

SECRET

C.S.

1939

No.

S/19/39.

120

S. of S. Secret Circ.

SUBJECT.

1939.

7th June.

Previous Paper.

MAINTENANCE OF FOOD SUPPLIES IN THE COLONIAL DEPENDENCIES IN TIME OF WAR.

(O.D.C. 697-M).

MINUTES.

1-2

S of S Secret Circ of 7/10/39

The main supply of foodstuffs for this Colony are imported from the U.K. To prepare a return such as that indicated in para. 3 page 5 it will be necessary to obtain from local importers the information necessary.

WCH

24.7.39.

We are in fact dependent on shipping connections with the Coast. Will you please put up a reply stating that the D I C of the new supply and ship the bulk of the foodstuffs and it would be preferable to have them

Subsequent Paper.

supplied in the U.K.
that all requirements of the Army
should be met through that agency.
I suggest therefore that Mr. L.W.H. Jones
~~should be~~ ^{acting} Director of the Coy
and until recently a Member of Ex. C.
be consulted in London and requested to
supply a statement of the quantities of
each article required

W.H.H. 25 July 29

H.

Drawn despatch submitted.

W.H.H.
25.7.29

W.H.H. 26/7

Secret despatch to S. of S. of 29/7/29.

(3)

H. Despatch submitted for signature.

W.H.H.
29.7.29

W.H.H. 29/7

S. of S. Secret despatch of 18/9/29. 4

H.

Submitted.

W.H.H.
14. XII. 29

Pl. retained
W.H.H. 16/12

- 5. Telegram No. 45 ^{from} ~~to~~ S. of S. of 13/4/41.
- 6. " " 49 to " " 15/4/41.
- 7. " " 54 from " " 5/5/41.
- 8. Telegram to Brown Agents of 6/5/41.
- 9. Telegram from Brown Agents of 9/5/41.

Hon. J.S.

to note.

W. W.
12/5/41

Hon. S.

noted. Thank you.

W. W.
13/5/41

- 10-13. Letter from Managers, Estate Louis Williams of 19/5/41

T.E.

nos 10-13 submitted as requested.

C. J. P.
9/5/41

C.S.

This (10-13) should have come through your office in the first instance.

Mr R. seems to have misunderstood the whole position. The Conference was convened to explain the position which really amounts to the fact that purchases of essential food stuffs are henceforth controlled here & are limited to a specified amount of sterling - quantity purchasable may vary - hence possibility of rationing. Therefore we

to know what actually is being bought.

The question of Mr. R's loyalty does not
arise as we all know how loyal he is
You may answer in the above lines

C. J. P. 19/12/41

Letter to Mrs. E. G. Rowe of 21/5/41

(14)

Hon. J.S.

to see.

Handled

Notes

C. J. P.
22/5/41

copy of 100
22/5/41

Circular Telegram No 200 from S. of S. of 9/8/41 15.

Competent Authority.

Re 15) can you please say...

C. J. P.
11/8/41

Hon. Col. Sec.

Monthly requirements are approximately as follows:-

Baking Powder: 4 cwt.

Tartaric Acid: 1/4 cwt.

Cream of Tartar: 1/2 cwt.

Citric acid: 1/2 cwt.

Other items: negligible.

The importation of these goods from sources other than the
U.K. is considered possible but impracticable in view of high prices,
uncertainty of supply etc.

M. G. Smith.
19-8-41.

T/E.

Submitted with draft telegram.

C. J. P.
19/8/41

16. Telegram No 108 to S of S of 20/8/41.

17-18. Telegram No. 92 from S of S of 21/8/41.

Y/E.

Draft telegram to mag. S. Geo. submitted.

Is it intended to ascertain existing stocks of food held by whaling companies? Pesca is not a British Coy and would receive their stocks from Buenos Aires. Leith, that is Salvesen, will terminate whaling operations after 1st April next.

S. Geo.
23/8/41

Pl. send & return this file for my drafting reply as regard T.L. to S. Geo.

25/11/41

19. Telegram to Magistrate, S.G. of 25/8/41.
20. Telegram No. 67 from Magistrate, S.G. of 28/8/41.
21. Telegram No. 118 to S of S. of 1/9/41.
22. Telegram No. 57 to Officer-in-charge S.G.
23. Telegram No. 80 from Officer-in-charge, S.G. of 7/10/41.
24. Telegram No. 90 from Off. in ch. S.Geo. of 22/10/41.
25. Telegram No. 77 to Off. in ch. S.Geo. of 24/10/41.
26. Telegram No. 96 from Off. in ch. S.Geo. of 27.10.41.
27. Telegram No. 97 ————— of 28.10.41
28. Telegram No. 8 from S. of S. of 12/1/42.
29. Telegram No. 7. to G.I.C. S.Geo. of 13/1/42.
30. Statement of stocks of essential food from Sanitary Authority.

- Telegram No. 7. to S. of S. of 16/1/42. 31.
- Unnumbered Telegram from S. of S. of 17/1/42. 32.
- Unnumbered Telegram to S. of S. of 19/1/42. 33.
- Telegram No. 10. from O.I.C. S. Geo. of 34.
- Telegram No. 11. to S. of S. of 22/1/42. 35.
- Telegram No. 22. from S. of S. of 9/2/42. 36.
- Telegram No. 26 to S. of S. of 12/2/42. 37.
- Telegram No. 32 from S. of S. of 23/2/42. 38.

Competent Authority,

to note.

A. J. Ford.
24/2/42.

Hon. Sec.

Noted, thank you.

A. J. Ford.
25-2-42.

Circular Telegram No. 37 from S. of S. of 4/3/42. 39.

Competent Authority

Re: 39 for necessary action please.

A. J. Ford.
5/3/42.

Hon. Sec.

Orders so far placed are as under:-

U.S.A.: Canned fish: nil.

Preserved Milk (I presume this includes Tinned Milk): 700 lbs (ordered through Col. Supply Division)

Vitamins: nil.

Canada: No orders for the specified goods so far placed.

2. Orders for milk are at present bulked and forwarded to Colonial Supply Division. No serious difficulty would be experienced in bulkling orders for canned fish, but the quantities are likely to be very small.

A. J. Ford. 6-3-42.

- 40. Telegram No. 39 to S. of S. of 6/3/42.
- 41. Telegram from Br. Supply Liaison of 13/3/42.

Competent Authority

To see
DWA
Jores
14/3/42.

Hon. Col. Sec.

Dear, thank you.

Wb. Gault.
19-3-42.

Y.E. Submitted, pt. Presumably the M. of F. has been advised by S. of S.

DWA
Jores
19/3/42 ✓

- 42. Telegram No. 55 to S. of S. of 26/3/42.
- " " " " 24/3/42.
- 43. Telegram unnumbered from S. of S. 1/4/42.
- 44. Telegram No. 58, to S. of S. of 2/4/42.

Hon. Col. Sec.

Details for telegram required under RDS 36 & 38, as follows:-

Position on ~~15th~~ April 15th. (Falklands only)

	<u>Stores</u>
Flour.	5 months.
Tea.	10 1/2 "
Sugar.	8 "
Coffee.	7 1/2 "
Tinned Milk.	9 "

Fats, vegetables, fresh milk as before.

Wb. Gault.

21-4-42.

y/c. Draft "Serio" telegram submitted, pl.

L.H. G.
for C.S.
21/4/42.

Telegram No. 66. Secret to S. of S. of 22/4/42. 45.

Extract from letter from Capt. Stewart, R. ~ 45 A & B.

Telegram No. 79. Secret to S. of S. of 30/4/42. 46.

Telegram from Magistrate, S. Geo. of 5/5/42. 47.

y/c. Submitted, pl.

L.H. G.
for C.S.
6/5/42.

B. V. when mail arrives.

L.H. G.
6/5/42

Telegram No. 78 from S. of S. of 7/5/42. 48.

y/c. Ref: last sentence of red (47) no.
South Georgia received 30/5/42.

L.H. G.
for C.S.
3/6/42.

Ann. Col. Inc.

Details for telegram required under Reds 36 & 38 are as follows:-

Position on May 30th. (Falklands only)

Flour.	5 1/2 months.
Tea.	" "
Sugar.	11/2 "
Coffee.	0 "
Tinned Milk.	6* "

* The drop in stocks of tinned milk is due to the large quantities recently shipped to evacuation centres.

Fats, vegetables & fresh milk, as before.

Mb. Ganth.
8-6-42.

y/c. Draft "Serio" telegram submitted, pl.

L.H. G.
for C.S.
8/6/42

Telegram No. 119 to S. of S. of 9/6/42. 49.

- 50. S. of S. Savings Telegram No. 25 of 11/5/42.
- 51. Telegram No. 135 to S. of S. 8/7/42.
- 52. Telegram, Personal, Secret from S. of S. 14/7/42.
- 53-54. Minute from Magistrate, S. Georgia. 14/5/42.

Y.F.

To see (54). This completes the information from S. Georgia. P.A.?

KB p.a.
2/17

Ann. bot. Soc.

Details for Telegram required under RDS 36+38 are as follows:-

Position on July 27th. (Falklands only).

Flour.	4 months.
Tea.	9 1/2 "
Sugar.	9 1/2 "
Coffee.	1/2 "
Milk.	1/2 "

Other items as before.

W. G. Smith
27-7-42

Non C.S.

Herewith usual Telegram for despatch in I.D.C.O. pl.

via
S. of S.
23/7/42

55. Telegram No. 142 Secret to S. of S. of 24/7/42.

I think (51) shd be K.I.V. as we are at present ignoring the S. of S. instructions in (50). I don't mind doing this for a short while, but would rather not do so indefinitely.

KB
27/7/42

B. 14

Telegram No. 132 Secret from S. of S. of 10/8/42 56.

Comp. Auth ⁽⁵⁷⁾ Go note read 56 for necessary action.

A. N. Jones
11/8/42.

Am. Col. Sec.

⁽⁵⁸⁾ Noted, thank you. No further import licenses for rice will be granted for the present.

W. B. Gault
11-8-42.

Telegram No. 162 to S. of S. of 12/8/42.

59.

Telegram No 140 Secret from Secretary of State of 25/8/42

60.

Telegram No 173 to Secretary of State of 26th Aug. 1942.

61

CA. Go note reads 59-61, pl.

A. N. Jones
26/8/42.

Am. Col. Sec.

Noted, thank you.

W. B. Gault
26. 8. 42.

(62).

Letter from F. I. E.

28. 9. 42.

(63)

Y.F.

Apologies for the delay in submitting (62).

Draft telegram h/w for Y.F.'s consideration.

H. B. S. J. C.

(64)

Tel. sent as Drafts.

Why no PERIO since 24th July (55)?

W. B. Gault
6/8/42

Telegram to British Minister, Rio de Janeiro of 6/10/42. 65.

CA

Ref. (64) the usual return was not rendered after Helroy's arrival on 29/8/42. Will you please submit this along with the return which is due at this date.

A. N. Jones
6/10/42.

Hon. Col. Sec.

The stocks of essential stores held on 5/9/42 (after Fitzroy's arrival on 27/8/42) were as follows :-

COFFEE	4 months
FLOUR	4 months
SUGAR	5½ months
TEA	7 months
MILK	5 months

Other items unchanged from red (55)

Details for telegram required under red (38) as at 5/10/42 as follows :-

COFFEE	4 months
FLOUR	4 months
SUGAR	5 months
TEA	6 months
MILK	4½ months.

Other items unchanged from red (55)

[Signature]
for Comp. Authority.
7/10/42.

(68)

Hon. Col. Sec.

Ref. H.C. minutes at 64. I regret that through an oversight the return of essential foodstuffs was not rendered after arrival of Fitzroy on 24/8/42. For record purposes the stocks are shown above.

I attach draft telegram setting out the position as at 5/10/42.

[Signature]
attach
4/10/42.

69. Telegram to 200 to S.O.S. of 8.10.42.
70. Telegram from H.M. Ambassador, Rio de Janeiro, 13/10/42.

H.C.S.

I have spoken ⁽⁴¹⁾ to Manager, G.L. Co. re 70. Mr. Roberts is telegraphing Maclean & Stapledon & will furnish particulars when a reply is received.

[Signature]
attach
15/10/42.

72. Letter from Manager, F.I.C., of 19.10.42.
73. Memorandum from Manager, F.I.C., of 26.10.42.
74. Telegram to H.M. Ambassador Rio de Janeiro of 30/10/42.

H. S. I.

(75)

Details for Telegram called for by Red 36 & 38 are as follows:- Flour: 5 months. Tea: ~~7~~^{10 2/3} months. Sugar: 4 months. Coffee: 6 months. Tinned Milk: 5½ months.

[Signature]
4-11-42.

Telegram No 218 Secret. to Secretary of State of 5/11/42. 76.

Hon. Col. Sec.

(77)

PERIO figures for current ~~period~~^{period} are as follows:-

Flour: 6 months Tea: 9 months.

Sugar: 3/4 " Coffee: 8 "

Tinned Milk: 4 months.

W.B. Gault.

(78) 30. 11. 42.

Pl. Ladd 1.4 C.A. has revised position

W.B. Gault
1. 11. 42

Letter to Manager, F.I.C., of 1. 12. 42.

79.

(80)

Camp. Auth

H.R. instructs that no Porco should be sent this month. If you visit the camp you can take the opportunity of checking supplies there.

W.B.
1/12

H. B. L.

(81)

Noted, thank you.

W.B. Gault.

2. 12. 42.

Letter from Manager, F.I.C., of 3. 12. 42.

82.

Letter from Hon. Col. Secretary to Manager S. S. Co. of 14/12/42.

83.

H. B. L.

(84)

Current PERIO figures are as follows:-

1. Flour. 5 months.

2. Coffee. 6 "

3. Sugar. 9 "

4. Tinned Milk. 1 1/2 "

5. Tea. 12 months +

Note: Items nos. 3, 4 & 5 are now rationed, and until camp stocks are accurately checked it will not be possible to give more than an estimate of the number of months' supply actually in the colony.

W.B. Gault.

14. 1. 43.

85. Telegram No 12 to Secretary of State of 14/1/43.
 86. Minute from D.A.A. & C.M.G. of 22/2/43.
 (87).

C.A.

We have discussed (86). As a first step, what has been our average tonnage of civilian cargo per month for the past year? How long will the S. African coal last the F.I.C.? When you have these figures, we will discuss again.

K.B.
23/2

H.L.L.

(88)

Average tonnage of civilian cargo for 1942 (13 voyages) for each voyage amounts to 339 tons by measurement plus 145 tons (by weight) of steam coal. Fitzroy's capacity is 30,000 cu. ft. = 750 tons measurement, from which about 100 tons should be deducted for waste space etc. Her deadweight capacity is approximately 350 tons.

The F.I.C. count on their S. African coal's lasting them for 12 months. However, the Navy use a minimum of 60 tons per month at present, and should "Afterglow" be replaced this figure may be increased to as much as 100 tons per month - all of which will be drawn from F.I.C. stocks. This means a naval consumption of from 720 to 1200 tons per annum, and leaves a balance of from 780 to 300 tons for F.I.C. use.

K.B. South.
1.3.43.

89. Letter to C/O, F.I. Force of 2/3/43.
 90. " from D.A.A. & C.M.G. of 3/3/43.
 (91).

C.A.

To see (90). In the event of difficulty you can of course always refer to me.

H.L.L.

(92)

K.B.
4/3.

See, thank you. I do not think that any difficulties will arise.

K.B. South.
2-7-43

H. b. l.

(93)

Current "PERIO" figures are as follows:-

FLOUR.	4 1/2 months.
COFFEE.	10 months.
* SUGAR.	24 months.
TINNED MILK.	2 1/2 months.
TEA.	14 months.

* The sugar ration is being increased as from 1.4.43. as follows:-

Stanley: from 10 g. per person per week to 1-lb. per person per week.
 Camp: " 1-lb. " " " " " 1 1/2-lb. " " " "

M. b. Gauth.
31. 3. 43.

Telegram No 81 Secret to Secretary of State of 1st April 1943. 94.

"Perio" stocks as at 14/4/43. 95.

Telegram No. 103 to Secretary of State of 29th April 1943. 96.

"Perio" stocks as at 21/5/43. 97.

Telegram No. 119 to Secretary of State of 29th May 1943. 98.

H. b. l.

(99)

"PERIO" as at 12.6.43:-

Flour.	4 1/2 months.
Coffee.	10 "
Sugar.	15 1/2 "
Tinned Milk.	10 1/2 "
Tea.	18 "

M. b. Gauth.
18. 6. 43.

Telegram No. 135 to Secretary of State of 19th June 1943. 100.

H. b. l.

(101)

"PERIO" as at 12.7.43:-

Flour.	3 1/2 months
Coffee.	13 "
Sugar.	16 "
Tinned Milk.	10 "
Tea.	17 "

M. b. Gauth.
24. 7. 43.

102. Telegram No 152. Secret to Secretary of State of 26th July 1943.

H. b. S. (103).

"PERIO" as at 18. 9. 43:-

Flour: 2 months
 Coffee: 12 "
 Sugar: 20 1/2 "
 Tinned Milk: 9 "
 Tea: 15 1/2 "

M. G. Anth.

28. 9. 43

104. Telegram No 196. Secret to Secretary of State 29th Sept. 1943

H. b. S. (105).

"PERIO" as at 1. 10. 43:-

Flour: 2 1/2 months
 Coffee: 12 "
 Sugar: 20 "
 Tinned Milk: 8 "
 Tea: 15 "

Delay regretted, but final return was not received
 from traders until a.m. Saturday, 13. 10. 43.

M. G. Anth.

15. 10. 43.

106. Telegram No 214. Secret to Secretary of State 19th Oct. 1943.

(107)

H. b. S.

"PERIO" as at 13. 11. 43:-

Flour: 4 months
 Coffee: 11 "
 Sugar: 26 "
 Tinned Milk: 9 "
 Tea: 14 "

M. G. Anth.

21. 11. 43.

H. B. S.

"PERIO" as at 11.12.43: - (109)

Flour:	*	2 1/2 months.
Coffee:	11	"
Sugar:	31	"
Tinned Milk:	8	"
Tea:	* 12	"

* The slightly increased consumption of these two items is probably due to the approach of Christmas.

A. B. Lenth.
21.12.43.

H. B. S.

(111)

"PERIO" as at 9.1.44: -

Flour:	3 months.
Coffee:	11 "
Sugar:	37 "
Tinned Milk:	7 "
Tea:	11 "

A. B. Lenth.
20.1.44.

H. B. S.

(113)

"PERIO" as at 21.3.44.

Flour:	6 1/2 months.
Coffee:	10 1/2 ---
Sugar:	32 1/2 * --- * 5 mths. in transit to Camp.
Tinned Milk:	15 ---
Tea:	28 ---

A. B. Lenth.
29.3.44.

NOTE: H. B. suggested that in view of the various other food returns that we make to the S.A.S. we might be able to discontinue the PERIO telegram. I find, however, that our other returns deal entirely with programmes & imports, & not with consumption and stocks. There is, therefore, no duplication.

(114)

4.5.

to see note by C.A. at (113) Perio submitted.

12B.

29.3.44

115. Telegram No 93 to Secretary of State of 30.3.44.

(116)

W.S.I.

"PERIO" as at 25.4.44.

Flour: 6 1/2 months.

Coffee: 11 1/2 "

Sugar: 33 "

Tinned Milk: 14 "

Tea: 26 "

W.S.I.

4.5.44.

117. Telegram No. 129 to Secretary of State of 5.5.44.

~~Letter from the Secretary of State of 5/5/44.~~

W.S.I.

118.

W.S.I.

"PERIO" as at 27.5.44.

Flour: 6 months.

Coffee: 10 "

Sugar: 33 "

Milk: 13 "

Tea: 24 1/2 "

W.S.I.

5.6.44.

119. Telegram No 152 to Secretary of State of 6.6.44.

W.S.I.

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"PERIO" as at 12.6.44:-

Flour: 6 mths.

Coffee: 10 "

Sugar: 33 "

Milk: 12 1/2 "

Tea: 24 "

W.S.I.

16.6.44.

Telegram No 155 to Secretary of State of 17. 6. 44.

121.

H. S. S. (122)

"PERIO" as at 14. 7. 44: -

Flour 5 months.
Coffee 8½ ---
Milk 11 ---
Sugar 32 ---
Tea 22½ ---

W. S. G. Lenth.
2. 8. 44.

Telegram No 195 to S. of S. of 3. 8. 44.

123

H. S. S. (124)

"PERIO" as at 8. 8. 44: -

Flour 5 months.
Coffee 10 "
Milk 10 "
Sugar 32 "
Tea 22 "

W. S. G. Lenth.
14. 8. 44.

Telegram No. 203 to S. of S. of 15. 8. 44

125.

H. S. S. (126)

"PERIO" as at 14. 9. 44: -

Flour 4½ months.
Coffee 9 "
Milk 9 "
Sugar 31 "
Tea 21 "

W. S. G. Lenth.
11. 9. 44

Telegram No 220. to S. of S. of 14. 9. 44.

127.

H. b. l. (128)
 "PERIO" as at 30.9.44:-

Flour, 5 months. Coffee, 8½ months.
 Milk, 8½ " Sugar, 30½ "
 Tea, 20½ months.
 A. b. Gauth.
 10. 10. 44.

129 Telegram No. 245 to S of S of 11 10 44
 (130)

H. b. l. "PERIO" as at 9. 12. 44:-

Flour 4 months. Coffee 6 months.
 Milk. 7 " Sugar. 29 "
 Tea 18 months.

A. b. Gauth.
 19. 12. 44.

131 Telegram No. 308 to S. of S. of 21 12. 40.
 (132)

H. b. l. "PERIO" as at 6. 1. 45:-

Flour, 4 months. Coffee, 7 months.
 Milk, 7 " Sugar, 28 "
 Tea 17½ months.

A. b. Gauth.
 15. 1. 45

133 Telegram No 18 to S. of S. of 16. 1. 45.
 (134)

H. b. l. "PERIO" as at 17. 2. 45:-

Flour 8 months. Coffee 6½ months.
 Milk 5½ " Sugar 26 "
 Tea 15 months.

A. b. Gauth.
 21. 2. 45.

Telegram No. 83 to S. of S. of 22. 3. 45.

135.

A. S. S.

"PERIO" as at 21. 3. 45:- (136)

Flour 2 1/2 months. Coffee 4 months.
Milk 5 " Sugar 25 1/2 "
Tea 15 "

W. B. Gault.
10. 4. 45.

Telegram No. 103 to S. of S. of 11. 4. 45.

137.

A. S. S.

(138)

"PERIO" as at 26. 5. 45:-

Flour 2 1/2 months. Coffee 11 months.
Sugar 24 " Milk 7 1/2 "
Tea 15 months.

W. B. Gault.
31. 5. 45.

Telegram No. 146 to S. of S. of 4. 6. 45.

139

140.

A. S. S.

"PERIO" as at 20. 9. 45:-

Flour 1 month. Milk 4 1/2 months.
Coffee 10 months. Tea 11 1/2 "
Sugar 20 1/2 "

"PERIO" as at 16. 10. 45:-

Flour 2 1/2 months. Milk 5 months.
Coffee 18 " Tea 11 1/4 "
Sugar 20 1/2 "

The delay in furnishing the copies of these two returns is regretted.

W. B. Gault.
23. 10. 45.

Telegram No. 279 to S. of S. of 24. 10. 45

141.

A. S. S.

"PERIO" as at 12. 11. 45:-

(141)

Flour 1 1/2 months, Coffee 17 months, Milk 4 3/4 months.
Sugar 19 1/4 " Tea 10 1/2 "

W. B. Gault.
17. 11. 45.

143. Telegram No. 279 to S. of S of 19. 11. 45

H. C. I.

(144)

"PERIO as at 10. 12. 45.

Flour 1 1/2 months.	Sugar 17 3/4 months.
Coffee 18 1/4 "	Tea. 10 "
Milk 4 1/4 "	

W.H. Genth.
15. 12. 45.

145 Tel. No. 306 to S. of S. of 14-12-45

146 " No. 1 from S. of S of 4. 1. 46.

(147)

c/a To see (146) pt.

H.C. does however require the fortnightly return of foodstuffs to be continued.

A.C.S.
11/1/46.

H. C. I.

148.

See. thank you.

W.H. Genth.
11. 1. 46.

149. Secret line despatch from E. of S of 13.3.50

150

H.C.S.
Ref (149) paras 3 & 4. Do you consider we should retain O.C. 697 m pt? (at cover)

A.C.S.
23. 5. 50.

151

A.C.S. No. Let us bring it.



Secret despatch No. 8 to 8 of 8 of 3.6.50 151

~~1/6/50~~
1/6/50

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CIRCULAR

SECRET

Downing Street,

7th June, 1939.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward to you, for your information, copies Nos. 253-255 of a memorandum (O.D.C. 697-M) by the Oversea Defence Committee concerning questions connected with the maintenance of food supplies in the Colonial Dependencies in time of war.

2. The memorandum is self-explanatory and I need not comment on it. I would, however, invite attention to the request made in paragraph 8 of the memorandum that certain returns should be submitted for communication to the Food (Defence Plans) Department in order to ensure that certain Colonial requirements in war are co-ordinated with those of this country.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

Malcolm MacDonald

The Officer Administering
the Government of

*Destroyed
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Cont. S. Dispatch 8.*

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY.

29th July, 1939.

ANDS.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Secret Circular despatch of the 7th of June, 1939, transmitting for my information copies, Nos. 253-255 of a memorandum (O.D.C. 697-1) by the Oversea Defence Committee concerning questions connected with the maintenance of food supplies in the Colonial Dependencies in time of war.

2. This Colony is dependent on shipping connections with ports in South America. The Auckland Islands Company, Limited, of 61 Gracechurch Street, London, now supply and ship the bulk of the foodstuffs and it would be preferable in time of war that all requirements of the Colony supplied from the United Kingdom should be met through that agency.

3. I suggest therefore that Mr. L. W. H. Young, Managing Director of the Company and until recently a member of the Executive Council be consulted in London and requested to furnish a statement of the quantities of each article required.

I have the honour to be

Your

(Sgd.)

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ISLANDS.

Downing Street,

18 September, 1939.

Sir,

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I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your secret despatch of the 29th of July regarding foodstuffs, and to inform you that Mr. Young is being approached in accordance with your suggestion.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

(31) MALCOLM MacDONALD

GOVERNOR

AIR HERBERT HENNIKER HEATON, K.C.M.G.,

etc., etc., etc.

DECODE.

(5)

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 13th April, 1941. *Time:* 2045.

Received: 14th April, 1941. *Time:* 1030.

No. 45. Secret. I understand arrangements have been made or are in contemplation to maintain service supplies in the Falkland Islands and also reserves for 90 days.

I should like to have an assurance that two or three essential civil foodstuffs will be available for the same period. Please telegraph whether this is so or if not what do you consider is necessary to make them so available. This enquiry is not necessarily concerned with maintenance of imported foodstuffs as normally supplied. Where the resources of local production can be called upon in an emergency to cover necessary minimum period ~~no~~ special steps to accumulate stocks of imported supplies may not be necessary.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

I.D.C.O.

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TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor,

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched: 15th April, 1941. Time: ...

Received: ... ^{Recd's} ... 19... Time: ...

No. 49. Your telegram No. 45 close co-operation with principal importers has enabled hitherto essential food reserves to be maintained on a six months basis.

Following considered essential foods which have to be imported :- fresh butter, bacon, beans, cheese, coffee, cocoa, flour, jam, lards, tinned milk, onions, potatoes, rice, sugar, tea, maize and pollard.

Importers render fortnightly returns of stocks in hand, last dated April 5th showing stock of absolute essentials, i.e., flour, sugar, tea, coffee, sufficient for three six six and six months respectively.

Tinned milk stocks for nine months, every endeavour being made to produce sufficient/fresh milk locally but dairy has to be built up from poorish herds,

Sufficient potatoes can be produced locally but harvests unreliable being dependent on weather conditions. Government policy of encouraging this and other vegetable growing has succeeded this season but there will be grave difficulty in obtaining seed which question is being tackled by Agricultural Department.

Other articles above in paragraph 2 show good reserves.

I understand Rear Admiral, South America Division has Admiralty permission to buy supplies from neutral countries. If similar permission be given to importers here supplies of necessary food stuffs will be assured and I should be grateful if you can arrange this telegraphing me your decision. Control over purchases could be carried out here without difficulty and the total sum involved at the latest prime cost for all essentials named amounts over a full twelve month period approximately to £18,500. This figure does not take into account any possible rationing scheme which owing to the scattered nature of the settlements, their smallness and their distance apart as well as to the shortage of available staff would be very difficult. This policy however is not being lost sight of.

If you agree to purchases from neutral South American sources exchange facilities to £18,500 would have to be provided and we should then be

independent of United Kingdom allotments or shipments. The sum involved being so small, I do not hesitate to press the point and so lift any anxiety.

DECODE.

7.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 5th May, 19 41. *Time:* 1600.

Received: 6th May, 19 41. *Time:* 0930.

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No. 54. Secret. With reference to your telegram No. 49

I agree to importation of foodstuffs from South American countries to annual value of about £18500.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

I.D.C.O.

Statement of Supplies of Essential Foods etc.

Fortnight ending.....5th. April, 1941.....

Article.	Half-year requirements.	Contents.	Stock on hand.	Supplies available + or -	On order.	Remarks.
Butter, fresh ¹⁷	240 cases.	100 lb. cases.	26 cases	-	6.10.-	13½-cwt. Tinned in stock.
Bacon	28 "	112 lb. "	9½ "	-	6.-.-	
Beans, brown	-	-	1646-lbs.		1.-.-	X
" white	-	-	1233-lbs.		1.-.-	X
Cheese	35 "	112 lb. average.	10 cases	-	7.-.-	
Coffee	56 "	112 lb. "	65½ "	+	6.10.-	✓
Cocoa	28 "	56 lb. case.	37 "	+	3.-.-	✓
Flour	2000 sacks.	140 lb. sack.	1144 sacks	-	16.-	X
Jams &c.	270 cases.	80 lb. case.	420 cases	+	3.-.-	X
Lard & Margarine	54 "	112 lb. "	17 "	-	4.-.-	X
Milk, sweetened	1030 "	48 tins.	2139 cases	+	25/-	X
do. unsweetened					25/-	
do. evaporated					-	
Onions	75 "	220 lb. case.	8 "	-	2.17.-	✓
Potatoes	310 "	112 lb.	28 "	-	11/-	Not including local crops.
Rice	112 sacks.	100 lb. sacks.	35 sacks	-	17/-	X
Sugar	910 sacks.	100 lb. "	1410 "	+	14/-	X
Tea	140 cases.	100 lb. cases	146½ cases	+	8.10.-	✓
Maize	890 sacks.	130 lb. sack.	924 sacks	+	8/3	200 lbs.
Pollard	1380 "	100 lb. "	894 "	-	2/-	X

W. H. H. H.
Competent Authority.

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8.

TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary.

To Crown Agents for the Colonies.

Despatched: 6th May, 1941. *Time:* ...

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

Request you will telegraph official rates of exchange
for Uruguay, Argentine, Brazil and Chile.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

G.T.C.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

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From Crown Agents for the Colonies,

To Colonial Secretary.

Despatched: 9th May, 19 41. Time: 1230.

Received: 10th May, 19 41. Time: 1030.

Recd. S.

Your telegram 6th May Rate of exchange Uruguayan 7.60
Argentine 16.95 $\frac{5}{4}$ Chilian 100.65 Brazilian 78 $\frac{1}{2}$.

CROWN AGENTS.

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A.I.

15th May 1941.

Your Excellency,

On the morning of the 9th inst. we, in common with other importers established here, attended the Conference convened by Your Excellency "to discuss the question of importations of essential foodstuffs from South American sources."

Your Excellency clearly expounded the position to us and which we venture to summarise as follows:-

1. That supplies of essential foodstuffs were no longer to be relied upon from the United Kingdom.
2. That agreement had been reached between the Colonial Government and the Secretary of State for the Colonies in regard to the procuring of all essential foodstuffs from South American sources - particularly Argentina, Brazil, Chile and Uruguay.
3. That Your Excellency had obtained an ample allotment limit of foreign exchange in order finance these importations.
4. That negotiations were in progress in regard to the provision of United States (and presumably Canadian) exchange for the same purpose if found necessary - i.e. importation of essential foodstuffs.
5. That the financing of South American importations would be effected through "Special Account" sterling and that certain rates of exchange had been agreed upon.
6. That remittances covering the importation of such items from South American countries would be governed and controlled by Form F.I.

Inter alia it was pointed out that:-

- a) A scheme of rationing might eventually be required.
- b) That importers would be asked to submit schemes for the control of rationing if and when required.
- c) That it was not considered that rationing would have to be resorted to provided stocks were obtained to cover several months ahead.
- d) That excessive importations were to be deprecated as no re-exports would be permitted.

All the importers present agreed unanimously to cooperate loyally with the Government.

We are perfectly certain that the above details coincide materially with everything that was discussed and agreed to at the Conference. The only other subsidiary point that was mentioned was that supplies to visiting ships would not affect the quota or allotment of foreign exchange.

In other words that any supplies drawn by visiting ships would have to be considered separately and be financed by special arrangement outside the Colony's own quota or allotment of exchange.

Tonight at 8.30 p.m. we have just read in the Weekly News a Government Notice dated the same day as the Conference stating that certain named essential foodstuffs

"MAY NOT BE IMPORTED FROM ANY SOURCE without a Special Import License from the Competent Authority. "

Obviously if such a notice can be dated 9th May it must have been already under consideration at the time the Conference took place - nevertheless not a word was mentioned about any such form of "Special Import Licence" during the Conference.

In consequence the views of Importers were not sought or obtained at the Conference on this point.

And if this New Government Notice means that a further set of forms have to be prepared, submitted and find approval before we can place orders from South America for the goods listed, we hereby protest most energetically against such a measure.

Six of the articles on the list are of a perishable nature: Butter, Bacon, Cheese, Flour, Onions and Potatoes. No importer with any sense will order in excess of what he can handle and dispose of within a reasonable limit of time.

Beans play only a very small part as a foodstuff in the Falkland Islands - and only minimum quantities are ever handled.

Rice is also in small demand.

Coffee is unlikely to be needed by us for at least a year as we have good stocks.

Cocoa - it is doubtful, whether suitable quality could be obtained from South America. Failing supplies from England we think that it would have to be obtained from U.S.A. However, for the present we have ample stocks.

Tinned milk. We hope that we may count on U.S.A. exchange (as in July 1940) to renew our present diminishing stocks of Evaporated milk. It would be uneconomical to purchase American-made Evaporated milk from Bonded stocks in the River Plate and pay for same through "Special Account" sterling. As to condensed milk we are at present negotiating for supplies made in the River Plate.

Margarine. "Edible" margarine is not, as far as we know, made in the River Plate for the simple reason that they have ample supplies of fresh butter. The "Oleo Margarine" made in the River Plate is merely a cooking fat and we do not think it is any better than locally-produced lutton dripping.

Lard. Ample quantities of lard can be obtained from the River Plate - pure refined hog lard of the best quality. We always keep a few lbs. in stock, but it is in small demand.

As to sugar it is difficult to say whether supplies could be obtained from South America at reasonable prices. At any rate ample stocks seem to be in hand here already.

The foregoing remarks apply equally to tea in a

general sense - although our own supplies are getting low and we are finding difficulty in routing and insuring the 100 cases (5000 lbs.) which we ordered in February last from Ceylon and for which we have already ^{half} the cost cabled to Ceylon.

Jam. Good supplies can be obtained from the River Plate and also from South Africa, but we fail to see why a prior "Special Import Licence" must be obtained before placing orders "from any source". Jams play a very important part in any British household and it is impossible to be overstocked in same.

We must again say that we fail to see what useful part "Special Import Licences" can play in connection with the importation of any of the commodities listed. By their very nature these lines control themselves. Where goods are of a perishable or semi-perishable nature no importer is going to handle more than his customers can take off his hands within a reasonable length of time. And those goods that are not to be listed as perishable, even if imported in excess of immediate requirements would always constitute so much extra reserve stock against any sad day when communications might be interrupted. Again if imported far in excess of requirements it would entail the importer in a lock-up of capital which he could not recompence by advancing prices in view of the price already in operation. control

Finally there are already in existing Government Orders a considerable number of forms to be filled in:-

Customs House Entries

2 copies of customs house
1 copy for Exchange control

Form F.1. for sterling payments to non-residents

2 copies of same for our Bankers in U.K. and the Bank of England.
1 copy for local Competent Authority (finance)

Plus:-

Copies of Invoices to U.K.

Fortnightly return of stocks to Competent Authority (goods)

Monthly return of Oil and Fuel supplies.

Declaration of C.I.F. costs for Price control when authority is sought to advance prices.

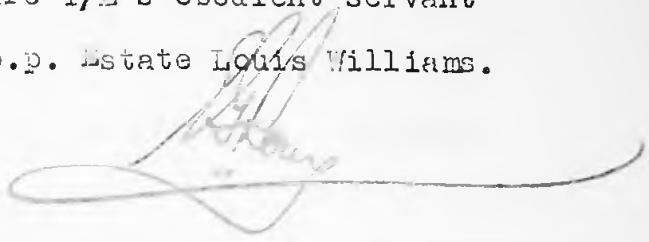
May we therefore suggest that instead of a "Special Import Licence" being demanded for the goods listed in the Government Notice of 9th inst., that importers be ordered to declare what orders they are placing for such commodities. We attach a pro-forma of same as covering the orders we have recently placed.

And that if a regime of Special Import Licences is to be instituted (in order to conserve exchange for essential commodities) that same should apply only to NON-ESSENTIAL commodities, such as furniture, radio valves, cork-soled fancy shoes, and other such fripperies and furbelows.

We trust that Your Excellency will appreciate that the lines have been written in a spirit of intense loyalty and by a man who has had 30 years continuous commercial experience (which is considerably longer than anyone else in the Colony) that he arrived in the Falkland Islands in 1923 when the inhabitants were still suffering from the enhanced prices, bad organization (in purchasing) and most barefaced profiteering that took place during 1914/1918 and after , and that his experience and ability are at the disposal of the Government, and that he objects to forms of control being brought into effect which create extra work and cannot in themselves prove of any value in maintaining adequate supplies of essential goods for the use of the inhabitants.

We are Y/E's obedient servant

p.p. Estate Louis Williams.



H. E. A. W. Cardinall Esq., C.M.G.

Governor & Commander-in-Chief of the Falklands Islands.

Government House

Stanley.

Falkland Islands.

Proposed Form.

DECLARATION to be deposited by Importers with
The Competent Authority within 7 days of placing
orders for the commodities listed:-

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Date and Method</u>	<u>Where from and remarks</u>
Butter	45 cwt.	Cable 15.5.41	Argentina
Beans	-		
Bacon	1 cwt.	Standing order	Uruguay
Cheese	19 cwt.	Cable 15.5.41	Argentina
Coffee	-		
Cocoa	-		
Flour	100 bags	Cable 15.5.41	Argentina
Jam	-		
Lard	-		
Tinned Milk	-		
Margarine	-		
Onions			Intend ordering 12 cases from Uruguay
Potatoes	20 bags	Cable 15.5.41	Argentina
Rice	-		
Sugar	-		
Tea.	-		Ordered 100 cases (5000 lbs.) from Ceylon in February last.

S/19/39.

21st May,

41.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th of May, 1941, and to inform you that the conference was convened to explain the position with regard to importations of essential foodstuffs from South America which really amounts to the fact that purchases of these foodstuffs are henceforth controlled here.

2. Such purchases are limited to a specified amount of sterling and quantities purchaseable may therefore vary, hence the need possibly of rationing. It is necessary that the Government should know what actually is being bought.

3. I am to add that the question of your loyalty does not arise. This Government knows full well how loyal you are.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Rowe
for Colonial Secretary.

E. G. Rowe, Esq.,
STANLEY.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

No. 143.

From Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : 9th August, 19 44. *Time :* 1950
Received : 10th August, 19 44. *Time :* 1030.

Circular No.200. Please telegraph minimum monthly requirements unobtainable from other sources of the following commodities Baking Powder Tartaric Acid Cream of Tartaric, Acid Sodium Pyrophosphate, Acid Calcium phosphate and Citric Acid quantities of above items to be given in lbs.

Isinglass and Agar. Agar quantities of each to be given in cwts and Vitamins A B C and D to be expressed in International Units. Vitamins A B and C are in short supply in this country and your requirements should be based on this knowledge.

Secretary of State.

G.T.C.

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DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor.

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched: 20th August, 19 41. Time:

Received: 19 Time:

No. 108. Your circular telegram No. 200 monthly requirements are as follows :-

Baking Powder 448 lbs Tartaric Acid 28 lbs Cream of Tarter 56 lbs
Citric Acid 56 lbs.

Governor.

G.T.C.

For use in
Cypher or
Coding Office
only.

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London

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Originators Instructions:
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For Exercise).

INTERCEPT GROUP.

TO:

Govt I.

FROM:

92 SECRET

In order facilitate periodical review food
reserve position please telegraph as soon as possible
table showing (a) existing stocks of essential
imported civilian food requirements (b) number
days for which they would be sufficient on
basis reduced consumption which would
presumably be enforced should external
communications be interrupted (c) principal sources
of supply @

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or Coder.Time of Receipt in
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Office.

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Cyphering or Coding.

Recyphering or Recoding.

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Cypher or
Coding Office
only.

Originators Instructions:
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For Exercise).

INTERCEPT GROUP.

TO:

FROM:

2. Information should be ³¹²³ repeated at
monthly intervals with omission of (c) unless
material change in sources has intervened.

3. I am aware that some part of above
is already available in other connections but
it is highly important for strategic reasons
to have it available in complete and up to date
form.

4. Telegrams ^{not} giving this information should bear prefix
PERIO after serial numbers

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or Coder.Time of Receipt in
Cypher or Coding
Office.

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TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary

To Magistrate, South Georgia.

Despatched : 25th August, 19 41. *Time* : ...
Received : 19 *Time* :

No. 45. Please telegraph immediately (a) existing stocks of essential imported civilian food requirements (b) number days for which they would be sufficient on basis reduced consumption which would presumably be enforced should external communications be interrupted (c) principal sources of supply.

Colonial Secretary.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

No. 113. From Magistrate South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary Stanley.

Despatched: 26th August, 1941. *Time:* 22.35.

Received: 29th August, 1941. *Time:* 10.30.

No. 67. Your telegram No. 45 August 25th received on August 27th information will be telegraphed immediately on receipt of statement from Manager Leith Harbour

Magistrate.

Red 19.

20.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor.

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched: 1st September, 1941. Time: ...
Received: 19.. Time: ...

No. 118. - PERIO your telegram 92 secret essential food requirements in this Colony must be classified as (i) Stanley (ii) Outside areas. For both the imports of essential foods can be tabulated as follows:-
flour, sugar, tea, coffee, tinned milk; but fresh fruits are imported when in season in quantities only sufficient for at most a fortnight at a time owing to absence of storage facilities. Ditto as regards fresh vegetables which differ from fruit in that the latter are not grown locally whilst the former are imported to eke out our own production.

Stocks on hand on August 31st are as regards (i) flour 886 sacks of 154 lbs 150 days; sugar 1776 sacks of 96 lbs one year, tea 130 cases 180 days; coffee 54 cases 180 days. All the above from South America Republic as allowed by Secretary of State.

Tinned milk 1102 cases 180 days from United States of America. The outside ports are all communicable by sea alone. They hold normally 180 days supplies and have just been filled up. These stores are station stores and are adequate for their individual requirements.

It is impossible to provide any substitutes locally for these imports excepting milk. This is procurable in sufficient quantities in the outside ports and efforts are being made in Stanley to create

Local/

supplies to eliminate imports.

As soon as I receive information already asked for I shall telegraph situation in the Dependencies.

GOVERNOR.

I.D.C.O.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary.
To Officer in Charge, South Georgia.

Despatched : 29th September, 19 41. *Time* :

Received : 19 *Time* :

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No. 57. Your telegram No. 67 food requirements when may information
be expected

Colonial Secretary.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Officer-in-Charge, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary.

Despatched: 7th October, 1941. *Time:* 1643.

Received: 8th October, 1941. *Time:* 1500.

Recd. 22

No. 80. Your telegram No. 57 have spoken to Manager Leith who regrets he will be unable to give full particulars until supplies now received are listed. I will inform you immediately information is received.

OFFICER-IN-CHARGE.

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DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From OFFICER IN CHARGE SOUTH GEORGIA

To COLONIAL SECRETARY

Despatched: 22nd October, 19 41. *Time:* 18.15

Received: 23rd October, 19 41. *Time:* 10.30.

Red 19. Red 23

No. 91. Reference your telegram 45 my 80 following information now received (a) stock of essential imported civilian food sufficient to last with ordinary consumption for one year (b) 18 months (c) Argentina and U.S.A.

OFFICER IN CHARGE.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

From COLONIAL SECRETARY

To OFFICER IN CHARGE SOUTH GEORGIA.

Despatched: 24th October, 19 41. *Time:*

Received: 19 *Time:*

No. 77. Your telegram No. 91 food requirements what is (a) intended to convey.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

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No. 202. From OFFICER IN CHARGE SOUTH GEORGIA.

To COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Despatched: 25th October, 19 41. *Time:* 18.00

Received: 27th October, 19 41. *Time:* 10.30.

No. 96. Your telegram No. 77 (a) period for which stock essential imported civilian food would last with ordinary consumption. Is it suggested complete stock list be telegraphed

Officer in Charge.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From OFFICER IN CHARGE SOUTH GEORGIA.

To COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Despatched: 28th October, 19 41. *Time:* 18.00
Received: 29th October, 19 41. *Time:* 10.30.

No. 97. Should not your telegram 77 food requirements be renumbered
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Officer in Charge.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

No. 131.

From SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

To HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Despatched : 12th January, 19 42. *Time* : 1840.

Received : 13th January, 19 42. *Time* : 1030.
Red 21

No. 8. With reference to your telegram No. 118 Perio Grateful for early information regarding the present food supply position in (a) Stanley (b) outside areas (c) Dependencies (especially South Georgia).

I.D.C.O.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

From..... COLONIAL SECRETARY.

To..... OFFICER IN CHARGE, SOUTH GEORGIA.

Despatched : 13th January, 19 42. *Time* : ...
Received : 19 *Time* : ...

No. 7. Please telegraph present food supply position in South Georgia.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Stocks of Essential Foodstuffs on hand
in Stanley 15-1-42.

		Period in which stock would last (approx) *	Source of supply
Butter (fresh)	995-lb.	1 week.	Argentina. - no difficulty so far.
" (Tinned)	1002. "	1 "	" " " " "
Beans (brown)	2420. "	-	Chile. " " " "
" (White)	1455 "	-	" " " "
Bacon.	28 "	2 days.	Uruguay & Argentina. Some slight difficulty at present owing to large purchases made in these countries by U.S.A.
Cheese.	1183 "	6 weeks.	Argentina & Uruguay. So far no difficulty.
Coffee.	4542 "	4 months.	Brazil. " " " "
Cocoa.	2772 "	10 "	U.K. " " " "
Flour.	645 bags.	2 "	Uruguay & Argentina. " " " "
Jam etc.	16,457-lb.	4 "	S. America & S. Africa. Supply uncertain.
Lard.	1,408- "	2 1/2 "	Uruguay. - no difficulty so far.
Milk.	1,297 cases.	7 "	Argentina U.S.A., Uruguay. No difficulty so far.
Margarine.	346 -lb.	3 weeks.	S. America " " " "
Onions.	NIL.	-	Easily obtainable from Uruguay.
Potatoes.	560 -lb.	a day or so.	" " " " (+ local crop coming on.)
Rice.	415 -lb.	less than 1 week.	" " " Brazil & other S. American sources.
Sugar.	62 tons.	9 months.	S. Africa (uncertain) & S. America.
Tea.	18811 -lb.	8 1/2 "	U.K. No difficulty so far.

* These figures are based on the Defence scheme estimate, and presumably apply to the requirements of the whole Colony.

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TELEGRAM.

From HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

To SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

Despatched : 16th January, 19 42. Time :

Received : 19 Time :

Red 28.

No. 7. Your telegram 8 PERIO essential food stocks flour, tea, sugar, coffee are today (a) 2 months, 9 months, 9 months, 4 months; these supplies held in Stanley cover total Colony requirements but (b) out-stations hold 6 months as well.

(c) South Georgia information not yet received will be telegraphed later.

GOVERNOR.

I.D.C.O.

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TELEGRAM.

No. 242. From SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

To HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Despatched : 17th January, 19 42. *Time :* 2206.

Received : 18th January, 19 42. *Time :* 1030.

Red 31.

Unnumbered. With reference to your telegram No. 7 (a). Period for No. 1 commodity omitted. Please check and repeat.

G. T. C.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

To SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

Despatched : 19th January, 19 42. *Time* : ...

Received : *Red 31* 19 *Time* : *Red 32*

Unnumbered. My telegram No. 7 and your unnumbered telegram of January 17th Essential Foodstuffs. Stocks on hand should read (a) flour 2 months tea 9 months sugar 9 months coffee 4 months

I.D.C.O.

GOVERNOR.

For
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TELEGRAM.

From HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

To SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

Despatched : 22nd January, 19 42. *Time* :

Received : 19 *Time* :

Red 31

No. 11. My telegram No. 7 PERIO South Georgia essential foodstuffs
on hand today Grytviken 10 months, Leith 14 months.

I.D.C.C.

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TELEGRAM.

No. 115.

From..... SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

To..... HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Despatched : 9th February, 19 42. *Time* : 1400.

Received : 10th February, 19 42. *Time* : 1030.

Red 31.

No. 22. Your telegram No. 7 PERIO. If possible your reserve of all essential foodstuffs should be so arranged that in the event of attack there will never be less than 180 days supplies. This would not be a working margin for the current consumption over and above the local reserve. Perishable.

2. I should be glad to know whether such arrangements which are in accordance with the military system of reserves are practicable. Stocks of flour are seriously below this standard are there any storage difficulties in holding more? If so the alternative should be considered of holding stocks of biscuits .

3. In view of high stocks of tea it does not seem necessary to stipulate for an increase in stocks of coffee but the aggregate stock of both should be kept up to six months if possible.

4. Your telegram makes no mention of stocks of meat, milk, fats and vegetables. In view of the local supplies of mutton no figures for meat seem necessary but should be glad of figures for milk, fats and vegetables. It is suggested that at least 90 days stocks should be held.

5. I should be grateful for monthly telegrams in future regarding the position.

Red 35.

6. Your telegram No. 11 supplies for South Georgia should be grateful for more detailed report.

7. Please let me know if I can help in any way.

I.D.C.O.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

To SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

Despatched : 12th February, 19 42. Time :

Received : 19 Time :

Red 36

No. 26. Secret. Your telegram No. 22 PERIO. Position today essential foodstuffs: Flour 3 months; Tea 9 months; Sugar 9 months, Coffee 4 months. These figures do not repeat not include reserves in out-stations where normal custom is to hold six months' supply even in peace time. They are based however on the total requirements and therefore are actually far better than apparent since in the true aggregate they are sufficient for the Colony's needs for 9 months, 11 months, 11 months, 6 months respectively.

2. As regards flour arrangements have been made with local importers to import a constant supply each incoming steamer and since storage on a large scale is impossible we regard Montevideo as our flour base, similarly with coffee. So long as exports from that country remain unrestricted our position is safe, but should circumstances alter I would invoke your offered aid.

3. Meat: mutton in abundance, beef adequate, pork will shortly be easily available, wild geese in abundance, fish frequently abundant. All these are fresh and storage is impossible.

4. Milk: tinned, 10 months supply, of which Stanley holds 7 months. In addition outstations have ample fresh supplies and in Stanley the daily dairy supply is over 40 gallons.

5. Fats: butter, dripping, suet abundant in outstations - all fresh. In Stanley local supplies always sufficient. Margarine and lard are practically not used. Stanley butter is imported every steamer in accordance with requirements with due regard to the impossibility of storage. It is never considered an undue hardship if there is a shortage.

6. Vegetables: ample local supplies of turnips, parsnips, carrots and beets, cabbages and other greens in season and when season good potatoes abundant, ditto for onions and leeks. We cannot stock potatoes and the Uruguayan supply is not too reliable. Practically everyone has his garden and is being encouraged to grow more and more - a policy thoroughly understood.

7. The situation in South Georgia is always satisfactory as they have to rely on imports and are forced to hold very large reserves even in peacetime. I shall telegraph details of these reserves as soon as the newly appointed Magistrate reaches Grytviken - probably not before April.

8. As regards monthly telegrams suggest reports after each steamer; but the position here is really good as regards food, and so long as the Uruguayan market is open to us, and our one and only steamer can carry on there is no need for anxiety about us in this matter.

I.D.C.O.

GOVERNOR.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

No. 314. From SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

To HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Despatched: 23rd February, 19 42. *Time:* 1450.

Received: 24th February, 19 42. *Time:* 1030.

Red 37

No. 32. Secret. Your Perio telegram No. 26 I am glad to learn how satisfactory the situation is. I agree that future reports may be made after each steamer.

I.D.C.C.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

No. 48.

From SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

To HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Despatched : 4th March, 19 42. Time : 1000.

Received : 5th March, 19 42. Time : 1030.

Circular No. 37. Repeated to Colonial Supply Liaison No. 108 please telegraph repeating to Colonial Supply Liaison estimated total imports for 1942 from (a) United States (b) Canada of (1) canned fish (2) preserved milk and (3) vitamins.

How far are orders in the above categories bulked and transmitted to Colonial Supply Liaison under Lend/Lease procedure ? if not already done would there be serious difficulties in bulking all orders in future if requested ?

G.F.C.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, REPEAT TO COLONIAL
SUPPLY LIAISON.
To SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

Despatched : 6th March, 19 42. *Time* :

Received : 19 *Time* :

Red 39

No. 39. Your circular telegram 37 (a) U.S.A. (1) nil (2) presuming this includes tinned milk 700 cases (3) nil; (b) Canada (1) (2) & (3) nil.

Orders are bulked already.

GOVERNOR.

G.T.C.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

From COLONIAL SUPPLY LIAISON.

To HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Despatched : 13th March, 19 42. *Time :* 13.58.

Received : 16th March, 19 42. *Time :* 10.30.

Addressed Colonial Office No. 115 repeated to Governor of the Falkland Islands re Your telegram No. 108 tinned milk. After consultation with food mission propose to purchase for cash 700 cases valued \$2765 referred to in Falkland Islands cable March 6th. Lease Lend procurement not considered possible in the present circumstances. Please inform Ministry of Food.

COLONIAL SUPPLY LIAISON.

Recd (16)

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TELEGRAM.

From.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

To

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

Despatched : 26th March, 19 42. *Time :*

Received : 19 *Time :*

Red 38.

No. 55. Secret. Your telegram No. 32 Secret PERIO today flour 5 months
tea 10 sugar 9 coffee 5 tinned milk 9. Fats vegetables fresh milk

Red 37.

situation unchanged from my telegram secret No. 26.

I.D.C.O.

GOVERNOR.

J. B. R...

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DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

To HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Despatched : 27th March, 19 42. *Time :* 10.20.

Received : 27th March, 19 42. *Time :* 14.30.

Unnumbered. Your telegram No. 55 undecipherable. Please check and repeat.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

*Done
RMA
28/3/41*

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TELEGRAM.

From The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 1st April, 19 42. *Time:* 20.39

Received: 1st April, 19 42. *Time:* -

Red 43.

Unnumbered. Grateful for very early reply to my telegram 27th
March unnumbered regarding your telegram No. 55.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor.....

To The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched : 2nd April, 19 42. Time : 10.15.

Received : ... 19 Time :

Red 43A.

G.T.C. (No. 58. Your telegram unnumbered April 1st my telegram No. 55 was repeated to you on March 28th. It referred to PERIO returns and (read as follows :

IDCO. (Your telegram No. 32 Secret PERIO to-day flour 5 months tea 10 sugar 9 coffee 5 tinned milk 9. Fats vegetables fresh milk situation (unchanged from my telegram Secret No. 26.

GOVERNOR.

G B K...

The stock of provision in Grytøken.

April 21st. 1942.

HH^R

2900	ks.	Frozen beef	100	ks.	Dried apples
3300	"	salt meat	1100	tins	Fish balls
1400	"	" pork	750	"	" cakes
1500	"	Bacon	850	"	Cod roe
530	tins	Boiled Beef	1350	"	Salmon
220	"	Corned "	100	ks.	Cheese
450	ks.	Split cod	180	tins	Marmalade
1100	"	Dry-fish	90	"	Jam
7	barrels	Salt herring	65	"	Pepper ground
4	"	" mackerel	25	"	Ginger "
14	"	" cabbage	50	"	Mustard
340	ks.	" carrots	30	"	Curry powder
15500	"	Potatoes	190	"	Tomatoe puree
1650	"	Brown beans	45	"	Dry yeast
100	"	White "	2700	ks.	salt
1450	"	Yellow peas	270	tins	Carrots
350	"	Green "	90	"	Mixed vegetables
475	"	Pearl barley	80	"	Mackerel
500	"	Roll'd oats	80	"	Kipper'd herring
700	"	Rice	300	ks.	Onions
8000	"	Wheat flour	1000	"	Cabbage fresh
1350	"	Rye "	120	"	Gyrep
350	"	Corn "white	350	tins	Mince'd Collops
100	"	Potatoe "	375	ks.	String-beans
280	"	Corn "yellow	25	"	Raisins
300	"	Macaroni	95	bottles	Essences, lemon, vanilla,
460	"	Butter	10	"	Vinegar essence
4700	"	Margarine	12	tins	Thyme
3600	"	Sugar	30	"	Cardamom
50	"	Tea	48	"	Spinach
7600	tins	Sweetened milk	250	quarts	Juice
7000	"	Unsweetened "	20	ks.	Cocoa
1000	ks.	Coffee	1200	"	Lard
150	"	Prunes			
200	"	Apricots			

Grytøken, April 21st. 1942

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EXTRACT FROM SECRET LETTER ADDRESSED TO HIS EXCELLENCY
THE GOVERNOR BY CAPT. A. I. FLEURET, MAGISTRATE, SOUTH
GEORGIA, AND DATED 23RD APRIL, 1942.

The Magistrate's Office,

South Georgia.

23rd April, 1942.

Sir,

In accordance with Your Excellency's instructions I have the honour to submit a brief report on the several subjects mentioned below :

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FOOD SUPPLIES.

A list of Stocks of food held at Pesca Station is attached. These are sufficient for 240 men for 1 month or 50 men for 6 months. It has not been possible to obtain particulars of food supplies held at Leith but these will be forwarded as soon as received. Husvik and Stromness are fed from Leith.

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TELEGRAM.

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

Despatched : 22nd April, 1942. Time :
Received : 19..... Time :

Recd 38

No. 66. SECRET. Your telegram No. 32 Secret PERIO today flour 5 months
tea 10½ sugar 8 coffee 7½ tinned milk 9. Fats vegetables fresh milk situation
unchanged from my telegram SECRET No. 55.

I.D.C.O.

GOVERNOR.

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TELEGRAM.

From HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

To SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

Despatched : 30th April, 19 42. *Time* :

Received : 19 *Time* :

Red 37.

No. 79. Secret. With reference to my telegram No. 26 Secret paragraph 7 no details yet received but situation is always satisfactory as the food comes direct from South America and has to be ample. I do not propose to telegraph returns from South Georgia if you agree.

I.D.C.O.

GOVERNOR.

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South Georgia 17

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INTERCEPT GROUP.

TO:

FROM: Magistrate
South Georgia

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Balance of ...
Mr. J. B. ... letter 23rd April addressed
to ... all foodstuffs
including ... at least ... sufficient
for 50 men for period of 12 months at least
These provide for ... Detachment and
Government Officials. Full particulars by
mail about 12th May

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TELEGRAM.

No. 112. From SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

To HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Despatched : 7th May, 19 42. Time : 11.51.

Received : 8th May, 19 42. Time : 10.30.

Red 46.

No. 78. Secret. With reference to your telegram No. 79 South Georgia returns. I agree.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

G.T.C.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

From HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

To SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

Despatched : 9th June, 19 42. Time :

Received : 19 Time :

Red 38.

No. 119. Secret. Your telegram No. 32 Secret. PERIO today flour 5½ months tea 11 sugar 11½ coffee 6 tinned milk 6. Fats vegetables fresh milk situation unchanged from my telegram No. 66 Secret. Decrease in tinned milk due to restocking of stores in outstations.

I.D.C.C.

GOVERNOR.

Saving.

From the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To the Officer Administering the Government of ~~the Falkland Islands~~Date 11 May, 1942.No. 25 Saving.Important.

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Foodstuffs. For various reasons, including exchange difficulties and very strong desirability of co-ordinating Colonial purchases with those made for United Kingdom by Ministry of Food, I request that no enquiries or purchases in respect of foodstuffs from South America should be made without my prior concurrence.

Essex.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

From HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

To SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

Despatched : 8th July, 19 42. Time :

Received : 19 Time :

Red 50.

No. 135. Secret. Your telegram No. 25 Saving:- does this refer to military and naval as well as civilian.

Red 6.
Red 7.

Position as regards first not yet clarified; as regards second they have all along acted independently; as regards third please refer to my telegram No. 49 of 15th April 1941 and your telegram No. 54 of 5th May 1941. From that date to December 31st essential foods ex South America totalled £6161 and from January 1st 1942 to June 30th £4984.

May I have your consent to continue on these lines without referring each separate purchase to you ?

I.D.C.O.

GOVERNOR.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

No. 180.

From SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

To HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Despatched : 14th July, 19 42. *Time* : 1652.

Received : 15th July, 19 42. *Time* : 1030.

Personal Secret. You have recently received a telegram asking for detailed information about food supplies other than import requirements civil defence measures and several other matters and are likely to receive further such requests in future.

I know how burdensome it may sometimes be to comply with and I want to assure you that none are made without the most careful consideration and with a view myself and my advisers being placed in the position to give each Colonial Government all possible help in meeting the present and prospective difficulties. The War effort of the United Nations has now reached such a scale as to demand most comprehensive planning if shipping and the supply of resources are to be used to the maximum advantage and for such planning comprehensive information is essential.

I.D.C.O.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

THE SOUTH GEORGIA COMPANY LIMITED,
Registered 1909.

Leith Harbour,

South Georgia 7th. May, 1942.

The Magistrate,

King Edward's Cove.

Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 21st and ours of the 22nd. April, we have the please of giving you the following figures regarding our stock of provisions you have asked for:

Wheat Flour.	.....	490 cwt.
Mixed "	.....	270 "
Butter	.....	35 "
Margarine	.....	575 "
Tea	.....	3500 lbs
Coffee	.....	5320 "
Sugar, granulated	.....	235 cwt
" cube.	.....	21 "
Milk.	.....	2856 dozed tins.
Boiled Beef.	.....	4100 lbs.
Beans.	.....	8800 "
Yellow Peas.	.....	1120 "
Split peas.	.....	4250 "
Green peas.	.....	5500 "
Rice.	.....	33 cwt.

Yours faithfully,

(sgd.) R. Hansen.

P.S.

Most of the margarine is not good but can be used.

S.G. No. S/2/42.

MEMO.

C.S. No.....

14th. May, 1942.

From :-

To :-

THE MAGISTRATE,

The Honourable,

South Georgia.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Stanley.



SECRET.

With reference to my telegram No.78 of the 4th of May, 1942, I have the honour to forward particulars of food stocks held at Leith Harbour.

Red 47

C. J. Stewart

Magistrate.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

From HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

To SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

Despatched : 24th July, 19 42. Time :

Received : 19 Time :

Red 38.

No. 142. Secret. Your telegram No. 32 Secret. PERIO today flour
4 months tea 9½ sugar 9½ coffee 4½ tinned milk 8½. Fats vegetables
Red 47. fresh milk situation unchanged from my telegram No. 119 Secret.

GOVERNOR.

I.D.C.O.

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TELEGRAM.

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No. 216.

From SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

To HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Despatched : 10th August, 19 42. *Time :* 2110.

Received : 11th August, 19 42. *Time :* 1030.

Red 51.

No. 132. SECRET. With reference to your telegram No. 135 Civilian Foodstuffs only are concerned.

I approve your proposal to continue to purchase direct from South America except in regard to rice. Ministry of Food prefer that your requirements of this commodity should be notified periodically. Most desirable source of supply will then be indicated.

I. D. C. O.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

From HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

To SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

Despatched : 12th August, 19 42. Time :

Received : 19 Time :

Red 56.

No. 162. SECRET. Your telegram No. 132 Secret rice : total annual requirements are 224 sacks of 100 lbs. These have been procured hitherto mostly from Brazil shipped through Uruguay.

Grateful if you would ask Ministry of Food to permit continuance of this importation direct. It is not possible to notify periodical requirements as the distribution of the article and therefore importation depends on inter-insular connections as well as with those with South America. Please telegraph reply.

~~S.P.C.~~

GOVERNOR.

I.D.C.O.

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TO:

FROM:

Red 59.

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TELEGRAM.

From HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

To SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

Despatched : 26th August, 19 42. Time :

Received : 19 Time :
Red. 60

No. 173. SECRET. With reference to your telegram No. 140 Secret grateful
if you would now cancel rice requirements given in last sentence my Secret
telegram No. 169. ^{Red 2} M P 111/42

I.D.C.O.

GOVERNOR.

[Handwritten signature]
26/8/42

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The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

(INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1851.)

REGISTERED 1902.

Stanley

AGENTS FOR LLOYDS.

TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY" VIA RADIO.

28th September, 19 42.

This should be on file dealing with foodstuffs - early please. NB.

Sir,

We have received a quotation from Rio Grande do Sul for 50 tons sugar, subject to export license. Our agents "suggest contact Embassy Rio arrange special permission "this small lot".

As our sources of supply are now very restricted, South Africa and the Argentine having prohibited export of this commodity, I have the honour to request that the Government may take action on our behalf on the lines suggested above.

Our present stocks will last (a) Camp, six months, (b) Stanley, three months; an average of say 4½ months supply for the Colony.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. M. Smith
Manager.

The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

(65)

From His Excellency the Governor, Falkland Islands.

To Minister, Rio de Janeiro.

Despatched : 6th October, 19 42. *Time* : ...

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

Unnumbered 5th October. Following from the Governor, Falkland Islands begins.

Falkland Islands Company have quotation from Cranston Woodhead and Company of Rio Grande do Sul for fifty repeat fifty tons of sugar subject willingness Brazilian Government to grant export licence. As this sugar is essential for the maintenance of minimum stocks in the Colony and other sources of supply are closed I should be grateful for your good offices in securing the necessary licence. Please telegraph reply.

GOVERNOR, FALKLAND ISLANDS.

I.D.V. (25)

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TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor,

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched: 8th October, 1942. Time: ...

Received: 19... Time: ...

Red 38

No. 200. Secret. Your telegram No. 32 Secret. Perio
today Flour 4 months tea 6 sugar 5 coffee 4 milk 4½. Fats
vegetables fresh milk situation unchanged from my telegram
No. 142 Secret. Apparent over-consumption since my last
PERIO due to usual restocking farm stores.

Red 55

I.D.C.O.

GOVERNOR.

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TELEGRAM.

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No. 137.

From H.M. Ambassador, Rio de Janeiro,

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 13th October, 19 42. Time: 2045.

Received: 14th October, 19 42. Time: 1030.

Redbs

No. 113. With reference to your telegram of October 6th.

We have been informed Export Licence will be granted but as Sugar is rationed in Rio Grande do Sul we have been asked to try to arrange for shipment of the Sugar from Rio de Janeiro or preferably North Brazil. Have you any other firms in mind in these parts of the Country.

G.T.C.

AMBASSADOR, RIO DE JANEIR

(12)

The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

(INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1851.)

REGISTERED 1902.

AGENTS FOR LLOYDS.

TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING" PORTSTANLEY VIA RADIO.

Stanley

19th October, 1942.

Sir,

Sugar ex Brazil.

With reference to the above I have to advise you that we have telegraphed Messrs. Cranston Woodhead & Co. Rio Grande do Sul as follows:-

"Embassy Rio de Janeiro states export license sugar will be granted from Rio de Janeiro or North Brazil. Please arrange reliable exporter and arrange for transshipment at Montevideo. We require to know first the name of the firm also price f.o.b. Brazilian port and c.i.f. Montevideo. We suggest Wilson Sons & Co., Rio de Janeiro or Norton Rumbo, Pernambuco. Reply as soon as possible!"

I am,

Sir,

your obedient servant,



Manager.

The Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

MEMORANDUM.

(13)

26th October, 1942.

From

THE FALKLAND ISLANDS COMPANY, LTD.,
STANLEY.

To The Honourable
The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

Sir,

With reference to the importation of sugar from Brazil, our Agents have advised us by telegram as follows:-

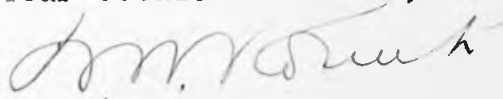
"Suggest permit name Azebedo & Ramos Ltd Rio Grande do Sul who will receive from North and redespach December".

We have replied agreeing to this suggestion.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Manager.



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TELEGRAM.

S/19/39.

From HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR. FALKLAND ISLANDS.

To H.M. AMBASSADOR. RIO DE JANEIRO.

Despatched: 30th. October 19 42. *Time:* 10.30.

Received: 19 ... *Time:*

Red 70.

Your telegram no 113. Sugar. Grateful if Export Licence could be granted to AZEHEDO & RAMOS Ltd. Rio Grande do Sul, who will receive sugar from North Brazil and redespach December.

GOVERNOR. FALKLAND ISLANDS.

G.T.C.

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TELEGRAM.

From HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

To SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

Despatched : 5th. November 19 42. Time : ...

Received : 19 ... Time : ...

Red 38

No. 218.

SECRET. Your telegram No. 32 SECRET. PERIO today

Flour 5 months Tea 10 Sugar 4 Coffee 6 Tinned Milk 5½

Fats vegetables fresh milk situation unchanged from my

Red 69.

telegram No. 200 Secret.

GOVERNOR.

I.D.C.O.

Sugar 5 tons.

17 July	1244 ✓
20 "	1246 ✓
27 Aug.	970.
27 "	887.
5 Sept	814.
5 Oct.	734.
31 Oct.	1773.
14 Nov.	24.

124 tons 10 cwt.

5 bags Down
3 " Pr Lewis
Amount ½ ton 12 cwt.

S/19/39.

1st December,

42.

Sir,

I have the honour to invite your attention to the absolute necessity of maintaining adequate stocks in the Colony of all articles essential for civilian consumption. You are no doubt fully aware of this, but His Excellency desires me to make it perfectly clear that he relies on your full co-operation in regard to the provision of sufficient cargo space on the "Fitzroy" for this purpose. What constitutes essential goods for civilian consumption and what quantities are required on any one voyage should be discussed beforehand with the Competent Authority. It is essential, for instance, that a certain amount of sugar should be imported on the next voyage. It is presumed that in no circumstances will civilian cargo, the importation of which has been approved by the Competent Authority as essential, be excluded from the ship at the South American port in favour of naval or military stores without prior reference to this Government.

2. I should be glad to receive your early assurances in this matter.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

K. G. STANLEY
Colonial Secretary.

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The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

(INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1851.)

REGISTERED 1902.

Stanley

AGENTS FOR LLOYDS.

TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY" VIA RADIO.

3rd December 1942.

19

S/19/39.

sir,

Red 79

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 1st instant on the subject of inward cargoes per s.s. "Fitzroy".

2. There are one or two points in your letter which are not quite clear to me, but no doubt they can be clarified as a result of a few moments' discussion.

3. On the general question, however, you may accept this Company's assurance that the priority asked for will be given provided that we have a reciprocal assurance that the naval or military authorities are not empowered to override the Colonial Government in this respect.

I am,

sir,

Your obedient servant,

[Signature]
for Manager.

The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

8/19/39.

4th. December 42.

Confidential

Sir,

In confirmation of my discussion with Mr. Creamer of this morning, it is understood that you will consult with the Competent Authority regarding available shipping space before each voyage. In the event of there appearing to be insufficient space for both civilian and military or naval supplies awaiting shipment in South America, the Government will, after consultation with those concerned, notify you as what cargo should be held over. As far as cargo to be transhipped at Montevideo from overseas is concerned, Messrs. Maclean & Stapledon should advise you by telegram as soon as it arrives in order to enable as complete an assessment as possible to be made here before the ship sails for Montevideo. Cargo offering subsequently up to the date of sailing from Montevideo should be shipped subject to the proviso contained in the last sentence of paragraph one of my letter of the 1st December. Any such telegraphic enquiry will naturally be dealt with by Government as urgently.

2. The general policy governing this matter remains as set ^{out} in my previous letter.
3. I should be glad to have your confirmation of the above.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

KB
Colonial Secretary.

The Manager,
The Falkland Islands Co. Ltd.
Stanley.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

To SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

M.P. 8/19/39.

Despatched: 14th. January 19 43. Time: ...

Received: 19 ... Time: ...

Red 38.

No. 12. SECRET. Your telegram No. 32 of 19/42 SECRET. PERIO today

Flour 5 months Coffee 6 Sugar 9 Tinned Milk $1\frac{1}{2}$ Tea 12.

Fats Vegetables Fresh Milk situation unchanged

Governor.

I.D.C.O.

(85)

SUBJECT:- Stores.

(86)

122/CR/35/1.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary,
Port Stanley.

*See redds
79, 82, 83.*

The War Office propose in future to ship all stores for the Force through Montevideo thus making it unnecessary to divert ships from the recognised routes.

The London Office of the Falkland Islands Company have informed the War Office that they consider S.S. Fitzroy capable of lifting 250 tons dead weight of military stores monthly. If this is the case then all our supplies will be able to come through Montevideo using the present shipping arrangements. The Colonial Manager is also of the opinion that he can guarantee an average shipment of 250 tons each month. Should the War Office adopt their proposal military requirements will have to have equal priority with civilian requirements.

Your remarks would be appreciated please.

Stanley.
22 Feb 43.
JB/JB.



Major,
D.A.A. & Q.M.G.,
Falkland Islands Force.

S/19/39.

2nd March,

43.

Sir,

With reference to Major Busby's 122/CR/35/1 of the 22nd February regarding shipping space on the s.s. "Fitzroy", I have to confirm my subsequent discussion with him as follows.

Red 86.

2. A major responsibility of Government is to ensure the maintenance of civilian and naval supplies and it is considered that these have now been brought to an irreducible level, at about 4,000 tons (measured) or 160,000 cu. ft. per annum. In these circumstances the Falkland Islands Company are under instructions that in no circumstances is civilian or naval cargo to be shut out at Montevideo in favour of military cargo without prior reference to Government. In such an event immediate steps are taken either to authorise the shutting out of civilian cargo or to consult with you. This system has worked very satisfactorily during the recent period of heavy shipments of constructional and other military stores. I am afraid we cannot accept any arrangement or guarantee by the Company which might in any circumstances result in a general reduction of civilian cargo space below the present level.

3. I think it probable, however, that you may be able to obtain space for 3,000 tons deadweight over twelve months without infringing on our minimum requirements provided that throughout the whole period the Falkland Islands Company have sufficient coal available in Stanley and provided that at least twelve Montevideo voyages are carried out. If, of course, the ship can do 14 voyages a year instead of 12 all risk of insufficient cargo space will be eliminated. She must do 10 island voyages, but the Manager thinks he can also do the 14 to Montevideo if the turn-round at Stanley can be speeded up with the assistance of Military labour.

4. If satisfactory arrangements can be made in regard to these matters, I suggest that the scheme be tried out without tying ourselves down on either side to guaranteed tonnages per voyage, the present policy described in paragraph 2 above being continued with ~~the~~ and the Competent Authority working in the closest co-operation.

The DRA, QMG

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

K. G. BRADLEY
Governor's Deputy.

The Officer Commanding
Falkland Islands Force,
STANLEY.

STATISTICS OF IMPORTATIONS 1937/1942 INCLUSIVE

	Local	Coal	Navy	Army	Army Timber	Total
1937	3251	1392				4643
1938	4150	248				4398
		Includes direct import from Sweden of 4 year's supply of timber, glass and nails.				
1939	3446	791				4237
1940	4448	2138	221			6807
		Includes 938 tons direct from U.K. by "Lafonia"				
1941	3004	3258	360			6622
1942	3530	1890	286	50 ex "Empire Pibroch"	587	6343

1200

1200
1200
1200

	<u>UK</u>
<u>FIC.</u>	640
London (London)	43
York	206
L. Hardy	9
West London	—
W. B. C.	40
Navy	277
London	1
W. B. C.	15
London (London)	<u>21</u>
	1234
<u>Navy</u> min 60 tons } <u>796</u> max 100 " } 15 weeks.	

<u>America etc</u>	
5716	—
2	
207	
21	
150	<u>4,000</u>
10	
75	
47	<u>3530</u>
	286
435	<u>3816</u>
55	
<u>5059</u>	
1234	
<u>6293</u>	
1815	
13) <u>4403</u>	
	229 per voyage

includes 10,000 tons return cost.

12) 3400.
283 tons per voyage

3400.
3700.

3,670 tons per
month

12) 3816 = 94
28
113
571

Shipping time
weight loss.

30000 mths.
900 tons weight.

600 tons measurement.

$$339. = 50\%.$$

$$1 \text{ Boss } = 40\%$$

$$10\% \text{ left.}$$

$$= 60 \text{ tons approx per month.}$$

If only after Royden.
coal cut by 50%.

If coal only sufficient
for 6 months. They
want to run down 70 tons.
of coal per month.

250 tons.

3,500. 170/100

I, Allan Wolsey Cardinall, Esquire,
Companion of the Most Distinguished
Order of Saint Michael and Saint George,
Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and
over the Colony of the Falkland Islands and
its Dependencies,

Request and require in the Name of
His Majesty all those whom it may concern
to allow the bearer to pass freely without
let or hindrance and to afford
every assistance and protection of which
may stand in need.

1300

1500

1500 fine - 10 months

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Headquarters,
Falkland Islands Force.

122/CR/35/1.

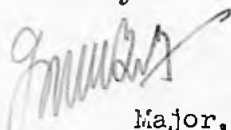
3 Mar 43.

Sir,

recd (89)

I am instructed to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. S/19/39 dated 2 Mar 43., and to thank you for your co-operation in this respect.

Yours faithfully



Major,
D.A.A. & Q.M.G.,
Falkland Islands Force.

To:-

The Hon. Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.
Falkland Islands.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

(94)

From HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

To SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

M.P. S/19/39.

Despatched : 1st. April. 19 43. Time :

Received : 19 Time :

Red 38.

No. 81.

SECRET. Your telegram No. 32 of 1942. SECRET. PERIO today

Flour $4\frac{1}{2}$ months Coffee 10 Sugar 24 Tinned Milk $2\frac{1}{2}$

Tea 14. Fats vegetables fresh milk situation unchanged.

GOVERNOR.

In and Out Code.

"PERIO" figures as at 17.4.43.
(Falklands only)

Flour.	5	months.
Coffee.	9	---
Sugar.	16	---
Tinned Milk	2	---
Tea.	13	---

W. G. G. G.



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TELEGRAM.

From HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

To SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

M.P. S/19/39.

Despatched : 29th. April 19 43. Time :

Received : 19 Time :

Red 38

No. 103. SECRET. Your telegram No. 32 of 1942. Secret. PERIO today
Flour 5 months Coffee 9 Sugar 16 Tinned Milk 2 Tea 13.
Fats, Vegetables, Fresh Milk situation unchanged.

GOVERNOR.

In and Out Code.

PERIO as at 21.5.43.

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Coffee: 10 1/2 months.
Flour: 5 ---
Milk: 8 ---
Sugar: 18 ---
Tea: 18 ---

W. Han. G. H.



No PERIO figures were prepared on the previous arrival of "Fitzroy" (25.43) as full ^{figures} ~~figures~~ were not available until a day or so before our arrival of vessel (2.5.43)

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

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From..... HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

To..... SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

Despatched : 27th. May 19 43. Time :

Received : 19 Time :

No. 119. *Red 38* SECRET. Your telegram No. 32. of 1942 Secret.

PERIO today Flour 5 months Coffee 10½ Sugar 18 Tinned
Milk 8 Tea 18. Fats, Vegetables, Fresh Milk situation
unchanged.

GOVERNOR.

In and Out Code.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

From: HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

To: SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES. M.P. S/19/39.

Despatched: 19th June 1943. Time:

Received: 19 Time:

Red 38

No. 135. SECRET. Your telegram No. 32 of 1942 Secret. Perio today.

Flour 4½ months, Coffee 10, Sugar 15½, Tinned milk 10½, Tea 18.

Fats, Vegetables, Fresh milk situation unchanged.

GOVERNOR.

In and Out Code.

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TELEGRAM.

From HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

To SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

M.P. S/19/43.

Despatched : 26th July 19 43. Time :

Received : 19 Time :

Red 38.

No. 152. SECRET. Your telegram No. 32 of 1942 Secret. PERIO today.

Flour 3½ months, Coffee 13, Sugar 16, Tinned Milk 10, Tea 17.

Fats, Vegetables, Fresh Milk, situation unchanged.

GOVERNOR.

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In and Out Code.

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TELEGRAM.

No.

From His Excellency the Governor.

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

M.P S/I9/39.

Despatched : 29th September 19 43. Time :

Received : 19 Time :

Red 38

No. 196. SECRET. Your telegram No. 32 of 1942 Secret. PERIO today
Flour 2 months, Coffee 12, Sugar 20 $\frac{1}{2}$, Tinned Milk 9, Tea 15 $\frac{1}{2}$,
Fats, Vegetables, Fresh Milk, situation unchanged.

Governor.

In and Out Code.

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TELEGRAM.

From HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

To SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

M.P. S/19/39.

Despatched: 19th October. 19 43. Time:

Received: 19..... Time:

Red 38

No. 214. SECRET. Your telegram No. 32 of 1942 Secret.

PERIO today Flour 2½ months, Coffee 12, Sugar 20, Tinned Milk 8,
Tea 15. Fats, Vegetables, Fresh Milk, situation unchanged.

GOVERNOR.

In and Out Code.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

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From His Excellency the Governor.....

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

_____ M.P. S/19/39.

Despatched: 22nd November 19 43. Time:

Received: 19 Time:

Red 38.

No. 234. SECRET. Your telegram No. 32 of 1942 Secret. Perio today.

Flour 4 months, Coffee II, Sugar 26, Tinned Milk 9, Tea I4.

Fats, Vegetables, Fresh Milk, situation unchanged.

GOVERNOR.

In and Out Code.

DECODE.

110

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor.

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched: 21st. December 19 43 Time:

Received: 19 Time:

No. 255 SECRET. Your telegram, No. 32 of 1942, Secret. Perio
today. Flour $2\frac{1}{2}$ months, Coffee 11, Sugar 31, Tinned Milk 8,
Tea 12. Fats, Vegetables, Fresh milk, situation unchanged.

GOVERNOR.

In and Out Code.

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112

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor,

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched: 27th January, 19 44. Time:

Received: 19 44 Time:

No. 27. SECRET. Your telegram, No. 32 of 1942 Secret.
Perio 9th January. Flour 3 months, Coffee 11, Sugar 37,
Tinned Milk 7, Tea 11. Fats, Vegetables, Fresh Milk,
situation unchanged.

GOVERNOR.

In and Out Code.

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TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor.

To Secretary of State.

M.P. S/19/39.

Despatched: 30th March, 19 44. Time:

Received: 19 Time:

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No. 93. SECRET. Your telegram No. 32 of 1942 Secret.

Perio 21st March. Flour 6½ months, Coffee 10½, Sugar 34½,

Tinned Milk 15, Tea 28. Fats, vegetables, fresh milk,

situation unchanged.

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TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor.

To Secretary of State.

M.PP S/19/39.

Despatched : 5th May, 1944. Time :

Received : 19 Time :

Red 115

No. 129. SECRET. My telegram No. 93 Secret. PERIO
25th April. Flour 6½ months, Coffee 11½, Sugar 33,
Tinned Milk 14, Tea 26. Others unchanged.

GOVERNOR,

IN AND OUT CODE,

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor.

To Secretary of State.

Despatched : 5th June, 19 44. Time :

Received : 19 Time :

Red 117.

No. 152. SECRET. My telegram No. 129 Secret. PERIO
27th May. Flour 6 months, Coffee 10, Sugar 33, Milk 13,
Tea 24 $\frac{1}{2}$. Others unchanged.

GOVERNOR.

IN AND OUT CODE.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor.

To Secretary of State.

M.P. S/19/39.

Despatched: 17th June, 1944. Time:

Received: 19 Time:

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No. 155. SECRET. My telegram No. 152 Secret. PERIO 12th
June. Flour 6 months, coffee 10, sugar 33, milk 12½, tea
24. Others unchanged.

GOVERNOR.

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TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor.

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

M.P. S/19/39.

Despatched: 3rd August, 1944. Time:

Received: 19 ... Time:

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No. 195. SECRET. My telegram No. 155 Secret. PERIO 14th July. Flour 5 months; coffee $8\frac{1}{2}$; milk 11; sugar 32; tea $22\frac{1}{2}$. Others unchanged.

GOVERNOR.

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TELEGRAM.

From Governor, Falkland Islands.

To Chapelries, London.

Despatched : 15th August, 19 44 Time :
 Received : 19 Time :

No. 203 SECRET. My telegram No. 195 Secret. PERIO 8th August.
 Flour 5 months; coffee 16; milk 10; sugar 32; tea 22. Others
 unchanged.

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Governor.

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TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor.

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched : 14th September, 19 44. Time :

Received : 19 ... Time :

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WITHOUT PRIORITY. No. 220. SECRET. My telegram No. 203

Secret. PERIO 4th September. Flour 4½ months; coffee 9;
milk 9; sugar 31; tea 21; Others unchanged.

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TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor.

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

M.P. S/19/39.

Despatched : 11th October, 19 44. Time :

Received : 19 ... Time :

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WITHOUT PRIORITY. No. 245. SECRET. My telegram No.
220 Secret. PERIO 30th September. Flour 5 months;
Coffee 8½; Milk 8½; Sugar 30½; Tea 20½; Others unchanged.

GOVERNOR.

DECODE.

M.P. No. S/19/39.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor.

To The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Red 129

Despatched : 21st December, 19 44 Time :

Received : 19 Time :

WITHOUT PRIORITY.

No. 308. SECRET. My Telegram No. 245. PERIO 9th December.

Flour 4 months; Coffee 6; Milk 7; Sugar 29; Tea 18. Others unchanged.

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TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor.

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched: 16th January, 19 45. Time:

Received: 19 ... Time:

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WITHOUT PRIORITY. No. 18. SECRET. My telegram No. 308.

PERIO 6th January. Flour 4 months; Coffee 7; Milk 7;
Sugar 28; Tea 17½. Others unchanged.

GOVERNOR.

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135.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor,.....

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched: 22nd March, 19 45. Time: ...

Received: 19 ... Time: ...

Red 133.

WITHOUT PRIORITY. No. 83. SECRET. My telegram No. 18.

PERIO 17th March. Flour 3 months; Coffee 4½; Milk 5½;

Sugar 26; Tea 15. Others unchanged.

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TELEGRAM.

M.P. No. S/19/39.

From His Excellency the Governor.

To The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched: 11th April, 19 45. Time:

Received: 19 Time:

Red 135

WITHOUT PRIORITY.

No. 103. SECRET. My Telegram No. 83, PERIO 31st March, 1945.

Flour 2½ months; Coffee 4; Milk 5; sugar 25½; Tea 15. Others unchanged.

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TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor.

To Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched: 4th June, 1945. Time:

Received: 19... Time:

Recd 137

WITHOUT PRIORITY.

No. 146. SECRET. My telegram No. 103. PERIO 26th May.

Flour 2½ months; Coffee 11; Sugar 2½; Milk 7½; Tea 13.

Others unchanged.

GOVERNOR.

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TELEGRAM.

M.P. S/19/39.

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From His Excellency the Governor.

To The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched: October 24th 1945 Time: ..

WITHOUT PRIORITY. Received: 19.. Time: ..

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No. 279. My telegram No. 146 Secret. Perio October 16th.

Flour 2½ months Coffee 18 months Sugar 20½ months Milk 5 months

Tea 11½ months others unchanged.

GOVERNOR.

G. T. C.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

S/19/39.

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From His Excellency the Governor.

To The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched : November 19th 19 45 *Time* : ..

WITHOUT PRIORITY *Received* : 19 .. *Time* : ..

Recd 141

No. 297. My telegram No. 279. Perio November 12th.

Flour $1\frac{1}{2}$ months; Coffee 17; Sugar $19\frac{1}{4}$; Milk $4\frac{3}{4}$; Tea $10\frac{1}{2}$ months.

Others unchanged.

GOVERNOR.

G. T. C.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

MP. No. S/19/39.

From His Excellency the Governor.

To The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatched : 14th December, 19 45 Time :

Received : 19 Time :

WITHOUT PRIORITY

Red 143 No. 306. My Telegram No. 297. PERIO. December 10th.

Flour $4\frac{1}{2}$ months Coffee $18\frac{1}{4}$ Milk $4\frac{1}{2}$ Tea 10 Sugar $17\frac{3}{4}$.

GOVERNOR.

G.T.C.

DECODE.

No. 56.

TELEGRAM.

M. P. S/19/39.

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From The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: January 4th 19 46 *Time:* 16.50.

Received: January 5th 19 46 *Time:* 09.30.

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No. 1.

Your telegram No. 306. Perio returns are no longer required.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

G. T. C



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CIRCULAR DESPATCH

THE CHURCH HOUSE
GREAT SMITH STREET
LONDON, S.W.1

13th March, 1950

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SECRET

Sir,

Food and other Import Requirements in War

I have the honour to invite you to refer to three papers issued by the Oversea Defence Committee in 1929 and 1939:-

Filed in 5/3/29 - now destroyed.

1 herein

- (1) O.D.C. 570M and 701M. Import requirements during the first year of war.
- (2) O.D.C. 697M. Colonial Food supplies in time of war.

2. The Oversea Defence Committee have considered how the subjects treated in these papers can best be dealt with in present circumstances and whether the papers should be revised. They have reached the following conclusions:-

(1) Import requirements. O.D.C. 570M and 701M are obsolete. There would be no advantage in present conditions in inviting Colonial Governments to render returns or forecasts of import requirements and it is therefore not proposed to do so at present. If circumstances make it necessary, the existing Imports Sub-Committee of the Colonial Development Committee will be able to extend its functions to deal with programmes for the import requirements of the Colonies in war conditions.

The foregoing applies to import forecasts which would be necessary for building adequate stocks. The necessity for forecasts of import requirements for the purpose of ensuring the availability of the necessary shipping tonnage is a separate question, about which it may be necessary for me to address you further.

(2) Colonial foods supplies in time of war. The material contained in O.D.C. 697M is largely obsolete, but it may assist Colonial Governments

The Officer Administering

/to

the Government of
FALKLAND ISLANDS

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to retain the paper for reference for the time being. It is not intended to replace this paper by another. All Colonial Governments have recent experience both of measures designed to increase food production locally in time of war and of the practice and procedure of food control and rationing. Colonial Governments are invited to give attention to this question in connection with the preparation of their Defence Schemes. They are advised in that process to be guided at present by the experiences gained in the recent war.

As regards food production, as it is stated in O.D.C.(49)47 "The Role of the Colonies in War" paragraph 8, that "Every effort should be made to achieve the greatest possible measure of self-sufficiency in local food supplies and other primary necessities in order to economise in shipping and other means of transport", it does not seem possible or necessary at present to give any more particular advice in relation to this general objective. Colonial Governments are already engaged in measures designed to develop the productive potential of their territories in all respects.

3. I should therefore be grateful if you would destroy O.D.C. 570M and 701M, and render the usual certificates of destruction.

4. O.D.C. 697M may be destroyed, and if so, the usual certificate of destruction should be rendered; but you are not necessarily required to destroy it for the present if you prefer to retain it for reference.

5. In this connection, it should also be noted that the Oversea Defence Committee is engaged in the preparation of a paper on the "Period before re-provisioning" which will be sent to all Colonial Governments as soon as it is ready.

6. Finally, I should be grateful if any problems relating to the import programmes of the Colonies in war which cannot be solved either by the Colonial Governments themselves or by reference to Regional Defence Organisations, should be referred to me for the consideration of the Oversea Defence Committee.

7. This Circular despatch is addressed to the Governors of all Colonies, etc., the Commissioner General for the United Kingdom in South East Asia, the Chairman, East Africa High Commissioner,

/the

the Chief Secretaries, West and Central African Council; with a copy to the Head of British Middle East Office, Cairo.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

JAMES GRIFFITHS.

Ref: 9/19/59.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

3rd June, 1959.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 6. SECRET.

COLONY.

Sir,

With reference to your Secret circular despatch of the 15th of March, 1959, I have the honour, in the absence of the Governor on tour, to inform you that all copies of C.D.C. 570M, 701M and 698M have this day been destroyed by fire in accordance with your instructions.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

(Sgd.) Michael R. Raymer

OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

JAMES GRIFFITHS, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

DMK.