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SECRET

WAR/W2H/1#2

1938

No.

5/11/38

Secretary of State.

SUBJECT.

19 38.

26th September.

WAR TELEGRAMS.

Previous Paper.

MINUTES.

1. Telegram from S. of S. of 26/9/38
2. Personal " " " " 26/9/38

H. Submitted I have arranged  
for Captain Turner to convene  
on Defence matters in conjunction  
with the O.C. Defence Force.  
W.H.  
es.

27.9.38

This is going to make it difficult for  
you to carry on. As Capt. he will doubtless  
cannot give as for a horrible of the duties imposed  
on you under the Defence Scheme. He will be  
very fully employed

Subsequent Paper.

W.H. 27/9

Captain Henry.

To note. A difficulty will  
arise if you are called upon to  
take up active service duty. Should  
circumstances unfortunately arise which  
necessitates this no doubt some  
working arrangement can be devised.

MCH es

27. 9. 38

ACS.

Noted.

I will do anything that is possible  
to assist.

28.  
C.A.C.  
28/9/38.

Telegram from S. of S. of 26. 9. 38. (4)

H.

Submitted.

MCH es

28. 9. 38

~~Added~~ 29/9

Telegram from S. of S. no 49 of 29/9/38	5.	See in
copy of telegram no. 50 of 30/9/38 from S of S	6	<u>5/8/31</u>
minute from H.E. the Governor, 1/10/38	7.	
Telegram no. 39 of 1/10/38 to S. of S.	8	

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S. of S. telegram no. 52 of 5/10/38. 9.

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Inside Minute Paper.

Sheet No. 1

*JH.*

Submitted.

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C.S.

6.10.38

The exchange of telegram might  
be published in the next issue  
of the paper

~~Will~~ 6/10/38

*JH.*

Draft Govt. Notice Submitted.

met  
C.S.

8.10.38

~~Will~~ 10/10/38

10 Govt. Notice, no. 58 of 10/10/38.  
P.A.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

*From* The Secretary of State.

*To* His Excellency the Governor.

*Despatched:* 26th September, 19 38. *Time:* 18.00

*Received:* 26th September, 19 38. *Time:* 21.00

Circular. Secret. Ship transfer restrictions. Procedure to deal with matter set out in the Defence Scheme is under revision and new arrangements will be notified to you as soon as possible.

It has been decided to extend the scope of restrictions. Legislation effective from the outbreak of war and (? it will be) unlawful, except under authority of the Board of Trade, to transfer or mortgage, or to transfer any mortgage of any British Ship other than a Dominion ship, or any shares in such a British ship, and any transfer or Mortgage made in contravention of this prohibition will be void Dominion ship or any ship registered in a self-governing Dominion except Newfoundland or Burma.

No transfer of registry of a British ship from a port at which it is registered to any other port will be allowed, except with the approval of the Board of Trade.

Pending further instructions, if you receive "WAR" telegram you should take following action -

- (1) Warn ship-owners of restrictions;
- (2) Delay completion of any transaction concerning transfer of ships or concerns mortgages on ships registered in your territory, and report the details of any transaction for further instructions from the Board of Trade.
- (3) If application is offensive to the enterprise of any such transaction, refer the application for instruction to the Board of Trade;
- (4) Refuse any application for transfer of registry of ships from your territory to any other port.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

*From* The Secretary of State for the Colonies

*To* His Excellency the Governor.

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*Despatched:* 26th September, 19 38. *Time:* 16.56.

*Received:* 26th September, 19 38. *Time:* 21.00.

Most Immediate.

Circular. Personal and Secret. In view of most recent developments in the international situation I think you ought to know that there is a real possibility that emergency confronted now may arise at very short notice. I feel that it would be advisable for you to make arrangements whereby any urgent telegrams from here could be dealt with at once and also ensure that machinery likely to be required in the event of emergency is ready to be brought into operation.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

*From* ..... The Secretary of State.

*To* ..... His Excellency the Governor.

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*Despatched* : 27th September, 19 38. *Time* : 13.56

*Received* : 27th September, 19 38. *Time* : 20.00

Unnumbered. My telegram of 26th September Circular. Please insert "restrictions" after "shipowners of", "ships registered" after "mortgage on" and "application" after "(3) If".

Omissions regretted.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

Amendments made to Rea ①.

G. I. J.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

*From* The Secretary of State.

*To* The Governor.

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*Despatched* : 28th September, 19 38 *Time* :  
*Received* : 28th September, 19 38 *Time* : 20.00.

MOST IMMEDIATE.

Secret and Personal. My Personal and Secret telegram of the 26th of September you will have appreciated from the news of to-day that the position has greatly eased and in the circumstances the possibility of immediate emergency no longer holds.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

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DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

*From* The Secretary of State.

*To* His Excellency the Governor.

*Despatched :* 29th September, 19 38. *Time :* 00.48 G.M.T.

*Received :* 28th September, 19 38. *Time :* 9.00 local time

Rea ②  
5/8/31.  
No. 49. Secret. Procedure for requisitioning small craft required for naval service in emergency - vide O.D.C. 0610 - in Secret despatch of October 6th, 1931.

Please arrange immediately for Harbour Master, Port Stanley to become acquainted with provisions of C.D. 1853/35, and for him to be informed that supply of necessary forms is being despatched to him.

SECRETARY OF STATE.



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TELEGRAM.

*From* The Secretary of State.

*To* His Excellency the Governor.

*Despatched :* 30th September, 19 38. *Time :* 20.30.

*Received :* 1st October, 19 38. *Time :* 10.30.

*Red (5)*  
No. 50. Secret. My telegram of 28th September No. 49 please inform official named that the requisite authority was signed by the Director of Sea Transport on September 28th and is being forwarded by mail.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

*From* His Excellency the Governor,

*To* Secretary of State for the Colonies.

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*Despatched* : 1st October, 1938. *Time* : ...

*Received* : ... .. 19 ... *Time* : ...

No. 39. The people of these Islands wish to submit  
their grateful tribute to the Prime Minister for  
preserving peace with honour.

GOVERNOR.

5/11/38.

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DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

*From* Secretary of State for the Colonies,

*To* His Excellency the Governor.

*Despatched:* 5th October, 1938. *Time:* 2200.

*Received:* 6th October, 1938. *Time:* 1100.

Red 8

No. 52. Your telegram No. 39 the Prime Minister desires an expression of his sincere thanks for message contained therein may be conveyed to you.

S. OF S.

No. 58.

GOVERNMENT NOTICE.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands,  
10th October, 1938.

His Excellency the Governor directs the publication of the following telegraphic correspondence :

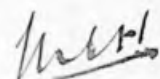
From the Governor to the Secretary of State.

No. 39. 1st October. The people of these Islands wish to submit their grateful tribute to the Prime Minister for preserving peace with honour.

From the Secretary of State to the Governor.

No. 52. 5th October. Your telegram No. 39 the Prime Minister desires that an expression of his sincere thanks for message contained therein may be conveyed to you.

By Command,



Colonial Secretary.