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No. S/20/41. (G)

Secretary of State.

SUBJECT.

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CAMP FOR SUGGESTED GARRISON.

Roads:

Previous Paper.

MINUTES.

Excerpted to 9/42/42.

1. S. of S. telegram No. 69 of 29/4/42.
2. Copy of notes by Ex. Engineer
3. Telegram to S. of S. No. 80, Most Secret, of 1/5/42.
4. Telegram fr. War Office of 11/5/42.
5. " to " " " 13/5/42.
6. S. of S. Secret tel. No. 45 of 28/5/42.

Subsequent Paper.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

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From SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

To HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Despatched : 29th April, 19 42. Time : 1928.

Received : 30th April, 19 42. Time : 1030.

Important.

*Rec'd 8/20/41 (A)*

*Red 57*  
No. 69. With reference to my telegram No. 57 please telegraph as soon as possible what local resources are available under the following heads.

- (a) Sand.
- (b) Aggregate (e.g. gravel). State nature.
- (c) Road metal. Material for short rough roads only.
- (d) Materials and facilities for making bricks type of bricks and stocks held if any.
- (e) Road making plant.
- (f) Stone crushing plant.

2. Following information also required : (a) Estimate rate of discharge for mixed stores in deadweight tons.

- (b) Number of lighters available stating capacity and of jetties stating length and depth alongside.
- (c) Cranage facilities.
- (d) Other available means of handling heavy lifts.
- (e) stacking area in the vicinity of the jetties.
- (f) Would the Falkland Islands Company or any other body be capable of providing skilled stevedores supervision for unloading military stores or would the military transportation personnel be required

*Encrypted to 5/20/41 (P)*

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SECRETARY OF STATE.

Notes for reply to S. of S. telegram No. 69.

1. (a) Unlimited quantities of good building sand 3 miles out. Government lorries too old to withstand strain continuous heavy work and short petrol stocks.
  - (b & c) Local stone when crushed makes magnificent aggregate and suitable road metal. No brushwood or sleepers for track roads. Local binding material not good.
  - (d) No local brick: price of coal prevents making: Experiments produced soft red rubbers. No local stocks.
  - (e) Small stocks picks and shovels. Portable stone crusher. Small concrete mixer. 3 ton Diesel roller.
  - (f) Stone crushing plant with grader 3" to dust. All machinery, except roller, being old and no spares liable break down abnormal extra work.
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2. (a) Normally just over 250 tons a day if labour is available and assuming loading into lighters and unloading ashore.
  - (b, c & d) Normally six lighters of about 110 tons each.  
Dockyard Jetty 12' 0" mean S.L.W. Derrick one ton.  
Public Jetty 14' 0". No crane.  
Company's East Jetty 9' 0". Derrick for 2 ton lift.  
Camber 17' 0" outside. Crane inside 5 tons.  
Admiralty Magazine 9' 0". Crane 5 tons.  
Last two have no road access from Stanley, former opposite side of harbour, latter two miles away.
  - (e) Almost negligible.
  - (f) F.I.C. would provide men if available. Next six months all spare labour engaged on urgent Admiralty work. Local shortage man power would make employment Military transportation personnel highly desirable and essential if rapid unloading is to be guaranteed.

*Enclosure to  
M.P. 5/20/40 (P)*

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

S/20/40 (3)

From HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.  
To SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

Despatched: 1st May, 19 42. Time : .....  
Received : .....19 Time : .....

RWD

Important. Secret. No. 80. With reference to your telegram No. 69 local resources :

(a) practically unlimited quantities 3 miles from Stanley but neither lorries nor petrol available.

(b) and (c) Executive Engineer reports local stone crushed is most excellent and suitable for roads, but binding material poor. Stone is abundant.

(d) neither material nor facilities brickmaking and no stocks

(e) small stock picks and shovels, one portable stone crusher, one small concrete mixer and one 3 ton Diesel roller. All these except roller are old and no spares available, and no reliability can be placed on them

(f) stone crushing plant with grader 3 inch to dust, old and no spares

2. (a) approximately 250 tons per diem;

(b) (c) and (d) normally six lighters about 110 tons each; dock-yard jetty 12' 6" mean SLW derrick one ton; public jetty 14' 0" no crane; Falkland Islands Company's East jetty 9' 0" derrick for 2 ton lift;

(e) within 200 yards ample but close to jetties negligible;

(f) supervision by skilled men for unloading can repeat can be supplied but labour can not repeat not be guaranteed available.

3. In connection with the above a report is in the mail addressed Director of Naval Intelligence London No. D 1/1 of March 30 from Naval Officer in Charge here containing comprehensive details on all points raised in your questionnaire.

to m.p. S/20/41(P)

GOVERNOR.

I.D.C.O.