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19 42.

No.

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Secretary of State.

SUBJECT.

19 42.

23rd January.

ANTI-GAS PRECAUTIONS.

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TELEGRAM.

No. 329.

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

To

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Despatched : 23rd January, 19 42. *Time* : 20.35.

Received : 24th January, 19 42. *Time* : 10.30.

Circular No. 14. Secret. In connection with a general review of anti gas precautions in the Colonies please telegraph up to date information under the following heads.

1. What is the existing policy as to provision for respirators, protective clothing and de-contamination equipment for general civil population and for special categories of civilians.

2. What is the actual number of servicable respirators now on hand and what quantity of other equipment is available ? As regards respirators returns should show how many have been issued and how many are in stock.

3. What other respirators and other equipment are on order and from what source? In the case of orders from this country sizes and types should be indicated.

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Oil Requirements

GAS MASKS.

Large	Medium	Small	Under 1 Yr	Years				
				1	2	3	4	5
5	18	2	1	1	2	1	1	1
6	20	1	2	1	1	1	1	1
5	24	2	2	1	1	2	2	
3	5	4	1	1	1	1	2	
5	19	5	1	1	2	1	1	
2	12	1	1	1		1	1	
2	4	1	1	1		1	1	
4	5	2	2			1	1	
2	12	1	1			1		
7	22	3				1		
2	9	1				2		
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From HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

To SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

Despatched : 1st February, 19 42. Time :

Received : 19 Time :
Recd 1.

No. 20. Secret. With reference to your telegram 14 secret anti gas precautions existing policy has been nil owing to fact that the only conglomeration of houses is Stanley which itself is an undefended place of scattered cottages together with the fact that strong winds are constant.

Since Japan entered the war the position was reviewed and defence committee considered no reason to change this attitude.

Answer to questions in all three paragraphs is therefore nil but to strengthen morale gasmasks if available would be useful addition. Could you act for us in the matter if you consider necessary? Military requirements have been forwarded at the request of the Officer Commanding Troops and as all school children have been evacuated there is only the civilian population to consider.

The figures show 95 large, 390 medium, 30 small, 20 for under one year, 54 between 1 and 5 years, total 589. Type unknown here but this would be at discretion of Crown Agents should you decide to order.

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TELEGRAM.

No. 291. From SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

To HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Despatched: 21st February, 19 42. *Time:* 1610.

Received: 22nd February, 19 42. *Time:* 1030.

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No. 30. Secret. With reference to your telegram No. 20 have any other Civil Defence measures been undertaken e.g. Air Raid Wardens and Fire Fighting Services, provision of shelters, lighting restrictions, protection of landing parties buildings? If so please telegraph brief report. If not do you consider they should be undertaken?

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From HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

To SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

Despatched: 22nd February, 19 42. Time:

Received: 19
Recd 3. Time:

No. 33. Secret. With reference to your telegram No. 30 secret air raid wardens appointed, fire fighters recruited, ambulance and first aid women prepared, deep shelters impossible but peat sheds provide splinter and machine gun protection, sand containers set up at convenient points, total black-out in force. In addition alternative water supply in working order and on the moors emergency shelters made of peat in case town destroyed. Against landing parties coming from inland day and night patrols by mounted men carried out and arrangements being perfected for S.A. ammunition dumps so that if Stanley untenable commandos can carry on from the mountains as in Boer War.

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No. 36.

From SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

To HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Despatched : 26th February, 19 42. Time : 1730.

Received : 27th February, 19 42. Time : 1030.

Recd.

No. 36. Secret. With reference to your telegram No. 33 I have noted with much satisfaction comprehensive arrangements for Civil Defence and plans for continuing resistance if the enemy should effect a landing. As regards your telegram No. 20 need for anti-gas precautions is being considered and if it is thought respirators should be provided for the Falkland Islands I will inform you

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TELEGRAM.

No. 142. From SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.
To HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Despatched : 12th March, 19 42. Time : 1940.

Received : 13th March, 19 42. Time : 1030.

No. 41. Secret. With reference to my telegram No. 36 provision of respirators for civilian population not repeat not considered necessary.

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SECRETARY OF STATE.