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VISIT OF URUGUAYAN NAVAL OFFICERS .

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Uruguayan Base in Antarctica.

Extract from letter from H.N. Brain, British Embassy, Montevideo to Governor, Stanley of 1st November, 1963.

(Original filed in 2218)

3. You will see from correspondence copies to your Secretariat that we hope that he will be accompanied from here by two Uruguayan Naval officers. I hope that you agree with my view that in addition to the general goodwill advantages of this exercise it would be helpful for them to see something of the Falkland Islands, since Argentine misrepresentations get a good deal of currency - if perhaps less credence - in Uruguay. The time however is getting short and I should be grateful if you would telegraph your concurrence in the proposal so that when final authority is given we can issue the invitations without delay.

4. We do not know here whether there would be any delay between the arrival of the officers in Port Stanley and their transfer on board "Protector" since we do not know her exact movements. If there is, I trust that you would agree to provide them with suitable accommodation?

Extract from telegram from H.E. the Governor to Prodrone Montevideo
of 7th November, 1963.

(Original filed in 2218)

I refer

They will have a week in Stanley. Accommodation presents
problems but we shall manage and I hope they will be able to see
something of the camp as well.

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We had better have a file "Visit of Uruguayan Naval Officers".
I hope they may be able to go round the Camp in "Darwin"; but, if
not, Mr. Clapp is prepared to put them up.

EPA

12.11.63

Original in 2218

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Extract from letter to Sir Norman Brain dated November 22, 1963,
from H.E. the Governor.

Many thanks for your letter of November 1.
I hear that passages have been booked for the two
Uruguayan Naval officers and they will be arriving
here by the "Darwin" on December 17. I think she
will probably do a short Camp voyage, and this will
enable them to see a bit of the Islands. Ted
Clapp, the Officer in charge of British Antarctic
Survey, has agreed to put them up if they are likely
to be in Stanley before "Protector" gets here. We
shall have the Thompsons staying with us at that
time.

B. U. 12.12.63

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*It now seems most likely that Protector
will be here when the Specimen arrives.*

L.G.

13.12.63.

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With the compliments of

R. G. PETTITT

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8.11.63

COLONIAL OFFICE
GREAT SMITH STREET
LONDON S.W.1

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MS, 4 please forward

With the compliments of
THE AMERICAN DEPARTMENT
(A. D. Parsons)

For favour of forwarding to
Colonial Secretariat,
Port Stanley.

FOREIGN OFFICE,
November 7 , 1963.

November 7, 1963.

(A15218/)

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Would you please refer to my letter of October 24 and to your telegram No. 45 to Buenos Aires of October 29 about the possibility of the Uruguayan naval officers joining H.M.S. "Protector" in December.

2. We have now had official confirmation from the Admiralty that they are prepared to pay for the messing and accommodation of the visitors, although they will have to meet their own personal expenses. We will be paying their fares to Stanley. The period of the trip will be from December 24 (H.M.S. "Protector" leaves Port Stanley on January 1) to January 28, 1964, when the ship returns to Montevideo. The date of the return, of course, depends on ice and weather conditions. We hope that the Uruguayans will be prepared to pay their own expenses if there is a time lag between the arrival of "Darwin" at Port Stanley and their embarkation in "Protector".

3. Would you now please issue an official invitation to the Uruguayan navy? As the Admiralty have asked us to arrange this it seems that there is no need for the Naval Attaché at Buenos Aires, to whom I am sending a copy of this letter, to take any further action.

4. You will be hearing from Security Department about the security clearance necessary for the officers chosen and from Spreckley about charging instructions for the fares. The Admiralty are instructing the Commanding Officer on H.M.S. "Protector" to make arrangements for the reception of the visitors.

5. I am copying this letter also to the Colonial Secretariat in Port Stanley, to Pettit at the Colonial Office and to Draper and Abrahams in the Admiralty.

(A. D. Parsons)

K. H. Jones, Esq.,
MONTEVIDEO.

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Colonial Secretariat,
Port Stanley



With the compliments of

HER MAJESTY'S EMBASSY

K.H.Jones

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November 29, 1963

Thank you for your letter A 15218/4 of November 6 and for Parsons' letter A 15218/ of November 7 about the two Uruguayan naval officers joining H.M.S. "Protector" in December. We were very glad to hear that this idea had come to fruition.

2. The Uruguayan Navy put up two candidates to the Ministry of National Defence last week and the latter have just confirmed their approval. One is Teniente de Navio (CG) Don Carlos Costa and the other Alférez de Navio (CG) Don Eduardo Mosci. (CG stands for 'Cuerpo General'). Costa is the colourful character who (with two companions) sailed round the world in the yacht "Alférez Campora" (the Ambassador's despatch No. 30 of June 15, 1962); we think that the wardroom will find him an asset. I have not yet met Mosci. All the papers about the two officers were sent off to the Uruguayan Embassy in London on November 20 for transmission to the Admiralty.

3. We are confirming the double-berth cabin in the "Darwin".

4. I am sending copies of this letter to the Naval Attaché in Buenos Aires, and to the Colonial Secretariat in Port Stanley (plus a spare copy for H.M.S. "Protector"); and I enclose two spare copies for the Admiralty and Colonial Office.

(R.H. Jones)

J.N.T. Spreckley, Esq.,
Foreign Office,
London, S.W.1.

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December 28, 1963.

(Dear Martin,)

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I enclose a copy of a letter from Parsons of the Foreign Office about the two Uruguayan naval officers, and also a copy of another letter, from Jones of the British Embassy, Montevideo, on the same subject.

(Yours sincerely,

Edwin Arrowsmith)

Captain M. S. Ollivant, MBE, DEC, FI.

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Copies sent of 6 and 7.



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(1523/66)

11 October, 1966

Please refer to my letter 1523/63 of 8 May 1963 to Parsons, and to Foreign Office telegram No. 190 of 26 October 1965, which span the correspondence about H.M. Government's invitation to the Uruguayan Government to send 2 Uruguayan Navy officers down to the Antarctic in 1963/4 and one in 1965/6.

2. H.M. Ambassador would be grateful if consideration could be given in due course - after consultation with others concerned - to the idea of issuing a similar invitation for the 1967/8 season.

3. I am sending copies of this letter to the Naval Attaché in Buenos Aires and to the Colonial Secretariat in Port Stanley, and enclose 2 spare copies in case you should wish to pass them to the Ministry of Defence (Navy) and the Commonwealth Office.

(K. H. Jones)

M.W. Atkinson Esq.,
American Department,
Foreign Office,
London, S.W.1

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14th November, 1966.

Dear Keith,

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Please refer to your letter 1525/66 of the 11th October 1966.

We look forward to having more Uruguayan Navy Officers in the Antarctic and coming through Stanley and will add our support to the Ambassador's request.

As per

(W.H. THOMPSON)

K.H. Jones, Esq.,
British Embassy,
Montevideo,
URUGUAY.

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Commonwealth Office,

Great Smith Street, S.W.1

3rd November 1966

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You may remember that in the 1965/66 season a Uruguayan naval officer was invited by Her Majesty's Government to visit the Antarctic and travelled in Protector (your telegram 116 of 1965).

2. The Ambassador, Montevideo, has now suggested that H.M.G. should invite one or two Uruguayan naval officers to the Antarctic in the 1967/68 season; he does not say how they should travel but I suppose we can assume that the idea would be for them to go in Protector again. The 1967/68 season seems rather a long way ahead at present but I should be grateful to know whether you can foresee any objections to such a visit taking place. The 1965/66 visit appears to have been well appreciated.

3. I am copying this letter to Sir Vivian Fuchs.

Sgd. A. St.J. Sugg.

Sir Cosmo Haskard, K.C.M.G., M.B.E.,
Government House,
Port Stanley.

Reply at 12.

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Would you please refer to your letter FST.H20 of 3rd November about the possibility of one or two Uruguayan naval officers visiting the Antarctic in the season 1967/68.

I foresee no objections to such a visit taking place - indeed, earlier visits appear to have been successful.

I am copying this letter to Sir Vivian Fuchs.

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A. St.J. Sugg Esq., C.M.G.,
Commonwealth Office.