

C.S.

SECRET

WAR/W2H/1#7

1939

No.

5/18/39

1-6

S. of S. Secret Circ.

SUBJECT.

1939.

15th May.

Previous Paper.

CO-OPERATION DESIRED ON THE PART OF COLONIAL
GOVERNMENTS IN ORDER TO FACILITATE PREPARATIONS
FOR THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND ITS WORK IN
WAR.

MINUTES.

1-4

S. of S. Secret Circulars of 15/5/39.

Yh.

Submitted. The information
required in (3) can be given
so far as it applies here.

MCH

cl.

24.7.39.

In reply acc. to

ttttt 25/7

Yh.

Proposed replies Submitted.

MCH

cl.

28.7.39. ~

ttttt 20/7

per.

Secret. resp. to S. of S. of 28/7/39.

5-8.

YH.

Dispatch Submitted for signature.

WCH

cl

28.7.39

28/7

S. of S. Secret Circular telegram of 30/8/39. 9

YH.

Submitted. Copies of Church
Paper to be sent?

WCH

cl
1.9.39

1/9/39

Telegram from S. of S. of 1st Sep^r (11)

The Hon. A.R. House, MBE.

YH. the Governor has appointed
you to be Information Officer. You
will see from the correspondence herein
what is required to be done.

WCH

cl
4.9.39.

Hon Col. Sec.

Noted

am

6 Sept 39

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12. Government Notice No. 56 of 4. 9. 39.
13. Letter to Hon. A.R. Moore ————
14. Telegram from S. of S. 5/9/39.

R.

Outbreak of war was ~~was~~
not unexpected by people in
this colony. The people of
this colony fully support the
decision of Hon. Govt to go
to war in defence of
freedom.

MCH

6. 9. 39.

Copy of Minute
from H.C.

Please reply —
Your unimpaired telegram
of 6th Sep^r reaction to news here
of outbreak of war was the
same as in England.

(Initialed) *H.H.H.*
6. 9. 39.

15. Telegram No. 77 to S. of S. of 7. 9. 39

R.

Submitted. *R.* appointed
Mr. House to be Information
Officer. He has seen this
file regarding what is required

MCH

7. 9. 39.

ttttt 8/5

Telegram Service No. 70 of 18/9/39 from
S. of S. (16)

M.

Submitted. Reply Information
Officer appointed 4th Sep^r name
A.R. Hoare? MCH.

CS.
18.9.39

The following Telegram has been
sent today to the S. of S.

Re - Secret. Your Telegram W. 70
of 10 September @ Name of local Information
Officer is Albert Rawkins Hoare

~~18/9/39~~ 19/9/39

Telegram from S. of S. of 27.9.39 (17)
N^o 68

Information Officer.

To note.

MCH.
CS.

24.9.39.

How correct.

note.

am.

Information Officer

30 Sept 39

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- 18 Circ: telegram 81 from S. of S.
30/9/39
- 19 Circ: telegram No 70 from S. of S
- 20 Circ: telegram No. 73 from S. of S
21. Circ: telegram No- 74 from S. of S.

Information officer.

To note.

mch
C.S.

2. X. 39

Hon Col. Sec.

Noted. With reference
to para 20, I am giving a short
broadcast this evening on the
subject of contraband.

am.

Information officer

2 or 39

mch

- 22 Circ: telegram No 86 from S. of S.
4. 10. 39.
- 23 Circ: telegram No 91 from S. of S.
9. 10. 39

Information Office,

In your observations regarding
(23).

MCH

CS

10.10.59.

Hon. Col. Sec.

The Empire News Bulletins are rebroadcasted from the Stanley studio for the benefit of listeners who possess loud speakers issued by the E. and T. Dept. I understand that if it is desired to publish the bulletins in print in the Colony, permission will have to be obtained. I doubt if such publication is necessary: the bulk of the people hear the news either through their own wireless sets or the local broadcast.

A.

A. V. M.

Information Office.

J. O.

It would seem " or 39
from X that official communiques
based on the bulletins can be
published if issued from your
office. You might please inform
the Editor Church Paper re "A"

MCH

CS

12. X. 59.

Hon. Col. Sec.

Re X, yes. Re "A", I have
informed the Editor, Church Paper.

A. V. M.

J. O.

" or 39

24. Letter from A.G. Barton, Esq., of 2.10.39.

Information Officer.

For your information
and observations on "A".
What arrangements, if any,
are made for sending
news to the W. F.?

M.H.
E.S.
15.10.39.

Hon. Col. Sec.

No arrangements have been made
by or through me for sending news
to the W. F.

2. Wireless news is not wanted: the
people on the W. F. get that in the same
way as we do.

3. Local news, particularly about roads
& danger, is what is asked for. My own
opinion is that the people should be told
as much as possible.

A.M.

J. O.

14 Oct. 39

H.

Submitted. Movements of
vessels coasting have not been
given. Such information could
be given in Bentley's code.

2. Perhaps the Information
Office could arrange to furnish
local news and any other
news permissible by Wireless.
Persons with Radio receivers
get the same news from
the M.H. as we do in
Stanley.

West

16. X. 59.

There is no necessity about
Bentley's. The Information Office
could quite easily devise a code for
sending the West all the information
required about coastal voyages and
names of passengers. Re his letter. 1
It is for him to make the arrangement -
and submit them e.g. re shipping
all that is required is a letter to dis-
tinguish each ship followed by time of
departure ports each of wh. c.p. have the letter
names of passengers c.p. go on chart

~~West~~ 16/X/59

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Information Officer.

Referenced please.

MCH
CS.

25. Enc. telegram No 99 from 17.x.39
S. of S. of 19.x.39
Hon. Col. Sec.

I have arranged a code
of which a key will be sent by
the first opportunity to all managers
at the W. F.

2. I attach a telegram for
filing. The contents were broadcast
on 21. 02.

Amn.

J. O.

23 or 39

Information Officer.

All local news be
sent by the code in
plain language. It seems
necessary to use the code
for confidential information
only as movements of ships.

MCH
CS.

25.x.39

(26) Telegram from X.C.S. of 25.10.39.

Hon. Col. Sec.

The codes will be used where it seems necessary, otherwise plain language. I shall submit all telegrams to you before despatch, or if further is desired by X of H. is. minute above to 16 or.

2. I attach a copy of the codes, 27-28. and of my circular note to the W. F. and a letter to the operator in charge at Fort Bay.

amr.

I. O.

27 02.39

Submitted. I do not consider it necessary for the Information Officer to submit telegrams. This will cause delay. MCH

27. X. 59.

Unnecessary then
Presumably the code will be in 5 letter groups with ~~several~~ ^{letters to} ~~groups~~ ^{where}
complete the end group

Information Officer.
To note.
MCH
28/X/39

28. X. 59.

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Sheet No. 4...

Hon. Col. Sec.

Noted

a.m.

I. O.

30-10-39

(29) Letter to A.C. Barlow, Esq. of 28.10.39.

(30) Unnumbered telegram from S. of S. of 7.11.39.

(31) Minute to Information Officer of 17.11.39 re British official News for Internees.

(32) Circular telegram No 120 from S. of S. Information Officer.

No report has yet been sent to the S. of S. regarding publicity work here - please see (11)

Hon. Col. Sec.

Ref 32 noted

a.m.

I. O.

2 Dec 39

Submitted. Presumably the Information Officer should prepare a report on publicity work carried out?

met
ed

no action 5
12/12 9.11.39

S. of S. Secret. 3^{pm} of 30/9/39. 33.

Ministry of Information
Publicity Division - Planning
Copy 89 Section 34-42

S. of S. Secret Circular of 6/12/39. 43, 44.

1/1 Submitted. Information Officer
to see!

mcH
CS
15. 2. 40

14/2

S. of S. Telegram Circ. no. 48 of 28/4/40. 45

Information Officer

45 red. f. 7. i. a return

Ab 1/4
40

1st Col. Sec.

noted

ann.

I. O.

6 May 40

1st Col. Sec.

with reference to my minute
above of 27 Oct 1939 (para 2) and
reds 27 and 28, I attach two
sheets of additions to the codes.

46-47.

ann.

I. O.

6 May 40

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Sheet No. 5....

148. S. of S. Telegram N. 50 Circ of 9/2/40
49. " " " 53 " " 12/2/40

Information Office

6.4.2. 14/2/40
[Signature]

50. S. of S. Telegram Circ. No. 58 of 15/5/40
51. " " " 60 " 16/5/40.
52. " " " 63 " 20/5/40.
53. " " " 69 " 23/5/40.
54. " " " 74 " 29/5/40
55. " " " 76 " 30/5/40

Hon. Col. Sec.
noted

am.

I. O.

31 May 40

56 S of S Telegram Circ 84 of 5/6/40

Hon. Col. Sec.

noted

am.

I. O.

7 June 40

57. S. of S. Telegram Circ. No. 85 of 5/6/40.
Information office,
to see.

18.11
A. J. W.
7/6/40

58 S of S Telegram Circ 88 of 7 June 40
59 do 95 12 June
60 do 98 14 June

Seen am. I. O.

18 June 40

S. of S. Telegram no. 106 of 20/6/40.

61.

Information office,

to see.

C. J. Jones
21/6/40.

Hum Col. see.

seen

arr. I. O.

I. O.

21 June 40

S. of S. Telegram no. 111 Circ. of 24/6/40.

62.

" " " 115 " 25/6/40

63.

" " " 120 " 27/6/40.

64

Information office

to note

C. J. Jones
1/7/40.

Hum Col. see.

noted

arr. I. O.

I. O.

2 July 40

S of S telegram no 129 of 2 July 40

65

Hum Col. see.

noted

arr. I. O.

I. O.

8 July 40

S. of S. Telegram Circ. no. 158 of 11/8/40.

66.

I. O.
To note C. J. Jones
16/8/40

Hum Col. see.

noted

arr. I. O.

I. O.

22 Aug 40

S of S Telegram Circular no. 161 of 13 Aug 40

67

Hum Col. see.

noted arr. I. O.

I. O. 23 Aug 40

68. S. of. Circ. tel. no. 171 of 23/8/40.
Information Office.

To note.

C. of. for C.
26/8/40.

Hum. ev. ser.

Noted a.m. 28 Aug 40

69. S. of. telegram, no 177 of 31/9/40.

I.O.

To note.

C. of. for C.
3/9/40.

Hum. ev. ser.

Noted a.m. I.O. 6 Sept 40

70. S. of. Circ. tel. no. 181 of 6/9/40.
Information Office

6.9.40. 10/10/40

Hum. ev. ser.

Noted a.m. I.O.

10 Sept 40

71. S. of. circ tel no. 184 of 10 Sept 40

Hum. ev. ser.

Noted a.m. I.O.

15 Sept 40

72. S. of. tel 21 Sept 40

Hum. ev. ser.

Noted a.m.

I.O.
19 Sept 40

Telegram from Under Secretary for War, 2/10/40 73.
 " " " " 3/10/40 74.
 I.O. 6.4.c. - a title tardy 5/4/40

Hon. Col. Sec.

noted a.m.

Telegram from Under Secretary for War of 5/10/40. (75.)
 I.O. 5.4.40
 I.O. 6.4.c. 8/4/40

Hon. Col. Sec.

noted

a.m.

I.O. 8.4.40

S. of S. Circ. telegram no. 266 of 23/10/40. 76.

I.O.

no note.

C. S. for 28/10/40.

Hon. Col. Sec.

noted

a.m.

I.O. 29.4.40

S. of S. telegram Circ. no. 218 of 6/11/40. 77

I.O.

no note.

C. S. for 8/11/40.

Hon. Col. Sec.

noted

a.m.

I.O.

9 Nov. 40

Telegram from S. of S. Circ. no. 221 of 13/11/40 78.
 " to " No. 113 " 15/11/40. 79.
 " from " Circ. No. 250 " 20/12/40. 80.
 " of 21/12/40. 81.

C.S.O. No. 5/18/39

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I.O.

to note

C. J. P. C.
23/1/40

Hon. Col. Sec.

Noted

a.m.

I.O.

24 Dec. 40

82. Circular Telegram No. 25. from S. of S. of 11/2/41.

I.O.

to note for publication please.

C. J. P. C.
13/1/41

Hon. Col. Sec.

This was broadcast yesterday.

a.m.

I.O.

18 Feb 41

83. Circular Telegram 170.31. from S. of S. of 16/2/41.

I.O.

to see Red 83

C. J. P. C.
18/2/41

Hon. Col. Sec.

Seen

a.m.

I.O.

19 Feb 41

Telegram Circ. No. 41 from S. of S. of 23. 2. 41.

84.

S.O.

to note.

C. J. H. L.
76/1/41

Hon. Col. Sec.

Noted

am.

I.O.

26 re 41 P.H.

S. of S. Circ. telegram no. 62 of 13/3/41.

85.

S.O.

to note.

C. J. H. L.
13/3/41

Hon. Col. Sec.

Noted. I will broadcast the
gist of no 85 later.

am.

I. O.

14 Mar 41

Circular telegram No. 69 from S. of S. of 24. 3. 41.

S.O.

to note.

C. J. H. L.
25/3/41

Hon. Col. Sec.

Noted

am.

I. O.

27 Mar. 41

Y/E. I understood your Excellency to say that you wished Col. Alderidge appointed Information Officer.
May I proceed please?

C. J. L. H.
2/4/41.

Please ask him to collaborate in this with Rev. Lowe - if both agreeable.

W. H. 2/14/41

87. Minute from Col. C. D. Alderidge, 2/4/41.

Col. Alderidge,

to note his minute of 2/4/41.

C. J. L. H.
2/4/41.

88. S. of S. Telegram Circ. No. 80 of 5/4/41

89. Circular telegram No. 82 from S. of S. of 9/4/41.

90. Government Notice No. 48 of 12/4/41.

91. Letter to Col. Alderidge of 12/4/41.

92. Telegram No. 92 from S. of S. of 10/11/41.

93. Circular telegram No. 89 from S. of S. of 12/4/41.

94. Government Notice No. 49 of 16/4/41.

95. Letter to Rev. G. K. Howe of 16/4/41.

S. O.

to note.

C. J. L. H.
2/16/41

No. 97 Circular
Telegram from S. of S. of 19/4/41.

96.

" 96 - - - 20/4/41

97

I.O. Circular numbered, 23/4/41

98.

to note.

C. J. P. S.
21/4/41

S. of S. Telegram Cir. No. 102 of 26/4/41 99.

Y/E.

Rea (99) submitted as directed.

C. J. P. S.
28/4/41

Please show this to I. O's - They might
retain in Col. A's office this file as a ready
made memo.

C. J. P. S.
29/4/41

Telegram No. 56 to S. of S. of 28/4/41.
" " 104 from " " 27/4/41

(100)
101.

I.O.

Passed to you.

C. J. P. S.
29/4/41

Noted
C. J. P. S.
1.0
30.4.41

Circular Telegram No. 113 from S. of S. of 1/5/41.

102.

I.O.

to see Rea (102)

C. J. P. S.
5/5/41

103. Circ-Telegram No. 118 from S. of S. of 8/5/41.
 104. Circ-Telegram No. 122 from S. of S. of 10/5/41.
 105. Circ-Telegram No. 125 from S. of S. of 13/5/41.
 107. Circ-Telegram of 16/5/41 from S. of S.

I.O.

to note

C. J. J.
C. J. J.
19/5/41

Hon Col Sec

above Telegram notes

C. J. J.
10
22.5.41

108. Circular No. 134 from S. of S. of 24.5.41.

I.O.

to note

C. J. J.
16/5/41

Hon Col Sec

Notes
C. J. J.
26.5.41 1.0

- 109-110. Circular Telegram No. 141 from S. of S. of 30/5/41.
 111. ————— 145 ————— 31/5/41.

I.O.

to note

C. J. J.
1/6/41

Hon Col Sec

Notes Blank

C. J. J.
2.6.41

112.

- Circular Telegram No. 150 from S. of S. of 5/6/41.

I.O. to note C. J. J.
1/6/41

Circular Telegram No. 152 from S. of S. of 1/41. 113.

S.O.

to note.

A. J. P. S.
13/6/41.

Hon Col Sec

Noted

13.6.41 C.D. 4
C.D. 2/4

Circular Telegram from S. of S. of 16/6/41.

114.

S.O. to note. 18/6/41.

115.

A. J. P. S.
20/6/41.

Telegram from S. of S. of 20.6.41.

22.6.41.

116.

~~Circular Telegram 25 from S. of S. of 22.6.41.~~

117.

118.

Circular Telegram No. 166 from S. of S. of 27/6/41. 118-119.

" " 170 " " "

1/7/41.

120-123.

Hon Col Sec

Noted

C.D. 4
2:0

4.7.41

Circular Telegram No. 173 from S. of S. of 10/7/41.

Hon Col Sec

124 Res noted

14.7.41 C.D. 4
20

(124)

Circ. Telegram from S. of S. of 25/7/41.

Hon Col Sec

125 Res noted

30. VII. 41 C.D. 4
20

(125)

Circular telegram No. 195 from S. of S. of 1/8/41.

(126)

S.O. to Sec.

A. J. P. S.
2/8/41

H.C.S.
Res 126 noted
C.D. 4
6.8.41

C.S.O. No. 418/39Sheet No. 10

per.

MY.—In order that envelopes may be
ould be written on this label, which should
envelope, instead of using the gummed flap.

127. Circular Telegram No. 258 from S. of S. of 17/10/41.

oc. troops.

to see.

A.P.S.
24/10/41.

Hon Col Sec
Notes 24.10.41
C.D. Col
GC Troop 3.

128. Unnumbered circular telegram from S of S. of 20/12/41.

129.

6/6/42.

GC Troops

Go see red (129) pl.

A.P.S.
8/6/42.

Stonewall Colonial Centenary.

Re (129) See Thank you.

A.P.S. a/o Troop.
7. VI. 42

130. Circular Telegram No. 104 from S. of S. 29/6/42.

131

Y.E.

Referred, pl

A.P.S.
1/4/42

Pl. Telegram G.T.C.

"Your circular let send 104 - I
should like to receive it."

A.P.S. 1/11/42

132. Telegram to S. of S. No. 132 of 1/7/42.
Note:- "Direk" telegrams filed in M. P. 64/42.

(132)

Hon. C.S.
Ref. red (131) "Direk" telegrams have now
been received for approx one month. A report is
called for in para. 2 of red (131) pl.

A.P.S.
1/11/42

(132).

A.C.S.

Ref (131).

(a), I suppose, is the Empax Telegram, which was
go to Z.O. direct & thence through me to H. & E.
officially to Mr. Catlin

(b) What is this? Can I see one pl. What happens
with it?

(c). — do —

(d) — do —

Before I can reach any decision you must give
me all the facts - unless I know them - verbally, will do.

Minute to Information Officer of 5/8/42.

K/B
3/8.

133.

Minute from Information Officer of 7. 8. 42.

134.

(135).

G.F.

The Z.O.'s minute at (134) is not very clear. I have
tried to persuade him to broadcast the gist of all the
better Empax Telegrams but so far with little success. From
my own knowledge of this work I consider that (c) & (d)
in (131) cannot be used here & I doubt whether we are
justified in keeping them on. They occupy a great deal
of wireless time & are of no propaganda value. I
recommend asking the S. of S. to continue sending only
(a) & (b).

K/B
135 9/8.

I agree.

Can the EMPAX be sent to the Working Men's Club
as well as to the Colony Club, which I think
as well as to the Colony Club, which I think
they go, for they are so much pleasant to
the B.B.C. news? 10/11/42

Telegram No. 169 to S. of S. of 10/8/42. 135.

7. 3 12. 44.

~~10. 3. 44.~~

(copy of letter to H.E.)

136. Minute for H.E. the Governor of 17. 12. 43.
137. Letter to Rev W.E. McWhann of 10. 3. 44.
138. Gazette Notice of 10. 3. 44.

CIRCULAR.

SECRET.

DOWNING STREET,
15th May, 1939.

SIR,

I have the honour to transmit to you a copy of a memorandum (with annexure) concerning :—

- (1) The scope and functions of the Ministry of Information which, it is contemplated, would be established after the outbreak of war.
- (2) Ways in which, it is hoped, Colonial Governments would be prepared to facilitate the work of the Ministry in war ; and
- (3) Certain information which Colonial Governments are asked to supply in order to facilitate planning in peace for the work which the Ministry would be called upon to fulfil in war.

2. I trust that it will be found possible for the measure of co-operation indicated in the enclosed memorandum to be readily accorded to the Ministry of Information, should the necessity arise. I trust, too, that Colonial Governments will be able to forward as soon as convenient the information which is asked for in paragraph 6 of the memorandum. It is realized that some of the enquiries in that paragraph will be of very little concern to certain Dependencies, but it has nevertheless been thought desirable, in order that those responsible for planning the work of the Ministry of Information may have as complete information as possible, to send the memorandum as it stands to all Colonial Dependencies.

It would be convenient if as much as possible of the information now sought could be given at once, leaving the remainder to follow in due course, as it can be completed.

3. I would invite special attention to what is said in paragraph 2 of the memorandum concerning the secret nature of the information given in the enclosed documents and the need for caution if it is necessary to institute enquiries in connection with the information asked for in paragraph 6.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

MALCOLM MACDONALD.

nistering
ment of

MEMORANDUM CONCERNING THE CO-OPERATION DESIRED ON THE PART
OF COLONIAL GOVERNMENTS IN ORDER TO FACILITATE PREPARATIONS
FOR THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND ITS WORK IN WAR.

(Secret.)

1. The appendix to this memorandum contains a summary of the arrangements proposed for the organization and functions of a Ministry of Information which might be established in this country after the outbreak of war.

2. It will be appreciated that no public statement has been made in this country in regard to the establishment of a Ministry of Information, and that it is essential that complete secrecy should be maintained on all matters connected with the proposed formation and work of the Ministry. If, therefore, Colonial Governments consider it desirable to make enquiries (especially of non-official bodies or persons) in order to supply any of the information asked for in paragraph 6 below, such enquiries should be made with great discretion and should not indicate the object for which the information is being sought.

3. It will be seen from paragraph 13 of the appendix that arrangements are being discussed with Government Departments for the employment of existing overseas Government services to further the purposes for which the Ministry of Information would be established. Thus in foreign countries the publicity and collecting work of the Ministry would be carried on for the most part through His Majesty's official Representatives in those countries. In the case of the Colonial Dependencies, the Ministry would hope that in time of war Colonial Governments would be responsible for supplying information which it would then require concerning the territories which they administer, and for supplying such assistance as they could afford in furthering the publicity activities which the Ministry, as the Department in sole charge of British official publicity, might decide to undertake.

4. It will only become possible to state the precise requirements of the Ministry of Information as its plans develop; for the initial dispositions will doubtless need to be modified in the light of actual experience under war conditions. But already it can be seen that in the way of specialized information, that is to say, in addition to intelligence of a political character, the Ministry would require such material as:—

- (a) A review of the Press of the Colony. As regards the main papers, arrangements are under discussion for this to be done in this country, but Colonial Governors should telegraph direct to the Ministry of Information particulars of any matters of special urgency, for example, statements in the Press requiring immediate counter-action or particulars of any situation arising which appears to offer a favourable opportunity for British or Allied propaganda. They should also forward regular reviews of the vernacular Press, which will not be covered by the arrangements for review in this country.
- (b) A review of the matter broadcast from any wireless stations in the Colony, and from any neighbouring foreign stations which are commonly listened to.
- (c) A review of the films shown in the Colony in so far as they have a publicity aspect.
- (d) Suggestions about the kind of publicity from time to time suitable for the Colony.
- (e) A close and continuous record of the nature, scope and effects of enemy publicity.

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- (f) A similar record of any neutral publicity which requires to be met.
- (g) Frequent reports on the effects of any British and Allied publicity, and of the publicity employed by competing propaganda centres, if any.
- (h) Timely notice of impending visits to this country by important persons from the Colony.
- (i) Suggestions for the despatch of useful visitors from this country.
- (j) Early intimation of the questions which are being asked about the war by the various sections of the population.
- (k) Statements as to the hardships suffered by the population on account of the war and the manner in which they are affecting the psychology of the people.
- (l) Statements on the changes in the popular psychology due to causes other than those under (k) above.

It is to be noted that the above list is illustrative only.

5. For the purpose of disseminating as widely as possible such material as would be furnished by the Ministry of Information, it is hoped that Colonial Governments would be prepared to assist in furthering the following objects, among others, during war:—

- (a) The preservation of good relations with the Press of the Colony, the influencing of editors and publicists, and the placing of material prepared by or for the Ministry of Information.
- (b) The placing at the disposal of suitable local speakers, writers and artists, of material to be furnished by the Ministry of Information for speeches, lectures, articles, illustrations or books.
- (c) The organization of public meetings.
- (d) The local production of pamphlets, magazines, drawings, maps or diagrams suggested by the Ministry of Information for issue in the Colony.
- (e) The issue of suitable material (prepared by the Ministry of Information) through any Colonial broadcasting stations.
- (f) The influencing of film distributing companies and cinema proprietors, in order to secure that films and news reels expressing the British point of view are shown to an adequate extent.
- (g) The display of films through such non-theatrical means as travelling cinema vans.
- (h) The enlistment of the services of missions, educational establishments, and other social or religious organizations, including clubs, and assistance to them in any suitable activities they may be induced to undertake.
- (i) Similar action as in (h) with regard to important commercial undertakings, such as banks, mining companies, etc., and professional, industrial and commercial associations.
- (j) The organization of lantern-slide lectures or other visual displays.
- (k) Arrangements for the distribution of publicity material.

6. To assist the *peace-time* planning of a Ministry of Information, it would be much appreciated if the following information could be furnished as expeditiously as possible:—

- (a) Particulars of local newspapers and periodicals, including technical and religious publications.
 - (i) Name.
 - (ii) Address (including any cable and telephonic addresses).
 - (iii) London representative and London address, if any.
 - (iv) Principal proprietor or proprietors and editor.

- (v) How often published.
 - (vi) Language in which published.
 - (vii) Politics and political affiliations.
 - (viii) Links (financial and other) with any organizations.
 - (ix) Class among whom, and area in which, it circulates.
 - (x) Size of circulation, and a general indication of its importance.
 - (xi) Size of average copy, with indications of the space devoted to cable news, local news, editorial comment, contributed articles (including syndicated matter), pictures, and other material.
- (Specimen copies can be attached if convenient.)
- (xii) Sources of cable or mail news.
 - (xiii) Any other information indicating the utility of the publication as a channel for directly or indirectly communicated matter in time of emergency.

(b) Names of the British, foreign or Empire newspapers and periodicals which circulate widely in the Dependency, or which are often quoted in the local Press, with an indication of the circle of readers.

(c) Names and addresses of the correspondents in the Colony of any important non-colonial newspapers.

(d) Information regarding broadcasting. The B.B.C. is in touch with all Colonial broadcasting authorities, and close liaison will be established between the B.B.C. and the Ministry of Information. It would be helpful, however, if Governments could indicate what means likely to produce outstandingly useful results might be adopted (for instance, the distribution of communal receiving sets or the extension of wire relays) to enlarge the scope of this method of public information in an emergency; whether steps might be necessary to increase the transmitting power of the local broadcasting station or otherwise to extend their usefulness for the purpose in view; and what foreign broadcasts are now commonly received by listeners in the Colony.

(e) Information regarding the distribution and display of films, including the following:—

- (i) What are the principal existing commercial channels of film distribution?
- (ii) What is the country of origin of the films commonly shown?
- (iii) What is the type of film commonly shown, e.g., feature films, "shorts," etc., and the most popular subjects?
- (iv) Whether the Colonial Government itself possesses any facilities for producing or displaying films.
- (v) Whether the use of non-theatrical means of displaying films (e.g., travelling cinema vans) could be profitably adopted or extended in time of war, and what apparatus of this kind is in existence in the Dependency. If it is thought that this means could be extended in time of war it would be of advantage if detailed recommendations could be furnished.

(f) What are the principal news reels shown?

(g) Particulars of private or semi-official bodies which might be useful for the dissemination of information (e.g., missions, churches, and other religious bodies, railway lines, banks, important British firms, planters' organizations, colleges and schools, agricultural associations, clubs (Y.M.C.A., etc.); also the names of suitable local writers or potential lecturers who might welcome material for articles, books or lectures, and particulars of firms well qualified for the printing of pamphlets, etc., if required, including matter in languages other than English.

(h) Particulars of any means now being used by foreign powers, especially Germany, to influence public opinion in the Colony, and the effects of these activities.

7. The views of the Colonial Governments on the following questions would also be appreciated:—

(a) What is the broad nature of the propaganda desirable in the event of war? (If necessary, separate answers should be given, based on different hypotheses as to the enemy or enemies). For the purpose of this country, it will be helpful to indicate the main divisions of the population and the nature of the propaganda appropriate to each division, *e.g.*, whether to be written, spoken or visual, whether to be associated with Islam or other religion, whether to be concerned with local problems, including demands for constitutional advance, etc.

(b) Whether the Dependency would be a suitable point from which to conduct propaganda (and, if so, by what means) in neighbouring non-British countries.

8. It is suggested that in the event of war Colonial Governments would find it of considerable advantage if there were appointed information officers in the principal territories in which these do not already exist. It is recommended therefore, that an officer should be designated in peace-time for this purpose (without being detached from his ordinary duties), and that his name should be reported to the Colonial Office; or, alternatively that a suitable non-official resident should be so designated (but should not be informed of such designation), if this course seems preferable. If no such person is available, or if such an appointment is considered unnecessary (*e.g.*, in the smaller Dependencies) the Colonial Office should be informed to that effect. The duty of information officers would be generally to assist the Governor in carrying out the functions indicated in paragraphs 4 and 5 of this memorandum, and, in particular, to sub-edit, translate (where necessary) and submit to the local Press, or to other channels, material prepared by the Ministry of Information; to study the effect of British propaganda and to prepare regular reviews thereof for the information of the Ministry; and to study the character and effect of neutral and enemy propaganda.

Colonial Office,

London, S.W.1.

May, 1939.

APPENDIX.

Note on functions and organization of the Ministry of Information.

APPENDIX.

(Secret.)

FUNCTIONS AND ORGANIZATION OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION.

1. Plans have been framed under the direction of the Committee of Imperial Defence for the establishment on the outbreak of war of a Ministry of Information. In addition to a small nucleus employed whole-time, a few other officers who have been designated to fill some of the essential posts in the Ministry are engaged, in addition to the duties of their normal employment, in developing the plans for the Ministry in detail.

2. The Ministry's function will be to present the national case to the public at home and abroad in time of war. For this purpose it is laid down that the Ministry should embrace certain activities which in the last war were under separate controls. The activities for which provision has to be made in the planning of the Ministry are shown in the summary account of its organization given in paragraph 4 below.

3. A Bill, including provision for the establishment of a Ministry of Information, will be presented to Parliament in case of emergency. A Minister of Information will be designated, and will be assisted by a Director-General (corresponding to the Permanent Head of a Government Department), with an Advisory Council widely representative of outside interests affected by the Ministry's work and of the public. Provision has been made for certain of the powers normally exercised by the Postmaster-General in relation to the B.B.C. to be transferred in case of war from the Postmaster-General to the Ministry of Information.

4. The Ministry will be organized in five Divisions as follows:—

News—to issue news and notices emanating from Government Departments to News Agencies, the Press and the B.B.C., and to help them on request to obtain official information on news of Government concern.

Control—to be responsible for the censorship of press telegrams, the Press, broadcasting and films.

Administration—to manage the internal affairs of the Ministry—financial control, accounting, staff questions, accommodation, legal questions, etc.—and to provide a secretariat for general purposes, such as Parliamentary business and official correspondence with other Government Departments.

Publicity—to ensure, except so far as this activity is covered by the News Division, that the national cause is properly presented through all suitable media to the public both at home and abroad.

Collecting—to collect and collate information for the purposes of the Ministry, and to pass on to other Departments information so collected which is likely to be useful to those Departments.

5. Subject to further discussion the Ministry will be formed in two stages. At stage I (*i.e.*, immediately upon, or before, the outbreak of war) the Control and Administration Divisions will be established. At stage II (which will follow as soon as practicable after the completion of stage I) the Ministry will be completed by the addition of the News, Publicity, and Collecting Divisions. Special attention has therefore been paid to the planning of the stage I Divisions, and the scheme for the News Division is also well advanced. The similar planning of the stage II Divisions is now being pursued.

6. *The News Division.*—The News Division will, in principle, be the centre for the distribution of all official news both for existing departments and for the new war-time Ministries. It will issue all official communiqués and news bulletins and will include the British official wireless service. It will answer enquiries from the Press. The staff of this Division, which will work in close liaison with other Government departments, will be made up in part of officers transferred from the News Department of the Foreign Office and the Press Sections of other departments. These officers will form the nucleus of the Specialist Sections, dealing respectively with Home, Empire, Foreign, Navy, Military and Air Force affairs, who will be responsible for the collection and preparation of items of official news on these subjects.

7. The Division will also include an Editor of Bulletins, responsible for the co-ordination of these news items, and for their submission to the Control Division. Under him will be a staff which will be responsible for the issue of news (through a Press Room supplied with telephone kiosks and teleprinters), for dealing with enquiries from the Press, the B.B.C., and representatives of news reels, press photographers and photographic agencies, and for arranging necessary interviews with members of the appropriate specialist sections.

8. *The Control Division.*—The Control Division will censor press telegrams and examine matter submitted by the Press for censorship before publication. Enquiries from the Press relating to the censorship will be answered by this Division, and it will also be responsible for the issue of advice or warnings about the publication of matter likely to infringe Defence Regulations.

9. All matter passing through or originating in the Ministry is, in principle, subject to the supervision of the Control Division before its issue to the public. A special section of the Division will be located at Broadcasting House for the advance examination of news bulletins, talks, etc., which are to be broadcast. Another section will deal with the censorship of films (including news reels).

10. *The Publicity Division.*—This Division will, in principle, be the centre for all Government publicity (other than news) concerning the war.

11. The Division must be equipped to present the national case in any country in the world, including in the forefront the United Kingdom itself, in ways not covered by the News Division. The national activities must be vividly and attractively represented, with due regard to the attitudes and tastes of individual countries. Enemy propaganda must be countered.

12. For these purposes the Division must be designed to include specialists of two types, *viz.* :—

- (i) staff familiar with different countries; and
- (ii) staff expert in the different media through which modern propaganda may be conveyed.

Further there should be assembled in advance such information about different countries as will enable the staff of the Division to operate quickly and efficiently on mobilisation.

13. Arrangements are now being discussed with the Government departments concerned for the employment of existing overseas Government machinery for the Ministry's purposes. It is contemplated that the appropriate official representatives of the United Kingdom should focus in each country both the publicity and collecting work of the Ministry.

14. *The Collecting Division.*—Information will reach the Ministry from innumerable sources—some from the activities of the Ministry itself, *e.g.*, the scrutiny of press telegrams in the Control Division; some from other Government departments or organizations, *e.g.*, reports to the Foreign Office from British Diplomatic Missions, or intercepts from the telegraph and postal censorships; some from a scrutiny of the home and overseas Press. Arrangements will also have to be made to obtain information from commercial and other unofficial sources. It will be the duty of the Collecting Division to collate information thus obtained, and to distribute it within the Ministry, and to any departments outside which may have a special interest in any particular item or topic. Provision will be made for liaison with other departments which already have, or will in war time need, their own Intelligence organizations.

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Replies to enquiries in the Memorandum enclosed with the Secretary of State's Secret despatch of the 15th of May, 1939.

PARAGRAPH 4.

- (a) There is no Press in the Colony with the exception of a weekly paper published by the Cathedral Press. This is subsidised by the Government.
- (b) At present there is no broadcast from wireless stations in the Colony. Neighbouring foreign stations commonly listened to for musical and general entertainment programmes are Argentine and Uruguayan stations. News given in Spanish is not listened to.
- (c) No films are shown which have a publicity aspect. As the population is wholly British it is not considered that publicity films would be required.
- (d) Not required except news and information of a reliable character.
- (e) The only method by which enemy publicity could be communicated is by wireless in English. It is not considered that this would have any effect on the people.
- (f) Not required.
- (g) Would not arise here.
- (h) to (l) Would be carried out.

PARAGRAPH 5.

- (a) Not required in Colony.
- (b) to (e) Can be carried out.
- (f) Not required in Colony.
- (g) Not required in Colony.
- (h) Can be carried out.
- (i) Not required in Colony.
- (j) Not required in Colony.
- (k) Can be carried out.

PARAGRAPH 6./

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- (a) One paper only published by the Authorities of Christ Church Cathedral, Stanley. Is subsidised by the Colonial Government.

- (i) Name. The Falkland Islands News Weekly and Church Bulletin.
- (ii) Address. Port Stanley, Falkland Islands.
- (iii) London representative. Nil.
- (iv) Christ Church Cathedral, Falkland Islands.
- Editor. The Chaplain in Charge.
- (v) Once a week.
- (vi) English.
- (vii) Nil.
- (viii) Nil.
- (ix) Throughout Colony.
- (x) 300 copies weekly. Of importance for local news and for Government Notices.
- (xi) Specimen copy attached.
- (xii) British official press.
- (xiii) Not published sufficiently often to be of value for communicating matter in time of emergency.

- (b) No Foreign newspapers or periodicals other than the B. A. Herald and Standard of Buenos Aires printed in English. All London and Provincial newspapers and periodicals are in circulation in the Colony.

- (c) Nil.

- d) Wireless receiving sets are in general use throughout the Colony and news is received from the B.B.C.
There is no local broadcasting station in the Colony. This is not considered necessary. Public information in an emergency can be given by local wireless and telephones.
Foreign broadcasts commonly received are Argentine, Uruguayan (Musical programmes) American - News &c., German - News in English.

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- (e) (i) Nil. There is one Cinema only in the Colony. Films usually of American origin are obtained from an agency in the Argentine.
- (ii) American.
- (iii) Feature films and the most popular films obtainable.
- (iv) No - except obtaining films from the United Kingdom. Facilities for displaying films exist at the local Cinema.
- (v) Not necessary or practicable.
- (f) Nil.
- (g) Not required in Colony.
- (h) Nil except possibly by wireless broadcasts in English. Such would have no influence on public opinion in the Falkland Islands.

PARAGRAPH 7.

- (a) The circumstances of the Colony with its wholly British population require no propaganda.
- (b) Possibly to South American countries if a broadcasting station was set up locally.

PARAGRAPH 8.

This could be carried out by the Colonial Secretary.

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SECRET.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

28th July, 1939.

Sir,

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I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Secret Circular despatch dated the 15th of May, 1939, transmitting a memorandum concerning the co-operation desired on the part of Colonial Governments in order to facilitate preparation for the Ministry of Information and its work war, together with annexure.

2. The information asked for in memorandum referred to is given in the statement.

In duplicate.

I have the honour

Sir,

Your most obedient
servant

(Sgd.) H. HENNA

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
MALCOLM MACDONALD, M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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TELEGRAM.

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From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 1st September, 1939. Time: 1350.

Received: 1st September. 1939. Time: 1030.

1. A Ministry of information is likely to be set up at any moment. You are asked to co-operate in accordance with my despatch of May 15th circular Secret, and subsequent correspondence. Appoint at once your information officer and see that he is fully instructed in his duties. Great importance is attached to having a full time officer at once, with an adequate staff and facilities in all the larger Colonies.
2. Telegrams on matters exclusively concerning the Ministry of Information should be addressed to ? but should begin in code group MININ meaning "following for the Ministry of Information". Copies of despatches to me, bearing on publicity work should be sent in the Colonial Office Bag in a separate envelope addressed to the Ministry of Information and in such cases a statement should be included in the despatch indicating that this has been done.
3. In the early stages of the war difficulties in organization may prevent the receipt by you of detailed plans and ? but as this period is of great importance for publicity work you should spare no efforts to see as much work is done on local initiative on the lines indicated in the circular despatch of May 15th and any subsequent communications. You should take whatever steps are necessary to secure the reception preparation and distribution of ? British Broadcasts and British Official wireless will furnish useful publicity material. Local arrangements will presumably be made for their printing and where necessary, translation.
4. Meanwhile the following principals are to govern British war time publicity and are set up for the guidance of you and your information officer :-

- (1) All British publicity should be truthful and objective
- (2) Speedy and widespread dissemination of British news is the best publicity.

- (3) Suitable ? between publicity activities and your local censorship should be established.
- (4) Publicity should show greatest caution in references to Italy or Japan
- (5) Publicity about Germany should be directed not against that country or people as such but against their present rulers and system and policy.
- (6) No British publicity should suggest even by implication that Britain expects or is relying on American support. The line taken should be that America must settle her policy for herself but at least her sympathys are clear.
- (7) Due weight should be given to Britains Allies. Emphasis must be laid on the resources and staying power of this country and its Allies as much as on their present strength.
- (8) Over-optimism as to the immediate military situation should be avoided.
- (9) In publicity, speed and freshness are essential; Staleness is fatal.
- (10) False statements must be contradicted immediately. Publicity is most effected when not recognisable as such and when conveyed through channels with which people are familiar.
- (11) Publicity is not in itself an asset save in relation to ? . Silence or economy of words may often be the best policy. In general a few striking statements are better than a lot of feeblor ones. Reiteration is not a waste. Consistency is essential and point (1) will ensure this.
- (12) The first objective of your publicity should be to stress the ethereal aspect showing Britain struggling as the Champion of the smaller and weaker peoples to ask only the right to lead their own lives. The second objective should be to stress the material as well as moral strength of the Allies.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

No. 56.

GOVERNMENT NOTICE.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.
4th September, 1939.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to
appoint

THE HONOURABLE A. R. HOARE, M.B.E.,

to be Information Officer with effect from the 4th
of September, 1939.

By Command,

M. S. H.

Colonial Secretary.

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4th September, 39.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to inform you that His Excellency has been pleased to appoint you to be Information Officer, with effect from the 4th of September, 1939.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. C. H.

Colonial Secretary.

The Honourable
A. R. Hoare, M.B.E., J.P.,
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TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 5th September, 19 39. *Time:* ...

Received: 5th September, 19 39 *Time:* ...

I have been gratified to receive many messages indicating loyal support and co-operation which will be given by inhabitants in Colonial Territories to this Country in present war.

I should be grateful however if you would telegraph me briefly summary general reaction inhabitants of Territory under your Administration towards news of outbreak of war. Please indicate in particular whether there is evidence or whether you anticipate any lack of solidarity on the part of any important section of the population or inspiration as to whether decision of H.M. Government to go to war was justified.

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TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor,

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched: 7th September, 19 39. Time: ...

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

No. 77. Your unnumbered telegram of 6th September
reaction to news here of outbreak of war was the same
as in England.

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TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 18th September, 19 39. *Time :* 22.35.

Received : 18th September, 19 39. *Time :*

No. 70. Secret. My Secret Circular Despatch No.

of May 15th. Has the Information Officer been appointed.

If so, please name.

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TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 27th September, 19 39. Time: 0145.

Received: 27th September 19 39. Time:

Circular No. 68. Secret.

I have received enquiries concerning treatment of news reaching British Territories from Neutral Sources by Broadcast or Press Cable. Where such (0) and differs on important it points from news from British sources (of) Information Officers should advise Local Press to use great caution in reprinting it, or drawing any inference from it. Censorship should be applied in accordance with your Government Rules, and I add for your information that broadly the principles governing Censorship in this Country, are; First not censor for Political reasons (?) and Second, to prevent publication either of the statement likely to be of Military value to the enemy or of unconfirmed news likely to be disheartening to local population.

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From Secretary of State.

To H.E. the Governor.

Despatched : 19 Time :
Received : 30th September, 19 39. Time : 1850.

No.228. Words 57.

CIRCULAR TELEGRAM No.81.

Referring to my telegram No.70, Circular. Ministry of Information h prepared a pamphlet entitled "The Outbreak of War" confirming the summa of the White Paper together with extracts from the statements made by British and Foreign Statesmen. No.25, copies are being forwarded for distribution within the Government Service and to such bodies as Chambers of Commerce, Newspapers, Municipalities, Banks, etc., Particulars suggested for the distribution list follows by Despatch.

Secretary of State.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

RECEIVED.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
210	London	30	2130	28/9/39
To H.E.The Governor Falkland Islands.				

No. 70 Circular.

Copies of Command 6102 ' Correspondence between H.M. Government in the United Kingdom and the German Government ' and of Command 6106 ' Documents concerning German - Polish Relations and the outbreak of hostilities between Great Britain and Germany, are being sent to you by circular note dated September 26th 1939. You will no doubt wish to order further copies for local distribution through the Crown Agents.

Secretary of State.

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

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213	London ETAT	161 cde	14.10	29/9/39

To
TO H.E. The Governor, Falkland Islands.

Circular No. 73 Following from the Ministry of Information,
BEGINS.

German Blockade Propaganda. In countering this ?campaign emphasize that our present system of Contraband Control does not constitute a formal blockade. The following point may be useful. The essence of blockade is the prevention of all ingress to or egress from the blockaded locality irrespective of the nature of the goods concerned or of whether they consist of actual contraband. For such action to be lawful it must be effective, i.e. passage across the blockading lines must be virtually impossible or highly dangerous. The penalty for breach of the blockade is the confiscation of the ship as well as, in most cases, of the cargo which in any case will not be allowed to proceed.

Contraband Control, which is selective in its action, aims only at preventing certain classes of goods reaching ? the enemy either directly or through neutral countries. A belligerent is entitled to exercise this control to an extent as great or small as his means allow and legally action is not dependent on the ability to stop and examine all vessels carrying goods to enemy destinations.

The penalties for the carriage of contraband is ordinarily only confiscation of the contraband cargo itself. Unless the vessel has enemy character she is unaffected save in special circumstances which need not be detailed here.

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Secretary of State.

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
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To

GOVERNOR FALKLAND ISLANDS

CIRCULAR 74 CONFIDENTIAL.

FOLLOWING STATEMENT WHICH HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR CONFIDENTIAL PURPOSES HERE IS SENT FOR YOUR GUIDANCE AND THAT OF YOUR INFORMATION OFFICER. IT IS NOT INTENDED FOR PUBLICATION. BEGINS.

"WELL - INFORMED CIRCLES IN LONDON ARE CONSIDERABLY INTERESTED IN STORIES WHICH ARE REACHING THEM FROM VARIOUS QUARTERS OF OFFERS OF PEACE WHICH MAY BE MADE. THE POSITION OF H.M. GOVERNMENT AND OF THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT IS OF COURSE WELL KNOWN AND HAS ALREADY BEEN MADE PLAIN. IT IS THAT THEY COULD ONLY NEGOTIATE PEACE WITH A GOVERNMENT IN GERMANY WHOSE WORD CAN BE TRUSTED SO THAT THERE WOULD BE CERTAINTY FOR THE FUTURE. THIS COULD NOT BE EXPECTED FROM HITLER WHOSE TECHNIQUE OF BRUTAL AGGRESSION ON ONE OF THE NON - GERMAN COUNTRIES AFTER ANOTHER IS NOW OBVIOUS TO ALL. ONCE A TRUSTWORTHY GOVERNMENT IS IN POWER IN GERMANY AND THE WRONG DONE RIGHTED THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WOULD NO DOUBT BE READY AS THEY HAVE REPEATEDLY MADE KNOWN TO CONSIDER IN CONSULTATION WITH THEIR ALLIES AND OTHER FRIENDLY POWERS HOW A JUST AND FAIR PEACE COULD BE ESTABLISHED IN EUROPE. IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES IT WOULD ALSO BE POSSIBLE TO EXAMINE HOW ECONOMIC CONDITIONS COULD BE READJUSTED SO AS TO ALLOW ALL COUNTRIES TO DERIVE MUTUAL BENEFIT FROM THE RESOURCES OF THE WORLD."

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TELEGRAM.

No.43 From London

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From Secretary of State

To H.E.The Governor

Despatched : 4th October

19 39 Time : 2318

Received :

19 Time :

Circular No. 85. The following may be useful for guidance in connection with published German statements regarding the losses of Allied aircraft during the first month of the war.

All aerial operations have been on the initiative of the and the bulk of the fighting has taken place over German territory. British planes have been flying regularly over Germany, even as far as Berlin; attacks have been carried out successfully against German men-of-war; daily reconnaissance flights have been made on the Western Front and there has been extensive Allied patrolling of the North Sea. So far as I am aware not a single German aeroplane has ventured to fly over British soil and very few over France. Considering the extent of valuable reconnaissance and the other work performed by our aircraft with resultant damage to enemy warships and losses the Germans claim to have inflicted are insignificant.

Secretary of State.

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TELEGRAM.

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From Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor Falkland Islands.

Despatched : 9th October, 1939. Time : 1850

Received : 19 Time :

No. 97. Circular telegram 91. I have recently been in communication with Reuters as to uses which may be made of Empire News Bulletin of which they own the copyright. Until further notice Reuters are prepared to agree to rebroadcasting of those bulletins without charge in any Colony in which permission to rebroadcast has not already been given under the existing agreement. Rebroadcasting would be for listeners and not for publication, but Reuters would have no objection to official communiques being based on those bulletins. Bulletins could not be published without agreement with Reuters. You will no doubt consider whether any additional uses can be made of these bulletins.

Secretary of State for the Colonies.

DEAN BROTHERS.

PEBBLE ISLAND,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

October 2nd.1939

The Hon.the Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

Sir,

I desire to ask whether it would not be possible to devise some means of communicating movements of local shipping, arrivals and departures of mails and similar matters, to West Managers who could use their discretion in passing on such information to their employees.

The ban of Censorship that has been imposed on the Colony not only in letters but in wireless messages may be a necessity, though I hardly think that the movements of a vessel such as the "Prefecto Garcia" would interest the enemy much should they chance to pick up a message concerning that vessel.

A { If it were not for private wireless receiving sets we, on this Island would not know a single thing about the progress of the war, not having received a mail since the outbreak. We even learnt of the presence in Stanley of captured German seamen via Daventry and the B.B.C. Surely this must strike you as being somewhat absurd ?

I implore you to send News to the West, in plain language if possible, and if not, by a pre-arranged code. If at any time the Colony is in any danger of attack let the people know. They will not be any more frightened by the knowledge than they are now by the uncertainty.

Yours faithfully,

A. G. B. Bailey

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TELEGRAM.

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No. 190 From Secretary of State, London.

To His Excellency The Governor, Falkland Islands.

Despatched: 19th October 19 39 Time: 23.00

Received: 19 Time:

No. 99 Circular Telegram. The following may be useful for your guidance.

There is reason to believe German allegation successful action against units of the British Navy are designed (1) To mislead neutral and hearten their own people by exaggerating success of German Arms. (2) To elicit information as to whereabouts of the vessels stated to have been attacked. Curiosity in German Naval circles is rife regarding the present dispositions of Battleships, Battlecruisers, and Aircraft Carriers. The foregoing serves to explain the Admiralty attitude in the face of repeated enemy allegations.. They do not wish to be drawn into more than bare denials and it is important that three recurrent and baseless German claims should be recognised for what they in fact are, namely a tactical game which we refused to play. Actual losses to date are one Aircraft Carrier ('Courageous') one Battleship ('Royal Oak') with 810 officers and men. Heavy loss of life was due to capsizing of vessel and darkness. Certain damage to 'Iron Duke', the only survivor of the 1914 Battle Fleet partially dismantled and utilized as depot ship. Raids on Rosyth 60 naval casualties, no material damage. Germans have lost 18 submarines, 13 sunk, 5 seriously damaged and possibly sunk.

T. J. O.
H.H.H.
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[No objection also to
his publishing fact of
Lafonia being a vessel
of the British Navy]
Information given.

note re "Lafonia" can be published. The file is with you. Above
this in due course. Please return
M.H.E.
20. 8. 59.

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DECODE.

No 249. From London.

TELEGRAM.

Words 63 Etat cde

From..... Secretary of State.....

To..... H.E. The Governor Falkland Islands.

Despatched : 25th October 19 39 Time : 1450

Received : 19 Time :

Circular unnumbered. The following from the Ministry of Information.

BEGINS: The following reports regarding Germany emanated from sources as early as September 17th. The inhabitants at Dresden knew that quantities of Gas were being transported daily to military Depots in the West. Official steps were being taken to prevent contact between troops from the Eastern front and the Western front at Railway Stations. Germany is pursuing the policy of sending all available older men to fronts and keeping younger men in Party organisations.

Secretary of State.

S/18/39.

28th October,

39.

Sir,

Red 24

With reference to your letter dated the 2nd of October, 1939, I am directed to inform you that the Information Officer has arranged a code of which a Key will be sent by the first opportunity to all Manager's on the West Falklands. By this means movements of shipping, mails and other news will be communicated to stations.

2. The codes will be used where it seems necessary, otherwise plain language will be used.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. H. H.

Colonial Secretary.

A. G. Barton, Esq., J.P.,
Pebble Island,
West Falkland.

S E C R E T

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Key to ALPHA code

<u>Vessel</u>	<u>Code Word</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Code Word</u>
Lafonia	AND	Stanley	SHUT
Fitzroy	THE	Fox Bay	UPON
Roydur	PAD	Port Howard	NINE
Port Richard	ALL	Pebble	BREW
Porvenir	NOR	Hill Cove	MUST
Shamrock	FOR	Roy Cove	HOOR
Prefecto Garcia	BUT	Chartres	FORM
Indiana	YET	Spring Point	TERM
Speedwell	LET	Port Stephens	DULY
Black Swan	MAY	Monte Video	RATE
Y Ileen	INK	Punta Arenas	INCH
Cameron's Boat	PEN	England	FOOT

<u>Phrase</u>	<u>Code Word</u>
arrived at	TO
is expected to arrive at	UP
left	ON
has left	NO
is expected to leave	OF
bound for	AM
with the following passengers	MA
today	EH
yesterday	HE
tomorrow	IF

Key to O M E G A code

real
letter represented by code
letter

code
letter represents real
letter

A	T
B	Q
C	M
D	X
E	B
F	V
G	R
H	E
I	L
J	H
K	G
L	S
M	F
N	Z
O	A
P	J
Q	P
R	Y
S	K
T	I
U	N
V	O
W	D
X	U
Y	W
Z	C

A	O
B	E
C	Z
D	W
E	H
F	M
G	K
H	J
I	T
J	P
K	S
L	I
M	C
N	U
O	V
P	Q
Q	B
R	G
S	L
T	A
U	X
V	F
W	Y
X	D
Y	R
Z	N

Copy of Circular Note addressed to

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Medical Officer	Fox Bay
Mr. Clement	Fox Bay
Mr. Gilruth	Fox Bay
Operator in Charge	Fox Bay
Mr. Robertson	Pt. Stephens
Mr. Vinson	Spring Point
Mr. Luxton	Chartres
Mr. Miller	Roy Cove
Mr. Harding	Hill Cove
Mr. Barton	Pebble Island
Mr. Evans	Pt. Howard

I beg to inform you that telegrams giving movements of ships and other news will be sent to the West Falkland. Two codes and plain language will be used. The codes will be entitled ALPHA and OMEGA, and the code title will precede all words in the code. The keys to the two codes are on a separate sheet herewith.

(sgd) A.R. Hoare
Information Officer
Stanley
24th October 1939

Copy of Note addressed to the Operator in Charge, Fox Bay:

When you receive a telegram addressed "Information Fox Bay" it is to be transmitted as received, over the telephone or otherwise, to

(list as above)

All the above have been provided with a key to the codes that will be used, as you yourself have. The messages to Pebble will have to be retransmitted by you.

(sgd) A.R. Hoare
Information Officer
24th October 1939

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

No. 46

From Secretary of State, London

To His Excellency The Governor, Falkland Islands.

Despatched : 7th November 19 39 Time : 06.50

Received : 7th November 19 39 Time :

Unnumbered *Telegram.* . Broadcast by Lord Halifax at 20.15

Greenwich Mean Time November 7th Home Service will be recorded

short wave transmission 00.15, 06.00, 12.00 Greenwich Mean Time
4.15 p.m., 9 a.m.

November 8th. Please ensure publicity.

*This telegram communicated to
Mr. Mercer, and speech was
broadcast locally. mch
cl.*

No. 176/39.

(It is requested that, in any reference to this minute, the above Number and the date may be quoted.)

MINUTE.

17th November, 19 39.

From The Colonial Secretary,


To The Information Officer,

STANLEY.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

I am directed to request that you will prepare twice a week a summary of the British Official News for the information of the German Internees.

The news should be sent to the Officer Commanding, Internment Camp, who will arrange for its circulation in the camp. Tuesday and Fridays might suit for issuing news received in the intervening periods.


Colonial Secretary.

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TELEGRAM.

No. 245

From Secretary of State, London,

To His Excellency The Governor, Falkland Islands.

Despatched: 22nd November 19 39 Time: 18.58.

Received: 19 Time:

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Circular No. 120 Reference to my telegram 2nd September No 32, Circular Secret. As a result of revised arrangements for dealing with Empire publicity it is proposed to discontinue forthwith direct communication between Information Officers and Ministry of Information. Despatch follows meanwhile please arrange for communications to be addressed to Colonial Office.

CIRCULAR NOTE

SECRET

Recd (9)

The Secretary of State for the Colonies presents his compliments to the Officer Administering the Government and, with reference to his circular telegram of the 30th August regarding the Review of the Empire Press, has the honour to request that he may be furnished with a list of the names of the newspapers which are being forwarded in response to that telegram.

Colonial Office,

Downing Street,

30th September, 1939.

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MINISTRY OF INFORMATION.Publicity Division: Planning Section.

Copy No. 89

Memo No. 255.

German Christian Missions.

1. It is suggested that this interim report on German Missions should be circulated now for the information of Departments concerned with the situation which would arise in a crisis, through the presence of German missionaries in British territory. It will be seen that important issues concerning propaganda are raised.
2. Action during the last war. During the last war, German Protestant and Roman Catholic missionaries in British and enemy territory were interned and brought home. The Union Government in South Africa made an exception and about 200 Protestant German missionaries were allowed to remain at their work there; but some 600 were repatriated from India, the Gold Coast, Togoland, the Cameroons, Kenya and Tanganyika territory. It is not known how many Roman Catholic missionaries of enemy nationality were removed, nor whether there were any exceptions. By subsequent Orders in Council, missionaries of former enemy nationality were excluded from these countries for five years from the termination of the war.
3. Location and Numbers in British Territory, including Mandated Territory. The Table annexed, (Appendix I.) shows the location and number of German Protestant missionaries now working in British and Mandated territory. Owing to the different organisation of Roman Catholic Missions, it is not possible to give similar information with regard to their missionaries.

4. Propagandist Work. While the missionary leaders in Germany and the bulk of the missionaries in the field are undoubtedly anxious to prevent the Missions from being used for propagandist purposes, certain facts have to be noted. Under the restrictions on exchange, German Missionaries receive only a part of their normal salaries. No funds are allowed to be remitted for any other purpose and it is made clear that the missionary is allowed to receive his salary because, as a German abroad, his influence is supposed to be worth that amount. He has to join all German activities, and the local Nazis see to it that he behaves satisfactorily. In the case of German chaplaincies, it is understood that a double grant is paid, and it is easy to guess how the surplus is expected to be spent.
5. Removal of Missionaries. It is presumed that all German Missionaries in British and Mandated Territory will be removed. The manner in which their removal is carried out is important from the point of view of propaganda. On the last occasion some of their Continental and American colleagues seized on one or two trifling incidents to make bitter attacks on Great Britain. The difficulties of such a situation are now better understood and so long as their removal is carried through courteously there is little likelihood of misunderstanding. It would be easier to counteract anything of that sort if the missionaries were not deprived of their personal effects and monies. In the last war these were taken over by the Receiver of Enemy Property. This again was used by some neutrals for fresh attacks on this country. It should be mentioned that considerable sums were restored to the missionaries ex gratia in 1925. At the close of the war, steps were taken whereby enemy mission properties (as distinguished from missionaries' personal property) were excluded from the economic clauses of the Peace Treaty and

were by Article No. 438 preserved under a series of Trusts for the work for which the properties had been dedicated.

6. Suggested action after removal. Two dangers will emerge on removal of German missionaries. (1) It would be fatal to morale to leave the areas occupied by German Missions derelict in a missionary sense. (2) If the educational, medical and philanthropic work carried on by German missionaries in British territory fell into ruins that would almost certainly be made the subject of sharp attack on the part of neutral Protestant Churches and Missionary Societies. The Conference of British Missionary Societies (Edinburgh House, 2 Eaton Gate, S.W.1.) should be urged to make arrangements for having the work from which German Protestant missionaries have been removed, carried on as fully as possible. There is bound to be unsettlement of the native mind by the removal of the somewhat authoritative and paternal German influence in favour of the easier personal relationships of British missionaries. It is important that the right kind of British missionaries should be substituted. Further, the special need of preserving tranquillity in these areas not only among the natives who have been associated with German Missions but throughout the community generally, should be represented to British missionaries.

7. German Missions in non-British territory. The Table annexed (Appendix II.) shows the location and number of German Protestant missionaries working in non-British territory. Owing to the different organisation of Roman Catholic Missions it is not possible to give similar figures with regard to Roman Catholic missionaries.

It will be noted that German Protestant missionaries occupy an important place in China, the Netherland Indies

and certain Mohammedan countries. Their numbers in non-British territory have increased by about 250 since the war.

In the case of Roman Catholic Missions the matter may be complicated in certain areas by the association of some priests of German nationality with priests of other nationality.

June 30th, 1939.

38, Belgrave Square,
S.W.1.

APPENDIX. I.

German Missions in British and Mandated Territory.

<u>Territory.</u>	<u>No. of Soc- ieties.</u>	<u>Name of Society.</u>	<u>No. of Residence Stations.</u>	<u>No. of Mission- aries.</u>	<u>No. of Comm- unicants.</u>	<u>Geograph- ical Area.</u>	<u>Neighbour- ing British Societies.</u> *
BRITISH MALAYA	1	Evangelisch-lutherische Mission zu Leipzig.	X	X	1,483		
INDIA	4		44	124	188,001		
		Evangel-lutherische zu L. Gossnersche Mission	12 7	28 13	14,153 141,198	Madras Assam, Bihar, Berar, C.P. & Orissa.	C.M.S., M.M.S., L.M.S., Ch. of Scot. etc. etc
		Schleeswig. Holstein. Evangel-lutherische Mission	6	14	27,403	Bihar, Orissa & Madras.	
	+	Evangel. Mission zu Basel	19	69	5,247		
PALESTINE	4		13	94	681		
		Jerusalems Verein	4	4	453		C. of E. Diocese.
		Karmel Mission	2	19	X		
		Evangel. Verein Für Syrische Waisenhaus Orient arbeit von Kaiserwerth	3 4	37 34	228 X		Jer. & East Miss.
GOLD COAST	2		11	47	110,465		
	+	Evan. Mission zu Basel	8	36	61,974		S.P.G., Ch. of
		Norddeutsch Mission	3	11	48,491		Scotland, M.M.S.

X No figures available

+ Although the Basel Mission has its headquarters in Switzerland its personnel is largely German and a large part of the funds are raised in Germany.

* The full names of these Societies are given at the end of Schedule II.

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<u>Territory.</u>	<u>No. of Soc- ieties.</u>	<u>Name of Society.</u>	<u>No. of Residence Stations.</u>	<u>No. of Mission- aries.</u>	<u>No. of Commun- icants.</u>	<u>Geographical Area.</u>	<u>Neighbouring British Societies.</u>
NIGERIA	2		14	72	37,123		
		Evangel. Mission zu Basel	11	62	31,981		C.M.S. Ch. of Scot. M.M.S. & Sudan Interior.
		Deutschen Baptisten Mission	3	10	5,142		
SOUTH WEST AFRICA	1	Rheinische Mission	25	59	62,838		S.P.G. & Meth. Ch. of S.A.
UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA	5		143	271	253,724		
		Berliner Mission	54	101	79,087		
		Hermannsburg Mission	48	105	108,175		
		Herrnhuter Mission	24	36	35,863		S.P.G., Ch. of Scot. L.M.S., Methodist Ch. of S. Africa etc., etc.
		Hannoverschen Evangel- lutherischen Mission	10	15	10,147		
		Rheinische Mission	7	14	20,452		
TANGANYIKA	5		64	214	92,119		
		Berliner Mission	17	45	20,526		
		Bethel Mission	17	81	20,233		
		Evan. L. zu Leipzig	17	53	31,803		
		Herrnhuter Mission	8	23	19,320		Africa Inland, U.M.C.A., C.M.S., Friends, etc.
		Neukirchener Waisen	5	12	237		

* Although the Basel Mission has its headquarters in Switzerland its personnel is largely German and a large part of the funds are raised in Germany.

<u>Territory</u>	<u>No. of Soc- ieties</u>	<u>Name of Society</u>	<u>No.of Residence Stations.</u>	- iii - <u>No.of Mission- aries.</u>	<u>No.of Comm- unicants.</u>	<u>Geograph- ical Area</u>	<u>Neighbour- ing British Societies.</u>
KENYA	1	Neukirchener Waisen	1	6	1,267		African Inland, C.M.S., M.M.S. etc.
MELANESIA ++	1	Miss. im Sinne Luth.Kirche.	16	89	40,261	New Guinea	L.M.S.
MICRONESEA ++	1	Liebenzeller Mission	9	17	1,803	Admiralty Is. Caroline Is.	

++ The work in Melanesia and Micronesia has been included in the British section since it would appear that with the exception of some work on the Caroline Islands (Japanese) the rest of the work is on islands which belong to Britain.

APPENDIX II.

German Missions in Non-British Territory.

<u>Territory.</u>	<u>No. of Soc-ieties.</u>	<u>Name of Society</u>	<u>No. of Residence Stations</u>	<u>No. of Mission-aries.</u>	<u>No. of Comm-unicants.</u>	<u>Geograph-ical Area.</u>	<u>Neighbouring Brit. Societ-ies.*</u>
JAPAN	2		5	8	806		C.M.S.& S.P.G.
		Allgemeiner Evangel. Liebenzeller Mission	2 3	2 6	700 106		
CHINA	10		81	296	42,559		
		Allgemeiner Evangel. Allianz-China in Barmen	3 12	10 56	- 2,801	Chekiang, Kiangsi	C.M.S., M.M.S., etc.
		Berliner Mission	10	26	4,761	Kwangtung, Kiangsi	
		Deutscher Bund	1	4	35		
	+	Evangel.Mission zu Basel	15	62	19,845		
		Hildesheimer China-Blinden-Mission	2	3	60	Kwangtung	C.M.S., L.M.S.) M.M.S., etc. }
		Liebenzeller Mission	16	80	7,386	Hunan, Kweichow	
		Missionshilfe	2	7	2,000	Kiangsu	
		Rheinische Mission	5	15	3,576	Kwangtung	C.M.S., L.M.S.) M.M.S., etc. }
		Schleswig Holsteinische Evan. luth. Vandersburg Mission	2 13	5 28	452 1,643	Yunnan	C.M.S., M.M.S., etc.
NETHERLANDS EAST-INDIES.	3		65	212	519,160		
		Neukirchener Waisen	11	44	6,118	Java	None
		Rheinische Mission	39	112	500,732	Sumatra, Nias, Mentawai, Enggano.	None
	+	Evangel.Mission zu Basel	15	56	12,310		

+ Although the Basel Mission has its headquarters in Switzerland its personnel is largely German and part of the funds are raised in Germany.
* The full names of these Societies are given at the end of Schedule II.

<u>Territory</u>	<u>No. of Soc- ieties</u>	<u>Name of Society</u>	<u>No. of Residence Stations</u>	<u>No. of Mission- aries</u>	<u>No. of Comm- unicants</u>	<u>Geograph- ical Area</u>	<u>Neighbouring British Societies</u>
IRAN	1	Christliche Blinden Mission	2	7	126		C. of E. Diocese, C.M.S. etc.
TURKEY	2		3	23	12		
		Deutscher Hilfsbund.	2	3	12		None
		Orient arbeit von	1	20	X		do.
		Kaiserswerth.					
SYRIA	3		4	13	X		
		Deutscher Hilfsbund.	1	1	X		C. of E., Friends,
		Dr Lepsius Orient Miss.	2	6	X		Brethren, Edin-
		Orient arbeit von K.	1	6	X		burgh Medical. etc.
EGYPT	2		7	39	24		
		Evan. Muhammedaner- Mission	4	18	24	Egypt & Anglo-E. Sudan	C. of E. and C.M.S.
		Orient arbeit von K.	3	21	X		
ETHIOPIA	1	Hermannsburg Mission	3	14	X		Sudan Interior.

X. No figures available.

Initial Key:-

- C.M.S. = Church Missionary Society.
- S.P.G. = Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.
- M.M.S. = Methodist Missionary Society.
- L.M.S. = London Missionary Society.
- U.M.C.A. = Universities' Mission to Central Africa.

T O T A L S

<u>BRITISH & MANDATED TERRITORY</u>	27	340	993	789,765
<u>NON-BRITISH TERRITORY.</u>	24	170	612	562,687

CIRCULAR

SECRET

Downing Street,

6th December, 1939.



Sir,

Red (32)
Red (4)
I have the honour to confirm my circular telegram No. 120 of the 22nd of November, in which I informed you that revised arrangements had been introduced for dealing with Empire publicity. In my circular despatch of the 15th of May I enclosed a memorandum indicating the functions and organization of the Ministry of Information as originally contemplated. The revised arrangements referred to in the present despatch relate only to the publicity side of the Ministry's activities. I do not propose to go into great detail in this despatch, but merely to deal with the consequences of such reorganization as it will affect the procedure to be adopted by Colonial Governments in dealing with wartime publicity measures.

2. I have been in consultation with the Minister of Information in the light of experience so far gained as to the suitability of the machinery which was set up at the outbreak of war for dealing with publicity measures in the Colonial Empire. The ultimate responsibility for wartime publicity measures undertaken in the Colonies must lie with the Secretary of State for the Colonies, since he is responsible to Parliament for the administration of the Colonies. In order to safeguard this principle it has been agreed that in future all correspondence with Colonial Governments on the

The Officer Administering
the Government of

subject of publicity measures shall be conducted either from the Colonial Office or, in regard to such matters as press articles, photographs and news commentaries, by the Ministry of Information acting on my behalf. The normal medium of correspondence, which will always be used when questions of policy or finance are concerned, will be by official despatches between the Secretary of State and the Officer Administering the Government; but on occasion it will no doubt be found convenient and expeditious for matters of detail to be disposed of in semi-official correspondence between members of the Colonial Office staff and of the Colonial Secretariats or, at the discretion of Governors, the Information Officers. It is desirable that there should be no delay either in the transmission to the Information Officers of publicity matter issued by His Majesty's Government or in the transmission to the Colonial Office of reports and other documents compiled by the Information Officers. I am prepared to leave to the discretion of Governors how far Information Officers or other members of the Colonial Government should correspond direct with members of the staff of the Colonial Office. The practice of corresponding direct with the staff of the Ministry of Information should, however, be discontinued, and in this connection I have to inform you that the reorganizations that have taken place within the Ministry have involved discontinuing the services of the regional specialists in the Colonial Section of the Empire Publicity Division, who have hitherto on many matters communicated direct with Information Officers in the Colonies.

6. As regards telegrams dealing with publicity questions, it will no longer be necessary to prefix these with the code group "Minin", since under the new procedure the telegrams will be addressed to me. It will

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Red (11)

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however be convenient if the practice laid down in my circular telegram No. 32 of the 2nd of September, whereby separate copies of despatches, etc., are enclosed in envelopes addressed to the Ministry of Information, is continued. This device is intended merely to save time in the transmission of the documents in question to the Ministry; and after consideration by the staffs of the Colonial Office and the Ministry any reply which may be necessary will be sent from the Colonial Office.

4. It will be appreciated, however, that when regard is had to the publicity requirements of the whole Colonial Empire, the amount of material which is being despatched each week is considerable; and I have therefore agreed that as a matter of convenience much of this material shall be despatched from the Ministry of Information itself, but addressed to the Officer Administering the Government. It may be assumed that any documents so transmitted, e.g. the weekly commentaries which have just been started, the weekly distribution of press articles, etc., have been examined in the Colonial Office and are sent with my authority. If in any Dependency it is considered preferable that such material should be sent direct to the Information Officers, as has been the practice in the past, I should have no objection to resuming the practice. I am however anxious to avoid a system whereby material is transmitted to Information Officers without the Officer Administering the Government being aware what material is so transmitted, unless the Officer Administering the Government of any particular territory assures me that he sees no objection to such a course.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

Malcolm MacDonald

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

No. 358 *From* Secretary of State, London,

To His Excellency the Governor, Falkland Islands.

<i>Despatched:</i>	28th April	19 40	<i>Time:</i> 06.10.
<i>Received:</i>		19	<i>Time:</i>

Circular No. 48 Confidential. Following appreciation of the situation not for publication but for your information and guidance of information officer supplementary weekly commentary. Begins.

Neutral and unofficial reports Norwegian fighting should be treated with great reserve. Stress risk inevitable in sending a force to intercept carefully planned and fully equipped invasion. Some reverses were to be expected. Even if the Germans are successful locally we have already frustrated chief objective of German invasion namely command of Norwegian coastline and ~~the~~ iron ore route Narvik. To do so was the aim of allied action. Stress command of North Sea enabling expeditionary force to be transported without loss but allied power in Baltic Kattegat Skagerrak should not be exaggerated. Important note apart from local situation at sea destruction of German warships pro tanto releases allied ships for service elsewhere. As for German losses it is not certain whether Gneisenau was sunk.

Italian attitude remains unsatisfactory but important Italian leaders oppose entry into the war and anti-Italians publications should be avoided. Attitude towards Italy here is firm but not menacing. Ends.

SECRET

(47)

31st October 1939

A L P H A code. Revised list of place names embodying previous lists which should now be cancelled.

Arranged in double alphabetical order for convenience of reference.

<u>Place</u>	<u>Code Word</u>	<u>Code Word</u>	<u>Place</u>
Albemarle	BALE	BALE	Albemarle
Beaver Island	EVER	BENT	Saunders Island
Berkeley Sound	BOND	BOND	Berkeley Sound
Bleaker Island	LEAD	BONE	Bonner's
Bonner's	BONE	BREW	Pebble Island
Brenton Loch	CHAT	CAME	Cameron's
Cameron's	CAME	CHAT	Brenton Loch
Carcass Island	HONE	DULY	Port Stephens
Chartres	FORM	EVER	Beaver Island
DARWIN	GOAD	FAST	East Falkland
Dunnose Head	PACK	FELT	West Point Island
East Falkland	FAST	FISH	South Georgia
England	FOOT	FLUE	North Arm
Fitzroy	LONG	FOOT	England
Foxbay	UPON	FORM	Chartres
Hill Cove	MUST	GOAD	Darwin
Lively Island	LIST	HAME	Weddell Island
Monte Video	RATE	HONE	Carcass Island
New Island	SOCK	HOUR	Roy Cove
North Arm	FLUE	INCH	Punta Arenas
Passage Islands	SAGE	IONA	Sea Lion Islands
Pebble Island	BREW	LANE	Speedwell Island
Port Howard	NINE	LEAD	Bleaker Island
Port Stephens	DULY	LIST	Lively Island
Punta Arenas	INCH	LONG	Fitzroy
Roy Cove	HOUR	MUST	Hill Cove
Salvador Water	ROBE	NINE	Port Howard
Saunders Island	BENT	PACK	Dunnose Head
Sea Lion Islands	IONA	RATE	Monte Video
South Georgia	FISH	ROBE	Salvador Water
Speedwell Island	LANE	SAGE	Passage Islands
Spring Point	TERM	SHUT	Stanley
Stanley	SHUT	SLOW	West Falkland
Weddell Island	HAME	SOCK	New Island
West Falkland	SLOW	TERM	Spring Point
West Point Island	X FELT	UPON	Fox Bay

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A L P H A code

8th February 1940

NUMBERS and MONTHS

code: meaning

TAA	1
TAB	2
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code : meaning

A	January
B	February
C	March
D	April
E	May
F	June
G	July
H	August
I	September
J	October
K	November
L	December

Dates: The code letter for the month will be added to the code letters for the number. Examples:

TAHJ 8th October

TAUC 30th March

TAT TAIE 29th May

 DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

No. 53 *From* Secretary of State, London,

To His Excellency the Governor, Falkland Islands.

Despatched: 9th May 19 40 *Time:* 13.05

Received: 19 *Time:*

No. 50 Circular Secret. Following from the Ministry of Information for guidance of Information Officers further to my Circular Telegram Confidential No. 48. Begins. Emphasis may be laid on the fact that the debate shows unanimous determination of all parties to prosecute the War with increasing and unrelenting vigour. Further sacrifices necessary are not shirked in any quarter. Confidence for the future can be based on skilled and gallant conduct of all arms in the Norwegian campaign. British troops fought magnificently and proved individual superiority to German. Judgement of events in northern Norway and elsewhere should be based on officially confirmed facts only, and speculation of any kind avoided. Ends.

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TELEGRAM.

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No. 91 From Secretary of State, London,

To His Excellency the Governor, Falkland Islands.

Despatched: 12th May 19 40 *Time:* 22.02.

Received: 19 *Time:*

No.55 Circular Following from Ministry of Information for guidance of Information Officer:- Since the Germans have staked all on this throw their attack will undoubtedly be pressed remorselessly.

2. British and French troops are moving rapidly into prepared positions in Holland and Belgium.

3. German advances upto these positions are to be expected despite gallant and invaluable resistance by our allies.

4. Public opinion should be prepared for further eventualities including German attacks on other neutrals and direct attack on this country.

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TELEGRAM.

No.111 From Secretary of State, London,

To His Excellency the Governor, Falkland Islands.

Despatched : 15th May 19 40 Time : 21.00.

Received : 19 Time :

Important.

No.58 Circular Confidential. Following from Ministry of Information for guidance of Information Officer Begins.

1. Situation is grave but not unforeseen. Reverses may be expected and note should be confidence in ultimate outcome rather than hope of immediate successes.
2. In the past wars the German hammer blows have had terrific initial effort yet failed.
3. In 1914 no substantial French or British forces were available for defence of Belgium here as now the Angl^O-French Army is defend-
ing prepared lines from near Antwerp to Meuse.
4. High quality of our personnel gives great encouragement Royal Air Force in particular are doing magnificently.
5. Evidence is that Hitler is throwing his whole forces into this battle.
6. British and French civilian morale remains unshaken and prepared for all eventualities.
7. Parachute menace is recognised but we are forarmed. Success in Rotterdam appears due to co-operation of local German and Nazi sympathisers.
8. Anti-Italian publicity should be avoided so long as Italy does not enter the war, since Mussolini is apparantly trying to provoke us into alleged hostile action. ENDS.

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TELEGRAM.

51

No.120 From Secretary of State, London,

To His Excellency the Governor, Falkland Islands.

Despatched: 16th May 19 40 Time: 20.50.

Received: 19 Time:

Immediate.

No.60 Circular Confidential. Following for guidance of Information Officer Begins.

1. In the event of Italian entry into the War, immediate publicity line will depend on circumstances of their entry.
2. Italian military weakness should not be emphasised but rather heroic task facing the Allies. Stress anti-German attitude of the Vatican and evidence of the mixed feelings of the Italian people. Base reassurance on preparedness of the Allies for this eventuality, Italian vulnerability to sea power in the long run, and enlarged opportunity for the Empire to engage in active warfare. Last point to be used at your discretion. Ends.

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TELEGRAM.

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No. 143 *From* Secretary of State, London,

To His Excellency the Governor, Falkland Islands.

Despatched: 20th May 19 40 *Time:* 12.23.

Received: 19 *Time:*

No. 63 Circular Confidential. Following for guidance of Information Officer.

1. Emphasise that unity of Allied Command ensures concerted strategy for the Western Front as a whole and that British withdrawals in Belgium are not the result of defeats but are in accordance with that strategy.
2. In view of German propaganda rumours of dissensions amongst the Allies the completeness of Anglo-French solidarity should be especially stressed.

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TELEGRAM.

No. 170 From Secretary of State, London,

To His Excellency the Governor, Falkland Islands.

Despatched: 23rd May 19 40 Time: 16.35.

Received : 19 Time :

No. 69 Circular Confidential. Following from Ministry of Information for guidance of Information Officer Begins. Since fluctuation of public opinion is harmful to morale, undue optimism should not be based on reports of local successes, as military situation must remain grave unless and until massive counter attack can succeed in breaking German communications. Ends.

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TELEGRAM.

No. 224 From Secretary of State, London,

To His Excellency the Governor, Falkland Islands.

Despatched: 29th May 19 40 Time: 06.55.

Received: 19 Time:

No.74 Circular Confidential. Following from Ministry of Information for guidance of Information Officer Begins. Following points may be emphasised in publicity (1) Magnificent performance of the B.E.F. in face of great difficulties (2) Confidence in ultimate victory (3) Unbroken solidarity with France (4) Great danger demands and is evoking supreme effort Ends.

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TELEGRAM.

No. 244

From Secretary of State, London,

To His Excellency the Governor, Falkland Islands,

Despatched : 30th May 19 40 Time 12.25.

Received : 19 Time :

No. 76 Confidential. Circular Following for guidance of Information Officer Begins. Stress perfect co-operation of army, Navy, and Air Force in retirement of British Expeditionary Force and of French Force which shares the situation of British troops. Comradeship in action has strengthened joint determination of French and British to fight together till victory.

Spirit of the men is magnificent and they are confident man for man and weapon for weapon they are better than the Germans. Small force has proved Germans can and will be beaten.

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No. 39

From.....Secretary of State, London,.....

To His Excellency the Governor, Falkland Islands.

Despatched : 5th June 19 40 Time : 05.45.

Received : 19 Time :

No. 84 Confidential. Following for guidance of Information Office Begins. No longer necessary to avoid ante Italian publicity provided discretion is observed. Following points may be reiterated.

1. We have made known our readiness to enter into discussions with Italy on matters at issue between us but she has refused to negotiate.
2. Italy has made herself the tool of Germany.
3. If she chooses to make war we shall know how to act.

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From.....Secretary of State, London,.....

To His Excellency the Governor, Falkland Islands.

Despatched : 5th June 19 40 Time : 22.60.

Received : 19 Time :

No.85 Circular Confidential. Following for guidance of Information Officer:-

(1) In Prime Minister's speech on Tuesday the words " ^{if} ~~it~~ necessary alone" should not be used out of the context so as to suggest Prime Minister has any doubt of continued co-operation of our allies which he emphasized in a later passage.

(2) While need for re-equipping British Expeditionary Force prevents immediate despatch of large scale land force to France there are still substantial bodies of British troops in France and these will be reinforced as soon as possible. Royal Air Force and Navy also giving invaluable assistance to our ally.

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TELEGRAM.

12 June 40 (58)

No.78

From... Secretary of State, London,

To... His Excellency the Governor, Falkland Islands.

Despatched : 7th June 19 40 Time : 20.00.

Received : 19 Time :

No.88 Circular Following for guidance of Information Officer in appreciation war news from France.

1. Misleading to think of opposing lines which once branched must be withdrawn. Penetrations by German columns continue to meet defence in depth.

2. Reason to believe German attacks not yet fully developed.

3. German army and air force showing signs of strain and dilution trained personnel.

4. Emphasize assistance given by R.A.F. as well as French air force in harassing enemy concentrations and supply lines Ends.

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TELEGRAM.

Lat 15 June (59)

No. 147

From Secretary of State, London,

To His Excellency the Governor, Falkland Islands.

Despatched : 12th June 19 40 Time : 13.10.

Received : 19 Time :

Circular No.95. Following for guidance of Information Officer Begins. Following points may be observed in publicity about Italy. (1) Attitude of Egypt and Turkey is considered satisfactory. Former is placing all facilities at our disposal in accordance with treaty. No undue delay in latter's consideration of her position. (2) British sympathy for Abyssinians may be strongly expressed but should not be associated especially with Haile Selassie. (3) Exercise caution in dealing with results of minor operations whether successes claimed are ours or enemies. Ends.

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TELEGRAM.

18 June

No. 182

From Secretary of State, London,

To His Excellency the Governor, Falkland Islands.

Despatched : 14th June 1940 Time : 11.40.

Received : 19 Time :

Circular No. 98 Following for guidance of Information Officer Begins. 1. Military and political significance of loss of Paris should not be underrated but emphasis laid on determination of French to continue fighting.

2. Every available British plane is being used in the battle and considerable land ~~forces~~ reinforcements have been sent.

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No. 285 *From* Secretary of State, London,

To His Excellency the Governor, Falkland Islands.

Despatched : 20th June 19 40 *Time* : 14.40.

Received : 19 *Time* :

No. 106 Confidential. Following strictly confidential. Guidance of information officer.

1. Continued French resistance invaluable in enabling us to gather strength for next phase of the war.
2. Indications are that speculation in press regarding position of Russia and Turkey may prove embarrassing and should be firmly discouraged.

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TELEGRAM.

25 June 40

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No. 367

From Secretary of State, London,

To His Excellency the Governor, Falkland Islands.

Despatched : 24th June 19 40 Time : 09.20.

Received : 19 Time :

No. 111 Circular Following for guidance of Information Officer.
Impending shortage of food in Europe is due to Nazi system and conquests. Subordination of individual to state and production of guns before butter created severe food difficulties in Germany even before war. These have been aggravated by destructive war launched by Germany. Food supplies in occupied territories are being pillaged for benefit of first German armed forces secondly of German civilians. Emphasise that Nazi system in peace and war is essentially destructive and careless of human welfare.

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TELEGRAM.

No. 391

From Secretary of State, London,

To His Excellency the Governor, Falkland Islands.

Despatched: 25th June 19 40 Time: 06.25.

Received: 19 Time:

Circular No. 115 Following for guidance of Information Officer Begins.

1. Express continued sympathy for French people whom our victory will liberate.
2. Avoid abuse of individual members of the French Government.
3. The French Government have committed a breach of faith with their own people as well as with their ally.
4. They are now in the physical power of the enemy. Ends.

G. T. C.

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TELEGRAM.

No.441 From Secretary of State, London, _____

To His Excellency the Governor, Falkland Islands.

Despatched: 27th June 19 40 Time: 15.25.

Received: 19 Time:

No.120 Following for guidance of Information Officer. Begins.

1. Avoid abuse of French Government ~~and~~ but treat it as under duress and unrepresentative.
2. We fulfilled our obligations to France to the point of endangering our own safety. Our land contribution exceeded both our promises to France and actual contribution also similar period last war.
3. Unwise to base too much propaganda on determination or capacity of all French colonies to fight on.
4. British Empire is resolved not only to resist attacks but also to take offensive wherever possible.

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TELEGRAM.

No. 113 From: Secretary of State, London,

To: His Excellency the Governor, Falkland Islands.

Despatched: 7th July 19 40 Time: 16.36.

Received: 19 Time:

No.129 Following for guidance of Information Officer Begins.

1. By its present attitude Petain Government has showed itself to be a mere/ puppet of Germany and its declamations should be treated as those of enemy mouthpiece.
2. Note suppression in France of honourable alternatives/ offers to French Admiral at Oran.
3. Although French Government will doubtless surpress all free opinion, the restoration of French freedom remains the objective of British arms and is a condition of British victory. Ends.

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DECODE.TELEGRAM.From SECRETARY OF STATETo H.E. the GOVERNOR Falkland Islands.

Despatched :

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Time :

Received :

11th August 1940

Time : 13.10

Circular No 158. Following for Information Officer for guidance in Publicity beginnings.

Yesterdays Air engagement over the English Channel combined with the Action of Dover on July 29th and with incident earlier this week, when large German formation approaching Channel convoy was dispersed by relatively small numbers of our aircraft before reaching its objective, prove definite supremacy of RAF over German Luft Waffe in this type of action. German Official utterances and communiques make it plain that the greatest importance is attached to air attack on British merchant convoys as a means of victory. Convoys in question were of coastal type composed of small vessels particularly vulnerable to bombing attack. On third occasion mentioned German forces about 60 planes withdrew before attacking upon being met by our fighters. Off Dover and in yesterdays action attacks were pressed and considerable damage to small ships in convoy. The cost to Germans in planes lost was however extremely severe, in former engagement 17 being destroyed out of about 80 and in later 60 out of 200 to 300. These figures include only confirmed losses and other damaged planes may not have reached home. Our losses were relatively slight totalling 16 planes yesterday. This highly satisfactory ratio however probably not so important in the long run as fact that 1 in four or five German aeroplanes failed to return. This severe percentage of losses is certain to have grave effect on morale of their pilots. No particular adventitious circumstances aided our force on any of these occasions, and the simple fact is that the RAF is superior to the German Air Force.

ends.

Further information regarding absurd stories of the effect of air raids and also food situations is now being prepared and will follow by cable to you.

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TELEGRAM.

From SECRETARY OF STATE

To HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

Despatched : 19 Time :
Received : 13th August 1940 Time : 16.10

CIRCULAR TELEGRAM No 161.

Following for guidance of Information Officer begins.

While air battles show decisive superiority of British Fighter Arm, we have also gained consistent advantage in exchanges of bombing. Direct comparisons are impossible since we cannot inspect the damage done in Germany but neutral reports confirm that industrial life in Ruhr and Western Germany including coastal ports, has suffered serious dislocation, whereas no such results have been obtained in Britain. The following appears to be the main reason for this difference. (1) As already announced during one month we dropped 32000 bombs over Germany compared with 7000 dropped over Britain. (2) Our attacks are always directed to specific objectives and are pressed home on these vital military targets if they are discernable, pilots being instructed to return loaded if the weather conditions prevent them from distinguishing their objectives, whereas German night raiders have dissipated their power by scattering bombs wide of specific objectives, often in open fields.

General superiority of British personnel in training and moral and of British machines has been evident here as in air fights.

British shipping continues to sail the sea and loading and unloading continue at all British ports. Several have been closed to shipping but only for a time after mine laying from the air, and have been re-opened as soon as mine sweeping operations were complete. Attack by air on shipping have been almost entirely confined to convoys of small coastal vessels. Large convoys ocean-going vessels constantly arriving. Total losses by torpedoes and mines are fully announced week by week and not on a scale to cause serious shortages of shipping or of food or raw material. Food is plentiful and rationing extremely liberal.

Public remain completely confident and industrial life continues uninterrupted.

Weather has been good lately and open air concerts by military bands are attended by large crowds during lunch hour in London.

13,000 persons saw cricket match at Lords on Saturday between British Empire eleven and London County.

G.T.C.

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TELEGRAM.

From SECRETARY OF STATE

To H. E. THE GOVERNMENT

Despatched :

19

Time :

Received :

23rd August 19 40

Time : 20.12

CIRCULAR No 171.

Following for publicity guidance of Minister of Information British desire to purchase American destroyers does not indicate any dangerous deficiency in the British Fleet. At the outbreak of war we possessed 185 destroyers of which 29 have since been lost. As Prime Minister said in his speech on August 20th a great programme of warship construction which includes a large number of destroyers is now yielding fruit. Reinforcements from the U.S.A. would nevertheless be welcome to anticipate further new construction and to make up for the loss of French Naval support. British overseas trade for protection of which a large number of destroyers are required continues unimpaired despite all attempts of the enemy to reduce it. The chief point to stress is that no power dependent on command of the sea for supplies and security can ever have a sufficient number of destroyers.

G.T.C.

sent 6.30 pm Mon 28 Aug 40

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From SECRETARY OF STATE

To H.E. THE GOVERNOR

Despatched :

19

Time :

Received :

3rd September 19 40

Time : 23.30

CIRCULAR No 177.

Following from Ministry of Information begins.

Following line of publicity may be taken with regard to the agreement with the United States for transfer of American Destroyers and lease of Air and Naval bases.

- (1) Successful conclusion of negotiations is regarded with the greatest possible satisfaction throughout the British Empire.
- (2) British Commonwealth and the United States have evolved a practical method of contributing effectively to each others defence requirements. Transfer of the Destroyers will add materially to British Naval strength and is of exceptional value during the present interval before a large number of destroyers now under construction go into service. On the other side the United States has acquired leasehold bases which will greatly strengthen her defence and those of the whole Western Hemisphere.
- (3) No transfer of sovereignty is involved. Colonial Administration affected and Dominion Governments have been consulted and concur.
- (4) Such an agreement could only have been reached in an atmosphere of mutual confidence and goodwill. Emphasize the manner in which democracy can assure through negotiation their best common interests.
- (5) The particular consideration received by the United States for 50 destroyers consisting of lease of territory adjacent to the Panama Canal which are of primary value for defence of United States itself. Other leases in Newfoundland and elsewhere may be regarded as a contribution towards our common interests in the Western Hemisphere defences.

ends.

G.T.C.

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TELEGRAM.

From SECRETARY OF STATE

To H. E. THE GOVERNOR

Despatched : 19 Time :
Received : 6th September 19 40 Time : 9.15

CIRCULAR No 181.

Following from Ministry of Information for publicity guidance regarding the supply of foodstuffs to France begins.

British Policy of blockade as expressed in the Prime Minister's speech on August 20th is inflexible. Controversy is therefore to be discouraged but the following points may help to explain British attitude.

Britain can and will arrange an advance for a speedy entry of food into any part of France when this part has been cleared of German forces and has genuinely gained its freedom.

So called unoccupied France is actually under German domination, its present status being from German view point a convenient fiction. Petain recently said in an interview with with American correspondents according to a Vichy representative of the "New York Times": "I do not pretend this government is free. The Germans hold the ropes and twist it whenever they consider accord is not being carried out".

Unoccupied France is liable to be siezed at any time by the enemy together with food or other stores that may be accumulated there.

Although Northern France usually supplies Southern France with food, Germans have been systematically taking food from unoccupied territories. According to the "Paris Soir" published in Vichy, goods trains containing milk, fruit, vegetables and meat are passing freely to Pais from the unoccupied zone.

Much futher evidence is available.

In particular Western Europe normally has a surplus of milk product which Britain purchased and which should now be available to occupied and unoccupied France without possibility of inter ference by British Blockade. British Imports totalled approximately 240,000 tons per annua. In addition pre war exports of Switzerland, part only of which used to reach Britain, are available.

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TELEGRAM.

From SECRETARY OF STATE

To H.E. THE GOVERNOR

Despatched :

19

Time :

Received :

10th September 19 40

Time : 08.25

IMPORTANT.

No 184 CIRCULAR.

Following from Ministry of Information for guidance regarding Air-raids on London begins.

- (1) The Germans themselves claim that the full force of their air power is now being launched at Britain.
 - (2) The brunt of the attacks is being born by London. During the last two nights of intensive bombardment attacks on the provinces have been negligible.
 - (3) Considerable damage has been done especially in the poorer quarters near the docks but London is a huge city of which vast areas are totally unharmed. Normal activity continues everywhere and the central Government is completely unimpaired.
 - (4) It seems probable this attack forms second phase of the advertised German plan of swiftly subduing Britain the first phase being an attempt to smash British Air and Sea power by assaults on Aerodromes, Aircraft Factories and Ports the second being an attempt to destroy Communications, Public Services and Centre of Government in order to paralyse defence and the third being invasion.
 - (5) The first phase of this plan has failed completely. If the Germans are aware of this failure they are presumably pressing forward with second and perhaps third phase according to a time table dictated by seasons and by preference to boasts rather than considered strategy.
 - (6) The second phase of the plan will equally break itself against the courage and solidarity of the British people joined to a long prepared organisation carrying on the Government and economic life under any circumstances.
 - (7) Britain faces the possibility of the third phase with assurance.
- ends.

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From UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR WAR

To H.E. THE GOVERNOR

Despatched :

19

Time :

Received :

16th September 19 40

Time : 14.00

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Your C/17035 23/8. My 72834 of June 2nd says that there have been about 250 not 650. Number of enemy aircraft destroyed by anti-aircraft fire from units of a d g b September 3rd 1939 to September 7th 1940 is 177 confirmed. Estimated for those destroyed in France is still 400 as previously stated.

Addressed Middle³east repeated Commands abroad.

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TELEGRAM.

From UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR WAR

To H.E. THE GOVERNOR

Despatched :

19

Time :

Received :

2nd October

19 40

Time : 02.00

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Miltel No 19.

HOME. Day 1st October. Several raids on London, few aircraft reached the centre. Some bombs dropped but casualties and damage slight. Scattered bombing in Southeast England. British casualties - five aircraft (one pilot safe). German casualties - four aircraft and one probable. Night of October 1st/2nd. London raided as usual. Damage and casualties less of late. Birkenhead attacked and bombs fell in central district. Widespread damage to industrial and residential property in Manchester.

AIR. In spite of cloudy weather industrial and military targets in central Berlin were successfully attacked. Attacks on marshalling yards resulted in great success at Mannheim where ammunition train appeared to be hit. Launne oil plant successfully attacked. Channel ports bombed but observation of results difficult. Coastal command bombers attacked Rotterdam oil stores with success. Seven aircraft missing. INVASION. Little change in invasion ports shipping and barge concentration remaining.

MIDDLE EAST. Sudan. Projected Italian attack probably imminent. Libya. Bardia Aerodrome and Tobruk harbour attacked. Three Italian bombers destroyed on the ground. Fires started at Tobruk. Three Italian fighters and one Blenheim shot down. Sunderland sank enemy submarine off North West off Alexandria September 30th. An Italian located near Taranto September 30th. Its course and speed prevented British forces making contact. Italian East Africa. Machinery on Jibuti railway attacked and hit. Gura and Maiada Ga attacked. One Blenheim lost.

FAR EAST. Present attitude of Thailand towards French Indo China probably indicates result agreement.

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TELEGRAM.

From UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR WAR

To H.E. THE GOVERNOR

Despatched :

19

Time :

Received :

3rd October

19 40

Time : 22.45

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Miltel No 20.

HOME. October 2nd. Enemy air activity during day widespread. Number of aircraft used less than on previous days many raids by single bombers. London main object of attacks little damage caused and few casualties. Slight damage at Rochester, Margate, Dover, Hastings and Eastbourne. Night October 2nd-3rd in London night was quietest since September 7th large fire caused at Hammersmith otherwise no serious damage. Manchester attacked but damage slight and casualties few. Bombs also dropped in parts of Scotland but little damage done. Casualties 10 rumoured, 1 of our own (pilot safe).

AlR. Night October 1st -2nd fires and explosions caused by attack on Allgemeine Elektricitats factory in Söllun(?) and successful attacks on dredger fires and explosions on Synthetic Oil plants at Sterkrade-Holten Köln, Gelsenkirchen and Duisberg. Marshalling yards at Hamm and Soest and channel ports Dunkirk, Boulogne, Havre, Rotterdam successfully attacked causing fires and explosions.

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TELEGRAM.

From Under Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To The Governor.

Despatched : 5th October, 19 40. Time : 0448.

Received : 5th October, 19 40. Time : 1000.

Miltel No. 210. Home. October, 3rd. No attack by enemy formations, probably owing to low cloud and fog. Single enemy aircraft bombed London and midland towns. Damage mainly confined to house property.

One German bomber shot down by anti-aircraft. No British losses.

Night 3rd and 4th October. Enemy activity on very reduced scale over the whole country. Minor damage and slight casualties in London.

Air. Night 2nd and 3rd October. Low cloud and haze made location of targets and observation of results very difficult. Oil plants, Channel Ports, Marshalling Yards, Aerodromes and Dockyards attacked with apparent success. Among special targets were Krupps (?), battleship "Tirpitz", Hindenburg Dam and Oil refineries furnishing practice.

2 British bombers lost. Night 3rd and 4th. All operations cancelled owing to bad weather. October, 3rd. Coastal Command ^{aircraft} shot down 2 German bombers. Middle East. Water storage at Bugbug (Libya); Maiadaga (East Africa); Port at Assab (Eritrea) attacked. 1 Blenheim crashed.

Invasion. Reports German people are not being informed about German preparations in Channel Ports and R.A.F. bombing these areas may indicate that the decision on invasion has not been made. R.A.F. bombing raids reported to be raising morale of occupied territories and that resistance to Germans is increasing in Denmark, Norway and especially in the Netherlands.

UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE.

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TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 23rd October, 19 40. Time : 2320.

Received : 24th October, 19 40. Time : 1030.

Circular, No. 206. Following from the Ministry of Information for guidance of publicity.

Begins. Merchant shipping losses have recently been considerable and further high weekly totals may appear while present conditions continue. The explanation lies primarily in

(a) defeat of France which has deprived us of French naval assistance and has afforded Germany Atlantic bases.

(b) Steady reinforcement of Middle East which absorbs many escort vessels.

Publicity should emphasize

(1) immense flow of traffic still proceeding to and from British Ports

(2) continuous reinforcements of British Merchant Marine through purchase and new construction as well past captures.

(3) acquisition of American Destroyers to reinforce the escort fleet

(4) War time Naval building programme now yielding many further additions to the Fleet.

(5) Approach of winter brings growingly unfavourable conditions for submarine operations in the N. Atlantic.

G.T.C.

30 Oct 40

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TELEGRAM.

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From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 6th November, 19 40. *Time :* 0122.

Received : 6th November, 19 40. *Time :* 1030.

Circular No. 218. Following from Ministry of Information for guidance in publicity. Begins:- While Greece is putting up excellent fight and having success against superior forces over-optimistic press reports may do harm by discrediting allied news services and discouraging Greeks and ourselves when their exaggerations are exposed or if later reverses are sustained. There is evidence that such stories are being fostered and invented by German agents and news of this kind from Jugo Slavia and other neutral countries should be accepted with greatest reserve.

Press might be reminded of harm done by similar stories issued from Stockholm at German instigation during Norwegian campaign.

Exaggerated estimates of immediate military help that British Empire can render to Greece or of strength of British forces already on Greek territory are likewise to be deprecated. Ends.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

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TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 13th November, 19 40. *Time:* 1245.

Received: 13th November, 19 40. *Time:* 1400.

Circular telegram No.221. Special Royal Air Force number of monthly periodical "Illustrated" is being produced. Ministry of Information considers this useful as propaganda and could send you copies. Please state whether copies are required and if so how many?

You will no doubt take into account the possibility of distributing copies in the neighbouring French territories.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

G.T.C.

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TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor,

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched: 15th November 19 40. *Time:* ...

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

No. 113. Your telegram No. 221 Circular please send two dozen
copies.

GOVERNOR.

Recd 78.

DECODE.

5/18/39. (80)

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 20th December, 19 40. *Time:* 1600.

Received: 20th December, 19 40. *Time:* 1800.

Circular No. 250. With reference to my telegram No. 221

Circular Special R.A.F. number of "Illustrated" is not
now being produced.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

G.T.C.

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TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 21st December, 19 40. *Time* : 1150.

Received : 21st December, 19 40. *Time* : 2000.

Following from Ministry of Information for guidance in publicity.

Emphasis should be laid on the distinction between the Italian people and the fascist party which has dragged the Italian people into the war against their former allies on the side of German whom they heartily dislike. The unpopularity of the War in Italy is increasing, evidently references derogatory to the courage of the Italian soldiers are bad propaganda the more to be avoided since they merely distract from the merits of our own victories.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

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5/18/39. (82)
TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 11th February, 1941. Time 0640.

Received : 12th February, 1941. Time 1030.

Circular No. 25. Following facts on health in Air Raid Shelters and morale useful to you for publicity purposes.

1. In the United Kingdom there are about 2½ million Anderson shelters in addition to brick basement and other types accomodating 11 million people. London public shelters night accomodation is now available for nearly 1½ million people. The number sleeping in shelters vabying from ½ million to 600,000 according to the severity of the raid. In provincial areas few people sleep night after night in shelters and there is therefore much less risk of overcrowding and danger to health.

2. 1800 First Aid Posts and 800 Mobile First Aid Posts have been set up in England and Wales.

3. Emergency Hospital Service has been highly organised. About a quarter of a million beds are available for Air Raid casualties but very few are being used.

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4. Chief Medical Officer of health for England has announced health of nation so far remarkably good. Few cases of infectious diseases in shelters at present and no epidemics.

5. Bunks being installed in Public Shelters and Underground stations and emergency, accomodation improved rapidly.

6. Problem of feeding shelterers is being vigorously tackled. In London alone more than 1800 canteens. In this service canteens presented by the Colonies are playing a notable part.

7. Provision for those made homeless by bombing has been rapidly improved. Provision for Pensions and injury allowances for those injured in Air Raids extending to all persons over 15 including house-wives. Families with incomes £400 a yaer or under get immediate compensation for loss of essential furniture and clothes. Others covered by new Government Insurance Scheme.

8. Enthusiastic response to saving movement has continued and in week ending January 21st over £10,000,000 saved through National Saving Scheme. Towns which have been bombed contributed more than others.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

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TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 16th February, 19 41. Time: 0655.

Received: 16th February, 19 41. Time:

No. 31. Circular Following for guidance of Information Officer begins. Paragraph 1 America. Stress only issue now is the manner rather than principle aid to Britain. Amendments have not changed basic character, provision regarding release of Arms required for United States defence being introduced by Administration to meet opposition's fear regarding defence of the United States at the time of greatest shortage of weapons. Counter any impression we need United States aid urgently to meet immediate danger. Indicate we are already equipped better than last autumn to defend ourselves successfully but anticipate an increasing flow from the United Kingdom and more protection for ships bringing supplies in order to build up general mechanical superiority to ensure victory. Paragraph 2 Far East. Recent evidence suggests that Japan has definitely thrown in her lot with the axis even to the extent of supporting Germany by hostile action against British and Dutch and under certain circumstances United States interests at the moment Hitler decrees. Propaganda should imply Japan's attitude increasingly indicates she has abandoned her tradition of caution for more adventurous policy dictated by the Nazis. Consequence to Anglo Japanese relations is regretted and will doubtless lead to strain on British Military and Naval resources but if the conflict comes can be faced with confidence thanks to the adequacy of our forces in the Far East. Stress here should be laid on the defensive character and aggressive tone which would merely serve the end of German and Italian propaganda should be avoided. Contrast especially the example of Italy which Nazi diplomacy also used as a tool as she now learns to her cost especially as she is not getting any useful aid from Germany. It would be much more difficult for Germany to help Japan. Hint that Japan before expanding southward must first ensure the Soviet does not stab her in the back by abandoning many of her ambitions on the mainland and yet remain doubtful of the Soviets word once she is invaded. Paragraph 3 Emphasize Free French part in Libyan Sahara desert raid. Paragraph 4 Stress that Greeks are a nation in Europe that successfully stood up to the Axis land forces and been helped by the British Air and Naval strength. Unduly optimistic forecast of the future developments of Greek campaign should be avoided.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

G.T.C.

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TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 23rd February, 19 41. Time : 0705.

Received : 24th February, 19 41. Time : 1030.

Circular No. 41. Following for guidance in publicity begins.

1. North Africa. Results of break down of Italian resistance in Libya seen in greatly R.A.F. and A.A. and to activity in central Mediterranean and above all in few days on Greek Front indicate how cautiously we now possess strong reserves of Air Craft. Avoid over optimism regarding speed of the conquest in Abbyssinia and any words about further moves in Libya.

2. Balkans.

Diplomatic situation especially as regards Greeks may develop ~~marked~~ rapidly. Immediate military moves by Germany are likely to make. Propaganda note should be cautious in appliance for any eventuality. Turkey good faith remains a relatively stable factor in the situation.

3. Parachute landing by Italians can be emphasized not so much for their military importance as for taste of future British offensive. Compare first daylight raids by R.A.F. over French Aerodromes and successful operations by trained Abbyssinians.

4. German seizure of Danish Torpedo Boats contrary to explicit promise reveals German Naval weakness and should be harped upon whenever the German Navy is mentioned.

5. Blockade situation reveals that Germany has now reached the point where labour and raw materials shortage will soon be likely to affect production it being doubtful whether the population can stand any further restrictions in consumption. Whereas in the past 9 months occupied territories have constituted assets for Germany's reserves position, from now on, with exhaustion of their reserves and production capacity, they will become an increasing liability. Ends.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

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TELEGRAM.

(85)

From Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 13th March, 1941. Time : 0030.

Received : 14th March, 1941. Time : 1030.

Circular No. 62. Secret. Landing of Imperial troops in Greece will shortly be announced. Nothing should be said until announcement has been actually made from Cairo; then, until German reaction is clear, following is the line for publicity purposes :- (1) troops just landed in Greece are reinforcements for British detachments already co-operating with the Greeks against the Italians. (2) H.M. Government are thus implementing still further the promise of assistance given to Greece in order to repel Italy's unprovoked attack. As soon as British victories in Libya have determined the immediate threat by land to Egypt. We are now able to give increasing support to our Ally Greece. 1940 menace presented to Greece by the presence of German attacks on Greece develops: (1) Greeks have signified their determination to continue their gallant struggle even against the combined forces of Germany and Italy. This determination is not dependent on the attitude of Yugo Slav~~ia~~ and Turkey. In the spirit expressed by ~~the~~ President Roosevelt of extending aid to all those defending democracy against aggression we have sent this further assistance to Greece.

2. His Majesty's Government are well aware of the difficulties with which they have to contend. In coming to a decision His Majesty's Government have had the advantage of receiving from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs the Chief of the Imperial General Staff and the Commander in Chief Middle East their considered appreciation of the situation on the spot.

3. Germany's policy in the Balkans has been to attain her ends without fighting. Now she will have to fight.

4. In order to avoid the risk of compromising the cypher please do not give the text of this telegram to the press but paraphrase it.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 24th March, 19 41. Time : 1455.

Received : 25th March, 19 41. Time : 1030.

Circular No. 69. Following for guidance in publicity begins. Matsuoka's visit to Berlin. The line of comment should be to ridicule of German attempt to inflate the importance of Matsuoka's visit beyond its true proportion.

France. Darlan may now be represented as equally dangerous as Laval and should be attacked for his personal ambition though not otherwise on account of his character.

Blockade situation. German shipments of Food and Raw Materials to Occupied Territories are at present on a small scale and designed only to prevent a complete breakdown. This shows Occupied Territories have now become a liability.

Shipping losses. Increase in spring has always been foreseen and we should not expect immediate results from counter measures or larger escorts. United States help is being accelerated. Supply of bombers now ferrying across the Atlantic is unaffected. ends.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

G.T.C.

No.

MINUTE.

(It is requested that, in any reference to this minute, the above Number and the date may be quoted.)

2nd April, 19 41.

From

Col. D. D. Allderidge,

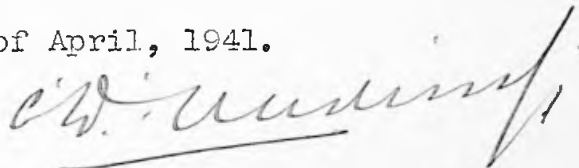
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

All necessary papers relative to the work of the Information Officer, Falkland Islands, were handed over to me yesterday the 1st of April, 1941.



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TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 5th April, 1941. Time: 2343.

Received: ... 7th April, ... 1941. Time: 1030.

Circular No. 80. Following for guidance in publicity.

Regarding withdrawal in Cyrenaica following points should be stressed (1) purpose of original advance was not to occupy terrain as such but to destroy or capture an army of 200,000 Italians threatening Egypt. (2) Wavell, faced with three responsibilities - protection of Egypt destruction of Italian Empire in East Africa and need of our Balkan Allies, has made dispositions accordingly. We can trust his judgment. Hot weather will not necessarily stop operations and further withdrawals in Cyrenaica may be necessary. In general avoid unconvincing play down of enemy advance but give a true perspective by relating this move to campaign as a whole.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

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TELEGRAM.

(57)

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 9th April, 19 51. *Time :* 1215.

Received : 9th April, 19 41. *Time :* 1030.

Circular No. 82. Following for guidance and publicity.

Balkan events. Avoid speculation. Emphasize Germany did not contemplate battle which has been brought about by Greek steadfastness and Jugo Slav resolutions. Risks are great but are fully taken into account by Wavell whose Military genius is proved. Stress (1) our ability to maintain our supply line across Mediterranean especially since Matapan. (2) gradual improvement in our Middle East supply position resulting from Delhi Conference (3) expulsion of Italians from Red Sea whose ports are now likely to get American shipments.

Treat all reports emanating from Hungary, Roumania and Bulgaria regarding for example Jugo Slav Air raids with the utmost reserve. They may be deliberate attempts to alienate sympathy of neighbours for Jugo Slavs. Ruptured diplomatic relations between H.M. Government and Hungary took place because latter had allowed herself to become German base.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

No. 48.

GOVERNMENT NOTICE.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley, Falkland Islands,
12th April, 1941.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to
appoint

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL AND BREVET COLONEL C. D. ALLDERIDGE,
D.S.O., T.D., J.P.

to be Information Officer, with effect from the 1st of
April, 1941.

By Command,

M.P. S/18/39.

for Colonial Secretary.

5/18/39.

(91)

12th April,

41.

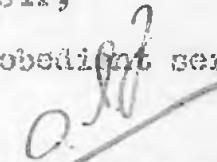
Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to inform you that His Excellency has been pleased to appoint you to be Information Officer, with effect from the 1st of April, 1941.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


for Colonial Secretary.

Colonel C. D. Alderidge,
D.S.O., M.D., J.P.,
STANLEY.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

(92.)

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 10th April, 1941. *Time* : 2122.

Received : 11th April, 1941. *Time* : 1030.

Circular No. 85. Following for guidance in publicity. Press report of imminent Russo-German-clash should be treated with greatest reserve. Evacuation of Western Tharce Solonika was due to lack of defensive depth. This was foreseen and Greeko-British plans were made accordingly. Considerable volume of equipment and supplies has already reached Greece in safety and more will follow.

Withdrawal in Cyrenaica has been carried out in an orderly fashion with a view to produce requisite concentration.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

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TELEGRAM.

93

From Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 12th April, 19 41. *Time :* 1925.

Received : 13th April, 19 41. *Time :* 1030.

Circular No. 89. Following for guidance in publicity.

Stream of German and Italian propaganda depicting British Greek and Yugo Slav defeatism forms important part of their Balkan offensive. Characteristic features of this campaign are false stories of dissension between Yugo Slav and Greek and between Greek and British which reveal German anxiety over unshaken morale of Allies.

General Wilson Commanding British Forces is (in Churchill's words) "One of our finest tacticians". Although it is recognised in London that Allied Forces are confronted by full weight of German military machine entire confidence is placed in Wilson's skill and in the determination of his seasoned and well equiped troops to sustain in Greece the reputation which they earned in Africa.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

C.O.I.

No. 49.

GOVERNMENT NOTICE.

(94)

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley, Falkland Islands,
16th April, 1941.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to
appoint

THE REVEREND G. K. LOWE,

to be Joint Information Officer, with effect from the
1st of April, 1941.

By Command,

A. J. Stewart

for Colonial Secretary.

M.P. S/18/39.

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16th April,

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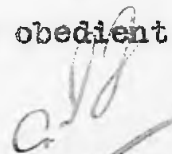
Revd. Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to inform you that His Excellency has been pleased to appoint you to be Joint Information Officer, with effect from the 1st of April, 1941.

I am,

Revd. Sir,

Your obedient servant,



for Colonial Secretary.

The Reverend G. K. Lowe,
STANLEY.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

96

From Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 19th April, 1941. *Time :* 1700.

Received : 20th April, 1941. *Time :* 1030.

97 Circular. Confidential. Following for guidance in publicity.

Press here have been advised for their confidential information
that situation in Greece must be treated as a very serious one.

You may inform local press confidentially at your discretion.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

(97)

From Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 20th April, 19 41. *Time :* 0714.

Received : 21st April, 19 41. *Time :* 1030.

Circular No. 96. Following for guidance in publicity:-

1. Turkey. Stress H.M. Government closest touch with Turks both Military and Political and that we Turkish special interests and need in relation to Balkan strategy as a whole. Turkey performs valuable services to Allied cause by barring land routes to Middle East. Emphasize Turkish defence preparation.

2. Shipping losses. Decision to publish monthly will enable Battle of the Atlantic to be seen in truer perspective.

3. Russo-Japanese Pact. On the face of it more favourable to Soviet and less to Japan than anticipated. Though Soviet may signed the Pact partly to please Germany it will (if anything more than a form of words) leave her freer to deal with Germany in an emergency.

4. Air War. Play up reliable activity generally. Weight of British offensive on Germany especially noteworthy. Germany meanwhile attempting neither daylight sweeps over Britain nor attacks on our naval vessels in home waters.

5. Stress participation of Free French troops successfully in Abyssinian campaign.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

98

From Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 23rd April, 1941. *Time :* 1710.

Received : 24th April, 1941. *Time :* 1030.

Circular Unnumbered. Following for guidance in publicity. (1) Greek Army has fought with outstanding gallantry against overwhelming odds but there is a limit to power of resistance in such circumstances. (2) Forces of the Empire are under General Papagos as Commander-in-Charge and our role is rightly auxiliary and supplementary to that of the Greek Army. (3) German propaganda is already prophesying that our Forces will compel the Greeks to capitulate by deserting them. This is quite untrue. Military movements of any kind will continue to be concerted between the Greeks and ourselves. (4) The Greek Government decided to resist the German as well as Italian aggression whether with assistance from British Troops was or not. Honour dictated that we should participate in a perilous Military engagement and run grave risks in doing so. (5) From a material point of view there are substantial gains to be placed on the credit side. German Army has suffered heavy losses in men and equipment. Germany has been compelled to convert the Balkans from an area of supply with valuable traffic flowing North to an area of Military occupation held by force which must be maintained by constant supply columns moving South.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

G.T.C.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

99

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 26th April, 19 41. *Time* : 0048.

Received : 26th April, 19 41. *Time* : 1030.

Circular No. 102. Secret. It ~~might~~ would be convenient to know what use is being made of Circular Telegrams sent to you for guidance in Publicity and how far you find these of value. Similarly guidance telegrams retrospectively sent from Dominion Office often include Confidential information given the Press in the United Kingdom to enable them to understand better the course of events but definitely not for publication. Would it be useful to you to have further information of that kind either for your own use or for local Press if you feel such information could be passed on to them for Confidential guidance without risk if its being misused ?

SECRETARY OF STATE.

I.P.C.O.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

100

From His Excellency the Governor,

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched : 28th April, 1941. *Time* : ...

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

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No. 56. Your telegram No. 102 Circular Secret considerable and important use is being made of your publicity guidance telegrams. There is no local press but everyone owns or has access to Wireless so that your guidance telegrams enable a very valuable explanation being given both in private and public discussions. There are two publicity Officers in close connection with all grades of society thus keeping community thinking near to the lines of the policy enunciated by your telegrams.

It would be most useful to have further information of the kind.

GOVERNOR.

I.D.C.O.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 27th April, 19 41. Time : 0225.

Received : 28th April, 19 41. Time : 1030.

Circular No. 104. Following for guidance in publicity.

1. North Africa. Pause in German advance should give rise to excessive optimism but favourable aspect of the situation worth stressing are :-

(1) our effective use of sea power both at sea and in conjunction with land campaigns. Note that from Sollum eastward Germans must advance along the coast.

(11) Importance of Tobruk as hampering German communications. (111) British Air successes won at little cost.

(IV) Intervention of South African Air Force whose previous exploits only in East Africa.

2. Greece. In the face of obviously critical situation stress (a) Germans for the first time were unable to employ encircling tactics on a large scale.

(b) Admiration for Greeks which heroic resistance has evoked on the part of the British public.

3. United States. Absence of any major development in policy concerning United States aid to Britain to be attributed to the President usual tactics letting public opinion go ahead before taking action. It may not be generally realised that Administration is not being criticised in certain for inactivity. During pause of this kind it is more important than ever to emphasize growing American production and favourable trend of American opinion in connection with aid to Britain.

4. Spain. Pressure which Germans are applying to Spain to permit passage of troops is likely to increase with developments in the battle for Suez. For the present time we must confine ourselves to showing we are fully aware of German plans and prepared to meet them. If there are signs of Spanish resistance to German demands they should not be unduly emphasized.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

G.T.C.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 1st May, 19 41. *Time:* 2337,

Received: 2nd May, 19 41. *Time:* 1030.

Circular No. 113. Iraq. Following for guidance in publicity. Point should be strongly stressed that any action which H.M. Government may feel themselves called upon to take will be for protection of legitimate British interests and in strict conformability with the terms of the Anglo Iraq Treaty.

2. For confidential guidance of Information Officers but not for publication position is as follows)a) Iraq Government have claimed that British were not entitled to land further forces at Basrah until after the forces which arrived there earlier this month had left the town. In our view this claim had not allowed under the terms of the Anglo Iraq Treaty of Alliance and Iraq authorities were so informed. The troops' movements proceeded as planned and troops duly arrived at Basrah without any incidents (b) in view of the possibility of disturbances at the time of the coup d'etat in Bagdad certain steps were taken to ensure the safety of British women and children (c) the pro German clique headed by Rached Ali is the chief centre at Bagdad. The aerodrome at Habbaniyeh has been surrounded by Iraq troops. We have pressed their removal in order to avoid dangerous incidents.

I.D.C.O.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

103

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 8th May, 1941. *Time:* 0745.

Received: 9th May, 1941. *Time:* 1030.

No. 118. Circular. Following for Information Officer for guidance of press. Russia. We see no objection to change of office. Whilst meaning not clear but speculation on optimistic line should be discouraged. Molotov remains Foreign Minister and has not been dismissed and alleged reason may be his ill health. Above all discourage any suggestion that change means fall of Molotov and return to power of Litvinof. Probable that Stalin feels the approach of crisis thinks it desirable to centralise control in his own hands but quite uncertain what he will make of it.

2. For your own and Information Officer's confidential information there is reason to believe Spanish Cabinet changes are likely to strengthen Franco's hand against Suner but any favourable comment from British sources must be strictly avoided as it can only serve to prejudice the position of new Ministers.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

C.O.I.

104
DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 10th May, 1941. *Time:* 0715.

Received: 11th May, 1941. *Time:* 1030.

Circular No. 122. Iraq. Following for guidance of Press:- (1) all reports of arrivals in Iraq of German troops whether air borne or otherwise lacks confirmation.

(2) By-clearing the Plateau to the South of Habbaniyah and driving Iraqi levies from their position on the high ground covering the road to Falluja our troops have inflicted upon Rashid Ali a serious reverse.

(3) Reinforcements are now constantly arriving at Habbaniyah by plane.

(4) No confirmation yet of Rashid Ali having fled.

Following may help Information Officers to appreciate the general situation:- (a) some grounds for thinking that owing to British firmness the crisis developed more rapidly than suited the Germans plan. It is possible the Germans are waiting to see how things are going before committing themselves.

(b) Prospects of revolt fizzling out are increasing but original contingents landed at Basrah were inevitably small. Every day that passes without German intervention increases the chances of confining Rashid's Coup de main to a local incident.

(c) If Vichy Government were induced to afford the Germans landing and refuelling facilities in Syria for transport of troops by air to Iraq the situation would then develop into a race against time between British and German reinforcements. Our occupation of Basrah is a valuable safeguard.

G.T.C.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

106
DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 13th May, 1941. Time : 2000

Received : 14th May, 1941. Time : 1030.

Circular No. 125. Following for guidance in Publicity :- precise significance of the escape of Hess and his arrival in Scotland is not yet known. Meanwhile the following points should be stressed :- (a) Nazis have tried to discount any statement Hess may make by representing he is insane. He is not. Until a few days ago he was taking a prominent part in public life. He delivered a eulogy on Hitler on the Katters birthday and on May 1st addressed employees at an Armament Factory at Augsburg. According to the Nazi story he had been forbidden to fly because of a disorder of some years standing which made it suicidal for him to be in an aeroplane; yet he accomplished a solo flight of some 900 miles from Germany to Scotland. (b) Rumour he is the bearer of proposals from the German Government are unfounded. He came without the knowledge or approval of his Government. (c) While it is right to make the point that the situation in Germany cannot be a happy one when the No. 2 of the Nazi Party abandons the Nazi cause it is important to discourage wishful thinking regarding imminent split in the Party or between the Party and German People.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

G.T.C.

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TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 16th May, 19 41. Time: 2356.

Received: 17th May, 19 41. Time: 1030.

Circular Unnumbered. Following for guidance in publicity :-

1. Syria. (a) if Anglo-French relations deteriorate further it will be the fault of the Vichy Government who have contravened the Armistice terms and undertakings to their Ally.

(b) In taking action contemplated in Eden's statement H.M. Government will be merely carrying out their frequently stated policy of attacking German forces wherever they may be encountered.

(c) Arrival of Germans by air will create a grave situation especially if French heavy equipment now in Syria becomes available to them. British reinforcements are constantly arriving in Iraq.

2. Russia. Stalin seems to be preparing for far reaching negotiations with Germany and will probably agree to make magnificent concessions in accordance with his policy of staving war as long as possible. Chances of a German diplomatic triumph which will strengthen German position in Middle East cannot be excluded.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

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FROM: Secretary
of State

Circular 134 6/10/40

Following for guidance in publicity:-

1. Warn from that British forces must be expected when operating in or from waters adjacent to our coasts.
2. The inevitable absence of R.A.F. fighters in battle renders any analogy between this struggle and any future invasion of Britain false and should be discouraged.

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1. Although many have been able to prevent any substantial landings by sea the strain on defence is becoming increasingly severe owing to our inability to prevent arrival of fresh air borne troops or to protect our own troops from direct bombing. The impossibility of using aircraft carriers in confined waters together

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... of adjacent airfields has
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... occupied German whole important develop-^{ments}-
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TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 31st May, 19 41. *Time:* 2120.

Received: 31st May, 19 41. *Time:* 1300.

Important. Circular No. 145. Following for Information Officer for guidance to Press begins.

1. Importance of struggle in Crete should be presented in true perspective and as part of a larger struggle in which the fate of Egypt the Sudan and the Middle East generally are involved.

2. Time factor is of the utmost importance. Evidence now in our possession shows that the Germans expected an easy capture of the Island.

3. Stubborn Defence upset the German time table and enabled us to clear up the situation in Iraq causing the flight of Rashid Ali the German Minister and all pro-axis elements from Baghdad and the solidification of our position in relation to Iraqi Tribes. This is of first importance both from the Diplomatic and from the strategical point of view whatever the Germans may subsequently attempt in the direction of Mosul.

4. The action in Crete has also given us time to move troops from Abyssinia and to strengthen our Military dispositions along the Southern Frontier of Arabia.

5. Apart from inflicting heavy losses of German troop carrying aircraft and specially trained troops defence of Crete has been a delaying rearguard action of the utmost value.

6. Optimism concerning Cyprus should be avoided.

G.T.C. & I.D.C.O.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

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TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 5th June, 1941. *Time :* 2220.

Received : 6th June, 1941. *Time :* 1030.

Circular No. 150. Following for Information Officers for guidance of press.
Actual text of message should not be given to Editors.

1. Recent news of Iraq reinforces impression Rashid Ali episode was work of a small military clique backed by Germany and was received with disfavour by masses of Iraq tribes. The recent riots in Baghdad was an outburst of hooliganism mainly directed against the Jewish element in the city. It is significant that the new Iraqi Government restored order by means of 2 Iraqi battalions which they ordered in from Kirkuk.

2. It seems probable that Germany is giving first priority to Turkey in her pressure campaign and that Papen in Angora is trying to give the impression Russia is aiding encirclement of Turkey. The German calculations appear that if this manoeuvre succeeds way would then be open to suggest to Moscow that Turkey was joining the Axis and that if Russia failed to do likewise German troops would have free passage through Turkey to Baku Oil Wells.

3. The persistent rumours that an Axis agreement with Turkey is imminent should be treated with great reserve. Stories are appearing to the effect that Turkey is being offered territorial bribes (such as Mitylene Samos and Northern section of Iraq Oilfields) to induce her to enter into commercial negotiations which would lead to the granting of transit facilities for German troops and equipment en route to Syria. There are strong indications such stories emanate from Papen and his entourage and that President Inonu remains faithful to his initial view that a German victory would entail the end of Turkish independence. The Turkish attitude is bound to be greatly influenced P.T

by developments in the Syrian situation.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

G.T.C.

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TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 8th June, 1941. Time: 2250.

Received: 11th June, 1941. Time: 1030.

Immediate.

Circular No. 152. Secret. Following for Information Officer from Ministry of Information. The situation in Syria is both complex and delicate and the press should accordingly be urged to avoid an optimistic tone which is not yet warranted by the fact.

2. German infiltration into Syria (which was beginning to assume serious proportions) and its use as a German corridor into Iraq created a difficult problem for His Majesty's Government. To remain inactive would have entailed an abandonment of the policy laid down in the declaration of July 1st 1940 which stated we would not allow Syria and Lebanon to be occupied by any hostile power or to be used as a base for attacks upon those countries in the Middle East which we are pledged to defend.

3. On the other hand to send armed forces into Syria involved the risk of war with Vichy Government. This is precisely what the Germans hoped will happen. Propaganda of the event in Syria would have been the means of finally converting France and French Empire into a satellite of the Axis and also of applying additional pressure to Turkey.

4. In order to anticipate a German occupation H.M. Government has chosen the positive course giving active support to their ally Free France in their enterprise to expel the Germans eliminate German influence and to guarantee the freedom and independence of the inhabitants.

5. The success of this enterprise depends to a very considerable extent on whether the French forces in Syria (numbering some 45000 of whom about one third are white troops) decide to resist or to co-operate. In a difficult situation a hazardous course has been adapted. Caution is therefore necessary until further news becomes available. Satisfaction should be confined to the point that a bold and definite action has been taken which has forestalled an effective military occupation of Syria by Germany. ends.

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TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched :	16th June	1941	Time : 21.07
Received :	18th June	1941	Time : 10.30.

Circular unnumbered Secret. Following publication guidance material about Soviet German relations is for your own information only until further instructions authorising use by the Information Officer.

Growing German concentrations on Soviet Frontier may well be as in past merely nerve war to extort concessions. For the present discourage speculation as to Soviet reaction and treat the matter as one of utmost delicacy.

2. The Press should be discouraged from raising undue hopes of effective Soviet resistance in short running. This a type of warfare for which the German army is ideally suited while modern warfare does not favour ill equipped massed armies of Russian type.

3. In no circumstances should Russia be claimed as an ally. She should be treated merely as another country which Hitler has chosen to attack in defiance to prior Treaty engagement which establishes a common interest with us.

4. Such support as Britian may afford Russia in her defence against aggression will be in virtue of common interest of the two peoples to smash aggressor and will in no way imply recognition by Britian Affinities.

5. Main emphasis should be on Germany's long term difficulties in attempting to hold down even part of Russia as in the case of Napoleon and more particularly to German experiences in the Ukraine in 1918. Germany is already short of administrative and police personnel for holding down occupied territories and the strain of dealing with a vast additional population well versed in sabotage must eventually be a source of grave weakness.

6. The undertaking of so huge a task will itself show Germany's serious preoccupation with supply problems. But additional resources available to Germany as a result of acquiring say the Ukraine and Baku Oil Fields will be limited by (a) problems of transport; (b) needs of the Russian population who are already little above starvation level and a lowering of whose standard of living would entail a vast army of occupation to prevent revolt; (c) difficulty in efficient exploitation which may well require the introduction of non Russian labour.

7. Hitler will doubtless accompany the attack on Russia by encouraging recrudescence wishful thinking about Hitlerism as the bulwark against Bolshevism. The answer to this is that Hitlerism is a more immediate menace to European civilisation since it combines the worst features of Bolshevism with a ruthless efficiency which Russia lacks.

Secretary of State.

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TELEGRAM.

262.

From Secretary of State.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched :	18th June	19 41.	Time :	20.40.
Received :	19th June	19 41.	Time :	10.30.

Circular unnumbered Secret. Following for your personal information only at this stage. Begins For some months considerable pressure has been put by Germany on Turkey to induce her to sign an agreement advantageous to Germany's schemes in Eastern expansion and it is now probable that an agreement of limited scope specifically safeguarding contracted obligations with other countries (among which Anglo-Turkish Treaty is included by implication) will be signed shortly.

2. If such agreement limiting scope is signed you will be informed.

Press should then be guided on the following lines (a) Germany had hoped for an agreement of a more extended character involving economical concessions and including the right to despatch troops through Turkey. (b) We have every reason to believe that Turkey intends to remain loyal to Anglo-Turkish Treaty.

Any criticism or recrimination against Turkey should be avoided as being unjustified as well impolitic. (d) Turkey is fighting a diplomatic defensive action in order to gain time and so enable her to preserve the essentials of her independence.

A.B.C.A.

Secretary of State.

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TO:

James F. I.

FROM:

Secretary of State

Re 115
The following is a summary (2) of the telegram 18th June
concerning the guidance to press on lines
indicated in the attached.

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INTERCEPT GROUP.

TO:

FROM: Secretary
of State

Red (117)

By circular telegram dated June 16th 1914
British & Foreign (1914) should now be used
by information office

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TO:

Gov. F.I.

FROM:

Secretary
of State

Circular 166. Following for Information Officer
for guidance of press.

1. Do not harp on Russia's past mistakes in
appeasing Germany but emphasize constructive
aspect of Russia's resistance to aggression with
aid of anti-axis powers.

2. Ability of Russia to keep force intact is most
important aspect of campaign. Retreat to be
of secondary importance so long as Russian forces
are not annihilated thus giving Germany

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TO:

FROM:

Germany fraction for West

3. Avoid speculation on Japan's attitude

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INTERCEPT GROUP.

TO:

FROM:

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Following guidance should be given
press in connection with appointments of Middle East
which are being announced at 0030 hours
B.S.T. on 1 July 1949
Development points in Middle East has rendered it
necessary to have present there a member War Cabinet
to relieve commanders-in-chief of a mass political,
diplomatic and administrative work which has
hitherto fallen upon them. The Minister of state

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TO:

FROM:

will be in direct communication
and direct from when he will receive his
instructions. He will when necessary preside over
a large committee - chief and will co-ordinate
diplomacy and political activities the representation
in Middle East. Such problems as relations with
French relations Empress Abyssinia the administration
among occupied territory, disposal prisoners, public
and propaganda finance and economic warfare will
all in future come under control of Ministry of State. All

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TO:

FROM:

These problems have hitherto fallen upon
shoulders of one man - Chief who has in addition
been responsible conduct 5 years. The strain upon
General WAVELL who has filled all these functions
for many months has been so great that with his own
cheerful acquiescence it has been decided he should
change position with present Gen. in India General
AUCHINCLOSS. No discredit whatever is to be reflected
upon General WAVELL whose conduct both military
and political the Government have admired and to

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INTERCEPT GROUP.

TO:

FROM:

When whole British empire
was a great debt. General Auchinleck has
had a distinguished war record has shown
great energy in India and will bring a
fresh mind backed by wide experience to
bear on problems of Middle East.

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TELEGRAM.

From The Secretary of State

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched :	10th July	19 41	Time : 0647
Received :	10th July	19 41	Time : 10.30

Circular No 173 following for Information Officer.

Finland. For the time being ^{our ?} statement in relations with Finland will remain unbroken to enable us to keep open a channel for counter acting German influence and to negotiations regarding chartering of Finnish tonnage.

Above is not for publication but press should be advised to refrain from comment.

2. Japan. Odds in favour of southward drive state that they are slightly stronger. Avoid maritime provocation comment.

3. Syria. Take every opportunity of placing blame of campaign on the Germans.

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DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

No. 416.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 25th July, 1941. *Time :* 2245.

Received : 26th July, 1941. *Time :* 1030.

Circular unnumbered. Following for guidance of Information Officer begins Pro axis pronouncement by Spanish leader such as General Franco's recent speech are only to be expected in view of failure recruiting campaign for Russia. Spain is being subjected to strong pressure by Germany and may have been threatened with occupation by Germany unless she delivers a warning to America against entering the War. As long as Spanish statesmen limit themselves to verbal co-operation with Axis use of utmost restraint in the press comments.

Japans intrusion into Indo China should be characterised as an act of aggression notwithstanding the fact that Vichy will not resist Axis and Japanese pressure. The move is regarded as a direct threat to British interests in the Far East since Japan will have acquired a spring board for an attack on Burma Malay.

Anglo Turkish relations are satisfactory and press should be discouraged from making critical comments on Turkish policy.

Secretary of State.

G.T.C.

(12.6)

1. **Содержание:** 1. Введение. 2. Описание объекта исследования. 3. Методология исследования. 4. Результаты исследования. 5. Заключение.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 1st August, 1941. Time: 1420.

Received : 2nd August, 19 41. Time : 1030.

Circular No.195. Following for guidance of the Press begins. The German offensive is at present being checked by means of vigorous Russian counter attacks a fact which appears to substantiate the view that Russian mobilisation has only recently been completed and that considerable fresh reserves are available. Nevertheless it must be emphasized that while notwithstanding severe losses the Soviet armies have weathered the initial attacks the critical phase is not yet over ends.

Secretary of State.

G. T. C.

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TELEGRAM.

No. 214.

From ... SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

To

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Despatched: 17th October, 19 41. *Time:* 1055.

Received: 18th October, 19 41. *Time:* 10.30.

IMPORTANT.

Circular No. 258 October 16th following for guidance of press begins.

Evidently the situation on the Russian front is now reaching its climax. The latest Russian communique announcing a deterioration in the situation thought here to be partly intended to bring home to the people of Moscow seriousness of the situation since there have been no indications of very large advances in the last 24 hours. It is most important in case of future developments to keep the battle of Moscow in perspective as an episode in a far wider battle front. Pravda in an editorial this morning emphasizes Russian determination to fight in Moscow to the last. Meanwhile stress the unquestioned British and American confidence in Russian resistance as shown by the statement of flowing help also Air Ministry statement at least half the fighter strength of the Luftwaffe is being tied to the Western front by R.A.F. daylight offensive thus easing the task of the Red Air Fleet.

G.T.C.

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TELEGRAM.

No. 144. From SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

To HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Despatched : 20th December, 19 41. Time : 2140.

Received : 21st December, 19 41. Time : 1030.

Circular unnumbered. Following from Ministry of Information. Suggest that unless this has already occurred Neptune No. 18 be not distributed as centre page contains portrait of H.M.S. "Prince of Wales".

SECRETARY OF STATE.

G.T.C.

Information office informed 28/12/41
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No. 53. *From* SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

To HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Despatched: 6th June, 19 42. *Time* 0730.

Received:19 *Time:*

Unnumbered Circular Confidential. Following for the information of Information Officer begins.

1. Libya.

Having created a lane some 10 miles wide through our mine fields the German supply and maintenance renewals is easier. Rommel has choice of withdrawing forces through the lane towards supplies and reinforcements to the west or bringing up all available resources and striking a second blow against Tobruk or Bir Hakeim or northwards to Gazalme. He is now striking south against Bir Hakeim but the attack is being made by Italians strengthened by a comparatively small number of German tanks. Main armoured attack not yet developed but when it does no reason for thinking that the 8th Army will be in relatively weaker condition to meet it than when dealing with the initial offensive.

2. Germans Oil Position. Thought likely that there are available sufficient oil supplies for 1942 campaign but only at cost of cutting down supplies for industry. It may be that the starving of industry of oil rather than the shortage at the front will be the first noticeable consequence of the shortage. Meanwhile Germans increasingly dependent on synthetic oil. Recent imports suggests Roumanian oil production decreased from about 6 to about $5\frac{1}{2}$ million tons annually and estimated that about $\frac{1}{3}$ Germans oil consumption now synthetic. Production of synthetic oil puts great strain on the man power.

3. Inside Germany. Following is political background in the light of which news from Germany should be interpreted.

(1) Outstanding feature is the growing domination of S.S. with Himmler in control and Beremann as second in command providing intimate links with Hitler. Control of all police secret service and Waffen S.S., and exemption of mailing information which comes with such control information that largely gives this clique its power. Key positions being filled by all S.S. or party men at its orders. Despite the fact that he is working for Goering Sauckel is an agent of this group.

(2) There are three groups now on the defensive whose interests Goering may be said to represent vis à vis Hitler.

(a) Big industrialists who regard S.S. and party as interlopers.

(b) Bureaucratic and professional parties.

(c) Generals most of whom have for the moment given all to Fuyuleer's headquarters.

(3) Ribbentrop's influence has waned but follows Goering like a shadow. Goebbels, Ley no longer important. Speer's principal advantage is as bosom friend of Hitler.

4. India. Proclamation may soon be made regarding representation of India in the War Cabinet and filling of vacant posts in and increasing the size of the Viceroys Executive Council. Latter will provide opportunity to include members hitherto 7937 represented community but unfortunately improbable that representatives leaders of Nationalist parties will agree to serve

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No. 337.

From SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

To HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Despatched : 29th June, 19 42. Time : 1838.

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

No. 104. Circular. Secret. This and the immediately following Circular telegram has been sent to certain Colonies. Please indicate whether you would like to receive all or part of the service described begins Circular Secret. Mail proposed in future to supply Governors with a service giving by telegram guidance and background material on the news and events both confidential and for use in communications to the public.

The service will consist of material described in this and my immediately following telegram Circular : a weekly propaganda directive prefixed "Direk" despatched in code. Where it is considered necessary to use cypher for any part of this directive a separate cypher telegram with the appropriate references will be sent. Direk is intended primarily for use by Information Officer in producing local bulletins and providing the local press with guidance though it is not for direct quotation. You may at your discretion decide in any particular case not to pass on the Direk to the Information Officer.

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SECRETARY OF STATE.

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No. 335.

From SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.*To*

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Despatched : 29th June, 19 42. *Time :* 1550.*Received :* 30th June, 19 42. *Time :* 1030.

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Circular No. 105. My telegram No. 104 Circular (a) daily en clair "Presse" background telegrams as at present sent to certain colonies (b) a factual background survey of an interpretive character sent at intervals varying from 2 to 3 times a week mainly en clair. The object of these telegrams is to bring together concrete facts bearing on current events or aspects of war e.g. directions of campaign supplies, to Russia, American production including all ways as to drawout ? implication most effective. They are intended to form basis local feature articles and radio commentaries (c) 3 short feature articles a week en clair by authoritative writers. They will be entitled to respective "war commentaries" "Inside news of sea" "Inside news of air war" and information officer will use them as he considers best (d) a service consisting of special material telegraphed en clair comprising excerpts from leading articles and articles of special interest published in this country, enemy news items etc. The regularity of this service will depend on circumstances and material available. The desirability of not repeat not overloading information officer will be borne in mind.

The new material described in (b) (c) and (d) will be sent for a trial period and it is requested that a telegraphic report be furnished as soon as possible preferably not later than 1 month indicating to what extent the service meets needs of individual Colonies. Although this service has been planned as a whole it is appreciated that circumstances may compel certain Colonies to take only a proportion. Periodically Colonies will be asked to check and report on usefulness each class of telegram.

G.T.C.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

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TELEGRAM.

From HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

To SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

Despatched : 1st July, 19 42. *Time :*

Received :19 *Time :*

No. 132.

Your Circular telegram Secret No. 104 I should like to receive all

GOVERNOR.

No. S/18/39.

MINUTE.

(It is requested that, in any reference to this minute, the above Number and the date may be quoted.)

5th August, 1942.

From

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Information Officer,

STANLEY.

I have the honour to forward a copy of a telegram received from the Secretary of State, relative to the institution of a news service to the Colonies.

2. In accordance with para: 2 of the telegram, I should be grateful if you would furnish a report on the service, indicating whether or not you consider that the whole, or only a proportion of the news telegrams should continue to be addressed to this Colony.

K. G. BRADLEY

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

No.

(It is requested that, in any reference to this minute, the above Number and the date may be quoted).

MINUTE.

August 7th, 1943 19

To Colonial Secretary.

From Information Officer

Stanley, Falkland Islands.



Hon Col Sec:

Reference your Minute August 5th regarding Expx Telegrams.

I should like to make the following comment.

- (a) I would suggest that Telegrams giving factual background, "Inside news of Sea, Air etc." be continued.
- (b) A good deal of the material received lately in telegrams has been dealt with by B.B.C. Commentators. There is no proper News Paper in which to print any lengthy article, and the portion of people in Stanley with the local loud speaker is not large. Before this service could be used to any great extent the number of loud speakers would have to be increased.

P.T.O.

As I see it, a good deal of the press is intended to be used to keep up Moral which is not necessary, in fact it might tend to do harm rather than good. It is like trying to convince people in a sermon of the existence of God when they have never for one moment doubted it.

Most of the loud speakers are in home of local people and I am not so sure that the appreciation of the Inside News would justify the increase in the wireless traffic.

Yours Faithfully,

Harold K. Lewis

Information Officer.

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TELEGRAM.

From HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

To SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

Despatched : 10th August, 19 42. *Time :*

Received : 19 *Time :*

Red 131.

No. 159. Your Circular telegram No. 105 Empax telegrams. Owing lack of facilities here new material (c) and (d) cannot be adequately used. Suggest limitation of service to (a) and (b) in future.

G.T.C.

GOVERNOR.

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Y.E.

Mr Lowe will not be leaving as soon as he thought but I submit for confirmation the following arrangements for the taking over of his duties.

2. Information Officer.

Mr McWhan is glad to take over these duties. He will keep in close touch with me and I hope the Information Service will be improved. He is also Persona Grata on West Falkland which is very important

3. Censorship.

Mr Hamilton agrees that Mr McWhan is the most suitable person for this work and Mr McWhan will be glad to do it. He will be paid 7/6 per day as in the case of Mr Lowe.

4. The Governor's Childrens Charity Fund.

This Fund and its committee have no legally defined status. The committee consists of Mr Lowe, Mrs McLeod and the Chief Constable. Mrs McLeod is also a member of the P.A.C.

The committee was appointed for 2 years at a time and actually ceased to exist in October 1942. It has carried on no business in 1943 and finished with a bank balance of £55 - 15 - 2. Its duties have in fact virtually been taken over by the P.A.C. My suggestion is that the P.A.C. should be asked to administer this Fund until it is exhausted. It has no income unless entertainments and so on are organised for its benefit and will die a natural death in due course. I think you will agree that there should be no "Charities" in a place like this. Machinery exists for relieving destitution from Public Funds and if the P.A.C. does its job properly there should be no genuine cases for appeals of any kind for Charity.

Appd. but not to be
published until Mr.
L's departure ? ?

(Inltd.) K. B.
17. 12. 43.

A. W. C.
17.12.43.

2/16,

10th March, 44.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that His Excellency has been pleased to appoint you to be Information Officer with effect from the 6th of March, 1944, vice the Reverend G. K. Lowe.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

K. G BRADLEY

Colonial Secretary.

Rev. W. F. McWhan,
STANLEY.

No. 11.

GAZETTE NOTICE.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley, Falkland Islands,
10th March, 1944.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to
appoint

THE REVEREND W. F. McWHAN

to be Information Officer with effect from the 6th March,
1944, vice the Reverend G. K. Lowe.

By Command,

Colonial Secretary.