston.

(J. A. Jones)  
Colonial Secretary

Mr. G. M. Johnston

I assume that you may well have objections to the idea of structural alterations to your house being carried out. No doubt you will wish to discuss this further with Vice-Comodoro Ferrari.

J.A.J.  
24.1.72

JB



408/B  
24  
24th January

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Superintendent, Public Works

Colonial Secretary

Vice-Comodoro Ferrari: Visit to airfield and Temporary  
airfield

We have agreed that you will collect Vice-Comodoro Ferrari from Government House at 2.30 p.m. tomorrow, Tuesday, the 25th January, to take him out to Hooker's Point and Cape Pembroke in order to show him the sites of both the temporary and the permanent airfields.

2. A copy of this memorandum is being sent to the private Secretary.

(J. A. Jones)  
Colonial Secretary

cc P.S. to H.E.

JB

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SECRETARY

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Would you advise pl.

*[Signature]*  
CS

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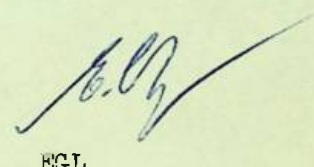
This portable generator was ordered on the advice of the original Argentine delegation as being necessary for their temporary airport project. The 2nd Delegation doubted whether it would be required. I spoke to the C.S. at the time, on whether we should hold the order in abeyance pending whether the Argentines wanted it. (The cost is in the region of £700). and then the matter has rested. I suppose the last thing to do would be to telegraph the C.A.S. saying, "regret no decision reached yet - or whether the generating set will be required, grateful if you can state held in abeyance." Or something along similar lines, unless you have more definite information

S. 17/4/72

Colonial Secretary

TEMPORARY AIR FIELD

1. After we have disposed of the LegCo meeting and the Queen's Birthday Parade and attendant celebrations, we will have to consider how we are going to cope with the Argentine ship or ships expected to arrive early in May with some of the equipment for the building of the temporary air field.
2. In particular we will have to make it clear to all heads of Departments that this work has the highest possible priority and that I expect everyone to extend to the Argentines the fullest co-operation. In addition, although not anticipating any trouble, there is always the possibility of someone with too much drink aboard - whether a Marine, a local or an Argentine - causing a fracas in a pub and we must ensure that the police are warned to deal with this type of affair with firmness, restraint and good humour.
3. In this regard, I have told the Commanding Officer of the Royal Marine detachment that I expect his men to ensure there is no trouble.



EGL

17 April 1972



Y.G.

Mr Sleggie advised me this morning that his company had agreed to reduce wharfage fees for the vessel bringing in materials for the construction of the temp. airfield, to a nominal payment of £10 per day from £50 per day.

2. He requested that Govt. takes similar action with regard to the various fees we raise on vessels entering harbour. Although it seems reasonable that we shd. fall into line with the plan, I explained to him that this cd. not be done off the cuff & wd. need your approval.

3. Section 16 B (1) of the Harbour Regulations gives authority to the Governor-in-Council to exempt wholly or in part, any vessel from the payment of such charges i.e. w. Harbour Dues, Pilotage & Services of a Tender.

The current fees are Harbour fees  
(entrance & clearing)

	£5
Pilotage	£10
Services of Launch	£5
Harbour Dues	£5

4. Wharfage is charged at the rate of £10 per day & this again wd. need approval of G. in C. to waive or reduce by amendment to the Regulations (Vol I p. 249)

12.4.72

Colonial Secretary

1. As part of the agreement for the building of the temporary air strip we must be prepared to carry the local costs as is the case in most Technical Assistance schemes; therefore I authorise you to exempt wholly the Argentine ships coming in in connection with the building of the air strip from the following:

All harbour dues, pilotage, launch services etc.

The question of wharfage should not arise as the ships presumably will be using the FIC wharf.

EGL

14 April 1972

17th April

72.

From:  
The Acting Colonial Secretary,

To: The Harbour Master,  
Stanley.

c.c. Treasury  
Clexco

Construction of Temporary Airstrip

As part of the agreement for constructing the temporary airstrip we must be prepared to carry local costs in much the same manner as we do for technical assistance schemes. The Governor has therefore authorised that harbour dues, pilotage and launch services which may arise when Argentine ships visit Stanley in connection with the building of the airstrip shall be exempt.

2. The question of wharfage should not arise as the vessels are expected to use the P.I.C. jetty.

3. By copy of this memorandum I am asking the Clerk of Executive Council to note this subject for mention at the next meeting.

(H. L. Bound)

ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY

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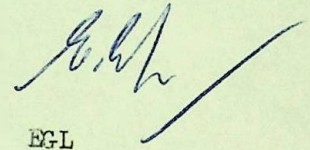


ColonialSecretary

TEMPORARY AIRFIELD

1. I still have not received word from Buenos Aires about the exact composition of the Argentine construction party but at a social reception the other evening De La Colina mentioned a figure of 40; I am going back to Buenos Aires to check on this.

2. Also, I heard indirectly that the party has wireless equipment which they intend to land and operate on arrival. Will you check with De La Colina what is the position as we have ground rules about the use of wireless equipment and we may have to consult the Postmaster and Moody Brook.

  
EGL

1 May 1972

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

*From* HADOW BUENOS AIRES

*To* GOVERNOR FALKLANDS

*Despatched :* 5th May 19 72 *Time :* 0442

*Received :* 5th May 19 72 *Time :*

En Clair FM Buenos Aires 042120Z Unclassified to Priority Falkland Islands telno 80 of 4th May repeated for info to FCO. Your telno 122 Temporary Airfield departure of "Cabo San Gonzalo"

1. The vessel will sail at 10 am on 6th May the Argentine Navy have agreed to carry Avgas. We are in contact with Shell and are attempting to arrange shipment of as much as they can supply. The ship is expected to arrive on 13th May. Its stay in port will depend on the length of time needed to unload the machinery for the construction party but 5-6 days is anticipated.

2. The rock crusher weighs 20 tons and lest there is any danger that the quay will be unable to bear the weight the navy are carrying special steel supporting sheets

HADOW

PL: HT

DCA advised  
by Ag.C.S.  
S.S.72

Itm advised  
by Ag.C.S.  
S.S.72

J.I.C. advised

by Ag.C.S.

S.S.72



DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From ..... HADOW BUENOS AIRES .....

To ..... GOVERNOR FALKLANDS .....

Despatched : 5th <sup>May</sup> April 19 72 Time : 0045

Received : 5th <sup>May</sup> April 19 72 Time : 0930

En Clair FM Buenos Aires 042210Z Unclassified to Flash Falkland Islands telno 82 of 4th May repeated for info to FCO. See MIPT Airfield Construction Party. Following are names of the team:-

Portillo Felix  
Frank Alonso  
De los Santos Angel ~~returns to Buenos Aires~~  
Ferrer Sebastian ~~returns to Buenos Aires~~  
Asef Jose Antonio  
Curti Enrique Juan  
Schaefer Carlos Guillermo  
De Nardo Jose  
Gomez Agustin Cecilio ~~returns to Buenos Aires~~  
Barbich Jorge Vladimir  
Berni Amalio Enrique  
Quiroga Gregorio Julian  
Palenzona Antonio Fausto  
Sierra Leopoldo Amador  
Castello Roque  
Fernandez Oscar Aquilino  
Ortenzi Ortelio  
Riboli Antonio Jose  
Rios Toribio  
Ramos Angel  
Piatti Romulo Federico  
Laitano Francisco  
Ardiles Manuel Hector  
Richetti Ricardo  
Miguel Angel Montero ~~returns to Buenos Aires~~  
Parets Miguel  
Garay Anibal Osvaldo  
Carcia Carlos  
Del Moral Rafael  
Ibanez Robustiano Gregorio  
\* Martinez Juan Carlos  
Francecetti Eduardo  
Lopez Carlos Rogelio  
Zalazar Isidoro  
Ortiz Carlos Florencio  
Fresser Alcides  
Lopez Quiterio Timoteo  
Aguilera Emilio Martin  
Lubo Ramon Desiderio  
\* Valette Lucca Mario Ernesto returns to Buenos Aires  
Fernandez Ruben Oscar ~~returns to Buenos Aires~~  
Von Borowski Celso  
Quiroga Hector Hugo  
Pozzo Santiago Celestino  
\* Avignolo Mario Doris returns to Buenos Aires  
\* Lopez Rogelio Ramon returns to Buenos Aires

2. \* Captain Ernesto Campos will also travel in the Cabo San Gonzalo to consider where two storage tanks might be cited for fuel for the F27S and the Guaranis. He hopes to have discussions on this with appropriate officials and Sloggie. The type of fuel in question is JB1 for Turbo-prop engines and will not serve for the Beavers.

HADOW

\* Returning to Ba

HE

min. officer

1/2 data China

144-34

31st May

72.

Dear Sir,

Portable Generator Set  
for Temporary Airfield

I refer to our telephone conversation of this morning. You confirmed that the Portable Generator set previously asked for will be required for flying operations at the Temporary Airfield.

2. This morning I telegraphed our London Agents requesting them to place a firm order for the unit and to expedite delivery. I anticipate delivery will be made on the second sailing of the Charter Vessel M.V. AES. arriving Stanley about the end of September.

3. For your information the specifications of the unit are:-

One Generator set. 380/220 volts. 4 wire  
60 Hertz. 9 KVA. 0.8 P.F. Skid Mounted,  
Hand start LISTER diesel SR2 engine, Air  
cooled. Self regulating alternator set  
mounted panel with ammeter, voltmeter and  
and miniature circuit breaker.

A small quantity of spares have also been ordered.

4. Referring now to your enquiry in respect of the available electric power at your proposed tank farm near-about the Falkland Islands Company's disused Butchery. I confirm that a single phase supply is available at this site. Under existing conditions the load would be limited by the voltage drop and should not exceed 5 KW. If however a greater demand is anticipated heavier cables will need to be laid. Perhaps in due course when your plans are approved and finalised you will tell me what your electrical needs are to be at this site.

Vice Comodoro De La Colina,  
Racecourse Road,  
STANLEY.

Yours faithfully



c c Colonial Secretary.

Supt. P & E Dept.

ECG.



2408/B

PE 199/71.

CAs. Ref. E1/Falk Is. 1/30515/1.

22nd May

72.

For the attention of Mr V. Johnson.

Dear Sir,

Portable Generator Set.  
Indent No. PE 199/71.

With reference to the above Indent. This Generating Set was asked for by the Argentine Authorities when they first proposed to build a temporary airfield here. Their Study Team who followed told me they had no use for the set, hence my telegram of 11th January 1972, asking you to hold the order in abeyance. The Argentine Construction Team have now arrived and are building the temporary airstrip, they do not require the set but have suggested that the original request was most likely made by an official who was concerned with the flying operations and it was likely that it would be required when flying started in November. I have telegraphed Buenos Aires to obtain confirmation of this. Directly I receive a reply I will telegraph you.

Crown Agents,  
LONDON.

Yours faithfully,

ECG.

Supt. P & E Dept.

ECG.

7th July

72.

From: The Colonial Secretary,

To: Senior Medical Officer  
Superintendent of Public Works  
Officer in Charge, Police  
Collector of Customs  
Immigration Officer

Terminal Building Stanley Temporary Airfield

It is anticipated that the temporary airfield will become operational on November 1st of this year and remain in use for approximately three years. It is thus clear that a temporary terminal building capable of processing twenty incoming and twenty outgoing passengers will have to be designed and constructed without delay. Provision will also be needed to shelter greeters and farewellers.

2. I would thus be grateful if all addressees would consider in detail the specific needs of their departments and assemble in the Secretariat conference room for a short meeting at 1000 hours on Wednesday July 12th in order to provide a brief for the Superintendent of Public Works to base a design and estimate on.

*L. H. Loyne*

(L. H. Loyne)  
COLONIAL SECRETARY

CB

Note

Meeting held.

Reestimated requirements -

Medical	1 desk
Immigration	1 desk
Customs	1 counter
Police	1 checkpoint
General	office.

BU

12/7

I.O.

To establish procedure for simplifying formalities, arising from stamping of passports.

Simple plan drawn up & handed to SPV who will cost etc and return to C.S. a.s.p.

*L. H. Loyne*  
12/7

BU 19/7



## MEMORANDUM

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

14th. July, 1972.

To: Colonial Secretary,

From: Superintendent of Works

STANLEY:

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT:- Temporary Airfield Reception Building.

Buildings available for temporary use as a reception or terminal building, capable of processing twenty passengers in and out, are shown on sketch 'A' and 'B', sketch 'C' can only cope with either in or out at separate times. Item 'D', not sketched, is as sketch 'C' with the exception of any internal work, 'shell only', as may be required with reference to shelter for 'greeters and farewellers'.

*Plans at 43-4.*

A. Meteorological Building or part thereof. The sketch 'A' shows a previous proposal in relation to housing members of the consulting engineers team. The survey, now being complete, I doubt if the proposal would now be valid, as accommodation and offices for the permanent airfield would primarily be the responsibility of the successful contractor. The Met. Station has a floor area of approximately 2,000 sq ft. of which only 700 sq ft. is being used to the full. The building is part sectional and to remove part shown in sketch A.1 would not be difficult, loss or damage would be slight, only the ceiling could expect some damage, 'plasterboard', the building is insulated and double glazed, ideally suited for exposed areas such as Hookers Point. It is fully partitioned and the layout lends itself to simple conversion for a small terminal building, with cupboards removed and counters installed in two partitions, and two doors transferred to external doors, is approximately all that is required, there is lino throughout. The estimate for dismantling and re-building and making good both parts = £450. This particular work would be allocated to Carpenters and their apprentices, to avoid delay and damage, this being the case their salaries would not show against this item, but against XV/vii and XV/xix, this provision already made, the actual cost would possibly be less than £250.

B. Nissen Hut 42' x 19' I have inspected the three nissen huts recently dismantled, and can say it is possible to re-erect at least one as a complete job with partitions, floors etc., and another one just as a shell (no floor) without involving the replacement of a great amount of materials. Sketch 'B' provides sufficient space for passengers waiting to be processed. The estimate for re-erecting the hut 'B' and a few modifications, width increase, echolon sheets to improve the lighting, partitions, etc., approximately £350.

C. Nissen Hut 36' x 16' I am doubtful of this building having sufficient area to cope with twenty passengers and baggage, item 'B' is cutting it fine, but it does provide single lane traffic and a small area for incoming, whereas Nissen Hut 'C' provides only sufficient space for about six, and not more than ten, if the barrier was removed, the remainder would have to brave the elements until sufficient processing had been accomplished. For reasons of ventilation the toilets would have to be added on. Re-erected estimate, £250

D. Not on sketch, but identical size to 'C', without partitions or toilets. Floor of compact soil cement. Provision for shelter only. Estimate of erection = £80

Comment: I particularly mentioned 'D' shelter on recollection of previous discussions with reference to the temporary air strip, when such items as roads, tracks, and safety in general. Personnel who attended this meeting were, the Colonial Secretary,



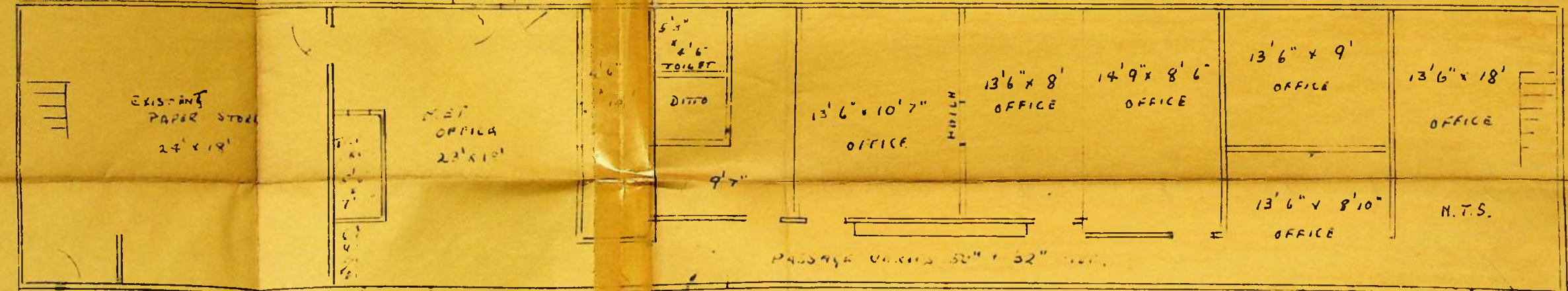
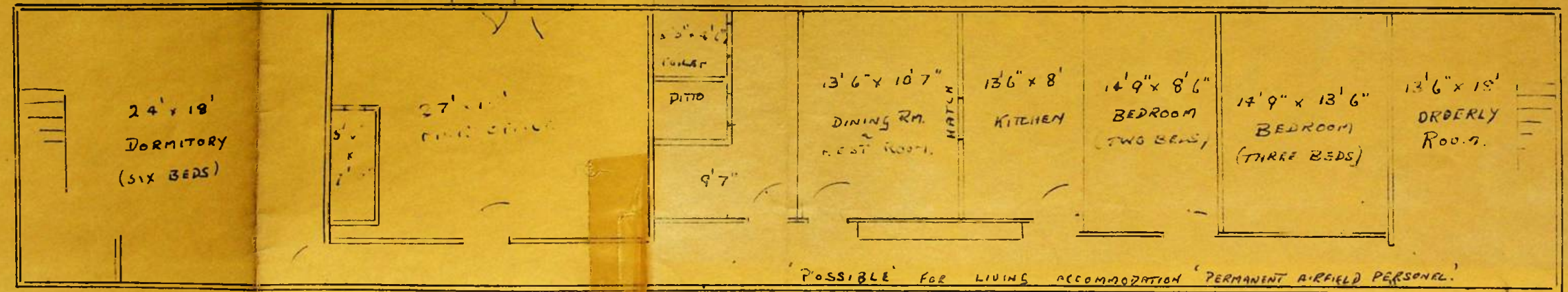
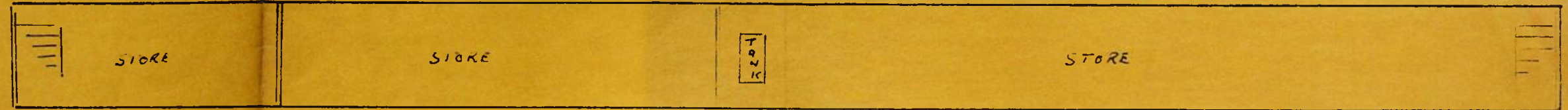
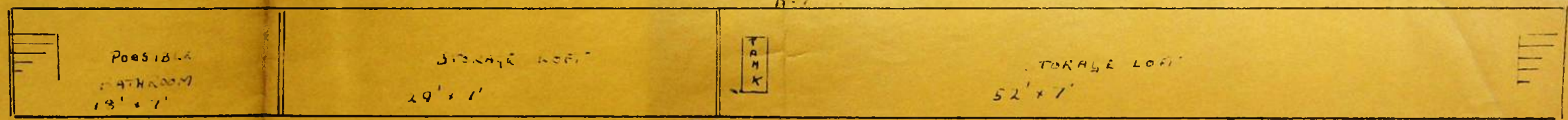
Mr. J.A. Jones, Colonel R. Wheatley, Group Captain Melrose, Com. Lob, Major Remerino, Engineer Cabot, and myself. It was verbally agreed that a short time Before E.T.A. and until the departure of the plane that the road would be closed between the fence just East of the P.W.D. magazine, to the fence crossing down towards Cannache, by a single barrier system over the pase libre, with a warning sign, and only the authorised would be within those limits. It involves something in the region of 200 yards each side of the airstrip, the airstrip itself is unfenced and without some precaution it could become extremely hazardous, particularly if a man is sitting in his Rover drinking, through impatience, waiting for his long overdue wife to return on the plane, and decides to drive down the strip to meet it on touch down. Although the latter sentence was not discussed, the danger of such incidents were. Perhaps a shelter ought to be considered, if only to simplify control of vehicles and personnel.

*J.W. Lyons*

Superintendent of Works.



# METEOROLOGICAL STATION LAYOUT.



N.T.S.

PRESENT LAYOUT

SHADE AREA NOT IN USE.

60'

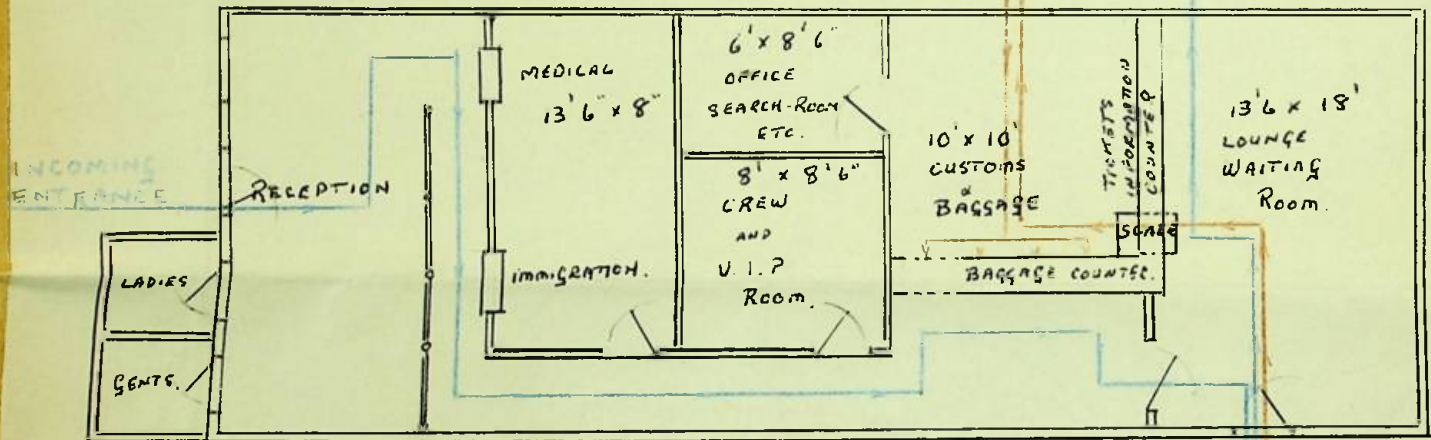
AS IT STANDS



MET. STN.

A.1

BAGGAGE  
PASSENGERS.



AS IT WOULD BE AFTER REMOVAL OF CUPBOARDS  
AND COUNTERS REPLACING TWO PARTITIONS



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MEMORANDUM

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

22nd July, 1972.

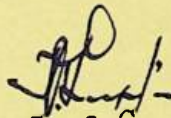
From: Collector of Customs,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To: The Colonial Secretary,  
STANLEY.

SUBJECT — Temporary Airfield

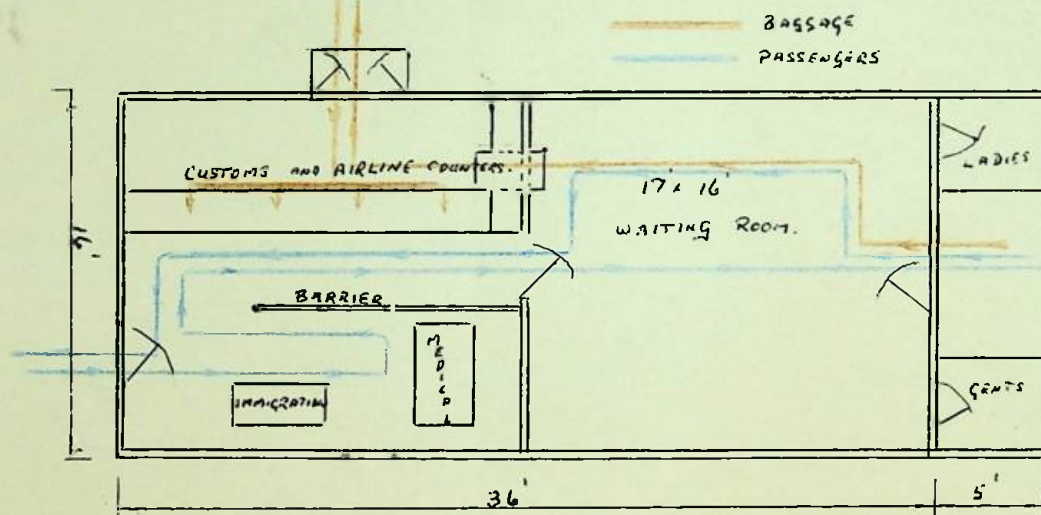
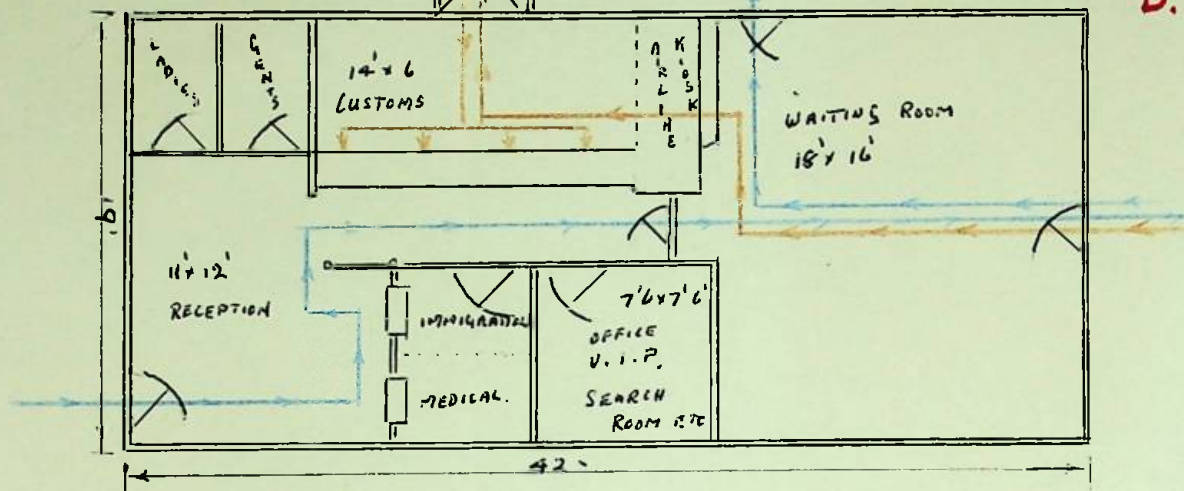
Reference our conversation yesterday morning regarding the Terminal Building at the Temporary Airfield.

7 I would like to suggest a slight alteration to the proposed plan, namely that the counter between the Passenger Waiting Room and the Customs/Air Line Hall be changed from an open counter to a counter with one or two small hinged doors on top. This would maintain much more privacy on the official side and also exclude a large amount of cold draft.

  
C of C

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19' x 42' NISSEN HUT (7 BAY) 3' WIDTH EXTENSION.

B.

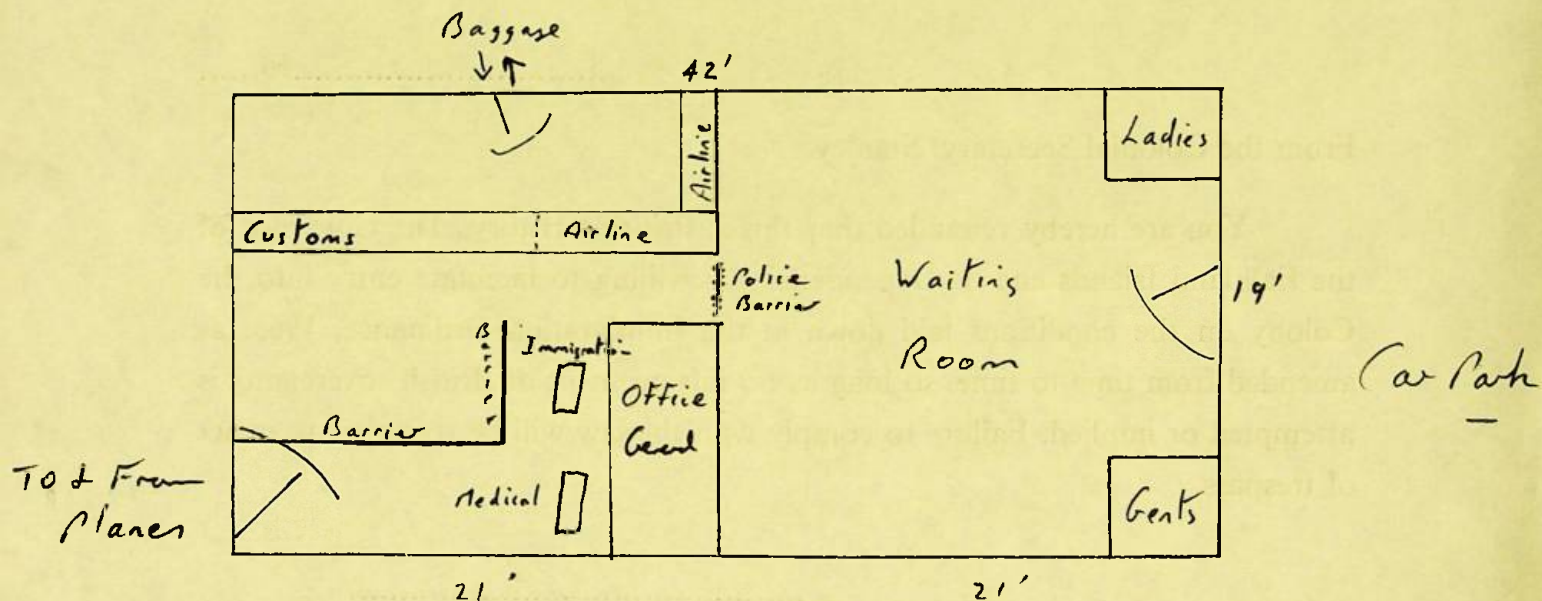


C.

16' x 36' NISSEN HUT (6 BAY)



19 x 42 Nissen Hut



# Note of PROTEST



.....19.....

From the Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

You are hereby reminded that this is British territory. The Governor of the Falkland Islands and its Dependencies is willing to facilitate entry into the Colony on the conditions laid down in the Immigration Ordinance, 1965, as amended from time to time, so long as no infringement of British sovereignty is attempted or implied. Failure to comply with the law will be regarded as an act of trespass.

.....  
for Colonial Secretary.



22nd July,

72.

TO: Superintendent,

FROM: The Colonial Secretary.

Public Works Department,

Stanley.

Terminal Building Temporary Airfield Hookers Point

Thank you for your memorandum PWD 075 of July 14th together with the plans.

We have discussed this, and agreed that plan B (the 19' x 42' Nissen Hut) as slightly modified in my sketch attached will suffice as our temporary terminal building. Would you please therefore apply for the necessary supplementary expenditure. The Standing Finance Committee meets next at the end of August, and this will then give you September and October in which to re-erect the building.

(T. H. Layng)  
COLONIAL SECRETARY

Copy to:

Senior Medical Officer  
Colonial Treasurer  
Customs Officer.

BA

1st August

72

To: Superintendent, Public Works,

STANLEY.

FROM: Colonial Secretary

cc: Colonial Treasurer

Charges to Argentine airfield  
construction team

I have reached agreement with Vice Comodore de la Colina concerning the construction of the road diversion round the top of the temporary airfield. His team will contract this diversion free of charge, but he asks that the attached PWD accounts totalling £76.41 be waived to offset in a small way this extra task. This is an extremely good bargain from our point of view, and I would be grateful if you would arrange the necessary accounting entries. If necessary, you should increase the amount of your application for supplementary expenditure for the air-terminal by the same amount and re-style the application to refer to the road diversion as well.

(T. H. Layng)  
COLONIAL SECRETARY

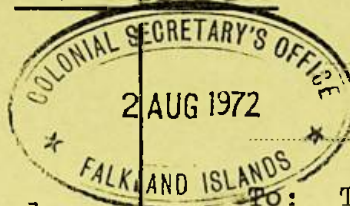
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MEMORANDUM



2nd August, 19 72.

From: ~~The~~ O.i.c., Agricultural

Dept.,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To: The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

SUBJECT —

Temporary Airfield.

The area in which the temporary airfield is being constructed forms part of the Stanley Common. Animals will therefore have access to the actual run-way and to the immediate vicinity of the Terminal Buildings - this I imagine is very undesirable.

I should be pleased to learn what action, if any, this department should take to isolate animals from the area in question.

Handwritten signature, possibly "J. R. /".

O.i.c.

16th August

72

To: Officer-in-Charge,


From: Colonial Secretary

Agricultural Department.

Temporary Airfield Hookers Point -  
Fencing

48  
Please refer to your memorandum of 2nd August on the above subject, and I am grateful to you for bringing this matter to my attention.

2. I would be grateful if you would study the problem of keeping animals off the temporary airstrip and report your recommendations. You will appreciate that with only one flight per week, it will not be economic to fence the entire area. Can farmers be reasonably asked to enclose their animals, say, each Monday afternoon? How many cattle and horses are there grazing in the area?

  
(T. H. Layng)  
COLONIAL SECRETARY

HRT.



2405/15

Port Stanley (2)

ARGENTINE  
REPUBLIC



Treaty Series No. 82 (1972)

## Exchange of Notes

between the Government of the  
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland  
and the Government of the Argentine Republic

concerning the Construction and Operation  
by the Argentine Government of a  
Temporary Aerodrome in the  
Falkland Islands

Buenos Aires, 2 May 1972

[The Agreement entered into force on 2 May 1972]

*Presented to Parliament  
by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs  
by Command of Her Majesty  
July 1972*

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HER MAJESTY'S STATIONERY OFFICE

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**EXCHANGE OF NOTES  
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM  
OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE  
GOVERNMENT OF THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC CONCERNING  
THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION BY THE ARGENTINE  
GOVERNMENT OF A TEMPORARY AERODROME IN  
THE FALKLAND ISLANDS**

No. 1

*Her Majesty's Ambassador at Buenos Aires to the  
Argentine Minister for Foreign Affairs and Worship*

*British Embassy,  
Buenos Aires.*

Your Excellency,

*2 May, 1972.*

I have the honour to refer to the recent discussions in the Special Consultative Committee, referred to in paragraph (1) of the Joint Statement which was initialled by the representatives of our two governments on 1 July 1971 and approved by them on 5 August 1971<sup>(1)</sup> (hereinafter referred to respectively as "the Special Consultative Committee" and "the Joint Statement"), about the construction and operation of a temporary aerodrome in the Falkland Islands by the Argentine Government. Accordingly, I have the honour to inform you that the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland are prepared to conclude an agreement in the following terms:—

1. The temporary aerodrome shall be located at Hooker's Point. The specific site of the aerodrome, and any ancillary rights over neighbouring land which may be needed for the duration of the construction and operation of the aerodrome, shall be as agreed between representatives of our two Governments in the Special Consultative Committee.

2. The runway shall be approximately 800 metres long and 30 metres wide.

3. The Argentine Government shall take the necessary measures to construct the aerodrome and to provide the required materials and equipment for its construction, operation and maintenance. They shall employ mainly personnel from the Argentine mainland, but with the participation of local personnel. The composition of the construction team shall be as agreed in the Special Consultative Committee. The construction team may obtain and use, free of charge, such construction material from the land surrounding the aerodrome as may be agreed in the Special Consultative Committee.

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(1) Treaty Series No. 64 (1972), Cmnd. 5000.

4. The United Kingdom Government shall provide a building for personnel from the Argentine mainland who construct the aerodrome. For that building, and for the construction, operation and maintenance of the aerodrome, the United Kingdom Government shall provide water, and electricity as soon as sufficient generating capacity is available.

5. The aerodrome shall be operated and maintained by personnel from the Argentine mainland, with the participation of local personnel. The composition of the operation and maintenance team shall be as agreed in the Special Consultative Committee.

6. For the construction, equipment, operation and maintenance of the aerodrome—

(a) the United Kingdom Government shall bear the costs of providing

(i) the land for the aerodrome and any ancillary rights over neighbouring land referred to in paragraph (1) of this agreement;

(ii) the building referred to in paragraph (4) of this agreement, including the cost of any rent, but excluding the cost of any structural alterations, rates and maintenance; and

(iii) the water and electricity referred to in paragraph (4) of this agreement; and

(b) the Argentine Government shall bear all other costs.

7. (i) No taxes or duties shall be imposed in the Falkland Islands in respect of—

(a) materials and equipment brought to the Islands by the Argentine Government for the purposes of this Agreement; or

(b) personal effects brought to the Islands by personnel from the Argentine mainland; or

(c) salaries and other emoluments received by personnel from the Argentine mainland from their Argentine employers.

(ii) The Argentine Government shall introduce into the Falkland Islands free of all taxes and duties the fuel and lubricants necessary for the normal operation of the vehicles and machinery to be used in the construction of the aerodrome.

8. The aerodrome shall cease to be operational when the permanent airfield at Port Stanley has been constructed and is operational, and at that time, or when any of the notices referred to in paragraph (12) of this agreement has been given, the Argentine Government shall remove any materials and equipment which they have provided under this agreement. Such materials and equipment shall at all times remain the property of the Argentine Government.

9. "Personnel from the Argentine mainland" means personnel occupied in the construction, maintenance or operation of the aerodrome who come from the Argentine mainland and are in the Falkland Islands for the purposes of this agreement.



10. The Special Consultative Committee shall deal with questions which might arise over the interpretation or application of this agreement.

11. This agreement is concluded in accordance with the Joint Statement, and references to the Joint Statement in the Exchange of Notes between the two Governments dated 5 August 1971<sup>(2)</sup> (hereinafter referred to as "the Exchange of Notes") shall be deemed to include references to this agreement.

12. This agreement shall remain in force until 31 December 1974, or until the expiration of notices given in accordance with paragraph (18) of the Joint Statement and with paragraph (2) of the Exchange of Notes. After 31 December 1974 either of the two Governments may denounce this agreement subject to six months' prior notice in writing.

If the foregoing is acceptable to the Government of the Argentine Republic, I have the honour to propose that this Note together with Your Excellency's reply in that sense shall constitute an agreement between the two Governments which shall enter into force on the date of your reply.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

MICHAEL HADOW

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<sup>(2)</sup> Treaty Series No. 64 (1972), Cmnd. 5000.

*The Argentine Minister for Foreign Affairs and Worship to  
Her Majesty's Ambassador at Buenos Aires*

*Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores y Culto,  
Buenos Aires.*

Excelencia :

*2 de mayo de 1972.*

Tengo el honor de acusar recibo de la nota de Vuestra Excelencia de la fecha que dice :

“ Excelencia :

Tengo el agrado de referirme a las recientes conversaciones mantenidas por la Comisión Consultiva Especial, a que se hace referencia en el párrafo (1) de la Declaración Conjunta inicialada por los representantes de ambos Gobiernos con fecha 1° de julio de 1971 y aprobada por éstos el 5 agosto de 1971 (llamada en adelante respectivamente “ la Comisión Consultiva Especial ” y “ la Declaración Conjunta ”), sobre la construcción y operación de un aeródromo provisorio en las Islas Malvinas por parte del Gobierno Argentino. Por lo tanto, tengo el honor de informar a V.E. que el Gobierno del Reino Unido de Gran Bretaña e Irlanda del Norte está dispuesto a celebrar un acuerdo bajo las siguientes condiciones :

1. El aeródromo provisorio estará situado en Hooker's Point. La ubicación específica del aeródromo y cualquier derecho subsidiario con respecto al terreno adyacente que pudiera ser necesario durante el período de construcción y operación del aeródromo provisorio, serán tal como se convenga entre los representantes de nuestros respectivos Gobiernos en la Comisión Consultiva Especial.

2. La pista será de aproximadamente 800 metros de largo por 30 metros de ancho.

3. El Gobierno Argentino adoptará las medidas necesarias para construir el aeródromo y suministrar los materiales y equipos requeridos para su construcción, operación y mantenimiento. Empleará principalmente personal procedente del territorio continental argentino, pero con la participación de personal local. La composición del grupo para la construcción será tal como lo convenga la Comisión Consultiva Especial. El grupo de construcción podrá obtener y utilizar sin cargo el material de construcción necesario de los terrenos próximos al aeródromo según lo acuerde la Comisión Consultiva Especial.

4. El Gobierno del Reino Unido proveerá un edificio para habitación del personal procedente del territorio continental argentino para la construcción del aeródromo. Para dicho edificio y para la construcción, operación y mantenimiento del aeródromo, el Gobierno del Reino Unido proveerá agua, como también electricidad, tan pronto se logre una capacidad de producción suficiente.



5. El aeródromo será administrado y mantenido por personal del territorio continental argentino, con la participación de personal local. La composición del grupo para la administración y mantenimiento será tal como lo convenga la Comisión Consultiva Especial.

6. Para la construcción, equipamiento, operación y mantenimiento del aeródromo:

- a) el Gobierno del Reino Unido sufragará los gastos para la provisión de:
  - (i) el terreno para el aeródromo y cualquier derecho subsidiario sobre terreno adyacente a que se refiere el párrafo (1) de este acuerdo;
  - (ii) el edificio a que se refiere el párrafo 4 de este acuerdo, incluyendo el costo de cualquier alquiler, pero excluyendo el costo de cualquier cambio estructural, impuesto y de mantenimiento; y
  - (iii) el agua y la electricidad a que se refiere el párrafo 4 de este acuerdo; y
- b) el Gobierno Argentino sufragará todo otro gasto.

7. (1) No se aplicará impuestos o gravámenes en las Islas Malnas sobre:

- a) los materiales y equipos introducidos a las Islas Malvinas por el Gobierno Argentino a los fines de este acuerdo; ni
- b) los efectos personales introducidos a las Islas por el personal procedente del territorio continental argentino; ni
- c) los sueldos u otros beneficios abonados al personal procedente del territorio continental argentino por sus empleadores argentinos;

(2) El Gobierno Argentino introducirá a las Islas, libre de derechos e impuestos, el combustible y lubricante necesario para la operación normal de sus vehículos y maquinarias utilizados en la construcción del aeródromo.

8. El aeródromo cesará de funcionar al quedar construída y librada al servicio la aeropista permanente de Puerto Stanley, y en cuyo momento, o al ser cursada cualquier notificación referida en el párrafo (12) de este acuerdo, el Gobierno Argentino retirará cualquier material y equipo que hubiera suministrado bajo este acuerdo. Tales materiales y equipos permanecerán siempre siendo de propiedad del Gobierno Argentino.

9. La expresión "personal procedente del territorio continental argentino" significa el personal ocupado en la construcción, mantenimiento u operación del aeródromo, que provenga del territorio continental argentino y se halle en las Islas Malvinas a los fines de este acuerdo.

10. La Comisión Consultiva Especial tratará las cuestiones que surgieran sobre la interpretación o aplicación de este acuerdo.

11. El presente acuerdo es concluído de conformidad con la Declaración Conjunta, y las referencias a la Declaración Conjunta en las Notas Reversales intercambiadas entre ambos gobiernos con fecha 5 de agosto de 1971 (llamadas en adelante "las Notas Reversales") serán consideradas como incluyendo referencias a este acuerdo.

12. Este acuerdo regirá hasta el 31 de diciembre de 1974, o hasta la caducidad de la notificación cursada de acuerdo con el párrafo (18) de la Declaración Conjunta y con el párrafo (2) de las Notas Reversales. Vencido el plazo del 31 de diciembre de 1974 cualquiera de los dos gobiernos podrá denunciar este acuerdo sujeto a una notificación previa por escrito de seis meses.

De ser aceptable lo que antecede para el Gobierno de la República Argentina, tengo el honor de proponer que esta nota conjuntamente con la respuesta de Vuestra Excelencia en el mismo tenor, constituya un acuerdo entre los dos Gobiernos que entrará en vigor en la fecha de su respuesta.

Hago propicia esta oportunidad para reiterar a V.E. las seguridades de mi más alta consideración.

Fdo.: MICHAEL HADOW".

Cúpleme informar a Vuestra Excelencia que las propuestas que anteceden son aceptables para el Gobierno argentino y, por lo tanto, da su conformidad para que su nota y la presente respuesta constituyan un acuerdo sobre la materia entre los dos Gobiernos con vigencia a partir de la fecha.

Saludo a V.E. con mi mayor consideración.

L. M. DE PABLO PARDO

[Translation of No. 2]

*Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship,*  
Your Excellency, *Buenos Aires, 2 May 1972*

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of Your Excellency's Note of today's date, which reads as follows:

[As in No. 1]

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the foregoing proposals are acceptable to the Government of the Argentine Republic, who therefore agree that Your Note and this reply shall constitute an agreement in this matter between the two Governments which shall enter into force on this day's date.

I convey to Your Excellency the expression of my high consideration.

L. M. DE PABLO PARDO



## MEMORANDUM

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



7th. September, 19 72.

The Colonial Secretary,

From: Superintendent of

STANLEY.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT:- Temporary Airfield - (Fire Precaution & Lighting).Fire Precaution:

The question of provision of a fire-tender 'during flight days' has arisen a number of times in the past, no definite decision was ever reached as to who provided the tender and who would be financially responsible. The only point at the moment is that there must be one in attendance on flight days.

2. These appliances are Town Council controlled, and P.W.D. maintain them. The emphasis is on foam equipment. There is a tender adequate for this purpose, but only one. The strength of the Brigade consists of two portable tenders, two trailer pumps (unreliable) One Firefly, equipped with foam, which I believe Government grant was 50%.
3. With an amiable agreement with Town Council, perhaps this Firefly could be on standby from E.T.A. until after departure of each flight: estimated cost (providing no hire charge is made), would amount to approximately £5 per flight, this includes fuel, and two firemen who are P.W.D. personnel. The two men could be utilised for various other services whilst on standby, such as guards or security etc. Expenditure as a N.I. from November to July <sup>72/73</sup> £200.

Lighting:

It has been proposed by Com. De La Colina, that 'although it may never be required', perimeter lighting every twenty meters be supplied. I have not recommended that he should discuss this with the S.P.E. at this stage, under the circumstances perhaps you would like time on this question. The construction team have a generator on site, we of course have nothing in the way of lamps or lights, temporary or otherwise. If you consider it is to be a local Government commitment, it will of course be between yourself and the S.P.E.

Superintendent of Works.



NOTICE FROM THE COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE

FOUO

It was learned today that two cameramen from Argentine Television Channel 13 will be arriving on tomorrow's Albatross using the seats previously reserved for two Air Force Engineers. They will spend about four hours filming the progress made on the building of the temporary airfield and will return to Comodoro Rivadavia in the afternoon. The Albatross is thus expected to depart some four hours after it arrives.

The 'Bahia Buen Suceso' is now expected to leave Buenos Aires on Thursday 21st September bringing the aluminium sheeting for the airfield. It will be calling at ports in the south of Argentina en route and is expected in Stanley between the 1st and 3rd of October. A second ship the 'San Isidro' is expected to leave Buenos Aires on 5th October, proceed directly to Stanley, and arrive here on 10th October. This vessel will be bringing the remainder of the materials needed to complete the airfield and associated fuel installation.

A specialist construction team of seventeen men led by Captain Campos will be coming on the 'Bahia' to erect fuel storage tanks in connection with the airfield. It is probable that passages to the mainland will be available in these two ships and charges are expected to be of the order of £8 first class and £5 second class. It is hoped that arrangements can also be made for some Colony residents to make inward passages.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

18th September 1972.

Ref: AIR/13/5

To be broadcast on  
Monday evening,  
18th September 1972.

CB



18th September

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Inauguration of the Temporary Airstrip

De la Colina raised the question with me today of the inauguration of the airstrip. The weather is now much drier and he and Engineer Remorino are confident that the first landing will be made on schedule on November 1st. Whether the formal ceremony will take place then, or when the first scheduled flight comes in or when the delegations are here for the talks is of course quite another matter. The Argentines, however, are now thinking about the opening and it is clear that we must too.

2. Colina merely wanted to sound me out on what we envisaged for the opening, and as I was anxious to learn his thoughts we did not get very far. However he clearly had not considered the possibility of the opening being at the same time as the talks and mentioned that he thought his government would be represented by Izaguirre.

3. If the talks do take place in November, it would seem that the opening should logically be held at the same time - perhaps on arrival of the plane bringing in the two delegations. In these circumstances, the form the actual ceremony takes will require some careful thought. Perhaps a joint opening, in true Condominium fashion, with two main speeches and simultaneous cutting of a ribbon by the Heads of both visiting delegations would avoid ruffling feelings on either side.

4. If a number of flights are scheduled before the talks, it seems that the Argentinians will want a formal opening in advance of the arrival of the delegations. If Izaguirre comes, presumably you could send somebody of equal rank and then it might be reasonable to propose that the actual opening was performed by the Governor.

5. We had thought that final details would have to be worked out by the Joint Consultative Committee but the position may be complicated by the fact that the 'Inauguration of the temporary airfield' now appears as part of item 1 of the provisional agenda suggested by the Argentine for the third round of talks. I think this probably refers to the operation of the airfield, not to a ceremonial opening, but we would welcome any thoughts you have on this.

  
(T. H. Layne)

T. Peters, Esq., C.M.G.,  
British Embassy,  
BUENOS AIRES.

cc: D. G. F. Hall, Esq., M.B.E. } FCO  
Miss G. Ryecroft }

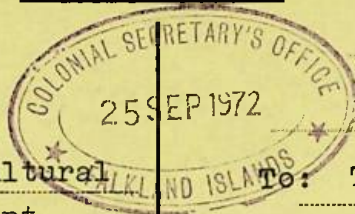
HRT.

No. 2408/B

MEMORANDUM

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

22nd September, 1972. 56



From: O.I.C., Agricultural Dept., Stanley, Falkland Islands. To: The Colonial Secretary,  
STANLEY.

SUBJECT:- Fencing - Temporary Airfield

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Your Memorandum dated 16th August refers.

Utilizing fencing material previously dismantled and some already standing in the area, I recommend the construction of a fence to the west of the Temporary Airfield. The siting of the proposed fence will depend on the final route of the new Airfield by-pass road. I do not anticipate any additional expenditure. Agricultural animals will therefore graze in the Hookers Point area as before but will be moved on days when there is flying programme.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'J.P. [unclear]'.



29th September

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To: Officer in Charge,

From: Colonial Secretary

Agricultural Department.

Fencing - Temporary Airfield

Please proceed as you suggest. The first aircraft is likely to land on the airfield during the last week in October.

(T. H. Layng)  
COLONIAL SECRETARY

HRT.

*San Airfield*

PERSONAL DE YACIMIENTOS PETROLIFEROS FISCALES  
AFECTADO A LA CONSTRUCCION DE LA PLANTA J.P.1

Ing. COLOE, Martín F.  
Cap.de Fragata (RE) CAMPOS, Ernesto M.  
ROMANIEJKO, Eugenio A.  
DUVAL, Octavio Oreste  
MICHELLOD, Danilo  
PRADO, Bernardo  
MARCOS, Roberto  
MARTINEZ, Alberto  
DELGADO, Luis  
SELVAGGIO, Artemio  
BALDUZZI, Orlando  
PESOA, Guillermo  
MARTINEZ, Raúl  
VILLAFANA, Segundo  
RAMOS, Zenón Justo  
ROSSOMANDO, aldo  
GIACHINO, Atilio

*to B. A  
dient*

DISPONIBILIDADES EN EL BARCO "BAHIA BUEN SUCESO"

- 1º) - 1ra. Clase - Camarote para 2 personas  
Una plaza para una señora en Camarote 1ra.Clase  
2º) - 15 Plazas en 2da.Clase = a 4 Camarotes

PRECIOS: 1ra.Clase \$ 214,00  
2da.Clase \$ 127,50

*San Isidro*

*BA dient Oct 5  
ar Oct 10*



Telegram received from F.C.O. 14th October, 1972.

IMMEDIATE

CONFIDENTIAL

Following from B.A.

Addressed to F.C.O. 445 October 13th Falkland Islands.

Inauguration of temporary air strip.

I have arranged a meeting special consultative committee which I shall attend at 1600 hours local time on October 17th to discuss arrangements for inauguration ceremony. Please let me have any special ideas which you may have about this before then. I have seen Layng's letter 2408/B to Peters of September 18th on this subject.

DOUGLASHOME

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To

BTAT PRIORITE IMMEDIATE FROM/ROM LONDON SW1

HO A/C

PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING TO BUENOS AIRES AS MY TELNO  
282 OF 16 OCTOBER REPEATED TO FCO STOP YOURTEL TO  
FCO NO 445 OF 13TH OCTOBER INAUGURATION OF TEMPORARY  
AIRFIELD STOP OUR VIEWS ARE AS IN PARA 5 OF LAYEGS  
LETTER TO PETERS OF 18TH SEPTEMBER COPIED TO HALL

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CONFIDENTIAL 24 14452

to Immediate Buenos Aires telno 286 of 24 October and to Immediate FCO.

Your telno 452 and FCO telno 376: STANLEY TALKS AND TEMPORARY AIRFIELD

1. De la Colina has given us the following programme:

13 November Test Flight F27 carrying Comodoro Degan Lob,  
2 protocol officers and Colonel Balcarce.

14 November Hercules or F27 carrying 22 journalists and equipment  
for LADE

15 November F 27 or Presidential Avro 748 plus a second F27  
and 2 Albatrosses

2. Suggested programme for opening of airfield as follows:

11.15 Speech by Brigadier Fautario, Chief of Staff Air Force

11.25 Blessing of airfield

11.30 erection of plaque with names of all the Argentine workers  
who have built the field.

3. The only comment we made was that arrangements for the third round of talks and for opening of the temporary field were subject of diplomatic exchanges/in Buenos Aires and we could take no action on what we had been told by De la Colina.

FCO please pass.

CHIEF SECRETARY

OPENING OF TEMPORARY AIRFIELD

1. The Ambassador will be seeing the MFA today and will try and reach agreement on the programme as follows:

- a. Union Jack and Argentine flags to be flown on separate masts.
- b. Arrival of Argentine and British delegations. Received by Governor and Members of Council, most of whom will endeavour to get in from Camp.
- c. I will invite Brigadier Fautario to inspect guard of honour - I will accompany him with my ADC on the inspection.
- d. Speech by Governor.
- e. Reply by Brigadier Fautario.
- f. Ecumenical blessing of airfield.
- g. Fixing or unveiling of plaque by Governor and Brigadier Fautario followed by few words by Governor declaring field open.
- h. Opening of LADE office followed by toast.
- i. Champagne for the guests at the LADE office to be provided by Argentines. Buffet lunch at Government House for visiting Argentine and British delegations together with Members of the Councils plus De la Colina. Buffet lunch in town provided by Falkland Islands Government for remaining visitors including press etc.

2. I will, according to the weather, wear uniform or morning dress.

3. We will need to think of the following and no doubt you will have other ideas which we should discuss:

- a. General layout for the ceremony showing
  - (i) position of flag poles;
  - (ii) " " dais;
  - (iii) " " plaque;
  - (iv) " " bugler;
  - (v) where the planes will park;
  - (vi) position of Honour Guard - Captain Ledger and my ADC will have to be informed;
  - (vii) position of Monsignor, the Canon and I should think the Reverend Forrester to complete the trinity;
  - (viii) position of reception line of Councillors;
  - (ix) position of Visitors' Enclosure.
- b. Who will lay on the buffet lunch and where? - Town Hall or St Mary's Annex.
- c. Loudspeaker to be provided on the dais.
- d. Invitation list to be prepared.
- e. Co-ordinating conference with all concerned from Government and the Marines <sup>etc</sup> will need to be held with De la Colina.



- f. A rehearsal will be required at least 2 days before 15 November.
- g. Transport for guests to LADE office, Government House and back to airfield.
- h. Traffic control at airfield and LADE office.
- 4. The church representatives will, in consultation with De la Colina, have to work out the form the blessing will take.
- 5. We will need detailed timings down to the last minute and I suggest Captain Ledger helps out on this.
- 6. A programme should be proposed showing what is involved.
- 7. Wet weather programme?!

*E. L.*  
EGL

30 October 1972

N.B.

Farewell to Lord Albatross.

CONFIDENTIAL

fm Buenos Aires 302018Z

to Falkland Islands telno 169 of 30 October info FCO

Your telno 290 and FCO telno 388. INAUGURATION OF TEMPORARY AIRFIELD

1. I saw Izaguirre today and put to him programme as in your tel under ref. He did not see any difficulties, but will discuss with Air Force and McLoughlin and give us final agreement towards end of week. I made point that you would like to announce arrangements as soon as possible.
2. He suggested that De la Colina should be first at steps of aircraft so as to introduce<sup>to</sup> you members of the Argentine delegation. I left it open whether you would wear uniform or not.
3. Bugler is Argentine Air Force idea and they will provide one but Izaguirre is not very enthusiastic and may try to get them to remove this item from programme. If he does play it will be the bugle call called "Attention" here which usually winds up ceremonies such as wreath layings etc.
4. The plaque will merely bear the inscription "Argentine Air Force. Temporary Airfield, Port Stanley, 15 November 1972". It will be erected on 14 November. The pillar on which it is to be put will contain a hollow tube in which will be placed a parchment containing the names of all those engaged in the airfield construction. A new idea is that it should be unveiled by the oldest Argentine worker and the youngest Falkland worker of the construction team and Izaguirre would be glad to know what you and De la Colina think of this.
5. He foresees subsidiary details such as transport arrangements from Hookers Point and other matters as being arranged on 14 November between your staff and Balcarce and Degan Lob. He is providing me with a list of those who can be considered the Argentine official party who will be invited to Government House for your buffet lunch.
6. If a ship is needed for the Stanley round of talks, and it is by no means certain, it will be one of the sea-going tugs from Ushuaia.



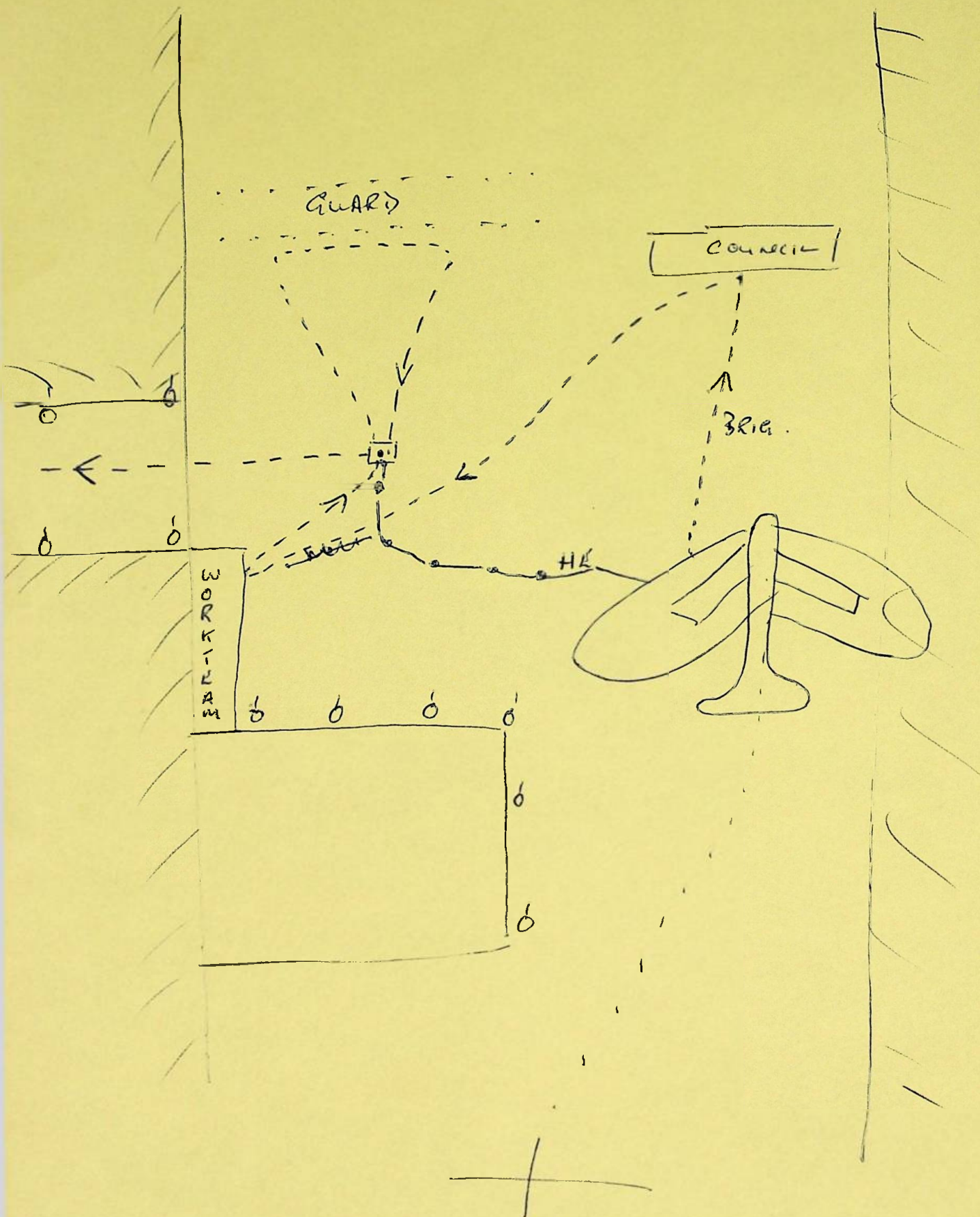
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to Priority Buenos Aires telno 389 of 30 October info  
Falkland Islands

STANLEY TALKS

1. News Department have been approached by Reuters to say that they would like to send their Buenos Aires representative David Reid to Stanley for the talks. We have suggested that he should get into touch with you but that we foresee difficulties about this request. In particular we thought that the Argentines planned to allow journalists at the inauguration ceremony but we doubted whether they would be attending the talks. If Reuters attended talks there would be the question of parity. If it did not prove possible for Reuters to attend the talks we suggested that their representative might like to go soon afterwards.







Chief Secretary

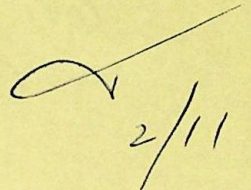
PRESS ARRANGEMENTS: INAUGURATION OF TEMPORARY AIRFIELD

1. I suggest that the Broadcasting Officer is detailed to look after the press and to provide any information they may require including copies of my speech at Hookers Point and at the LADE Office.

EGL

2 November 1972

B.O. Informed, has copy of programme



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To

PRESS COLLECT NICOLL DAILY EXPRESS LONDON PS4

SHEET THREE

DIFFICULT TO SEE STOP THIS FEELING HAS BEEN OCCASIONALLY EXPRESSED  
BY SOME ARGENTINES IN THE FALKLANDS DURING THE RECENT INCLEMENT WINTER  
STOP

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To

PRESS COLLECT NICOLL DAILY EXPRESS LONDON PS4

SHEET TWO

TO COVER THESE STOP THE FEELING OF ISLANDERS ON THE SOVEREIGNTY ISSUE  
REMAIN UNCHANGED STOP

PARA AMONG THE BENEFITS OF THE PRESENT SITUATION BETWEEN FALKLANDS AND  
ARGENTINA ARE THE UNIMPEDED FLOW OF MAIL THROUGH BAIRDS COMMA THE USE OF  
THE BRITISH HOSPITAL BAIRDS FOR CASES REQUIRING SPECIALIST TREATMENT AND  
SEVERAL FREE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR FALKLAND ISLAND CHILDREN TO SOME OF THE  
BEST SCHOOLS IN ARGENTINA STOP SINCE THE BEGINING OF THIS YEAR THE  
ARGENTINE AIRFORCE HAS MAINTAINED A TWICE MONTHLY FLIGHT BETWEEN THE  
FALKLANDS AND ARGENTINA BY ALBATROSS AMPHIBIAN AIRCRAFT WHILE THE ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~  
CONSTRUCTION OF THE TEMPORARY AIRSTRIP IS TAKING PLACE STOP THESE BENEFITS  
ARE GOOD BUT SOME PEOPLE FEEL THAT THEY MAY BE USED LATER AS A LEVER IN  
~~ARGENTINAX~~ PRESSING ARGENTINAS CLAIM DURING FUTURE DISCUSSIONS ESPECIALLY  
WHEN THE FREEZE ON THE SOVEREIGNTY ISSUE THAWS STOP THE FACT HAS TO BE  
FACED THAT THE ARGENTINES BELIEVE THAT THE FALKLANDS BELONG TO THEM  
EQUALLY AS STRONGLY AS WE KNOW THAT THEY ARE BRITISH COMMA THOUGH WHAT  
GOOD THEY COULD POSSIBLY BE TO ARGENTINA APART FROM PRESTIGE VALUE IS  
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26th October 72

To

PRESS COLLECT NICOLL DAILY EXPRESS LONDON PS4

SHEET ONE

261015 EX SMITH FALKLANDS TEMPORARY AIRSTRIP AND AIRLINK WITH ARGENTINA  
WELCOMED IN RESPECT OF MORE FREQUENT AND REGULAR COMMUNICATION WITH THE  
OUTSIDE WORLD ESPESCIALLY WITH MAIL MEDICAL AND GENERAL TRAVELING STOP  
THE CONSTRUCTION HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT DURING THE PAST FOUR MONTHS BY  
MEMBERS OF THE ARGENTINE AIRFORCE AND CIVILIANS WHO HAVE CONDUCTED THEM  
SELVES WITH UTMOST COURTESY TOWARDS ISLANDERS AS ALSO HAVE THE RECENTLY  
ARRIVED TEAM OF ENGINEERS TO INSTALL FUEL STORAGE TANKS FROM THE YPF OIL  
COMPANY OF ARGENTINA STOP

PARA THE TEMPORARY AIRFIELD IS INTENDED TO FILL THE GAP UNTIL THE POSSIBLE  
CONSTRUCTION OF A PERMANENT AIRFIELD FOR WHICH APPLICATION HAS BEEN MADE  
TO THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AT A COST OF ONE POI<sup>N</sup>T SIX MILLION POUNDS STERLING  
STOP THE SITE OF THE TEMPORARY AIRFIELD IS THREE MILES TO THE EAST OF  
STANLEY AND INAUGURATION IS HOPED FOR MID NOVEMBER ABOUT WHICH TIME THE  
THIRD IN THE ROUND OF DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN BRITAIN THE FALKLANDS AND  
ARGENTINA IS DUE TO TAKE PLACE AT STANLEY STOP RECOMMEND YOU SEND STAFFER

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TO SHEET TWO



FALKLAND



ISLANDS

*Presented to the members of*

**THE ARGENTINE AIR FORCE  
ALBATROS SQUADRON**

*by the people of the Falkland Islands*

*as a tribute to their courage and skill*

*in maintaining a regular air link*

*between*

**COMODORO RIVADAVIA and STANLEY**

*throughout the severe winter of 1972*

OFFICIAL OPENING AND THE DEDICATION OF THE AIRFIELD

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15th November 1972

THE DEDICATION SERVICE

(Monsignor Ireland)

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. With thanksgiving in our hearts to Almighty God and to those who through their work and skill have brought us to this day, we are assembled for the Dedication of this Airfield.

(The following prayer recited by all the Ministers of the Three Churches)

O Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, Who through Thy Son Jesus Christ, has opened for us the Kingdom of Heaven: We thank Thee for this Airfield, now to be dedicated in Thy Name. May it ever be blessed by Thy Spirit on high and serve the people of these islands. We ask this for the sake of the same Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Who livest and reignest with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God for evermore. Amen.

(Dedication by Monsignor)

To the Glory of God and for the service of all who will use it, we Dedicate this Airfield: in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us pray: Hear our prayer, Almighty God and raise Thy hand in blessing over this Airfield. Command thy holy Angels to guard it and protect all who will use it. May Thy grace enable them ever to travel to good purpose: and when at last life's journey is over, may everlasting happiness be theirs. Through Our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Canon Helyer: Prayer for Travellers

The Rev. Forrester: Scripture reading: Psalm 89 vv 8-9, 11 - 17a

The Lord's Prayer - recited by all.

Blessing: May the peace and blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you for ever. Amen.



Temporary Airfield Hookers Point

- 1055 Aircraft lands and stops halfway down runway. Reception groups take up position on runway and aircraft then taxis slowly to position opposite the dais.
- 1100 De la Colina greets Argentine Official Party and introduces to HE and CS.
- Simultaneously ( HE greets British delegation.  
( CS introduces Argentine Official Party to Councillors.
- De la Colina introduces Argentine Official Party to Airfield Construction Team.
- ~~HE and Brig Pautario inspect guard of honour.~~  
*Both Argentine & British delegation take up positions beside dais.*  
~~CS greets British delegation and leads them to their position beside dais.~~
- 1110 HE makes Speech from dais.
- ~~1115 Reply by Brig Pautario.~~
- 1120<sup>15</sup> Joint blessing of Airfield by Roman Catholic, Anglican and Free Church Ministers.
- 1125 HE declares airfield open.
- 1130 Plaque unveiled by youngest Argentine construction worker and oldest Falkland Island worker.
- 1140 Terminal building inspected by all.  
By vehicle to LADE office.
- 1200 Lade office opened and blessed.
- 1210 Toast in St. Mary's Annex. Presentation to Albatross *crews*  
~~1230~~ 1/2 hour break for Posting of 1st day covers.
- 1300 Buffet lunch at GH for V.I.P's  
Buffet lunch at St. Mary's for L.I.P's
- 1415 Argentine Official Party leave G.H. C.S. accompanies to airfield.
- 1430 Takeoff.

Copies to HE  
de la Colina  
May Removino  
Cort Pedzer  
Sodrie Clements.



PUBLIC NOTICE

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Opening of the Temporary Aerodrome and Third Round of Talks  
between Great Britain and the Argentine.

Final confirmation of details has not yet been received but it is expected that the following programme will take place:

Monday 13th November: First test flight from the temporary aerodrome.

Tuesday 14th: Further test flight and arrival of a party of Journalists from South America.

Wednesday 15th: Two planes will land on the temporary aerodrome at about 1100 hours bringing the British delegation to the talks and a party of Argentine officials to be present at the inauguration ceremony for the formal opening of the airfield. The form which the ceremony will take will be announced in a separate Public Notice.

After inspecting the terminal building constructed by the Public Works Department, the official party will visit the LADE agency in Stanley. A reception and buffet luncheon will then be held by His Excellency the Governor and the Colony Government.

The visiting party is expected to take off on the return flight to the mainland at about 1430 hours. This flight will carry the first outward mail from the temporary aerodrome.

An Albatross is also expected to make a final landing in Stanley harbour during the morning of Wednesday the 15th, and following the toast to the new LADE office, a scroll will be presented to the Captain of the aircraft expressing the thanks of the people of the Falklands for the courage and skill shown by successive Albatross crews in maintaining communications with the mainland throughout the past winter.

Thursday 16th November: The United Kingdom Delegation, which will consist of Mr. Scott, C.M.G., Mr. Burrows, (legal adviser) and Miss Ryecroft (Latin America Department of the Foreign Office) will hold discussions with Executive and Legislative Council members.

From the 17th to 20th November: Mr. Scott and his party will hold further discussions in Stanley and will probably make some visits to Camp settlements. On Tuesday 21st November they will hold a final preparatory meeting with the Falkland Island representatives on the British Delegation who will be the Chief Secretary, the Honourable L. G. Blake and the Honourable A. B. Monk.

The Argentine Delegation is expected to arrive by special plane on the 20th or 21st and the Talks are scheduled to open in the Town Hall on Wednesday 22nd November. It is anticipated that discussions will continue until the 24th and both delegations are expected to leave the Colony on the 25th.

(T. H. Layng)  
CHIEF SECRETARY

The Secretariat,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

7th November 1972

HRT.



No. AIR/13/5

MEMORANDUM

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

6th November, 19 72.

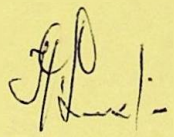
From: Oic. Agricultural Dept.,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To: The Chief Secretary,  
STANLEY.

SUBJECT:- Temporary Airfield - Perimeter Fence.

Reference your Memorandum dated 31st October, 1972.

The airfield will certainly not be animal proof before the landing of the first aircraft and so far as I can see for some considerable time thereafter. A start has been made on the south side of the strip but the western end cannot be undertaken until the by-pass road is constructed - this appears to be very much in the future. Staff of this department will however ensure that the area is completely cleared of animals on days when flying operations are anticipated.

  
Oic. Agric.

COMITIVA INAUGURACION

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Brigadier Mayor	Gonzalez
Brigadier	Ruiz
Comodoro	Rodriguez
Comodoro	Cabeza
Comodoro	Zamboni
Comodoro	Stagnaro
Comodoro	Evergisto Gomez
Comodoro	Degan Löb
Cap. de Navio	Tello (Marina)
Ingeniero	Aguero (Vialidad Nacional)
Ministro	Mario Izeguirre (RREE)
Ministro	Ross "
Coronel	Gonzalez Balcarce "
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14 de noviembre 1972

07:00 Hs. DEP de CRV P.Stanley y regreso

14:00 Hs. DEP de CRV P.Stanley y regreso

a) En este último arriban periodistas

b) En el primero se repliegan 5 hombres del Grupo de Tareas

15 de noviembre 1972

08:00 Hs. DEP de CRV (Comitiva) a P.Stanley

16:00 Hs. Regreso previsto a CTV de los dos aviones

10:00 Hs. ARR a Stanley de un Albatros



Chief Secretary

INAUGURATION OF THE TEMPORARY AIRFIELD

1. It is just possible that an attempt will be made to "plaster" or paint the airfield or our reception hut with slogans before the opening of the field on 15 November. Has the Chief Police Officer plans to meet this type of situation? Are patrols taking place to the airfield after dark?



EGL

9 November 1972



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Guest list for buffet lunch in St. Mary's Annexe. Wednesday 15th November, 1972

Mr and Mrs H.L. Bound	2
Fokker Friendship crews	10
Albatross crews	8
Journalists	15 - now 18
Vice-Comodoro	1
Captain Campos	1
Reymerino	1
Lt. Fortuna	1
Engineer Collay	1
L.A.D.E. representative	1
Mr and Mrs R.D. Clements	2
Inspector and Mrs T. Peck	2
Mr and Mrs T.W. Royans	2
Mr and Mrs C. Reive	2
Mr and Mrs J. Kerr	2
Mr and Mrs I. Campbell	2
Mr and Mrs H.T. Luxton	2
Mr and Mrs W. Jones	2
Mr and Mrs J. Booth	2
Mrs Gooch	1
Mr and Mrs D.J. Draycott	2
Mr and Mrs V.T. King	2
Monsignor Ireland	1
Father Spraggan	1
Rev. and Mrs P. Helyer	2
Rev. and Mrs R. Forrester	2
Mr and Mrs R. Reid	2
Mr and Mrs T. Perry	2
Mr and Mrs I. Morrison	2

Solace

Rex

Capt Ledger

<sup>76</sup>  
68 guests



Guest List of Argentine Air Force for St. Mary's Annexe on  
Wednesday 15th November, 1972 at 12 noon.

His Excellency the Governor and Mrs Lewis  
The Hon. T.H. Layng  
Mr D. Scott  
Mr F. Burrows  
Miss C. Ryecroft  
Miss R. Devlin  
The Hon. and Mrs A.G. Barton  
The Hon. and Mrs S. Miller  
The Hon. and Mrs A. Sloggie  
The Hon. and Mrs W.E. Bowles  
The Hon. and Mrs A. Monk  
The Hon. and Mrs L.G. Blake  
The Hon. and Mrs W. Luxton  
The Hon. and Mrs R.M. Pitaluga  
The Hon. H. Rowlands  
Brigadier Mayor Gonzalez  
Brigadier Ruiz  
Sr. Garrido  
Comodoro Rodriquez  
Comodoro Cabeza  
Comodoro Zamboni  
Comodoro Stagnaro  
Comodoro Evergisto Gomez  
Comodoro Degan Lob  
Cap. de Navio Tello  
Ingeniero Agüero  
Ministro Mario Izaguirre  
Ministro E. Ross  
Coronel Gonzalez Balcarce  
Pilots and crew of Albatross  
Pilots and crew of F.27s  
Visiting Journalists and P.R.O.s  
Captain Campos  
Lt. Fortuna  
Ingeniero Coloe  
Sr. Hector Mario Sassi  
Mr and Mrs H.L. Bound  
Mr and Mrs R.D. Clements  
Inspector and Mrs T. Peck  
Mr and Mrs T.W. Royans  
Mr and Mrs C. Reive  
Mr and Mrs J. Kerr  
Mr and Mrs I. Campbell  
Mr and Mrs H.T. Luxton  
Mr and Mrs W. Jones  
Mr and Mrs J. Booth  
Miss Myriam Booth  
Mrs Gooch  
Mr and Mrs D.J. Draycott  
Mr and Mrs V.T. King  
Monsignor J. Ireland  
Father Spraggan  
Rev. and Mrs P. J. Helyer  
Rev. and Mrs R. Forrester  
Mr and Mrs R. Reid  
Mr and Mrs T. Perry  
Mr and Mrs I. Morrison  
Mr and Mrs D.J. Sollis  
Captain J. Leger, R.M.  
*Miss A. Fisher*



C.S.  
Guest List

Lunch party at Government House on Wednesday 15th November, 1972.

Mr D. Scott  
Mr F. Burrows  
Miss C. Ryecroft  
The Hon. T.H. Layng  
The Hon. and Mrs A.G. Barton  
The Hon. and Mrs S. Miller  
The Hon. and Mrs A. Sloggie  
The Hon. and Mrs W.E. Bowles  
The Hon. and Mrs A. Monk  
The Hon. and Mrs L.G. Blake  
The Hon. and Mrs W. Luxton  
The Hon. and Mrs R.M. Pitaluga  
The Hon. H. Rowlands  
Miss R. Devlin  
Brigadier Mayor Gonzalez  
Brigadier Ruiz  
Sr. Garrido  
Comodoro Rodriguez  
Comodoro Cabeza  
Comodoro Zamboni  
Comodoro Stagnaro  
Comodoro Evergisto Gomez  
Comodoro Degan Lob  
Cap. de Navio Tello  
Ingeniero Agüero  
Ministro Mario Izaguirre  
Ministro E. Ross  
Coronel Gonzalez Balcarce  
Vodr and Sra D. Cesar A. de la Colina  
Major Remerino

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Programme for Inauguration of Temporary  
Airfield Hookers Point

- 1055 Aircraft lands and stops halfway down runway. Reception groups take up position on runway and aircraft then taxis slowly to position opposite the dais.
- 1100 Vice Comodoro de la Colina greets Argentine Official Party and introduces to His Excellency the Governor and the Chief Secretary.
- Simultaneously His Excellency the Governor greets British delegation. Chief Secretary introduces Argentine Official Party to Councillors and Ministers.
- Vice Comodoro de la Colina introduces Argentine Official Party to Airfield Construction Team.
- 1110 His Excellency the Governor makes speech of welcome from dais.
- 1115 Reply by Brigadier Major Gonzalez.
- 1120 Joint blessing of Airfield by Roman Catholic, Anglican and Free Church Ministers.
- ~~1125 His Excellency the Governor declares airfield open.~~
- 1130 Plaque unveiled jointly by His Excellency the Governor and Brigadier Major Gonzalez.
- 1145 Terminal building inspected.  
Party proceeds by vehicle to L.A.D.E. office.
- 1200 L.A.D.E. office opened and blessed.
- 1210 Toast in St. Mary's Annexe. Presentation to Albatross crews.
- 1230 Half hour break for posting of first day covers - exchange facilities available in Post Office.
- 1300 Buffet lunch at Government House for V.I.P.'s  
Buffet lunch at St. Mary's Annexe for L.I.P.'s  
Post Office and mail for Argentina close.
- 1430 Argentine Official Party leave Government House, *How the town*
- 1500 Take off. ~~(It is possible Council Members may be invited to take a flight in the P.27 and in this case, final departure of the aircraft will be at 1600).~~
- 1530 *A - O - P - leaves St. Mary's for*  
*airfield*
- 1600 *Take off*



TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS

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CAR NO.

1. G.H. Car Brigadier Mayor Gonzalez and Mr D. Scott
2. C.S. Rover Mr Burrows and Miss Ryeacroft
3. Vedr de la Colina Ministro Mario Izaguirre
4. Mr Sloggie's Rover Comodoro Rodriguez  
Comodoro Cabeza  
Comodoro Stagnaro  
Comodoro Evergisto Gomez
5. Mr Barton's Rover Sr. Carrido, Monsignor Ireland  
Miss Devlin and Miss Fisher
6. Mr Miller's car Comodoro Zamboni  
Comodoro Degan Lob
7. Mr Blake's Rover Cap de Navio Tello  
Ingeniero Aguero
8. Mr Reid's car Brigadier Ruiz  
Ministro Ross  
Coronel Gonzalez Balcarce
9. P.W.D. Rover
10. P.W.D. Rover Crews of F.27
11. P.W.D. Rover Public Relations people
12. Mr C.W. Robertson's Rover Rev. and Mrs Helyer and Rev. and  
Mrs R. Forrester
13. Mr R.M. Pitaluga
14. Mr A. Monk
15. Mr W. Luxton
16. Mr. W.E. Bowles
17. Argentine lorry Journalists
18. P.W.D. Rover To collect all British delegation luggage and  
deliver to West ontrance to Government House.



ceremony are asked to arrive by 1030 hours and to park their cars and take up position as indicated by the Police and by Special Constables on duty. In accordance with normal air safety regulations, members of the public are not permitted to approach nearer than 100 metres to the runway before the planes have landed. Visitors should use the main road from Stanley for access to the airfield and should not attempt to view proceedings from anywhere other than the public enclosures indicated by the Police. The Public is asked not to attempt to leave the airfield until the official party has left.

The second Fokker Friendship aircraft carrying a number of Falkland Islands passengers is now expected to arrive at 1000 hours; these passengers will go through Customs and Immigration before the formal opening of the airfield.

In order to prevent traffic blockages, no parking will be permitted on Ross Road (between the Secretariat and the Philomel Store) Philomel Street or Davis Street (from the eastern end to the top of Philomel Hill) between 1000 and 1600 hours on Wednesday 15th November.

CHIEF SECRETARY



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PUBLIC NOTICE

Inauguration of the temporary airfield

NOTE: This notice is slightly different from that broadcast last night

It is notified for public information that an inauguration ceremony for the opening of the temporary airfield will take place weather permitting at Hookers Point on Wednesday 15th November.

A Fokker Friendship aircraft is expected to land at 1100 hours. It will halt opposite the terminal building and the official parties will be greeted by His Excellency the Governor, the Chief Secretary and Vice-Comodoro de la Colina. Members of Legislative and Executive Council will be presented, and the Argentine officials will also be introduced to the airfield construction team.

A short speech of welcome will be given by His Excellency the Governor to which the leader of the Argentine official party, Brigadier Major Gonzales, will reply. The airfield will be blessed by Monsignor Ireland, Rev. Canon Helyer and the Rev. Forrester. His Excellency will then declare the airfield open.

At 1130 the official parties will move from the runway towards the terminal building constructed by the Colony's Public Works Department. A small plaque containing the names of the workers who built the airfield will be unveiled jointly by the Governor and Brigadier Major Gonzales. After inspecting the terminal building, senior officials will pay a brief visit to the L.A.D.E. agency in Stanley which will be blessed by Monsignor Ireland.

At about 1215 p.m. 120 invited guests will drink a toast to the L.A.D.E. agency in St. Mary's Annexe, and at a simple ceremony His Excellency will present a scroll to the Captains of the Albatross crews to commemorate their courage and skill in maintaining an air link with the mainland throughout the past winter. The Post Office will be open from 1200 to 1300 hours for the benefit of visitors wishing to purchase stamps and despatch first day covers to the Argentine (but to no other destinations), and exchange facilities will be available.

His Excellency the Governor and the Colony Government will be holding buffet lunches for the visitors at 1300 hours. The two planes are expected to take off for Comodoro Rivadavia at about 1500 hours.

Those wishing to be present at the airfield to witness the ceremony/...



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*[Signature]*  
HONORABLE Mr. LEWIS

Ladies and Gentlemen.

Be these my first words to thank in the name of the Delegation that I preside and in my own name your most cordial words of welcome.

The understanding between human beings is based originally on mutual comprehension and knowledge of each other.

The inhabitants of these islands and the inhabitants of the adjacent continent had not the pleasure till now of frequent opportunities to achieve that basic understanding.

But since the month of January of this year, the Argentine Air Force has developed a maximum effort in fulfilling existing agreements to improve such a situation.

It was not possible that a narrow sea should separate us and so it is that through the services of the amphibian 'planes, both difficult and costly, we have been reaching progressively and definitely to a better knowledge of each other and today with the opening of this Landing Ground we establish an important link in this road that we begin to make use of.

The now historical amphibians will rest satisfied of the fulfillment of their mission while their place will be covered by conventional and faster 'planes with greater capacity for both passengers and cargo. This will permit and put at your disposal a modern and efficient means of liaison with the ~~XXXXXX~~ Continent.

The Argentine Air Force is convinced that this will lead us to obtain stronger links - cultural, social and economical.

Such a promising future could only be achieved by special efforts. The inhabitants of these islands are witnesses of the toil entailed by the personnel of the First Group of Maintenance of the Argentine Air Force, the Argentine Army and the National Highways Department that with the co-operation of the Navy have been able with the appreciative support of local residents to overcome technical difficulties and the weather and finish the job in the estimated time.

Let this sense of satisfaction of a duty well accomplished be for them the best eulogy and the best of prizes.

Thus in this historical day this Air Field is inaugurated and dedicated to a noble cause to which we invoke the Protection of the Almighty.

ADDRESS BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR ON THE OCCASION  
OF THE PRESENTATION OF A SCROLL FROM THE PEOPLE OF THE  
FALKLAND ISLANDS TO THE ALBATROSS SQUADRON - St Mary's  
Annexe 15 November 1972.

This occasion gives me particular pleasure as we are paying tribute to the work of the Albatross squadron which has maintained the only regular link between the Islands and the mainland during the past 10 months. All of us here have been impressed by the professionalism and dedication of the crews who at times have had to fly and land in the harbour in Stanley under very difficult conditions of weather. We realise that operating this service has taken considerable organisation by the staff officers who plan the flights and by the engineers who maintain the planes which by now must have put in a considerable number of hours. Certainly our Government officials here, the Superintendent of Civil Aviation, the Chief Meteorologist, the Harbour Master and others, have enjoyed working with your team to ensure that the service was kept open.

It therefore gives me great pleasure to present to you on behalf of the people of the Falkland Islands this scroll, the wording of which makes clear their appreciation of the great job done by you all.



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ADDRESS OF WELCOME BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR ON THE  
OCCASION OF THE OPENING OF THE TEMPORARY AIRFIELD AT  
HOOKERS POINT, 15 November 1972

Brigadier Mayor Gonzales, Ladies and Gentlemen

It is my pleasure and privilege to welcome you here today on the occasion of the opening of the temporary airfield which is in itself a prelude to the Stanley round of talks, as the presence of the British delegation indicates.

It is hard to believe that it is only just over a year ago that the idea of a temporary airfield at Hookers Point was first mooted and here we are today with this fine runway completed. All this reflects great credit on those involved, diplomats, the planners in the Air Force and notably, above all, by the men of the construction team who have worked hard during a particularly unpleasant winter to complete their task on schedule; the conduct and bearing of the members of the construction team both on the job and off duty has been exemplary.

I am certain that this field will be a great help in providing a more flexible and improved service in the months that lie ahead.

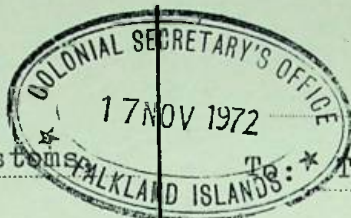
Thank you.

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

MEMORANDUM

15th November, 19 72.



From: Collector of Customs The Chief Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

STANLEY.

SUBJECT:- Passenger Clearance etc. - Hookers Point Airfield

Among the passengers who arrived by the aircraft yesterday afternoon was Mrs. de la Colina and family and Mrs. Fortuny and child - (both wives of Argentine Nationals working here). When called upon for baggage examination they advised that their luggage had preceded them by the flight yesterday a.m. The baggage in question was not presented to Customs and I assume was taken direct from the aircraft by LADE personnel. I am not suggesting that this particular luggage contained prohibited articles but what else came off the aircraft? - possibly the champagne we drank at today's presentation ceremony! I fully appreciate that the flights so far have not been in the regular pattern but I consider it extremely discourteous of LADE to allow such violations of our regulations. Further, more, I understand a LADE Booking Agent also arrived by one of the recent flights. To date he has not presented himself or his baggage to the Immigration, Medical or Customs Authority. It is possible that other unauthorized persons are at present in the Colony.

✓ 2. In future every effort must be made to tie up these 'loose ends' regarding passengers, luggage and freight. This will possibly involve additional staff.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'J.P. [unclear]'.

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# GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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PRESS COLLECT

To APWORLD TELEX LONDON



The first Fokker Friendship aircraft touched down on the new runway on a test flight at 9.15 this morning in cross winds of 22 knots. The pilot said that it was a difficult landing but the runway was better than he had expected. The first crew to land on the first air strip in the Falkland Islands was under the command of V.Com. Raul Barcala and included V.Com. Hipolito G. Lopez, Major Jorge Ruiz, Capt. Ruben Moro, Capt. Carlos Novillo, Capt Abel Sintora, Engineer S.Aux Jose Ramos, Steward S.A. Hector Velasco and Navigator Sr. Alberto Virgillito. Just before the aircraft came into view, the skies were cloudy and there were drops of rain but when the plane was making its approach the sun appeared. It was a glorious sight for the many people watching this first event. The Argentine construction team were on hand to see the aircraft landing on the air strip they had built. The airfield is now ready for the official opening tomorrow, when two inaugural flights will bring the Argentine Official Party, headed by Brigadier Major Gonzalez, and also the British Delegation for the Stanley Talks to be held next week.

KNIGHT

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BROADCAST NOTICE

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By kind permission of the Stanley Town Council, a farewell Dance to the Argentine Construction Team will be held in the Town Hall on Thursday evening, the 30th November, commencing at 9.30 p.m.

The Dance, to which the public is cordially invited to attend, is being organised by the community to show their appreciation to the Argentine Construction Team.

The Secretariat,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Ref: AIR/13/5

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MEMORANDUM

Circular No. 37/72

6th December 1972.

Ref: AIR/13/5

FROM: The Chief Secretary

TO: All Heads of Departments

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Hookers Point Airfield

The following instructions for the operation of the airfield will come into force with immediate effect:-

1. The Superintendent of Civil Aviation will be in overall charge as Airport Manager. He will be responsible to the local representatives of the Joint Consultative Committee - the Chief Secretary and Vice-Comodoro de la Colina.

2. The only vehicles allowed inside the perimeter fence of the airfield will be -

The fire engine  
The YPF fuel tender  
The LADE agency vehicle  
The Land Rover used for unloading baggage and mail  
Air Traffic vehicle  
An Ambulance (when required)

3. The car park to the west of the Terminal building will be reserved for official vehicles and for the vehicles of arriving or departing passengers. The car park to the east of the Terminal building will be open to members of the general public.

4. The fire engine will take up position outside the hangar facing the landing strip. When the aircraft is landing or taking off, the engine of the fire tender will be running and the crew will be at 100% readiness on the vehicle.

5. Mail will be brought to the Terminal building by the unloading vehicle and will be collected from there by the mail van.

6. Air freight will be unloaded from the aircraft into the hangar and will be cleared there by the Customs Officer before being brought into Stanley.

7. The current scheduled time of arrival of the weekly aircraft is 1230 hours on Mondays. Takeoff time will be 1330 hours. Departing passengers will be required to check in at the LADE desk in the Air Terminal building one hour before takeoff.

8. Departing passengers will not be allowed inside the perimeter fence or to pass through the barrier inside the Terminal building until the departure of the plane is announced. The announcement will be made by the LADE agent,

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and departing passengers will file through the barrier showing their passports or Travel Cards to the Immigration Officer and their Boarding Passes to the LADE agent as they proceed to the aircraft.

9. Members of the public will not be permitted inside the perimeter fence of the airfield or to pass the barrier inside the airterminal building without a special pass valid for one aircraft arrival/departure only and issued by the Superintendent of Civil Aviation. It will be the responsibility of the Police to enforce this requirement under the overall direction of the Airport Manager.

10. The only persons permitted inside the Airfield perimeter will be:-

His Excellency the Governor  
The Chief Secretary  
The Immigration officer  
The Collector of Customs and his employees  
The Medical Staff on duty  
The LADE agent and his employees  
Vice Comodoro de la Colina  
Police Officers on duty  
Post Office officials collecting or despatching mail  
Marine Radio Operator  
Officer Commanding Royal Marines  
Aircraft crew  
PWD employees on duty  
Airfield construction workers  
Those in possession of special passes

11. A Police Officer will be on duty at the barrier in the Air Terminal building from the time the aircraft lands until it takes off. Only those listed above will be permitted to pass through the barrier, together with incoming passengers who have passed through medical, immigration and Customs checks, and departing passengers when their flight is called. It is the responsibility of the Police Officer to check that all baggage carried through the barrier has the Customs chalk mark on it which indicates clearance.

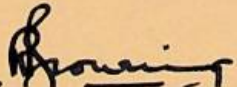
(T. H. Layng)  
CHIEF SECRETARY

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EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING NO. 7/72 HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 6TH DECEMBER 1972

iii. Use of ambulance at temporary airfield - It was recommended that the ambulance should always be used to transport seriously ill patients to and from aircraft landing on the temporary airfield.

  
CLERK TO COUNCIL

PUBLIC NOTICE

Hooker's Point Airfield

Members of the public are asked to observe the following rules which will come into force with immediate effect:

1. The car park to the west of the terminal building will be reserved for official vehicles and for the vehicles of arriving or departing passengers. The car park to the east of the terminal building will be open to members of the general public.

2. The current scheduled time of arrival of the weekly aircraft is 1230 hours on Mondays. Take-off time is scheduled for 1330 hours. As the terminal building is only a small temporary structure it is necessary for departing passengers to check in at the LADE desk at the airfield not later than one hour before take-off time. It is essential that outgoing baggage is weighed in before incoming baggage reaches the terminal.

3. Departing passengers will not be allowed inside the perimeter fence of the airfield or to pass through the barrier inside the terminal building until the departure of the plane is announced by the LADE agents. Passengers should have their travel documents and boarding pass ready for inspection.

4. Members of the public will not be permitted inside the perimeter fence of the airfield or to pass the barrier inside the air terminal building without a special pass issued by the Superintendent of Civil Aviation. This pass will only be granted in exceptional circumstances such as when a relative has to meet a very sick person.

5. It is regretted that the airfield waiting lounge will on occasions be too small to accomodate all departing and incoming passengers together with those meeting and farewelling them. This inconvenience is regretted, but it should be remembered that the building is only a temporary structure. The permanent air terminal at Cape Pembroke will be much more spacious. Departing passengers, together with those farewelling them and meeting incoming passengers may find it more convenient at times to wait in their vehicles in the car parks.

The Secretariat,  
Stanley.

Ref: AIR/13/5

7th December 1972.

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BRITISH EMBASSY  
BUENOS AIRES

8 December 1972

T H Lang Esq  
Colonial Secretary  
PORT STANLEY

Dear Tom,

OPENING OF TEMPORARY AERODROME - PRESS COVERAGE

Please refer to BA Tel NO 250.

1. I am sending with this letter a collection of magazines and press cuttings covering the opening of the temporary aerodrome.
2. As you can see some of the weekly magazines carried long articles on the event. I am enclosing a translation of one of these articles from a magazine called "ASI".
3. As you will notice that apart from the usual stock references to Argentine sovereignty over the islands, it is otherwise factual in tone.
4. I am sorry if the translation is not always stylistically elegant but it is a very long article!

Yours sincerely

Richard

Richard Lavers

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## INTERVIEW WITH THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

Exclusive report: three days in Port Stanley

Mr Lewis, HM Governor, in morning dress and top hat, put aside his British phlegm and happily joined the Falklanders (below) during the opening of the airport built by the Argentine Air Force. The National Colours waved proudly in Port Stanley, capital of the archipelago usurped in 1823 and repeatedly claimed by our country.

## MISSION IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

The temporary airstrip built by the Argentine Air Force which will enable permanent communication between the archipelago and the mainland was officially opened on 15 November in Port Stanley, Falkland Islands. Due to this important occasion, The National Colours waved in that distant territory as another evidence of the unquestionable National sovereignty. An editor of "ASI" took part in the first landing of an Argentine official conventional aircraft equipped and participated in every moment of the programme, stylishly carried out in the presence of enthusiastic Falklanders. The three-days stay in Port Stanley also enabled him to know what the Falklands are like today, what the people think, what their lives are like and what they think of Argentines. This comprehensive study in depth enabled him to write an exclusive report, a document on the Argentine archipelago still under British rule.





Port Stanley, Argentine Falkland Islands. A very important event, which reasserts our sovereignty over the Falkland Islands took place on 15 November when the airport built by the Argentine Air Force was opened.

On that day the National Colours again flew more proudly than ever, since they were struck 139 years ago in an act of despoliation carried out by the British.

But it is not our intention to repeat here a historical event about which everybody knows. But it is really worthwhile to point out this event that constitutes a fundamental stage in the negotiations being carried out at the highest level for the restitution of the archipelago to Argentina.

The airstrip which will enable permanent communication between the Falklands and the mainland is situated 5 km from Port Stanley in an East-West direction, not far away from Punta Rompientes, and is built on a peat field covered with aluminium plates 4 m long, 1 metre wide and 4 cm thick. The laying of the "laminate" was carried out by 40 men from the Air Force, 2 from the Army and 5 from Vialidad Nacional and it is similar to those set up by the Americans in different areas of Vietnam. LADE's Fokker C-27 airplanes with ordinary undercarriage will do a weekly service, using this 760 m-long and 30 wide strip. The task began on 6 June when all the materials were shipped from Buenos Aires on the "Cabo San Gonzalo", including road-making machines, trucks, a complete workhouse, fuels and provisions as well as trained staff.





This is a temporary airstrip. England undertook to soon build the permanent airport and for this purpose a considerable amount of money has already been allocated. When this is completed, the removable aluminium airstrip will be sent to the Marambio Station in our Antarctic sector.

#### UNFORGETTABLE DAY

"ASI", due to the importance of the occasion, stayed three days in Port Stanley, during which time it availed itself of the opportunity to get to know the Falkland Islands and write the report published on these pages.

On 15 November, at 11 am, the opening ceremony of the airstrip took place.

The Governor and representative of British interests in the islands, the Honourable Ernest Lewis, and the Commander of the Air Regions of the Argentine Air Force, Brigadier Major Higinio González, and other high authorities presided over the ceremony, which was attended by the greatly interested Falklanders.

A Defense Corp parade and a small group of marines were on parade and speeches were read in Spanish and English.

The installations were blessed by the priests of the Catholic, Anglican and The Tabernacle Churches. Later on, the LADE offices in Port Stanley were opened and the authorities attended a lunch given in the residence of the Honourable Mr Lewis.

In St Mary's Church a lunch was also given by the Falklanders to the Argentine pilots who linked the Islands with Comodoro Rivadavia from January with their Albatros service. On that





occasion Major Alberto Salvador Alvarez was given a scroll by Governor Lewis.

The Argentine mission, guests, LADE officers and the small group of journalists that arrived in the maiden flight, were constantly entertained by the Falklanders who gave them all a warm welcome.

#### AN ACCOUNT OF THE FALKLANDS

There are few hotels in Port Stanley and their capacity is limited. The one which stands out is the Upland Goose Hotel, managed by their owners, Mr and Mrs D G B King, an English couple who treated the Argentine official mission and the journalists who ~~had~~ travelled from Buenos Aires, with cordiality and friendship.

Mr King offered a drink to the Press representatives in a pleasant bar and explained that the building had been built by the first families who arrived in the island 100 years ago. All the walls are made of stone, he said, and the whole building was refitted in 1969.

The house can accommodate 20 people and has single and double bedrooms without private bathrooms, and a warm dining room with wide round tables and comfortable wooden chairs.

The dining room sittings and their arrangement are agreeable surprise: Porcelain plates, stainless steel cutlery and crystal glasses.

A series of paintings hanging on the walls of the room attracted the attention of the visitors; they represented Argentine country themes such as cattle branding, horse lassoing, etc.





This hotel has also a conference room and a library where no Argentine or Spanish-written publication was to be seen.

What are the fares in the Upland Goose Hotel?

Bed and breakfast costs 2 pounds. Bed and board is 3  $\frac{1}{2}$  pounds.

Considering that the official rate of the pound is 2,500 old pesos, bed and breakfast is worth 5,000 old pesos.

What is the menu like?

Generally, there is mutton, cooked in different ways, soups and vegetables. The most common drink is beer, such as the Dutch and canned "Amstel".

Dinner for the journalists on 14 November consisted of scampi, salmon steaks, garden peas, creamed potatoes, cheese and biscuits and coffee.

Wine is paid for separately. It is mainly Argentine. A bottle of "Suter Pinot Blanco" is worth 70 pence (1,750 old Argentine pesos). A "Don Valentín" bottle costs also 70 pence.

There is no "service" charge.

The hotel has two floors and it is located in the coastal boulevard. In the front it has, as most houses, a neat, wide hot-house garden, always with flowers.

The bathrooms are big and comfortable and have boiling hot water at any time, evidence of the excellent heating system of the house and of its powerful boilers, necessitated by the severe temperatures typical of the region. The Globe Hotel is smaller and so is the Ship Hotel and the Rose Hotel.

"Emma's Restaurant" was founded in 1887 and is an imposing building. These hotels have their own public bars as well as bars for the people staying in them. Generally, the division





consists only of a curtain which everybody respects.

The public bars: The Globe, The Victory, The Rose and The Upland Goose, have a strict timetable, from 10 to 13 and from 17.30 to 22 hs.

There is a high consumption of beer and whisky and, remarkably the napkins most commonly used in these places are made of paper and advertise "Martini on ice, genuine from Italy, on the rocks" There are not many places to go to in Port Stanley and the clubs are the most attended. But clubs have different social categories and some of them are exclusively for men, for example the Falkland Club and the Colony Club, though women can attend the last one on certain days of the week.

The Fid Club is exclusive to members of the Armed Forces and the Green Virge Inn is only attended by the marines servicing in the islands.

The Working Men's Social Club, in Dean Street, Northbound in the Fitzroy road, has a games room which is always full. You can play billiards, dice, table tennis, drink tea or coffee, soft drinks or whisky and read up-to-date magazines.

Naturally, the already mentioned Colony Club is the upper class one and no workers or low income people go there.

Falklanders may also go to the cinema. There is only one place where films are on show, called the "Town Hall". There is also a room where balls are sometimes held and the beat band "The Sins" plays, or amateur actors perform.

The films are 16 mm and once they have shown them there they





are sent to the different camp settlements.

The cinema is not opened every day. On Tuesday and Sunday afternoon the house is for children and on Sunday night it is for adults. Films are shown in the Assembly Hall of the Anglican Church and the functions are known as "charity cinema".

It should be added that the Town Hall is in the first floor of the Legal Department Building where there is also a big hall for cultural activities, the public library, the Post Office, the Municipal Council as well as the offices of the Civil Service of Port Stanley.

#### A BIT OF EVERYTHING

Visiting Port Stanley is like visiting a really typical English hamlet, with houses one by the other with ridge roofs and permanently smoking chimneys,

The common feature of all houses is the hot-house garden in the front and the high fences at the back where the residents grow vegetables protected from strong winds.

Outside town, in the hills coming down to the bay there are many peat fields where the islanders get their peat for heating and cooking. The peat is extracted with shovels from places previously allocated, for which the interested parties pay a duty beforehand. Peat is nothing but earth, sand, marine débris, bird's droppings and other natural elements which once decomposed become on exposure to the air, stone hard and a marvellous fuel.

All residents have a good supply of peat in their houses for their cooking ranges, chimneys and boilers, and for heating the





buildings, at a very low cost of course.

There are no original trees in the islands. In recent years the residents have planted some kinds of trees typical of cold climates such as pines, poplars and cypresses. The streets of Port Stanley are paved, the paths are very good and everything is clean and tidy. The electric lighting is obtained from sodium gas.

The town has a radiotelegraphic station, the local broadcasting station and the European ESRO Telemetry and Tracking Station for tracking and controlling satellites, installed by UNESCO and under the charge of Mr Johnston, a technician.

The local broadcasting station is called the Falkland Islands Radio Station and it broadcasts a news reel from London at 8 in the morning, after this it pauses until 10 o'clock. Then a programme which continues till 12 hs begins; it includes "music for working", lessons for children and community news. At 19.30 the programme is resumed with music, interviews, news and notices of interest for the residents: for instance this kind of message can be heard; "There is a parcel for Mr Brown at Mr Johnson's" or "The Gooch family is informed that the doctor will go tomorrow because he is ill".

José Booth R and his wife Mary, Chileans from Punta Arenas, operate an amateur radio station which comes under the number V P 8 D R. Mrs Booth and her husband were very pleased when "ASI" paid a visit to them. They said that they are on the air every day in 20 m wave from 16 hs and in a 15 m wave every Saturday



and Sunday, getting wonderful links with the Argentines. "We keep ourselves informed and through the radio we continually make friends and this is invaluable", they said, rightly proud. The Argentine workers who are still on the island completing the airstrip and the YPF tanks pointed out that at night "Buenos Aires broadcasting stations can be heard very well and without interferences but the Falklanders do not listen to them because they do not understand the language".

In brief, the radio and the weekly LADE airplane are the only communication with the Falklands. It should be added that a Danish cargo/passenger ship, the "AES" that leaves from London via Mar del Plata and Puerto Deseado, bound for Port Stanley. This happens regularly every four months.

#### SHOPS AND SURPRISES

One of the attractions of Port Stanley is visiting the shops, four in all. Products from England, USA, Japan, and other countries are on sale in all of them.

From Argentine industry, the ASI envoy could only detect boxes of "oats" and wine.

The most important market is the West Store, owned by the FIC (Falkland Islands Co.), the most powerful firm in the islands. There you can buy whatever you can think of, food, clothes, records, radio sets, wonderful cameras, jams or sweets. The goods are nicely displayed, as in the Argentine markets, and no supervisors are to be seen. Each buyer puts the goods in his own bag and pays for them at the till.





Another interesting shop is the Globe Store, owned by Mr Ernesto Guillermo Rowe, which has hardware, ironworks, metallic accessories groceries and also a lady's department.

Mr Ernesto G Rowe is an extraordinary Falklander who was born in Buenos Aires, in the heart of Belgrano, in a big house near Echeverría and Juramento, and is in the Falklands with a British passport. But the strange thing is that, apart from not looking his 76 years, he is a Falklander and a prosperous shopkeeper, and who acts also as Uruguayan Consul. Mr Rowe, who periodically visits Buenos Aires as well as Rosario, where he has relatives, is very pleased with the opening of the airstrip and said, while he was drinking a double Johnny Walker Black Label whisky, "The airstrip built by the Argentine Air Force is the basis for effective communications between the Argentine mainland and the islands, and this will immediately result in a better understanding among people, better knowledge and co-existence, and, of course, trade and cultural exchange will increase. We will know one another much better and that is what matters". Afterwards Mr Rowe added: "There is no doubt that some Falklanders want to be Argentines, but others do not. The latter are afraid of losing their jobs and becoming a target for reprisals".

"Take into account that in Buenos Aires the Falklanders are often called pirates and usurpers, and these statements only arouse hostile feelings. Moreover, many Argentine governments or their missions abroad have treated Falklanders very badly, and many people do not forget it".

Another very successful shop for the variety of products offered





is Tommy Hardy's Kelper Store, managed by Mr Reynaldo Ernesto Reed. There you can buy shoes, gifts, souvenirs, sweets, toys, clothes and hundreds of other items.

Mr Reed was born in Comodoro Rivadavia and he lives in the islands on a Chilean passport. He is married to Pamela M McLeod, born in Port Stanley, and they have several children. One of them is 17 years old and is at present in the province of Chubut doing military service on his own free will. Mrs Reed visited Buenos Aires last year, and the authorities supplied her with the personal documentation as if she were resident of our country, for which she was really grateful, saying on that occasion that she always considered herself an Argentine, though she was born in the Falklands, which is undoubtedly national territory.

Mr Reed a supporter of Avellaneda Racing Club, did not delay in accepting the presidency of the Port Stanley branch of the Club Atlético Banfield, a member of the Argentine Football Association. This branch, founded at the initiative of the "ASI" envoy, is the most southerly representative of an Argentine Club.

The fourth shop is the Kelvin Store, owned by Mr Luxton and sells among many other things, clothes, cameras, radio sets, etc. When walking down Port Stanley, surprises and findings come one after the other. In said shops, for instance, English money is used, i.e. pounds and pennies. There is the ordinary pound note and another bearing the "Falkland Islands" mark, which is





used in the islands. The  $\frac{1}{2}$ , 1, 2 and 50 pennies are metallic coins and they do not carry the islands's name.

But the shops also accept Argentine pesos at the rate of 1 pound: 25 new pesos or 2,500 old pesos. Falklanders are not used to Argentine currency and they did not know how to give change so they let the Argentines take their change directly from the till. In Buenos Aires the pound is worth 3,500 old pesos in the black market but the Falklanders refused this alternative of increasing their profits because it was simply "incorrect and dishonest".

#### SHEEP AND SEAWEED

The basic and most intense activity in the archipelago -which is repeatedly claimed through Argentine Diplomatic channels as national territory- is the breeding of sheep, especially Corriedale and Romney Marsh, some having been brought from Tierra del Fuego and Santa Cruz to improve the local breeds. In the archipelago there are now some 700 thousand sheep, their meat being used for local consumption and the surplus being thrown into the sea. Recently, a CAP representative visited Port Stanley to negotiate the purchase of mutton for Buenos Aires and foreign markets.

The camp settlements of the whole archipelago have founded the Sheep Owners' Association which represent them and defend their interests.

Another activity that has arisen recently is the exploitation of seaweed of the Islands, which according to studies, possesses one of the biggest fields of this plant, which is increasingly



used in modern industry, especially the type called "Macrocystis pyrifera".

The marine crops of this seaweed, which surround wide areas of the archipelago and were seen from the LADE airplane that flew down to Port Stanley for the opening of the airstrip, could be a very important source of work, especially in the future.

Some Falklanders, however, do not see good prospects for the processing of algae in the Falklands because they say a big energy output is needed for the purpose and in the Falklands the power voltage is not as high as that required by such facilities. Anyway, Alginate Industries Ltd, of London, has opened a branch in Stanley and it is carrying out the studies. Mr Gooch is in charge, but he is in England now.

"ASI" was able to interview his wife, Mrs Cecilia Gooch, neé Bennett, born in Buenos Aires and who has lived in Stanley for 2 years. Mrs Gooch a nurse, was very prudent in her statements. She said that the alginate industry in the Falklands will shortly become a very important activity, and initial research proves this. As to the restitution of the archipelago to Argentine sovereignty, repeatedly claimed at all levels, in all circumstances and by all the governments, she stated: "everything will come to a good end, not immediately of course, but in due time". Fishing is another potential industry, due to the extraordinary fish wealth in their waters. Industrial fish processing would require, of course, a small fleet of well equipped trawlers and plants for the processing of fishmeal and fish oil. At present fishing is limited and only meets the islanders needs.





There are a number of rivers in the archipelago and salmon have been sown in many of them with excellent results, as has been shown by the wonderful specimens caught which would move the most expert fisherman.

Farming hardly exists, but there are precedents that when the land is well worked it yields good grass and even exceptionally good barley is obtained, as happened not long ago in the "Hill Cove" settlement.

Some years ago, English experts advised diversification in cattle breeding, emphasizing the perfect adaptability of cows and horses, but the suggestion was not followed up by the camp settlements.

Naturally properties should be adjusted for breeding cows and horses, and it would be necessary to put high strong wire fences, which do not exist because they are not necessary for sheep.

Moreover, killing yards and meat-packing plants are needed and these are not to be found in the islands. Apparently there are no other resources.

The hunting and processing of whales is no longer profitable. The exploitation of the fur-bearing seal is also over, as well as that of the sea-elephant, whose grease was previously taken out for making oil used for lighting purposes.

Sheep breeding is undoubtedly predominant. Geological research has proved that there is no petroleum in the Falklands, but though it is impossible to extract black gold, other minerals



in the sedimentary soils could give place to some other commercial exploitation.

Tourism could be another activity, though there are no imposing landscapes in the Falklands. The region is deserted, treeless, rocky and with large peat fields. Strong winds are common and the temperature in winter is below -3 degrees C. In summer the lowest temperature is 6 or 7 degrees and exceptionally, 18 and 20 degrees Centigrade.

As it has already been said, there are few hotels and their capacity is limited for which reason they cannot accept a considerable number of tourists.

#### THE OWNERS OF THE FALKLANDS

Who are the owners of the Argentine Falkland Islands? They are a few in number, powerful and protected by the British flag. The archipelago has three camp settlements registered in London, The Falkland Island Co with 1,330,000 acres and some 280 thousand sheep; Helmedsted Blake and Co with 147,000 acres and 32,000 sheep and Packe Bros and Co with 142,000 acres and 28,000 sheep. Nine other companies exploit 1,039,200 acres where 223,000 sheep are bred. There are 10 settlements totalling 227,830 acres and 70,000 sheep and three tenants rent 16,540 acres and have less than 4,000 sheep.

In fact, these companies are the owners of the Falklands, and they obviously refuse to restore the land to Argentina.

Why do they refuse?

They say through their representatives that Argentina does not have a firm government and that its currency, under constant devaluation, does not have sterling backing. The English Government, according to what emerged, are only interested in





the islands as a precedent of "legitimate possession in order to make their rights effective when the possession of the Antarctic is discussed in future at international levels". What is true is that the Falkland Islands are Argentine, must be restored to the national heritage, and were forcibly usurped on 3 January 1833.

#### HOW TO TRAVEL TO THE FALKLANDS

Now you can travel to the Falklands by means of the LADE service. Naturally, you have to comply with some requirements both in Port Stanley and in Comodoro Rivadavia Airport, from where the trip to the archipelago starts.

The Turboprop Fokker F-27 air service takes place every Monday. Departure from Comodoro Rivadavia is at 10, arriving in Stanley at 12.30. The return trip leaves at 13.30 landing in Comodoro at 16 hs.

How much is the one way air ticket? It was fixed at nine pounds eighty pence or 230 new pesos. Passengers from Buenos Aires first fly down to Comodoro Rivadavia by Aerolíneas Argentinas and Austral who sell the one way air ticket at 295 new pesos. To be able to go down to Port Stanley you need an International vaccination certificate and a temporary travel card issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which authorises travel. This personal document is only given to Argentines or foreigners resident in the country. Foreigners in transit need their passports. There is another requirement for those who travel, they must take with them at least 5 pounds for each day, i.e., if somebody from Buenos Aires goes to the Falklands for a week



8 days are to be reckoned -from Monday to Monday- and so he needs 40 pounds. Falkland residents do not have to comply with this monetary regulation.

The Comodoro Rivadavia Customs House will not be over zealous and at passenger's request, will take note of cameras, recorders, etc. In Port Stanley the Customs will not be very severe either but will demand the strict observance of certain regulations on the "importation" of some products. The Port Stanley Customs will ask passengers to declare fire arms, drugs, tobacco, cigarettes and cigars; beverages specially wine, liqueurs, and beer; poultry, including eggs and by-products (they fear New Castle fever); every kind of cooked or raw meat, cold cuts, sausages, etc (in order to prevent foot and mouth disease) and, finally, you have to declare the introduction to the islands of plants, trees and seeds.

In Port Stanley, as well as in Comodoro Rivadavia, passengers have to fill in the "embarking-disembarking" form written in English and Spanish, where they have to state personal data about nationality, address and identity documents.

Falklanders travelling to the mainland also have to comply with these regulations and obtain the temporary travel card in the British Government offices.

It should be added, for further information, that the archipelago consists of two big islands, East and the West Falkland and over a hundred small islands.

Port Stanley is 1,800 km from Buenos Aires; 925 km from Comodoro Rivadavia; 774 km from Rio Gallegos, and 554 km from the Isla de





los Estados. Great Britain is a distance of 12.320 km.

#### NOTE BOOK

Three days in Port Stanley were recorded on about 500 photographs, some of which illustrate this up-to-date and accurate report, and in a couple of note books.

Here are some observations and information. In the whole archipelago there are two doctors and a dentist. Another doctor Dr Ferguson Gordon, completed his 4-year contract and is to leave soon for London. Gordon said that Port Howard has 86 inhabitants, all of them working in camp settlements. In Stanley, the police force consists of 4 policemen and 1 sergeant, Mr Walter Felton, who said that no murder has been committed since 1901. At present, he said, there are only three prisoners in for minor offences. Watches show the same time as in Buenos Aires though in the countryside they are one hour fast in order to take advantage of day-light.

Divorces? Plenty. It is the big problem of a small community. Roads? None. Residents travel by small hydroplane and on the "Forrest", owned by Mr Jack Collis, 57 years old, married, no children. Collis said he is a descendant of the sailor Solis; he was born in the Falklands and he is proud of drinking "mate". The residents of Darwin, 200 km from Stanley, say they have the biggest sheep shearing shed in the world. They have a school with 100 pupils and 40 boarders. There is another school in Port Stanley. Primary education is free and compulsory until





14 years. The British Government grant special scholarships for secondary studies in London. Many children also study in Buenos Aires. Port Stanley has three churches, The Anglican Cathedral in charge of pastor Patrick Helleyer; St Mary's Roman Catholic Apostolic Church, in charge of bishop James Ireland and the Tabernacle Church, in charge of cleryman Robert Forrester. The population is 2,100, of whom 1,100 live in Port Stanley. It is generally a changing population. Almost all the residents have work contracts for 4 or 5 years and they have a six-month holiday every three years. Thirty Chileans are living there. How much do workers earn? The minimum wage is 40 pounds a month. There is no unemployment. In the Falkland Islands they are afraid of Perón or of a future Peronist Government. "Perón -they say- has always treated Falklanders very badly". Are there many cars? It is estimated that one out of every three residents owns a car. Twenty litres of (Argentine) petrol, i.d., 5 gallons, are worth 1 pound and thirty six pence. A public square in town is evidence of the British despoliation done to Argentina. Under an arc formed by four whale bones is a plate saying: "1833-1933 Centenary of British possession and colonization".

Engineer Martín F Coloe is in Stanley directing the YPF works with a group of Argentine workers. They are building 'Antares' Station. It is called 'Antares' from the star. It consists of 6 tanks of 25.000 litres each and the 1 km pipeline to the airport. The tanks will have to be refilled twice a year according





to the frequency of flights, and will cost 1,000 million old pesos.

The language is one of the greatest barriers holding back the Argentine. How is this to be overcome? Broadcasting radio programmes in Spanish and English, granting scholarships, setting up Argentine schools and libraries in the Falklands, sending out our publications could help improve matters.

What is the political attitude of the Falkland residents to Argentina? Local observers said without hesitation: "The old people do not want matters to change. Young people influenced by their elders go on repeating what they say. The 20 to 35 year old group, both men and women, want changes, and want to live better, to know the best. Since England delays the delivery of the islands, young people generally leave for Australia or New Zealand". And this is true, because the exodus is permanent. Stanley has two councils, the legislative and the executive. The Honourable Mr Lewis is the General Administrator.

LADE has already got attractive offices in Stanley. They are in charge of vice-commodore César de la Colina, assisted by Héctor Sassi.

And two other things. Taking advantage of the Argentine journalists' visit the following Falklanders made a PRODE bet: Terry Spruce, Andrés Bonner, Jean Spruce, Gladys Robson, Rosemary Allan, Ivonne Gordon Firing (Uruguayan young lady who kindly offered her services as translator), Jenny Luxton, and Phyllis Oliver, trying their luck not knowing very much about football. On 15 November an "Anti-Argentina" demonstration was planned but



did not take place and the organizers chose to drive their cars with the legend "Keep the Falklands British" stuck to the door windows.

The Falklands, in spite of everything, will be restored to the national heritage and this fact, at this stage of events, cannot be discussed or doubted by anyone.



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# The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

(INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1851.)

REGISTERED 1902.

AGENTS FOR LLOYDS.

TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY" VIA RADIO.

*Stanley,*

12th December, 19 72

*B/W to me / H.C. 13/12*

The Chief Secretary,  
The Secretariat,  
STANLEY.



Dear Sir,

Airfield Construction Equipment

We understand that the Cabo San Gonzalo will be calling at Stanley towards the end of this month to embark the equipment used by the airfield construction team. We have, as yet, received no official confirmation of the date on which we might expect the vessel. We would like to make it clear that work on the Cabo San Gonzalo can not be allowed to interrupt the operations of the Monsunen which is now engaged on the important task of collecting the Colony's wool clip. We would also like to remind you of the extensive public holidays over Christmas and the New Year. Because of these holidays, it will be both difficult and expensive to get men to work cargo at that time.

Another point which arises concerns the charges for handling cargo. When the Cabo San Gonzalo arrived in May of this year we agreed to discharge her cargo for what it cost us to pay our labour, without addition of on-costs or profit.

We confirm that, in accordance with our letter to you dated 25th September 1972, we are not prepared to handle any further cargo, either loading or discharge except at our ordinary commercial rate which is 83.3p per ton, weight/measurement, plus the normal charges for the use of jetties and gear. *on Ak 5401/2*

We would also be grateful if you could confirm to us whether accounts should be submitted to you or to the Argentine authorities.

Yours faithfully,

*Allogie*

COLONIAL MANAGER

AS/ygf



18 December 1972

Vice Comodoro C de la Colina  
STANLEY

Dear Vice Comodoro de la Colina

I would be grateful if you would confirm that the Cabo San Gonzalo is expected to arrive in Stanley on 28 December with a view to loading the equipment from the construction party and from YPF.

It would be useful also to have an estimate of how long the loading is likely to take as you will appreciate that in the period during the Christmas and the New Year there are a number of public holidays and it is difficult to obtain labour.

Another factor of course is that the loading of the equipment might clash with the unloading of wool from the Monsunen, which we should avoid if at all possible.

Yours sincerely

E G LEWIS



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18 December 1972

A Sloggie Esq  
Colonial Manager  
Falkland Islands Company Ltd  
STANLEY

Dear Mr Sloggie

With reference to your letter dated 12 December addressed to the Chief Secretary, I have asked Vice Comodoro de la Colina to confirm that in fact the Cabo San Gonzalo will arrive on 28 December; I have also pointed out the problems of the holidays, the likely shortage of labour during the period and the fact that the handling of the Monsunen must take priority over other vessels.

Your penultimate paragraph has been noted and your account for the loading of the equipment should be submitted to the Chief Secretary.

Yours sincerely

E G LEWIS

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HOOKERS POINT AIRFIELD

1. With reference to the Public Notice put out recently by the Chief Secretary about the arrangements for crowd control at the temporary airfield it seems to be that a few more notice boards showing the location of the car parks etc would be of advantage. Would you please discuss with me early and then perhaps, together with the Chief Police Officer, we could have a look at the problem on the ground.

EGL

18 December 1972



AIR/13/5

5th January 1973

Chief Secretary

Senior Medical Officer

Use of ambulance at temporary airfield

It was recommended at the last meeting of Executive Council that the ambulance should always be used to transport seriously ill patients to and from aircraft landing on the temporary airfield.

2. Would you kindly make arrangements to implement the recommendation. Please note however that the ambulance should only be used when it is known that a seriously ill person is travelling and not as a regular feature.

(R. Browning)  
for CHIEF SECRETARY

HRT.

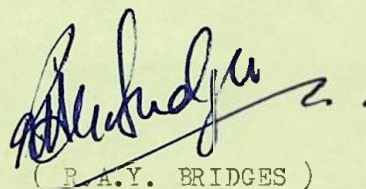
H.M.S. ENDURANCE,  
B.F.P.O.,  
SHIPS.

8th. January, 1973.

The Chief Secretary,  
Government Offices,  
STANLEY, East Falkland.

Use of Stanley Airstrip by Helicopters from H.M.S. ENDURANCE.

1. It is requested that provisional approval may be given for the occasional use of the Stanley Airstrip by Whirlwind Helicopters operating from H.M.S. ENDURANCE. Such use would be conditional on obtaining prior approval at least 24 hours in advance on each occasion and would involve continuation training only.
2. All such flying would obviously be programmed to avoid conflict with any other traffic.



( R.A.Y. BRIDGES )

Lieutenant, Royal Navy,  
Commanding Officer,  
Ships Flight, H.M.S. ENDURANCE.



12th January

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Dear Sir,

Please refer to your letter of 8th January in which you request permission for helicopters from HMS Endurance to make occasional use of Stanley airstrip.

2. There is no objection to your aircraft using this airstrip in the circumstances and on the conditions you describe in your letter.

Yours faithfully,



(T. H. Layng)  
CHIEF SECRETARY

Lieutenant R.A.Y. Bridges,  
Flight Commander,  
HMS Endurance.

cc: Commanding Officer, HMS Endurance.

AIR/13/5

12th January 1973.

The Chief Secretary

The Supt. of Public Works

Temporary Airfield

I understand the Airfield Construction Team have now vacated the two houses on Drury Street and Crozier Place for which this Government have accepted rental liability. Would you please arrange to have both properties inspected and advise me whether you consider they have been left in a clean and tidy state.

2. Likewise it will be necessary to ensure that any items loaned to these houses from your department are recovered and returned to store.

(H. L. Bound)  
for CHIEF SECRETARY

CB



PUERTO STANLEY, 19 de enero de 1973.-

SEÑOR SECRETARIO JEFE

D.T.H. LAYNG

PUERTO STANLEY



De mi consideración:

Tengo el agrado de dirigirme a Vd. con el objeto de llevar a su conocimiento la respuesta respecto al requerimiento que efectuara verbalmente para la operación de dos helicópteros pertenecientes al Barco Endurance desde el Aeródromo Provisorio de Puerto Stanley, durante el período comprendido entre el 24 de febrero y 11 de marzo de 1973.

En tal sentido, le comunico que dicha operación está autorizada durante el período indicado anteriormente, debiéndose tener en cuenta que ello no debe entorpecer en ningún momento, el normal tráfico de los aviones de L.A.D.E., ni que implique el movimiento de vehículos sobre la pista de aterrizaje.

Asimismo le informo que la autorización aludida, no significa el uso permanente del aeródromo, sino que cada vez que se prevea su utilización, deberá solicitarse la autorización correspondiente en cada caso por escrito, e indicando los detalles de la operación.-

Saludo a Vd. muy atentamente

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of stylized initials and a surname, likely belonging to Vicecomodoro Cesar A. de la Colina.

Vicecomodoro Cesar A. de la Colina

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*Refers to an oral request to be allowed to operate two helicopters belonging to HMS Endurance from the Temporary Airfield during the period 24 Feb - 11 March 1973, and authorizes the operation requested provided that normal flights of LADE aircraft and the movements of vehicles are not impeded. This authorization not to imply permanent use of the airfield for such purpose, but on each occasion a written request for the facility, giving details of the operation, should be made.*

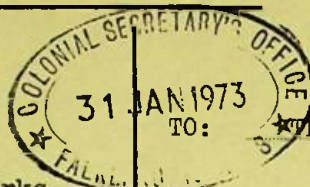
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No. PWD 035

It is requested that, in reference to this Memorandum the above number and date should be quoted.

# MEMORANDUM



January 29th, 19 73.

TO: The Chief Secretary,

FROM: Superintendent of Works.

Stanley.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT —

## TEMPORARY AIRFIELD:

Your memo AIR/13/5 refers. Report on houses vacated by the Construction team.

2) Drury St. The house has been cleaned to the best it can be under the circumstances but in any event is much cleaner now than just prior to the occupation. There is no apparent damage. Temporary drain pipes have not been removed and a temporary water service line is to be removed. I have issued instructions to have them removed, the pipes and fittings to be retained by P.W.D., expenditure negligible. The property has gained a little on the deal, as the water supply is much improved.

3) Crozier Place. It is difficult to say whether it has gained or lost a little, it was in an extremely poor condition before the team entered the house, and I would venture to say it is much cleaner, similar to Drury Street house the paintwork and decor is non-existent, as they were on entry. Generally speaking the properties were left in a condition a shade better than on entry. The temporary concrete slabs and pipework (above ground level) in the yard of Crozier place house has not been removed, if removal is desired it will involve approximately £30.

4) All furniture belonging to Government has been returned from whence it came.

*W. Rogers*

Superintendent of Works.



RESTRICTED

fm FCO to Immediate Falkland Islands telno 30 of 1 February

PERMANENT AIRFIELD

1. Consultants require to know exact position of temporary airfield. Please telegraph UTM grid references of both ends of runway at its fullest extent, i.e. including any clearway at either end.

*Y.E. I have asked Mr. Rogers to provide the info. today*  
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*To*

STAT PRIORITE IMMEDIATE PRODRONE LONDON SW1

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a/c H.S.

Telno 32 of 5 February.

Your telno 30.

1. Location of temporary airfield as follows: Eastings 939.750 to 940.620 yds.E (939.750 to 940.620 yds.E). Northings 733.500 yds.N (733.500 yds.N). Alignment bearing 3 (3) degrees south of true east at 940.620.E (940.620.E).

2. Reference is to first edition sheet two of Geographical Section General-Staff Map no 4465 War Office Publication.

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*Time*



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12th February 1973

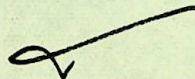
Chief Secretary

Superintendent, Public Works.

Hookers Point Airfield - Approaches

It would appear that fairly early attention will be needed to the surface of the road which gives access to the terminal building, and to the track from the terminal building to the airstrip itself.

2. I would be grateful if you would assess what is required and advise whether you have funds to put the necessary work in hand. If you have not an Application to Incur Supplementary Expenditure for the next meeting of Standing Finance Committee (February 28th) will be necessary.



(T. H. Layng)  
CHIEF SECRETARY

HRT.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

FM BUENOS AIRES 131509Z

UNCLASSIFIED TO PRIORITY FALKLAND ISLANDS TELNO 17 OF 13 JANUARY

VISIT OF BRIGADIER FAUTARIO

1 BRIGADIER FAUTARIO THE CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE ARGENTINE

AIR FORCE WILL BE PAYING A FLYING VISIT TO STANLEY THIS WEEK

PROBABLY ON THURSDAY HE WILL FLY

LHD433 FCW005 ETAPTY PTY GOV P2/43

IN A SMALL PLANE AND PLANS

ABOUT A TWO HOURS STAY TO CHECK THE CONDITION OF THE AIRSTRIP

AND TO TALK TO VICE COMMODORE DE LA COLINA THE MFA HAVE

TOLD US THAT THE VISIT WILL BE CONCERNED ONLY WITH OPERATIONAL  
MATTERS

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Office for broadcast  
notice*

*✓ Good. Fickel*

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*Information officer informed, to be broadcast  
to night to camp & Stanley.*

*14.2.73*

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AIR/13/5

14th February 1973

Chief Secretary

Superintendent, Public Works.

cc: Superintendent, Civil Aviation.

Stanley Airport

The temperature in the airport building is becoming progressively lower as Autumn approaches and some consideration will need to be given towards providing heating units for the building. I should be grateful if you could take early steps to provide these facilities.

2. The latch on the exterior door at the west end of the building requires some attention and a work chit is enclosed for this purpose.

(H. L. Bound)  
for CHIEF SECRETARY

HRT.

# Elizabeth Revyuk Foundation

3201 S.W. State Road 84 • P.O. Box K  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33312

April 4, 1973

Ms. H.M. Sovernon  
Government House  
Port Stanley  
Falkland Isles

Dear Sir:

The British Embassy in Washington D.C., referred us to you. We inquired into the feasibility of landing our private A/C, a Douglas DC-3, on the Falkland Islands.

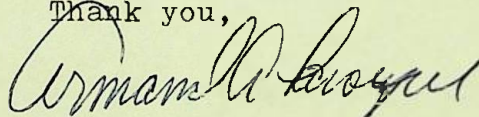
You see, I am the chief pilot for the Elizabeth Revyuk Foundation which is co-sponsoring an expedition to collect water fowl on the Falkland Island and Tierra Del Fuego, this will be in November of 1973.

The other parties on this venture are the British Wild Fowl Society, Philadelphia Zoo and Winston Guest.

My responsibility is to obtain the required permit if any, to use the landing strip on the Falkland Isles. We will not require any services, as we have plenty of fuel to fly from Rio Gallegos to the Falklands and return.

Would you please send us the required information.

Thank you,



Armand A. Larocque  
814 Rustic Lane  
Dover, Delaware 19901  
U.S.A.

plm



30th April 73.

Dear Sir,

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I am writing in reply to your letter of the 4th April 1973 regarding the feasibility of landing your DC-3 on the airstrip. The airstrip is only a temporary one, eight hundred metres in length, and it appears that your aircraft might be faced with some difficulty taking off from this strip, but this would of course depend on the loading of the aircraft.

2. As a first step the Elizabeth Revyuk Foundation should apply for a licence to obtain water fowl giving details of quantity and birds required. It is pointed out that the issue of licences is subject to very stringent controls. If the Elizabeth Revyuk Foundation is successful in obtaining a licence to take birds it would be necessary also for permission to be obtained for you to use the temporary airstrip. Should you decide that the airstrip is not long enough for your purpose I am sure that it would be possible to charter an aircraft from Lineas Aereas Del Estado which would be able to fly your birds to Comodoro Rivadavia where you could pick them up.

Yours faithfully,

(D. R. Morrison)  
for CHIEF SECRETARY

Mr. A. A. Larocque,  
814 Rustic Lane,  
Dover, Delaware 19901,  
U.S.A.

CB

PUBLIC NOTICE

6.

A20/73

Tenders are invited for the acquisition of the concession to sell refreshments at the Temporary Airfield Hookers Point for a trial period of six months from August 1st, 1973.

The successful tender<sup>or</sup> will be expected to provide coffee, soft drinks, sandwiches, etc. for sale in or outside the terminal building from half an hour before the expected arrival of an aircraft and until its departure (unless delayed). The Public Works Department will assist with the provision of a basic refreshment counter.

Tenders marked "Cafeteria" should be submitted to the Chairman of the Tender Board by 8th July 1973. Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender.

Secretariat,  
Stanley.

Ref: AIR/13/5

HRT.



AIR/13/5

10th July 1973

Chief Secretary


Metecorological Officer

cc: Superintendent, Civil Aviation  
Superintendent, Public Works

Anemometer and Wind Direction Gauge

It was agreed at the recent meeting of the Heads of Departments that the Anemometer and Wind Direction Gauge should be erected at the aerodrome.

2. By copy of this memorandum the Superintendent of Works is requested to assist with the installation of the Anemometer and Wind Gauge as necessary.

  
(D. R. Morrison)  
AG. CHIEF SECRETARY

HRT.

AIR/13/5

18th July 1973.

The Ag. Chief Secretary

The Supt. of Civil Aviation

c.c. Chief Police Officer  
Customs Officer

Airfield Security

My memorandum AIR/13/5 of 6th December 1972 refers. I would be grateful if you would restrict the issue of special passes to those who have a particular and valid need to pass the customs barrier in the terminal building such as those accompanying a very sick patient, meeting a VIP, or someone needing the assistance of a relative or friend to assist him or her to the aircraft.

2. The same ruling applies on the arrival of an aircraft, i.e. all persons (with the exception of Government officers on duty) should wait behind the rope barrier until medical, immigration and customs formalities are completed.

*RM*

(D. R. Morrison)  
AG. CHIEF SECRETARY

CB



2nd August 73.

Dear Madam,

I have pleasure in informing you that your tender of £5 for the concession to sell refreshments at the temporary aerodrome has been accepted.

2. It should be noted that this concession applies to the present temporary aerodrome only and that the question of the sale of refreshments at the permanent aerodrome will be decided nearer the opening date.

3. Efforts are continuing to keep the air terminal building and surrounds as tidy as possible and if you conduct business from a vehicle outside the building you must provide a bin for empty cans etc. and be responsible for its removal when business is finished. If you operate within the air terminal building the counter must be kept clean and you should ensure that all refuse etc. is removed by you at the end of the day's business.

4. This concession may be cancelled on the giving of one month's notice in writing.

5. The opportunity is taken to wish your venture success and hope that travellers and others will appreciate and support your efforts.

Yours faithfully,



(D. R. Morrison)  
AG. CHIEF SECRETARY

Mrs. Adrian Biggs,  
Stanley.

CB

Copy to SCA

No. AIR/13/5

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MEMORANDUM

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14th August 19 73

To: The Acting Chief Secretary,

Secretariat,

Stanley.

From: Chief Police Officer

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT —

Hookers Point Airfield

On Monday, 13th August, 1973, Constable Jones, was instructed by myself, to request two persons to leave the perimeter of the Airfield. They were two Argentine tourists, engaged in taking photographs of the arrival of the F.27. The two men were on the north side of the airstrip near the east end. Constable Jones, was stopped by V.C. de la Colina, and told that he had given the two men permission to take photographs. He told the Constable that the Airfield was Argentine, and that he was in charge of it, therefore he could give anyone permission to be there. The Constable immediately reported back to me.

Whilst engaged with Immigration, V.C. de la Colina, spoke to me about the incident. He emphasised that the Airstrip belonged to the Argentine, and that he was in control, ~~and~~ who was allowed to enter <sup>into</sup> it. No issue was made of it.

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R130 In complying with your Circulars of the 6th December, 1972, and the 18th July 1973, my officers have carried out these duties, but with an incident of this nature, none of us feel very happy about it.

To allow all and sundry (tourists) to wander at will is a grave security risk, and could result in an accident. With the forthcoming season we shall have to prepare for many more people in this area.

I should be grateful if you will clarify the position; are we to comply with our own Governments orders, or those of V.C. de la Colina; and what jurisdiction do the Police have for enforcing security or breaches of it.

Chief Police Officer



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



From: Immigration Officer

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

24th September 1973

To: The Ag. Chief Secretary,

Secretariat,

Stanley.


SUBJECT :-

Outgoing passengers

I wish to inform you that passengers who was leaving on today's flight were told by M. SASSI, LADE agent, to board the aircraft TC-72 without first being cleared by myself.

2. The passengers were requested to return to the Terminal Building for Immigration clearance. They did so without any bother.

3. The pilot had assured us the plane would leave at 1.30 as scheduled. I arrived at exactly 1pm. to clear outward passengers as normal procedure, and found they had all gone out to the aircraft. Vice Comodoro de la Colina was present.

  
Immigration Officer

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FALKLANDISLANDS

FM BUENOSAIRE 0611740Z UNCLASSIFIED TO IMMEDIATE FALKLAND  
ISLANDS TELNO 114 OF 6 NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARY OF OPENING  
OF AIRSTRIP 1 MFA HAVE TOLD US THAT THE AIR FORCE WOULD  
LIKE TO HAVE A CEREMONY ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE OPENING  
OF THE AIRSTRIP ON 15 NOVEMBER NO

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DETAILS HAVE BEEN GIVEN BUT MFA SUGGEST THAT A SENIOR  
AIR FORCE OFFICER WOULD PROBABLY FLY DOWN HAVE SOME CEREMONY  
AT THE AIR FIELD AND DE LA COLINA MIGHT GIVE A COCKTAIL  
PARTY BUT NO SPEECHES ARE ENVISAGED BLANCO HAS ASKED FOR  
YOUR VIEWS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

HOPSON

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# GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

## FALKLAND ISLANDS

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To

STAT PRIORITY IMMEDIATE PROCEDEME LONDON SW1

A/C HO

IN CLAIR From Falklands Telegram No. 155 of 7th November to Buenos Aires <sup>Immediate</sup> and Immediate to FCO. Anniversary of opening of airstrip. Yourtel No. 114 (not to FCO). I consider a simple ceremony to mark the occasion would be most appropriate.

2. Would you please convey my compliments to Blanco and tell him that I would like to give a buffet lunch at G.H. in honour of the Argentine representative and his party.

3. I presume that the plane would return the same day and that the suggestion of an Albatross flight has been dropped.

4. See MFT.

FCO please pass

LEWIS

Time

*P. H.*

CONFIDENTIAL 071500Z

Immediate to BA from Falklands

Telegram No. 156. of 7th November

and Immediate to FCO.

Anniversary of opening of airstrip

MIPT

In agreeing to the arrangements we will have to be careful we are not "up staged" by the Argentines. These occasions have a tendency to escalate and I would be grateful for details of what the Argentines propose.

2. If the ceremony can be kept in low key so much the better and if the Argentines propose anything too grandiose we can always play our trump card of a guard of honour from the Endurance plus helicopters overhead.
3. In any case I hope that the Embassy can be represented at a suitable level. Would this be a convenient time for a visit by Shakespeare? He would be most welcome to stay with us returning on the following Monday.
4. Depending on how the political dialogue continues it might be useful if we invite Blanco to come down as well for the ceremony.

FCO please pass



NEWS RELEASE FROM GOVERNMENT HOUSE - 9th November, 1973

Anniversary of the Opening of the Temporary Air Field.

There will probably be a simple ceremony at Hookers Point on Thursday 15th November to mark the first anniversary of the opening of the field.

The Argentine delegation will be led by Brigadier D. Roberto Bortot of the Argentine Air Force and the delegation will include personalities well known to us in the past, such as Major Remorino, Senor Lopez of the YPF and Captain Tello of the Argentine Navy. Also in the party will be the Director General of the Antarctic and Malvinas Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Councillor Blanco. From the British Embassy will be coming Mr John Shakespeare, Councillor and Head of Chancery.

The party coming from Buenos Aires will probably include a television operator, three reporters and a photographer.

Details of the programme have yet to be finalised but it will probably consist of a simple ceremony at which the Governor greets the guests and introduces them to members of the Executive and Legislative Council. The ceremony at Hookers Point will be followed by a cocktail party given by Vice-Comodoro de la Colina on behalf of the Argentine Air Force and a buffet lunch at Government House.

c.c. Rev. R. Forrester



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To ETAT MONK SANCARLOS BLAKE HILLCOVE PITALUCA GIBRALEAR SAN SALVADOR  
LUXTON CHARTRES

PERSONAL FROM GOVERNOR. There will be a simple ceremony on Thursday 15th November to commemorate anniversary of opening of Temporary Airfield Argentine delegation will be led by Brigadier Bortet and amongst others will include people well known to you such as Major Benorino, Capitan de Navio Tello and Senor Lopez of YFF.

2. Equally important is that Director General of the Antarctic and Malvinas Department Counsellor Blanco will be in the party, also British Embassy will be represented by John Shakespeare, Counsellor and Head of Chancery.

3. I hope you and your wife if possible will be able to attend. Special arrangements if necessary will be made to fly you in.

4. Programme at airport which will consist in main of greeting our guests will be followed by a drinks party given by Vice-Comodoro de la Colina and a buffet lunch at C.H.

5. I apologise for the short notice but you know how these things happen and I hope there is no need to elaborate. I appreciate that at this time of

Time the year you are particularly busy but I consider that the occasion certainly the lunch will be important.

LEWIS



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ETATPRIITE

IMMEDIATE

GOVERNOR

FALKLAND ISLANDS

*6/9/11*

FM BUENOS AIRES 091334Z UNCLASSIFIED

TO IMMEDIATE FALKLAND ISLANDS TELNO 115 OF 9 NOVEMBER AND REPEATED  
FOR INFO TO PRIORITY FCO.

YOUR TELNO 156:

ANNIVERSARY OF OPENING AN AIRSTRIP.

1. THE AIR FORCE HAVE NOW SUPPLIED FURTHER DETAILS AS FOLLOWS.
2. THE ARGENTINE PARTY WILL BE

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ABOUT 20 STRONG. IT WILL BE

HEADED BY THE CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE AIR FORCE, BRIGADIER

ROBERTO DONATO BORTOT. HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY 3 OR 4 AIR

FORCE OFFICIALS FROM COMODORO. THE PRESENT ACTING SUB-HEAD OF

LADE VICE COMODORO PEHA. MAJOR REMORINO CIN CHARGE OF THE

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TEAM FOR THE TEMPORARY AIRSTRIP), THE PILOT OF THE ALBATROSS SERVICE, AND POSSIBLY COMODORO GARCIA WHO WILL BE TAKING OVER AS HEAD OF THE CIVIL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE FROM DEGAN LOB. OTHER OFFICIALS IN THE PARTY WILL BE COUNSELLOR BLANCO, CAPTAIN TELLO (STN), SR LOPEZ

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HEAD OF DISTRIBUTION FOR YPF WHO HAS DONE ALL THE WORK ON YOUR STORAGE PLANT), DR DOLCINI (SECRETARY OF INCE) AND THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF ROAD WORKS (WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVISION OF THE TEAM FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE AIR STRIP). THERE WILL ALSO BE SOMEONE FROM

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THE PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICE OF THE AIR FORCE 2 JOURNALISTS, A CAMERAMAN AND PROBABLY A TV TEAM.

3. THE SPECIAL F 27 FLIGHT WILL LEAVE BA ON THE AFTERNOON OF 14 NOVEMBER, OVERNIGHT IN COMODORO AND IS DUE TO REACH YOU ABOUT 1100 AM ON THURSDAY 15 NOVEMBER, RETURNING IN



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THE AFTERNOON.

NO ALBATROSS VISIT IS NOW PLANNED.

4. SHAKESPEARE WILL FLY DOWN WITH THE PARTY AND WILL BE DELIGHTED TO STAY WITH YOU UNTIL 19 NOVEMBER. WE HAVE ALSO ASKED IF A PLACE MIGHT BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR TURNER, VICE-CONSUL IN COMODORO, RETURNING WITH PARTY SAME AFTERNOON.

5. AIR

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FORCE SAY THAT THE ONLY FIRM ITEM ON THE PROGRAMME IS A COCKTAIL PARTY TO BE GIVEN BE DE LA COLINA AND WE HAVE PASSED ON YOUR OFFER TO HOST A BUFFET LUNCH.

6. AS FAR AS WE KNOW, NO CEREMONY IS PLANNED AT THE AIR STRIP, AND YOU MAY WISH TO DISCUSS THIS WITH DE LA COLINA.

HOPSON

COL 6

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FALKLAND ISLANDS



15th November 1973

Dear Captain Collins,

Just a short note to thank you for turning up and giving your support on the occasion of the opening of the temporary air field: also your driver Marine Sealey did an excellent job conveying the official party to and from the field.

Yours sincerely,

E.C. Lewis

Captain D.J.H. Collins,  
N.P. 8901.



SPEECH MADE BY HE THE GOVERNOR AT FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF OPENING OF  
AIRSTrip. ST MARYS ANNEXE. 15TH NOVEMBER 1973.

Brigadier Bartot, Distinguished Members of the Diplomatic Corps,  
Honourable Councillors, Captain Isacke, Ladies and Gentlemen -

On behalf of the Government and people of the Islands I would like  
to congratulate the Argentine Air Force on a job well done during the past  
year in maintaining the air link between us and the mainland: as I said  
only a few days ago, its operation has been a model of its kind.

I give you a toast therefore to the Argentine Air Force and to LADE  
and may the service carry on from strength to strength, thus helping to  
improve communications in the widest sense between the Islands and the mainland.  
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PRESS RELEASE FROM GOVERNMENT HOUSE

14th November 1973

Tomorrow, Thursday, is the first anniversary of the inauguration of the airstrip and a special flight has been arranged to commemorate the occasion. The following guests are expected -

Brigadier D. Roberto Bortot who is Chief of the General Staff  
of the Argentine Air Force  
Comodoro D. Tomas Gubria  
Comodoro D. Aldo Barbuy  
Comodoro D. Rodolfo Santos  
Vice-Comodoro D. Ricardo Pena  
Vice-Comodoro D. Salvador Alvarez  
Major D. Luis Benorino  
Navy Captain D. Guillermo Tello  
Senor D. Carlos Lucas Blanco  
Senor Ricardo Castellu  
Senor Miguel Lopez

and from the British Embassy in Buenos Aires -

Mr John Shakespeare and  
Miss M.G.D. Evans.

Also on board will be a Senor Bearte who is an Argentine Air Force public relations official, three Argentine journalists, an Air Force photographer and a T.V. cameraman. The British Press will be represented by Mr Frank Tylor who is the South American correspondent for the Daily Telegraph.

The plane is expected to arrive at 10:30 a.m. and after introductions have been made by Vice-Comodoro de la Colina and His Excellency the Governor of the official party to members of Executive and Legislative Councils, the party will proceed to St. Mary's Annex where the Argentine Air Force are acting as hosts to a large number of invited guests. At 12:30 p.m. the official party will proceed to Government House as guests of His Excellency the Governor and Mrs Lewis for a buffet lunch. Members of the public are cordially invited to attend the ceremony at the air-field.

The estimated time of departure for Comodoro is 3:30 p.m.

c.c. Rev. R. Forrester, The F.I. Times  
Vice-Comodoro A.C. de la Colina



VIPs arriving on Thursday for anniversary of opening of airstrip

Brigadier Barthot

Comodoro Cubria

Comodoro Santos

Comodoro Barbuy

Vice Comodoro Pena

Vice Comodoro Alvarez

Major Renorino

Captain Tello

Senor Lopez

Councillor Blanco

Engineer Garbellu

{ Senor Rearte (Air Force Press Office)  
T.V. man, Photographer  
Three reporters from Argentine papers

- Ted

Mr Taylor of the Daily Telegraph

Mr John Shakespeare

Miss Evans

Mr Turner

Fokker Crew - Mr. Aldridge

Tom - H.E. will only be able to bring back Mr Shakespeare.

There will, of course, also be the crew of the Fokker to be brought up to town. Mr Aldridge - who usually acts as taxi for them - has been invited to the party in the Annexe and would no doubt, if asked, bring the crew up.

Ted Clapp will bring up the three reporters and Senor Rearte (you will have to let him know but he is agreeable to help)

I don't know how many de la Colina will be able to bring in his bus but when you find that out you could then 'phone all Councillors and Doug Morrison and distribute the rest of the guests between them.

H.E. says we cannot have these VIPs travelling in the back of open Land Rovers.



15th November, 1973

Dear Jim,

I would like to thank you and Ian for the excellent job you did in getting the Councillors in for the anniversary ceremony and luncheon to-day. I realise it was a heavy load placed on both of you and I know that it meant flying very long hours in what was, towards the evening, a particularly dirty period. I consider it was all worth while and it was important for me to have the two Councillors from the West to give balance to our delegation meeting the Argentines.

Once again, well done.

Yours sincerely,

F.G. Lewis

J. Kerr, Esq., M.B.E.  
Stanley.

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From Buenos Aires 221235Z

To Routine Falkland Islands

Telegram No. 125 of 22nd November

info FCO.

Anniversary of Airstrip

1. Both "La Nacion" and "Clarín" in reporting last week's celebrations have made the point that less than half the population of the Falklands is Island born, with snide remarks about the imported Britons who make up the Civil Service and employees of the FIC. We would be grateful for some figures to counter these arguments.



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Routine to BA from Falklands

Telegram No. 168 of 23rd November

info FCO

Your telegram No. 125.

Anniversary of Airstrip: Population Figures.

A copy of latest census in Monday's bag which shows of a total population of 1957, 1522 are genuine Kelpers.

2. The total of FIC employees is approximately <sup>240</sup> of which 22 senior staff are expatriates.

3. Apart from the Governor and Chief Secretary some specialised posts in Government such as teachers and medical are filled by expatriates. The latest staff list shows 33 expatriates out of a total of 145.

FCO please pass

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Buenos Aires; Noviembre 16 de 1973

Mr.

ERNEST GORDON LEWIS

Gobernador de Falkland Islands

PORT STANLEY

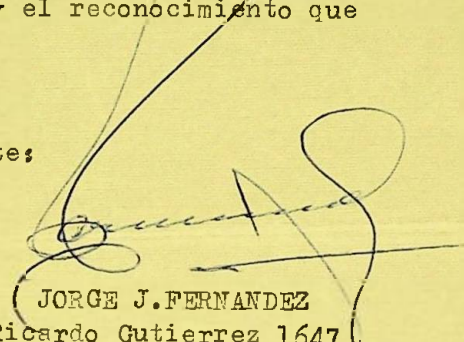
MALVINAS

Con el mayor respeto;

Al cumplirse el 1º Aniversario de la instalación del aerodromo de Falkland que facilita el intercambio postal y la periódica comunicación con el resto del continente americano, me complace hacer llegar a Ud. mis plácemes personales y el reconocimiento que su investidura oficial representan.

Dios Guarde a Ud.

Atentamente;



JORGE J. FERNANDEZ

Ricardo Gutierrez 1647

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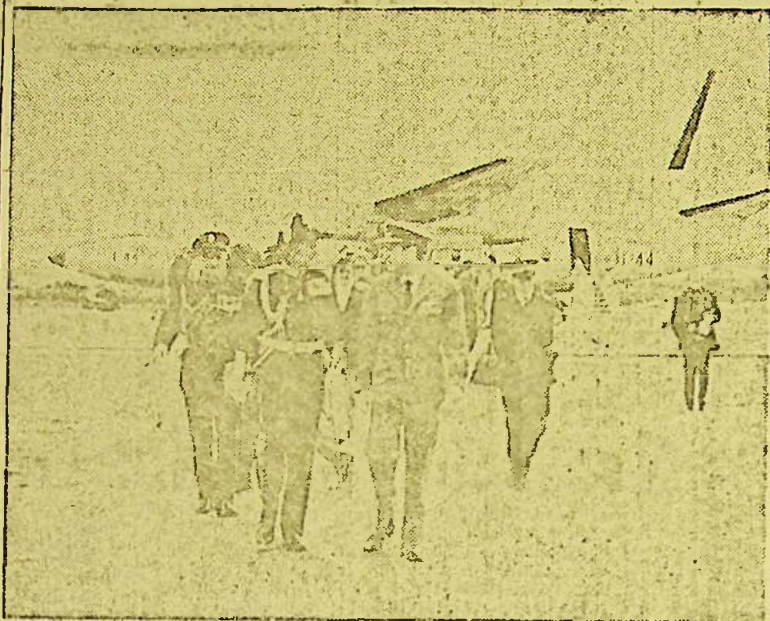


# Un Viaje a las Islas Malvinas

Con motivo de celebrarse el primer aniversario de la inauguración del aeródromo en Puerto Stanley, viajó a las islas Malvinas el brigadier Roberto Bortot, acompañado por funcio-

rios y periodistas. El problema del idioma fue suplido por una sonrisa o un gesto amable. La presencia de YPF posibilitará que la población no siga utilizando turba como combustible.

No tienen problemas de alimentación y un aficionado, que posee el único televisor, captó emisiones de Argentina y otros países. Como se divierten. Sincera amistad hacia la Argentina.



Arribo del jefe del Estado Mayor General, brigadier Roberto D. Bortot, recibido por el señor Lewis

**PUERTO STANLEY** (De un enviado especial). — Al cumplirse el primer aniversario de la inauguración del aeródromo en Puerto Stanley, llegó a esta ciudad una delegación especial argentina encabezada por el brigadier Roberto Donato Bortot, jefe del Estado Mayor General de la Fuerza Aérea. El acontecimiento, que puso término a las largas travesías marítimas para alcanzar las islas Malvinas, fue conmemorado por todos los habitantes de las mismas. Acompañaron al alto jefe aeronáutico los comandos Juan Cubría, Aldo Barbuy, Rodolfo Santos, jefes de departamento del Estado Mayor, los vicecomandantes Ricardo Peña, subdirector de LADE y Salvador Alvarez, del Escuadrón de Búsqueda y Salvamento, el mayor Luis Remorino, del Grupo de Mantenimiento I y los invitados especiales, consejero Carlos Blanco, director general de Antártida y Malvinas, segunda secretaria Glyne Evans, en representación de la embajada británica, el ingeniero Carlos Castelló, subadministrador general de Vialidad Nacional, el señor Miguel López, jefe de Distribución de YPF, el capitán de navío Guillermo Tello, jefe del Servicio de Transportes Navales y periodistas. Al aterrizar en Puerto Stanley la máquina pilotada por el vicecomandante Raúl Barcalá, el mismo que llevara a las Malvinas el Fokker F-27 hace un año atrás, se apresuraron a acercarse a ella el gobernador de la isla, honorable Ernest Gordon Lewis, quien lucía traje militar de gala y su señora esposa. Asimismo lo hicieron los otros miembros de su comitiva. El fuerte viento y la baja temperatura no decrecieron en toda la jornada. En el aeropuerto, que tiene habilitada una oficina de las Líneas Aéreas del Estado, flameaban juntas las banderas de Argentina y Gran Bretaña. Hubo fuertes apretones de manos y sonrisas como si viejos amigos volvieran a encontrarse luego de un año. La amabilidad de los habitantes de las Malvinas se repitió en todo momento y el problema del idioma fue suplido muchas veces por una sonrisa o gesto amable. El viaje desde el aeropuerto, que está cerca al mar, con aguas muy limpias y muy verdes, se hizo en vehículos Land-Rover, con excepción del gobernador y el brigadier Bortot que lo realizaron en el vehículo oficial. Muy poco ha cambiado Las Malvinas en estos últimos 12 meses, pero se aprecia un acercamiento notable hacia la Argentina. Sus limpias calles, que hacen recordar la campiña irlandesa, son algo raras para nosotros, ya que aún persiste el circular de los vehículos por la mano izquierda y nadie intenta pasar a otro coche. A la entrada de la ciudad ya se han instalado varios tanques de almacenamiento de nafta de YPF, pero por ahora sólo contiene JP-1 (aeronáutica). Sin embargo, se prevé una futura ampliación de la planta Antares para la provisión de nafta para coches, querosén y gas-oil.

## \* TURBA

Actualmente el habitante de las Malvinas consume nafta proveniente de Inglaterra para sus vehículos, pero como no le llegan otros subproductos del

petróleo recurre a la turba. Esta es propiedad del gobierno y se encuentra en terrenos muy cercanos a Puerto Stanley, casi a flor de tierra. Los habitantes adquieren la turba cortándola en panes similares a los cuadrados de pasto. Con ella cocinan, y en invierno la utilizan como calefacción. Es normal en las elegantes casitas advertir que en los fondos existe un pequeño galpón donde se almacena la turba para que la misma se seque, ya que contiene un alto grado de humedad. Se calcula que una familia tipo debe pagar al Estado alrededor de 250 mil pesos viejos argentinos para proveerse del combustible durante todo el año. Los técnicos de YPF manifestaron que la turba tiene 4.000 calorías, mientras que el kerosene llega a las 10.000.

## \* LA ALIMENTACION

Puerto Stanley posee una población aproximada de 1.081 habitantes, y en todas las Malvinas la cifra alcanza a 1.957. La alimentación es buena, aunque, por supuesto, difiere notoriamente con la de Argentina. El único matadero de capones es del Estado, así como también su distribución domiciliar, ya que las estancias se abastecen por sí mismas. Un moderno camión inglés recorre Puerto Stanley y va dejando su carga, con excepción de las casas donde en las puertas colorean un cartel que diga "Hoy no quiero carne". La casi totalidad de la fruta fresca y verduras llega desde nuestro país mediante los vuelos de LADE. En cuanto al pan, acontece lo mismo que con la carne. En las islas se está cosechando papas y nabos, que se adaptaron rápidamente al suelo y a los vientos que soplan permanentemente. No existe problema con la leche, así como tampoco con el pollo, gallinas y huevos. El resto de la alimentación envasada proviene del exterior, y en los dos almacenes, uno de ellos de la FIC, se puede advertir la presencia de productos argentinos, como café, duraznos en almíbar y otros. Existe un sistema de agua potable, proveniente de los riachos que una planta potabilizadora se encarga de su purificación. No tienen tampoco problemas con la energía eléctrica, aunque los habitantes de las Malvinas aseguran que la misma es cara. Pero como sólo existe un televisor, propiedad de un ciudadano chileno llamado José Booth, el consumo no es alto, ya que las transmisiones de radio finalizan a las 22 y muchas familias prefieren los aparatos transistorizados, que en Puerto Stanley son muy baratos por no tener que pagar derechos aduaneros.

## \* "VÍ TELEVISION"

Nos llamó la atención la presencia de una antena de televisión de cerca de 17 metros de altura en esta ciudad. Y cuando fuimos a inquirir quién vivía allí salió un señor que hablaba en castellano nos invitó a pasar. Se trataba de José Booth, un ciudadano chileno que reside en la ciudad hace más de 13 años y trabaja como electricista de la FIC. Aseguró Booth que había logrado captar emisiones del canal 2 de La Plata, de Comodoro Rivadavia, San Pablo, Brasil, Montevideo, y en los días muy limpios de

Santiago de Chile. "Voy a intentar ahora colocar una antena de 20 metros de altura y con ello creo que entrará bien el Canal 2 de La Plata". Don José, como se lo conoce, es un antiguo radioaficionado que paga un derecho especial por poseer un aparato de televisión, ha servido durante muchos años a los barcos en navegación, ya que tanto él como su esposa, apodada "María de las Malvinas", continuaban irradiando señales luego que dejaba de hacerlo la radio oficial.

## \* DIVERSIONES

Durante la recepción oficial que brindó LADE en una de las dependencias de la Iglesia Católica, tuvimos oportunidad de hablar con varios habitantes. Estos señalaron la alegría que les causaba la presencia de argentinos en su ciudad. Consultados qué clase de diversión había en la zona expresaron que en el salón municipal los sábados había baile y que se bailaban algunos tangos. "Si señor, los ejecuta un conjunto juvenil que también toca música moderna". Los domingos en el mismo lugar se da cine y también un grupo de personas que poseen un proyector, en invierno pasa alguna película. La vida en Malvinas es sumamente tranquila, y por supuesto todos se conocen a la perfección. Sin embargo los turistas argentinos han alterado un poco la vida de la ciudad. En general éstos son personas mayores que procuran disfrutar de los bellos paisajes naturales de la zona, y en los almacenes se acepta el dinero argentino como moneda corriente. En nuestra recorrida, posibilitada por la gentileza del señor Ted Clapp, director de Asuntos Antárticos en las Malvinas, que puso a nuestra disposición su Land Rover, pudimos enterarnos y observar toda la ciudad. Existe un solo hospital, donde trabajan dos médicos enviados desde Inglaterra y un dentista. Son los únicos profesionales en el arte de curar que hay en las Malvinas. Las visitas cuestan una ínfima cantidad y muchas veces, ante el llamado de alguna estancia, viajan en los hidroaviones Beaver para socorrer a los enfermos, ya que éstos se encuentran alejados de Puerto Stanley y ése es el medio habitual para llegar. Dos escuelas, una del ciclo primario y otra superior, existen en la ciudad. Se ha planeado enseñar, como segundo idioma, el español o castellano. Visitamos una de ellas y los niños no mayores de 7 años se hallaban jugando en sus jardines, adornados con flores "gorso" de subido tono amarillo y que forma una mata preciosa. Los chicos, que no conocen otro idioma que el de la sonrisa, se acercaron al grupo de periodistas y camarógrafos. Algunos lucían ponchos cordobeses y nos tendieron la mano. Cuando nos íbamos, el grupo de casi 20 niños, agitando sus manos gritaron "chau" en perfecto castellano. "Ustedes han llegado en el mes de la flor nacional pale maiden, y eso es signo de amistad y buena voluntad". Así, pensando en el "chau" de los niños y en la flor pale maiden, dejamos con tristeza Puerto Stanley porque su gente nos recibió y nos trató como si fuéramos viejos amigos.



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# Malvinas: Coloniaje y Presencia Argentina

Un vuelo especial de LADE —Líneas Aéreas del Estado— conmemoró el primer aniversario de la construcción de la pista de aterrizaje en Puerto Stanley, capital de las Islas Malvinas. La obra, como se sabe, fue realizada por la Fuerza Aérea y permite, desde entonces, operar a los aviones de LADE que conectan al archipiélago con Comodoro Rivadavia. Con motivo de la conmemoración Clarín estuvo en las islas e hizo una evolución en momentos que la reivindicación de la soberanía argentina atraviesa un momento conflictivo.

Los vuelos argentinos obviamente han mejorado las comunicaciones de los 1.957 pobladores de las islas (menos de la mitad nativos de las Malvinas e hijos de ingleses y el resto nacidos en Gran Bretaña), pero todos ellos sufren una absoluta falta de información respecto de la Argentina.

Esa falta de información, añadida al hecho de que los ingleses de las Malvinas son empleados públicos o lo son de la Falkland Island Company, determina que esa población no se sienta atraída por la posibilidad de cambiar de jurisdicción. Las noticias les llegan por la radio local —un tercio de cuya programación es repetición de la BBC de Londres— con predominante información periodística referida a la Corona británica. El semanario local "Falkland Island Times", está impreso en mimeógrafo y redactado por un pastor protestante, Robin Forrester, quien defiende la posición inglesa en el pleito sobre la soberanía argentina. Se vende a 4 peniques el ejemplar (unos cien pesos moneda nacional). La Falkland Island Company, principal escollo para la devolución de las islas por la presión que ejerce, es dueña de siete estancias y de la mitad del ganado ovino, riqueza fundamental del archipiélago. El gobierno local y la F.I.C. son los mayores empleadores.

De allí que la pretensión británica —expuesta en la ONU por su delegado— en el sentido de que se permita a los pobladores de las islas "expresar sus deseos" respecto de la jurisdicción sobre el archipiélago, no resiste el menor análisis, porque a los malvinenses no se les

ha permitido otra opción. Al replicar ese argumento, recordamos que nuestra representación sostuvo que "dicho derecho —el de la pretendida autodeterminación de los pobladores— no puede prevalecer sobre la integridad territorial, porque lo contrario implicaría justificar un acto ilegal de fuerza nunca aceptado por mi país y contrario a las normas que rigen a la comunidad internacional".

Pero el de la jurisdicción no es el único problema que afecta a los habitantes del archipiélago. Y el flujo aéreo entre Puerto Stanley y Comodoro Rivadavia ha comenzado a despertar inquietudes desconocidas anteriormente.

Se advierte en las Malvinas que está bajando el nivel de vida de la población, que no llegan a compensar los aumentos salariales. En las islas se aporta para el fondo jubilatorio hasta los 60 años de edad. Durante cinco años más se trabaja sin obligación de hacer aportes, y la jubilación se otorga cuando el trabajador cumple los 65 años. Pero ese haber jubilatorio es de solamente 4 libras por semana (alrededor de 40.000 pesos moneda nacional al cambio impuesto en Puerto Stanley) y esa suma no alcanza para mucho. Solo en surtirse de turba (el combustible obligado en los largos y duros inviernos) cada familia gasta anualmente alrededor del equivalente de 250.000 pesos moneda nacional. De la población activa —alrededor de 800 personas— 300 están en condiciones de acogerse próximamente al beneficio jubilatorio.

Los vuelos de LADE han permitido variar y enriquecer la cocina de los hogares malvinenses. Al cordero con papas de la cocina diaria, se agregan ahora frutas y legumbres.

Se habían iniciado conversaciones destinadas a posibilitar que Y.P.F. actuara como proveedor de combustible, pero el consejo de las islas se opuso, temiendo la instalación de "un monopolio argentino". Pero no lograron que ninguna empresa inglesa se interesara en abastecer tan reducido mercado. En cambio, el gobierno local hizo un aporte positivo a la integración, disponiendo la enseñanza del castellano en las escuelas.



EL BRIGADIER Roberto Bortot saluda al gobernador inglés de las Malvinas, F. G. Lewis.

17 NOV 1973



El gobernador Lewis recibe al brigadier Bortot en el aeródromo de Puerto Stanley

## A un año de habilitarse el aeródromo malvinense

**PUERTO STANLEY** (De un enviado especial). — El primer aniversario de la habilitación de la pista de aterrizaje de aluminio construida por la Fuerza Aérea en la capital malvinense, dio ocasión al traslado hasta esta localidad austral de una delegación que fue presidida por el jefe del Estado Mayor aeronáutico, brigadier Roberto Donato Bortot, e integraban varios oficiales de la fuerza; representantes de la Cancillería, de Vialidad Nacional, de YPF y del Servicio de Transportes Navales, además de dos funcionarios de la Embajada de Gran Bretaña ante nuestro gobierno.

A la recepción, efectuada en el marco ventoso y precario del aeródromo local, asistió el gobernador inglés del archipiélago honorable Ernest Gordon Lewis, ataviado con su traje de ceremonia, y un grupo de personalidades de las islas. Trasladados al poblado, se ofrecieron dos agasajos: uno de LADE —que tiene la responsabilidad de los servicios aéreos que unen

el continente con Puerto Stanley, a las autoridades de la colonia, y otro del gobernador, que lo hizo con la delegación, en su residencia. Franca cordialidad privó en estas reuniones, en las que el peculiar colorido malvinense estuvo de la mano con la mejor buena voluntad, por ambas partes.

### Resultados de la actividad argentina

Pronto van a hacer dos años que la Argentina mantiene un servicio regular de aviación hasta Puerto Stanley; primero fueron máquinas anfíbias Albatros, y desde la habilitación de la pista, aviones Fokker-27. Paralelamente a esos vuelos, semanales, nuestro país se ha ocupado de manera activa de la salud y las necesidades de comunicación de los pobladores; ahora, a través de YPF, tomará a su cargo la provisión de combustible. Ulteriormente, Vialidad, Gas del Estado y Transportes Navales se sumarán a esa labor mancomunada en favor de las islas.

Es notorio que la acción oficial argentina tiende a lograr una integración cada vez mayor entre los intereses de los malvinenses y el territorio nacional ubicado en el Continente. Por contrapartida, si bien la acción en el mismo sentido prometida por Gran Bretaña se ha demorado, en este medio existe la convicción de que nuestra labor es de sumo provecho para las islas, tanto económica como socialmente. La eficacia de la colaboración argentina merece un vivo reconocimiento y los viajes de pobladores a la zona continental se vuelven de más en más frecuentes. Una muy reciente disposición de las autoridades de aquí, ha convertido al español en segundo idioma a los efectos escolares, medida que se pondrá en práctica en los establecimientos educativos apenas se pueda contar con el personal docente necesario.

Fernando Sánchez Zinny





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BRITISH EMBASSY  
BUENOS AIRES

14 December 1973

His Excellency  
The Governor  
FALKLAND ISLANDS

*Dear Governor,*

AIRSTRIPE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

1. I now enclose a full set of the reports (untranslated, I am afraid), which appeared in the Argentine press about the festivities on 15 November. The article in 'La Razón' is far and away the best (author Francisco José Wachs - the sinister looking one in the white polo necked sweater). The 'La Nacion' piece is uncontroversial and factual (author Fernando Sanchez Zinny) and the 'Clarín' regrettably snide, with remarks about the declining standard of life in the Falklands and poor pension rights.

2. Frank Taylor's article was certainly a disappointment, but he told me that he plans a further visit for a week early next year, when he proposes to study the scene in a little more depth. While on the subject of press visits, Charles Eisendrath of the 'Time' magazine bureau here called on John Shakespeare and myself and said he is planning to write a story on the Falklands and thinks, if you have no objection, of visiting you in January. Eisendrath's story is almost certainly going to try to be funny and may poke mild fun at colonial survivals (like Frank Taylor only more so), but should at least come down on our side over sovereignty, to judge from his apparent complete lack of sympathy with the Argentine case. Adrian Porter is currently covering the Royal honeymoon, but we will pass on your message when he returns.

*Yours ever*  
*G. Evans*

M G D Evans

22nd December, 1973

Dear Glynn,

I have just returned from South Georgia and seen your letter of the 14th December about the airstrip birthday celebrations and it was very good of you to send the extracts from the local press. I have no objection to Eisendrath of the "Time" magazine bureau coming here but I hope he gives us a bit of warning so that we can give him what help we can.

Yours ever,

E.G. Lewis

Miss M.G.D. Evans,  
British Embassy,  
Buenos Aires.



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Your ref.

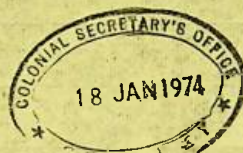
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Chief Secretary  
Secretariat.



Sir.

As the 2<sup>nd</sup> of Feb. 1974 will be the end of the stated six monthly trial period of the Air Port Cafeteria I wish to terminate my concession to operate same on that date.

? My decision has been brought about by increased cost of Gas oil, bread etc.

Yours sincerely  
Shirley Biggs

A.S.  
New P.N. Collins for  
Tenders Dept

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Tenders are invited for the acquisition of the concession to sell refreshments at the Temporary Airfield Hookers Point for a trial period of six months from 3rd February 1974.

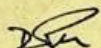
2. The successful tender<sup>er</sup> will be expected to provide coffee, soft drinks, sandwiches, etc. for sale in or outside the terminal building from half an hour before the expected arrival of an aircraft and until its departure (unless delayed).

3. Tenders marked "Cafeteria" should be submitted to the Chairman of the Tender Board by 30th January 1974. Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender.

The Secretariat,  
Stanley.

22nd January 1974.

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THURSDAY 22ND AUGUST 1974

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5. POSSIBLE EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY AIRFIELD (Memo 33/74)

His Excellency advised that a telegram had been received from the British Embassy, Buenos Aires, stating that the Argentine Air Force were willing to consider extending the existing temporary airfield by some 400 metres, whilst repairing the west end of the strip. The material to be used would be the aluminium planking later destined for

for the Antarctic. Such an extension would provide a greatly increased safety factor and a larger passenger load of 45 persons (the present service carries 22 persons). The higher load factor of the Fokkers would be of great assistance to the contractors of the new permanent airfield who undoubtedly would find it necessary to fly in personnel and vehicle spares etc, during the course of their work. His Excellency also stated that the Argentine Air Force had only 10 Fokker F-27 aircraft and with an increasing demand on these in the Southern Patagonia area and for Military Training they were finding themselves in a tight position for aircraft; hence the need to up the payload. No increased security risks are foreseen. With work on the permanent airfield definitely going ahead and London agreeing the proposal now being considered Honourable Members advised that the extension of the airstrip could be approved.

*B. Gunning*  
CLERK TO COUNCIL

# MEMORANDUM

Refer V.O.R.

19th September, 1974  
Date

From Supt. Public Works

To Chief Secretary

Sir, I have the honour to report on information received from Vice - Commodore Bloomer-Reeve (Special Consul) as follows:-

1. Approx 14 tons of cable, and equipment, which will be used to install a V.O.R. (Very High Frequency Omni Range) Beacon will arrive in the Colony during 25th to 28th of this month.

The V.O.R. equipment is to be used as an aid to safe landing in variable weather conditions of aircraft using Hooker's Point Airstrip.

The cable is to be connected to the Stanley Electricity Supply, and will run underground to the V.O.R. Beacon which will be sited in line with an imaginary line drawn longitudinally through the centre of the runway approx. 900 yards from Stanley.

From the V.O.R. Beacon a cable will run underground to the Air Terminal Building where it will be connected to a remote control unit.

The Total length of excavation for the cables will be approx. 900 yards from Stanley outskirts to the V.O.R. Beacon, and 2,685 yards approx. to the Air Terminal Building. The excavation will be 30 centimetres deep, and the cable will lay on a bed of sand. After the cable has been installed the route of the cable is to be recognisable by the use of markers.

The intention is for the cable, and equipment to be recovered after Cape Pembroke Airport is operational.

The land around the V.O.R. Beacon has to be levelled, and cleared for a radius of 60 metres.

## QUESTION

1. Who is to do this work ?
  2. Who is to pay for the electricity used in running the V.O.R. equipment when operational ?
2. A team of 12 construction workers from Argentina will arrive in the Colony in the near future, to carry out remedial work to the existing airstrip.

We, P.W.D., are asked to provide a front-end loader (JCB), and a dumper truck, complete with drivers.

## QUESTION

Who is to pay for this work ?

## PLEASE NOTE

If P.W.D. labour is to be used on the above - mentioned projects then it must be stated that it will seriously retard work programmes which have already been forecasted.

Sir, I have the Honour to be

*B. Turner*  
Supt. Public Works.



No. V.O.R.

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

## MEMORANDUM



1974

From Superintendent of Public Works

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To

Chief Secretary

SUBJECT :-

ESTIMATE FOR INSTALLATION OF VOR CABLE, ETC.

Sir, I have the honour to report further to my memo. of 19th September, 1974 :---

It is extremely difficult to accurately forecast the cost of excavating, and installing the VOR cable, and ancillary equipment.

I respectfully suggest that a provisional sum of £1,000 is allocated to this service.

I have tried to obtain a price for this service from a local contractor, without success.

Should PWD be required to carry out this work -then it must be stated again that it will seriously retard the planned work programme.

*B. Jones*

Supt. Public Works.

2408/B

16th October 1974

Chief Secretary

Supt. Public Works

V.O.R.

S.P.C. has approved funds for the burying of the V.O.R. cable in accordance with your memo of 19th September.

2. Will you now explore the possibilities of having this work done by contract and let me know the result. If this is not possible I am afraid that your department will have to undertake it.



A.J.P. Monk  
Chief Secretary



NOTE : *Extension of Harker Point Runway*

The Argentine Congress has now voted money for this work and it can go ahead in time for 1st January 75. The labour force will be approximately 40 men.

2. The problems of accommodating so comparatively large a labour force in addition to YPF and Johnston teams are going to be considerable.

3. A possible solution is that the labour to lengthen the runway is housed in the ESRO building as the YPF move out.

No.

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

## MEMORANDUM.

23rd October 1974

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Meteorological Office

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To:- Chief Secretary

Stanley



SUBJECT:-

TRANSPORT TO AIRFIELD ON FLIGHT DAYS.

The arrangement whereby the forecaster went to the airfield with the police land rover after lunch had worked very satisfactorily but the the last month there have been three occasions when the vehicle has remained at the airfield during lunch as was therefore not available for transporting the forecaster.

If such arrangements of the vehicle remaining at the airport are to continue will alternative transport arrangements be made to enable the forecaster to arrive at the airfield about half an hour before time of departure for briefing and providing wind and other ~~information~~ information necessary for takeoff.

*DB*  
Forecaster



AIR/13/5

11th November 1974

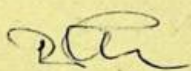
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Chief Secretary

Chief Met. Officer

Transport

I refer to your memo of 23rd October and am to inform you that you should explore every avenue e.g. Royal Marines, P.W. D., Police in order to come to some arrangements with the owners of the vehicles running to and from the airport.

  
(D.R. Morrison)  
for CHIEF SECRETARY

CMCD

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vii. Temporary airfield -

A VOR Beacon to assist aircraft in landing was being constructed for use with the Hooker's Point Airfield. The equipment would be so sited that it could afterwards be used when the permanent airfield became operational.

*Browning*  
CLERK OF COUNCIL



# GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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15/12/74

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To

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From Falklands  
Tel No.466 of 23rd December  
To FCO

HOOBERS POINT AIRFIELD. AIRFIELD WILL BE CLOSED FOR ESSENTIAL REPAIRS  
TO RUNWAY FROM 7th JANUARY TO 19th JANUARY.  
THERE WILL BE A FLIGHT COMODORO STANLEY COMODORO ON 6th JANUARY. THE  
NEXT FLIGHT WILL BE 20th JANUARY.

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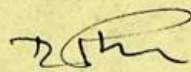
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21st January 1975

CHIEF SECRETARY

SUPT PUBLIC WORKS

Please have prepared before Monday's flight a notice "CROSSING PROHIBITED" which should be capable of being removed from its retaining post ie. the post should remain in position but the notice should be removed after each flight. This notice will be placed on the north side of the strip and prevent the present practice of vehicles crossing from the North side of the airstrip at a time dangerously close to the arrival of the Fokker. Please consult with the Chief Police Officer regarding the positioning of the notice.



(D R Morrison)  
for CHIEF SECRETARY

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G. A. ARMSTRONG.

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