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Y/E

South Georgia Commemorative Issue

On January the 14th 1775 Captain Cook aboard Resolution sighted South Georgia and on, I believe, January the 16th the British flag was hoisted in what is now known as Possession Bay. Albeit time is relatively very short I would suggest this occasion could be the subject of a commemorative issue 1975 preferably to commence on the date Captain Cook made possession.

Assuming a two or three stamp issue suggested motifs could be

- (A) a depiction of the Resolution
- (B) head and shoulder of Captain Cook
- (C) the contemporary drawing of Possession Bay at the time of Captain Cook's visit.

I realise (A) and (B) are near the British Antarctic Territory Explorer Issue motif. On (C) there is a drawing of the Possession party somewhere amongst my books and I am still looking for it. (A), (B), and (C) are however only preliminary suggestions.

Perhaps you would care to see page 41 of this file.

17.6.74.

E.C.J. Clapp

E.C.J. Clapp,
Officer-in-Charge,
British Antarctic Survey, Stanley.

Mr Clapp

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1. I agree that this event would be a most suitable subject for a commemorative series of stamps. The only trouble being that we have worked out the explorer theme in the B.A.T.
2. Would you please put up a draft telegram to Crown suggesting that 14 January 1975, being 200 years after Captain Cook sighted South Georgia and took possession, would be a most suitable date for the issue of a commemorative series, mentioning the point about the explorer series being worked out, but even so we feel this date should be commemorated and see what their reactions are.

E.G.L.
E G Lewis
17 June 1974

Y/E

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Draft signal.

18/6

Fm Stanley Office
To London H.Q.

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Grateful you pass following to Crown Agents stamp department.

It is suggested that 14th January 1975 being 200 years after Captain Cook sighted South Georgia and took possession (15th) would be a most suitable occasion for a commemorative issue.

There is however a danger that such an issue could compare too closely with the halfpenny stamp in the present BAT Explorer Issue. What are your reactions to this suggestion and do you have any views on the latter point.

18.6.74.

E.C.J. Clapp

E.C.J. Clapp,
Officer-in-Charge,
B.A.S., Stanley.

C.S.

The Stamp Committee thought the BAT Seals issue attractive and have no comments.

The Committee thought that the Whales issue should be held in reserve at this stage.

The Gondwanaland issue is considered by the Committee suitable for a Definitive issue and recommend accordingly.

In connexion with the next BAT Definitive it is wise to keep in mind the last paragraph of your letter to the Crown Agents dated 18th December 1973 which stated that a BAT Definitive was not warranted in 1977.

The Colony Definitive is expected to be released in 1976 (late 1976 or perhaps even 1977). This is to replace our "Flower" issue released in 1968 which was decimalised in 1971. If we can have it released in late 1976 the Colony Definitive will have run for 8 years. Its predecessor the "Bird" issue ran from 1960 to 1968 - 8 years also.

The Br. Antarctic Territory with no resident population and no internal postal service released its current "Explorers" Definitive in February 1973.

After the Colony Definitive should come the S. Georgia Definitive as the stamps are decimal overprints, and after the S. Georgia Definitive should come the BAT Definitive.

One of the aims of the Stamp Issues Coordinating Committee is to avoid the clashing of issues so I cannot see how BAT can justify a Definitive for some years yet.

P.S.

The Wool Industry stamp issue is more or less complete now and Mike Peake has produced another design 18a 2p stamp with sheep in the foreground and rider behind the sheep. The previous design had the sheep in the background and I considered that when reduced to stamp size the sheep would be too small to be effective.

The Stamp Design Committee members are happy about this issue now and if you have no comments then they can go off to the Crown Agents.

S.S. B.S. 3/6/75

DGS

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His Excellency the Governor has asked that a reply go off to CA in the mail of 2 June saying that he has no comments, the whales issue also looks splendid but he would like this held in reserve at this stage. Please also tell them that further thought is being given to the Definitive Issue for BAT.

Please send this file up to HE on 3 June.

26 May 1975

26.
SS

✓ [Signature] 4/6

P.T.O.

1140

minutes and
correspondence are
mixed in great
confusion [Signature] 4/6

CS

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STAMP ISSUING POLICY

1. I find this BAS file on "Postal Policy" bewildering. Minutes and correspondence with Crown Agents, BAS HQ and Port Stanley are all mixed in confusion. Lying loose in the file is a letter from Crown Agents dated 17 October to Mr Lewis, and also loose are two proofs which I take to be the 10p and 12½p designs for the Gongwandaland issue.
2. I should be grateful if this file could be tidied up by someone competent to do so.
3. Would you please see again the DCS's minute to you of 21 May which is now ~~on the reverse of folio 114.~~
at 4.
4. I find the DCS's argument against a new BAT definitive issue until about 1980 to be cogent. I am reinforced in this conclusion by what, in my opinion, are the hideous first designs for the Gongwandaland issue. These can only be of interest to specialists, and I suggest that, without undue flippancy, on the 10p draft the dinosaur might well be replaced by King Kong with Fay Wray in his grasp.
5. Mr Morrison's letter of 28 May to the Crown Agents at f.135 seems fine. Please ensure that I am kept in the picture fully about the seals issue and that I am consulted about the eventual release of the whales issue.
6. After the file has been tidied up a draft could usefully be submitted to Crown Agents explaining why we think a new BAT definitive issue should be postponed until, say, 1980.



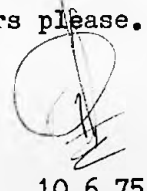
N A I French

5 June '75

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DCS

I have broken down the BAT Postal Policy file as directed. Would you have a quick look through and see if there are any papers which you think should be on 'the other file' before I put a tag through the papers please.



10.6.75

PK

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This is all right now.

28/6/75

Letter at center may come?

3/17

LS

" yes seen & fine but please
add a P.S. to the effect
that this letter has been seen
and approved by the
High Commissioner

Adeline
2/7

5.

CS

Ref (34) B.A.T. franks are not held by
the Post Office. It means a long wait
but there is nothing we can do. I
acknowledged (34). 11/7

Y.E.

Understood - Thank you. 16/7

You enquired on 34 whether we held B.A.T. Franks in Stanley.
The answer is that they are not and I understand the reason is
that this would be an infringement of the proprieties of franking
stamps and as a consequence B.A.T. stamps would be de-valued if
they were franked.

U.S.

15.7.75

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C.S.

Ref (37) I cannot see where the Penguins issue fits into the BAT stamp programme.

Mr Clapp's letter of 4th December 1974 at fo.18 mentions Penguins in reply to the Crown Agents letter of 30th August 1974 fo. (11). The authority to go ahead and prepare designs is at X/ of (18)?

At the end of Mr Clapp's letter he shows the issues for the years up to 1979 but I cannot see Penguins mentioned.

We have agreed on Seals for 1975 and designs have been prepared and the CA stamp bureau is sending these to Mr Bonner to vet.

I suggest we put on the agenda for the next Stamp Committee meeting. This could be a starter for BAT 1976.

DM 21/7

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DC9 / for p. 1. Mamwhite pl. ask 37
Sent

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Ack of 37 sent. DM 25/7

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BU 3/8/75

DCS / Have seen.

O.H.H. 5/8/75

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CS
(39) If the Seals Treaty is not ratified then presumably we can go for the Penguins issue? I think we spoke in broad terms of a conservation policy series for the three stamp issuing territories as was this something I mentioned
Please see (41) please
DM 8/8/75

DCS

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" "
Did we not agree the programme is
S.C.C.? Is someone
checking the Penguin?
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CS.

13
Mr Strange has commented
on Macaroni.

2. The Stamp Committee thought
the background needs checking. Mr
Strange says the Gentoo inhabits
northern Antarctica.

14
Rm 18/8/75

CS

(43) with (39). The Stamp Committee's
decision is at (40).

2. If the Seals Treaty has been
ratified the BAT 1976 issue can
be Seals; if the treaty is not
ratified then Penguins could be
the subject. We returned the Penguin
designs at (42) which would cross with

(43)

Rm 15/9/75

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DCS.

Mrs seems to have been
PAID in error. + CS. has not seen?

CHP

16/10/75

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Pl see my 14 which presumably you did not see as the file was put away, although this was not indicated on the front.

2. We should send a telegram although you have reservations about Penguins?

20th 17/10

17

D.C.S.

Your 16. Yes please, send a telegram. I should much prefer the seals - penguins have been very much overdone. The telegram should, however, incorporate a contingency element so that if the seals or whales element is not possible, we may have to fall back on the penguins issue.

Presumably this is the 1976 commemorative issue, although I am afraid I cannot recall what it is commemorating.

The important element is, of course, the schedule of visits from U.K. to B.A.T. I imagine there is very little time left and we may have to wait until a year hence. Was this your intention?

I think the confusion you refer to in 14 arose because the penguin designs came up for consideration with the designs for the 1976 Colony commemorative.

C.S.

21.10.75

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C1

WHALES ISSUE FOR BAT

Pl see 25 (30) (31) and (42).

He has seen but pl see para 5 of minute 1.

The priorities are Seals, Whales, Penguins. The issue is to be for 1976 and Crown is aiming for this season.

20th 29/10

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25 Many thanks. When will we know if it's been
settled or whether. And when will they arrive?

B 4/6

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Awaiting a reply to (45)

Bu 28/11

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C.I.

I think the policy of destroying on
the Bases should continue otherwise
the P.M. is going to have to check
them, bring them on charge, and
then have them destroyed by a Board.

2 I recommend that we maintain
the present system.

22

after 2/6

F.S.

21 Are you satisfied pt. with
distribution at the Bases against a certificate?

5th
17/6.

23

N.S.

I think the B.C.T. Stamps should be
returned to the Postmaster in Study and destroyed
by a Board appointed by you

At

29/6/6.

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DCS

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Pl. instruct PM as in PS's minute.

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B30/6

CS

(53) does not say if these stamps have been vetted as suggested in our (42). Mr Strange saw them in their early stage and should see again?

The designs are called "finished designs" so we are not expected to comment.

23/7

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Mr. I. Strange should see.

This file shd be referred to the NAT Repertoire Issue.

Separate file shd pl. be opened for each Commemorative Issue.

When done pl. p/o to HE/HC.

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B26/7

L.S

I

have not seen

this

file

for over a

year!

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2/8

Sent to Mr Strange

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Om.

Pl take the necessary action

27/6

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CS

returning covers

(35) I do not think that any action is required on Mr Clapps helpful tel other than to agree to but by air post and not air freight.

2 The Agreement referred to is that at (31) in PT/2/20 Colony Insilee file, although I cannot see where we agreed to air post the items back. We have done this before and I see no objection this time.

26/18/4

~~reply at 31/4~~

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209

R should now have a tel for filing R
the lines of your 28.

25/11

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Registry

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C.S.

(38) If there is merit in the suggestion we could put it before the Stamp Committee for their views?

26.5.77.

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Copy (41) to Mr Inxton
for noting for the next
stamp meeting.

~~Mr~~ 11/10 copied

33

BU 2/10/78 to
confirm BAT
programme

PM

33

To see (70) pl
How about values?


~~Mr~~ 24.10.80

34

D.C.S.,

According to our version of the BAT programme Gondwanaland is scheduled for 1983/84!

Suggested values 3p, 10p, 13p, 15p, 25p & 26p. 10p 13p & 26p subject to confirmation by Exco should come into operation on 15th April. Other values would be different if the issue is later than about next August/September at which time I expect to see local postage rates increased. We need to know when it is now proposed to issue these stamps and in the light of this hold the printing until postage rates are decided?


PM 30.10.80.

35.

PM

Pl see (72) Gondwanaland is scheduled for 5.2.82. Do you wish me to go back to Crown Agents about the 3p. Does it matter all that much for BAT where the

local rate is seldom used.

Pl draft a reply if you wish
to hold off on this one.

DCM 17/12/80

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Ag. C.S.,

We will not know the new local postage rates until the end of June, 1981.
If they can hold the printing until then all very well. I suggest you let
Penry know the situation i.e. inland postage rates, which apply to the
BAT, likely to be changed before these stamps issued but will not be
known until the end of June '81.

Please now see 1 in

BAT/3/19

6.1.81

DCM

pm
18.12.80

37.

YE

YE may wish to see Mr Hayball's (73)
ICW. BAT issues.

DCM 16/1/81

AgCS DCM
23/1/81

38

Thank you. BU, 6/2 for me to read.

Pl 22/1

YE

39

Pl see (73) with YE's 38 (file has
been in use which explains the
delay in submitting it)

DCM
23.2.81

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Reg. C. B/u in one week JBS. 29/15
(Note (79) - (82) for next Stars Committee).

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Reg. B/u one week more pl.

JBS 6/5

42.

DCS. You will wish to see F (79) - (82). This has already been mentioned briefly to the Stars Committee but I think we should have an agenda item for the next meeting to discuss the whole question of the three territories participating in the C.A. 150th Anniversary issue.

JBS 19/5

43.

516 86.
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STAMP CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held at Government House on Tuesday the 7th May, 1974.

Present: His Excellency the Governor
Deputy Chief Secretary
Officer-in-Charge, B.A.S.
Postmaster

The Colony Commemorative Programme is as follows and the Deputy Chief Secretary opened the meeting by outlining the current position regarding these issues:

U.P.U.	July/August, 1974.
River Plate	November, 1974.
Churchill	November, 1974.
Coinage	Early 1975.

BAT and South Georgia are to participate in the Churchill Issue. O.I.C. BAS advised he had heard nothing from his Head Office regarding the issue and agreed to telegraph London to make sure that the project had not "gone to ground".

Future Issues. The Postmaster advised that work was still progressing with regard to collecting suitable material for the Wool Industry Issue. It was thought that the 1974/75 Financial Year was well catered for with regard to Commemoratives and that the Wool Industry Issue would be a good starter for the 1975/76 Financial Year. Other possible commemoratives discussed were:

- (a) Opening of the Air Field
- (b) Kelp
- (c) An Easter Issue
- (d) Historical Issue (Port Locks, Saunders, Keppel etc)

D.C.S. advised that the spade work had been done on the Air Field Issue and that nothing more could be done until we had further information on the actual project. H.E. advised he would 'follow up' a previous letter on the subject of a Kelp Issue and undertook to do some research on the Historical theme. With reference to the proposed New Definitive Colony Issue the Postmaster felt that an issue depicting ships that had been connected with the carriage of Colony Mails would be more appropriate than a general ship series. The Crown Agents had experienced difficulty in obtaining photographs of the suggested ships. Both D.C.S. and Postmaster had discussed the problem with Mr. John Smith who had offered to prepare sketches of the vessels concerned. H.E. wished to do further research on this matter and called for the relative file.

It was agreed that the following subject were possibly suitable for South Georgia Commemoratives:

RRS "Discovery" - Centenary

Harbours of Historical Interest in South Georgia

O.I.C. BAS thought than an Ice Crystal Issue would be more appropriate to B.A.T. than to South Georgia.

STAMP CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting held at the Secretariat on Monday the 11th November, 1974.

Present: Chief Secretary
Financial Secretary
Deputy Chief Secretary
Officer-in-Charge, B.A.S.
Postmaster

The progress report relating to the forthcoming stamp programme was discussed and the following comments made:

COLONY Coinage Issue. It was noted that Crown Agents had not yet finalized designs for this issue. It was also noted that the actual coin values do not represent postage rates. The Postmaster suggested that all 5 coins could possibly be portrayed on each of the 3 or 4 stamps comprising the set, the stamps could then be related to actual postage rates. It was agreed to refer this suggestion to the Crown Agents. The Financial Secretary suggested the release date could possibly coincide with the release of the Gold Coins. Financial Secretary also asked that all correspondence relating to the Coinage Issue be copied to Mr. Combden.

Wool Industry Issue. Postmaster reported that suitable material was not to hand and suggested that perhaps Mr. Hadden of Goose Green could be commissioned to obtain the necessary photographs on behalf of Government. It was agreed to follow this suggestion but to firstly clear the matter with the Camp Manager - Mr. Hardcastle.

Definitive Issue (Ships). The drawings, to date completed by Mr. John Smith, were viewed and all present were of the opinion that they could form the basis of an attractive issue. It was however thought that at least one drawing should be forwarded to the Crown Agents for their comments as to whether they consider the drawings suitable for reproduction into stamps. Postmaster is to contact Mr. Smith on this matter.

SOUTH GEORGIA Churchill Centenary Issue. Postmaster reported that neither the stamps or the First Day Covers for this issue had been received. OIC BAS agreed that if necessary the stamps could be affixed to First Day Covers either en-route to, or at South Georgia, by the B.A.T. Philatelic Officer - Mr. Peter Biggs.

B.A.T. Churchill Centenary Issue. OIC BAS advised the meeting that because of adverse ice conditions the "John Biscoe" had been unable to visit Argentine Islands. The Official First Day would therefore be at Signy Island, possibly on the original release date of 30th November.

A general discussion followed on the Stamp Issuing Policy as detailed in the Crown Agents letter dated 17th October, 1974. The proposed higher maximums for new stamp releases were noted, but it was thought that 4 new issues per year for the Colony and 2 each for South Georgia and B.A.T. would be 'the exception rather than the rule.' The proposed programme was studied at some length and the following points raised for submission to the Crown Agents:

SOUTH GEORGIA It was thought the following would be more appropriate to B.A.T. (a) Ice Crystals (See minutes of meeting held on 7th May, 1974) (b) Seals - in connection with Ratification of Seals Conservation Treaty (See minutes of meeting of 29th November, 1973).

COLONY

Heraldic Arms Unless there was some specific purpose (apart from the 50th Anniversary) for a Heraldic Arms Issue, i.e., popular present day theme etc., it was thought that a Historical Issue, depicting settlements at Port Louis, Keppel Island etc. would perhaps be more popular.

Conservation. It was agreed that an issue depicting nature reserves of the Colony would be both popular and appropriate.

10th Anniversary of Telephone Link. There was a lengthy discussion on this subject with nothing definite being resolved. The Deputy Chief Secretary thought perhaps a general telecommunications issue may be more appropriate, the Postmaster however favoured an issue commemorating some specific anniversary. In this context the following dates were noted: 1890 - First Telephone service. 1917 - Opening of Fox Bay Radio Station. 1929 - Introduction of Rediffusion Service (Falkland Islands was first Colony to operate such a service).

B.A.T.

It was thought that 1977 was too soon for a new Definitive Issue - the "Explorer" Issue was only released in 1972.

Silver Jubilee. It was noted that HRH Prince Phillip did in fact visit B.A.T. during 1956.

Any other business The Deputy Chief Secretary mentioned the possibility of a stamp issue depicting methods of mail transportation, past and present, in the Colony. Postmaster suggested that such an issue would be ideally suited to the centenary (1979) of the Colony's admission to the Universal Postal Union.

OIC B.A.S. advised that when he departs from Stanley next year the Antarctic Territory interests will be vested in the Chief Secretary.

BA 2/87.

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16th May,

74.

The Director,
British Antarctic Survey,
30, Gillingham Street,
LONDON S.W.1.

Dear Dr. Laws,

I attach the minutes of a recent stamp committee meeting under the normal routine. The minutes are incorrect in that with regard to the Churchill Issue it implies London Office rather amiss. What I advised was that I had heard nothing from the Crown Agents on issue nor had the Territory received any proofs or original art designs whilst South Georgia and the Falkland Islands had received theirs. I stated I would make a query through London H.Q.

The minutes are also incorrect in that, towards the close of the meeting, I indicated that the only current affairs issue that could crop up to the B.A.T. in the near future was the ratification of the Seal Conservation Treaty. I also reminded the other members of the committee regarding the Flora and Fauna of South Georgia correspondence that went on between us.

I shall of course bring these omissions up at the next meeting before the minutes are accepted.

I have not heard any further about the Seal Conservation Treaty, whether it has been ratified or not, you will remember my last query was a signal in connection with B.A.T. Gazetting and informing the bases. There has been no Territorial correspondence about this and I wonder if you could give me an up to date appreciation as to the final outcome. I am a little concerned that statutory instrument No 1755 of 1973 has not been Gazetted in the Territory Gazette nor has the date of coming into operation been advised. I realise this is more a Territorial than Survey subject but any low key information you could give would be most useful.

Yours sincerely,

E.C.J.Clapp,
Officer-in-Charge,
British Antarctic Survey,
STANLEY.

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21 MAY 1974

FALKLAND ISLANDS

L/1438/74 R
FROM LONDON HQ
TO STANLEY
BAT/1000/VII/1B
ESTIMATES.
IJP/AH

1223Z

21/5/74

X/0304/74

WILL CATER FOR THIS POST IN FUTURE

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BAT/1001/D/1

13th June 1974

17 JUN 1974

Dear Ted,

Thank you for your letter of 16th May enclosing the minutes of the Stamp Co-ordinating Committee and commenting on them. The Convention for the Conservation of Antarctic Seals has so far been ratified by only two countries; the U.K. expects to ratify in August. However the Convention does not enter into force until seven countries have ratified. I will inform you when the necessary ratifications have been received. I am not familiar with Statutory Instrument no. 1755 of 1973.

Bill will bring this letter with him and can tell you of recent developments. I hope all goes well with you and all the BAS group in Stanley.

Yours sincerely,

R.M. Laws,

R.M. LAWS

Mr E.C.J. Clapp
Officer-in-Charge
British Antarctic Survey
Port Stanley
Falkland Islands

Bu. 1. Len
File returns Rom
G.H.

BRITISH ANTARCTIC SURVEY
FALKLAND ISLANDS
SENT

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Number STANLEY OFFICE Date 19.6.74. Time 1330Z
FM LONDON H.Q.
To A
INFO

X/0393/74 GRATEFUL YOU PASS FOLLOWING TO CROWN AGENTS STAMP DEPARTMENT.

IT IS SUGGESTED THAT 14TH JANUARY 1975 BEING 200 YEARS AFTER CAPTAIN COOK SIGHTED SOUTH GEORGIA AND TOOK POSSESSION (15TH) WOULD BE A MOST SUITABLE OCCASION FOR A COMMEMORATIVE ISSUE.

THERE IS HOWEVER A DANGER THAT SUCH AN ISSUE COULD COMPARE TOO CLOSELY WITH THE HALFPENNY STAMP IN THE PRESENT BAT EXPLORER ISSUE. WHAT ARE YOUR REACTIONS TO THIS SUGGESTION AND DO YOU HAVE ANY VIEWS ON THE LATTER POINT

ECJC/-.

Date 19.6.74 Time 1850Z
FM STANLEY OFFICE
To SIGNY ISLAND ARGENTINE ISLANDS ADELAIDE ISLAND HALLEY BAY
INFO B

BAT/2/92B FOR DEPUTY POSTMASTERS. DID YOU RECEIVE THIS RELIEF A CIRCULAR DATE FRANK MARKED SOLELY " FIRST DAY OF ISSUE".

DO ANY OF YOU STILL HOLD THE INCORRECT FRANK ISSUED TWO YEARS AGO ON WHICH THE WORD ANTARCTIC WAS SPELT INCORRECTLY , IF SO PLEASE RETURN TO STANLEY FIRST OPPORTUNITY.

ECJC/-.

NR 38

FROM SIGNY R 0245Z 20/6/74

TO STANLEY.

H/370/74

BAT/2/92B:

1) HAVE NOT RECEIVED A CIRCULAR DATE FRANK MARKED "FIRST DAY OF ISSUE".
2) HAVE TWO OF THE INCORRECTLY SPELT FRANKS. WILL RETURN THEM TO STANLEY FIRST OPPORTUNITY.

ENDS

BACK K.

R 231600Z JUN 74

FROM HALLEY BAY
TO STANLEY OFFICE

Z/259/74. BAT/2/92B. NEGATIVE ON BOTH COUNTS.

ENDS

JONES BRIAN +

20 JUN 1974
FALKLAND ISLANDS

24 JUN 74
FALKLAND ISLANDS

NR37 R 192300Z JUN 74 =

ARGENTINE IS
TO STANLEY OFFICE =

F/303/74 =
RE YR BAT/2/92B.

'FIRST DAY OF ISSUE' FRANK NOT RECEIVED THIS RELIEF. UNDERSTAND
INCORRECT FRANK ALREADY RETURNED TO STANLEY.

SCOTT-ALEX =+

NR T57 ROUTINE 26/06/74 1930Z

FROM ADELAIDE

TO STANLEY OFFICE

T/386/74. REF YOUR BAT/2/92B OF 18/06/74.

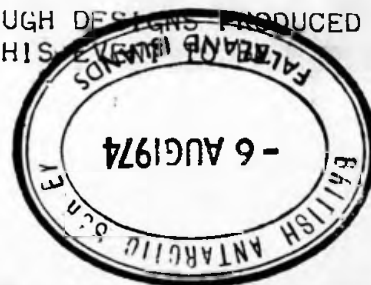
NEGATIVE IN BOTH CASES. THE MISPELT FRANKCS RETURNED TO STANLEY
AT 1972/73 RELIEF.

ROBERTS +

L/2071/74 R 1014Z 6/8/74

FROM LONDON HQ
TO STANLEY

BAT/100/C/IX/4 X/393/74 CROWN HAVING ROUGH DESIGNS PRODUCED
AND CONCUR WITH YOUR SENTIMENTS IN WANTING THIS
COMMEMORATED.
IJP/AH



Number R Date 6.8.74. Time 1530Z

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To LONDON H.Q.
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CIRCULAR FIRST DAY OF ISSUE FRANK AS WE DISCUSSED. IS THERE ANY CHANCE FOR
THIS SEASON PLEASE.

ECJC/-.

Y/E

E.C.J. 6/8/74 ✓ 94
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Please see F91 and F93C of this file.

6.8.74.

E.C.J. Clapp
E.C.J. Clapp,
Officer-in-Charge,
British Antarctic Survey, Stanley.

L/2104/74 PRIORITY 1554Z 8/8/74

FROM LONDON HQ

TO STANLEY

BAT/1001/C/IX/5 X/393/74 CAPTAIN COOKS COMMEMORATIVE ISSUE
HAS THIS BEEN CLEARED WITH FCO PLEASE
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FM STANLEY OFFICE

To LONDON H.Q.

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X/0556/74 L/2104/BAT/1001/C/IX/5 DO NOT THINK SO. NOT OUR PIGEON, WE ONLY ACTED
AS SPEEDY COMMUNICATIONS LINK FIRST QUERY. MESSAGE PASSED TO DEPENDENCIES GOVERNMENT.

ECJC/-.

BRITISH ANTARCTIC SURVEY
FALKLAND ISLANDS
SENT

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Date 1.10.74

Time 1415Z

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To LONDON HQ

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X/ 0676 /74. GRATEFUL YOU PASS THE FOLLOWING TO MR. M. VAUGHN, CROWN AGENTS
H DIVISION: "YOUR LETTER H1/1918 RECEIVED. WILL BE ANSWERED IN LENGTH SOONEST."
SIGNED: E.C.J. CLAPP."

ECJC/-

Time

H1/1918



H Division
ST. NICHOLAS HOUSE
ST. NICHOLAS ROAD
SUTTON, SURREY
SM1 1EL

30 August 1974

Dear Mr Clapp

BAT STAMP PROGRAMME

In March 1975 we put forward via BAS London Office a number of suggestions for future stamp issues with a view to getting designs completed sufficiently far in advance to avoid the last minute rushes and the difficulty in finding printing capacity which we have experienced recently and which we are continuing to experience in the case of the forthcoming "Churchill" issue.

In case you did not receive a copy of the original list of subjects, I have drawn up the following amended list:-

1. The Silver Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in 1977.
2. Whales of the Rorquals species. The Blue Whale, Fin Whale, Hump-backed Whale, Sei Whale, suitably depicted would be an interesting issue. This could be linked with Conservation and, consequently, with other animal issues.
3. Seals, of which I believe there are six species in the vicinity of the Antarctic territory, eg Leopard Seal, Ross Seal, Crabeater Seal etc.
4. Birds which visit the British Antarctic territory, eg Wandering Albatross, Wilsons Petrel, Diving Petrel, Sheathbill, Great Skua, McCormick Skua.
5. Fish, such as the Antarctic Cod, the Antarctic Dragon Fish, the Ice Fish, and the Plunder Fish.
6. Penguins, which might include the following, Emperor Penguin, King Penguin, Chinstrap Penguin, Gentoo Penguin, Rockhopper Penguin.
7. Mammals, eg Reindeer, Brown Rat etc.
8. Plankton specimens which, when magnified, would make an unusual is

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E C J Clapp Esq

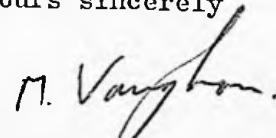
9. Flora, eg Deschampsia Antarctica, Colobarthus Crassifolus.
 10. Molluscs, which might include Adamassium Colbecki, Limopsis Marionensis, Thracia Mendionalis, Trophon Langstaffi, Yoldia Eightis, Neobuccinum Eatoni, Cuspidaria Tenella, Laternula Elliptica, Cyclocordia Astartoides.
 11. Fossils, which were found on Antarctica might provide the basis for an issue depicting continents with a specimen fossil from each, the sixth continent being Godwanaland which was partly comprised of Antarctica. These continents would be as they were in the time of the fossil.
 12. Places of geographic interest which might include scenes like the Ice Caves on Ross Island or maps of Antarctica through the ages, which might include the Piri Reis maps.
- NB The Piri Reis maps were maps of the Antarctic land mass, i.e. without the embellishment of ice, which belonged to a 15th century Turkish admiral (Piri Reis), i.e. before the exact seismological mapping of the Antarctic land mass this century.
13. Places of geological interest.
 14. The volcano on Deception Island might provide the basis for an issue depicting the volcano or minerals such as sulphur crystals, pumice etc.

I believe that current policy for your territory is one issue per year with a face value of about 40p.

If possible we should like to start work immediately on producing designs for an issue to be released in 1975 and in this connection I should point out that we normally require about one year's notice of the intended release date so that artwork etc may be drawn up and approved in good time via the formal channels. Longer notice is in fact preferable in the case of BAT because of the shipping difficulties peculiar to that region as we are anxious that you should avoid as far as possible the additional expense of air freight.

I look forward to receiving your comments on the above in the near future and if I can provide any further information I shall be pleased to do so.

Yours sincerely



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CROWN AGENTS

FOR OVERSEA GOVERNMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIONS

H Division
ST. NICHOLAS HOUSE

SUTTON

SURREY

Our ref H1/1945

Your ref

(16)
Date

17 October 1974

BRITISH ANTARCTIC TERRITORY

Dear Mr Lewis

STAMP ISSUING POLICY

Recently we here at Crown Agents in conjunction with the Foreign & Commonwealth Office have been looking at the stamp programmes for the Falkland Islands, South Georgia, and British Antarctic Territory, particularly thinking of the various factors which link them together, and have become convinced that the programmes of these three stamp issuing authorities should really be considered as a whole.

... I am therefore writing to you as Governor of both the Falkland Islands and of the Falkland Islands Dependencies, and also as High Commissioner for the British Antarctic Territory, seeking to pull together a coherent plan for the three territories for the next three years. I have set out in detail unified proposals for each territory, on separate sheets. These carry further and refine our previous proposals as contained in our letter to the Chief Secretary of the Falkland Islands on 19 August, ref H1/1618; our letter to Mr Clapp on the BAT stamp programme dated 13 August, ref H1/1918; and our detailed discussions with Mr D R Morrison about South Georgia when he visited us in Sutton on 2 August. May I please stress that all the proposals which I have set out have been agreed in principle with the F&CO.

In addition, there are a number of points which emerged during our programme discussions with the F&CO:

1. We understand that the F&CO political policy is to separate South Georgia and BAT as much as possible in the eyes of the world from the Falkland Islands, and therefore, with rare exceptions such as the forthcoming 'Silver Jubilee' in 1977, their stamp subjects in any one year should not be the same.

/However

cc: F&CO.

To: E G Lewis Esq

Date 17 October 1974

However, the subjects naturally available from the environment are similar in all three areas and often overlap, and careful work is therefore desirable to avoid using a subject for, say, Falkland Islands which may obviate its depiction for South Georgia or BAT, bearing in mind the political policy.

2. The F&CO now hold the view that the former official limit of two issues a year for the Falklands could be increased to four. Similarly, the normal maximum for South Georgia and BAT could be raised to two per year.

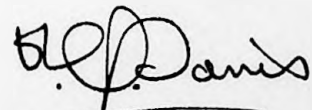
As your philatelic advisers, we agree wholeheartedly on the new limit for the Falklands and South Georgia, but feel that, in view of the limited postal use in BAT and the possibly more limited subject material that we have available, the practical maximum will be one per year for BAT.

3. There are considerable transportation difficulties for South Georgia which mean that if we are to have two issues per year the issue dates will have to be timed to fit in with the vessels of the BAS visits at the beginning and end of the Antarctic summer.

The other alternative is to have the stamp issue for the beginning of a summer available in South Georgia before the onset of the previous winter. This would have the advantage that First Day Cover work can be completed without haste during the winter, but would also imply that our programme plans must be pushed much further ahead than they are at present.

You will see from the attached programme sheets that there are a number of decisions which need to be taken in the very near future and I would be most grateful if you could let us have your comments on these, together with your general reaction, as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,



H Q Davies
Controller of Security Printing

(15) (13)

BRITISH ANTARCTIC TERRITORY

PROPOSED STAMP PROGRAMME

SUMMARY

1975 Gondwanaland
1976 Birds
1977 Silver Jubilee
New Definitive - B.A.S. Research

NOTES

1975 Gondwanaland

Now that the concept of 'Continental Drift' has become an accepted scientific theory, it seems appropriate that Gondwanaland, the sixth Continent, should be commemorated by a stamp. It is timely also since a series of six maps showing the development of Gondwanaland has just been published by B.A.S. Our suggestion would be that four of the maps be shown on separate stamps if that is possible with perhaps representations of typical animals that lived in the area at the time of the map.

The issue date would be November/December 1975, and your approval in principle is required in the near future if the issue is not to be unduly rushed.

1976 Birds

Issue date November/December 1976.

Subjects could include Wandering Albatross, Wilsons Petrel, Diving Petrel, Sheathbill, Great Skua, McCormick Skua.

/ 1977 Silver Jubilee

1977

Silver Jubilee

We are sure you will wish to join with the other countries in the Commonwealth in marking the 25th Anniversary of the accession of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II to the throne by an issue of stamps.

In general our proposal is that such an issue should consist of two stamps. The first will show Her Majesty's Coronation - a different scene for each territory - and it was thought that the second might show the Queen or a close member of the Royal Family during a visit to the issuing territory. Here, however, we have difficulty in that our records have produced no evidence of any such visit to B.A.T., but a suitable alternative might be a recent portrait of Her Majesty within a border design directly relating to B.A.T.

We shall be giving further thought to the matter and, in order that we may start on detailed researches and planning, should be grateful if you would give your outline approval within the next month or so.

New Definitive - B.A.S. Research Activities

Due for release in 1977 — 79

We suggest that the range of B.A.S. research activities could amply fill a definitive set. We suggest a fairly abstract approach and would be happy to commission some design studies for your consideration should you approve of the idea.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

PROPOSED STAMP PROGRAMME

SUMMARY

1975 Coinage
 Wool Industry
 50th Anniversary of Heraldic Arms

1976 New Definitive - Ships
 Conservation
 Airport Opening?

1977 Airport Opening?
 Silver Jubilee
 10th Anniversary Telephone Link

NOTES

1975 Coinage
 Already approved.
 We are still awaiting the designs from the
 Royal Mint and understand you wish this issue
 to coincide with the new coinage issue date.

" Wool Industry
 Already approved.
 We understand that reference material has been
 compiled but await its arrival. In the meantime
 we have arranged for one of our panel of artists
 to produce speculative designs.

" 50th Anniversary of Heraldic Arms

 There have been three arms granted since 1925
 when the first was given, and we feel that this
 theme could be developed into a most attractive
 and popular three-stamp issue. We would like
 your outline approval please.

1976 New Definitive - Ships
 Approved.
 We are waiting for the rough artwork from your
 local artist. Perhaps you could give us some
 idea of when this will be available. In addition
 to your source in the Falklands, we have now
 contacted another gentleman in this country who
 also has source material and whom we could use
 to check the authenticity of the issue. We may
 be able to supplement your designs if there is
 a lack of suitable subjects.

/1976 Conservation

1976

Conservation

There are two approaches to this theme we suggest. One is to depict the interaction of animals and plants inhabiting the same ecological niche. An example is the competition between sheep and the Upland Geese who feed on the same pasture. We would need to research other examples if this approach appeals to you.

The other option is to feature the nature reserves on the Falklands. } ✓

1976/7

Airport Opening

Approved in outline.

The date of opening (scheduled for April 1976) seems doubtful and could we have been told slip into 1977. } ✓

Your stamp advisory committee is considering whether the top value should feature Her Majesty The Queen. This seems less likely, in view of the Silver Jubilee issue; but in any event we are collaborating with the airport contractor and hope to be able to produce suggested designs in due course.

/1977 Silver Jubilee

1977

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We are sure that you will wish to join with the other countries in the Commonwealth in marking the 25th Anniversary of the Accession of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II to the throne by an issue of stamps.

In preparing outline plans for an overall treatment of this we feel that the traditional uniform omnibus approach with one design should be modified on this occasion. Our proposal is that each country should have two stamps. The first will show Her Majesty's Coronation - a different scene for each territory. The second will show the Queen or a close member of the Royal Family during a visit to the issuing country.

This is, of course, the first reign where the Monarch has travelled so extensively and it seems fitting that this unique characteristic of Her Majesty's 25 year reign should be so depicted. We propose that there should not be a common design of border from country to country. Instead, the surrounds to the central pictures should show, as far as possible, the national character of the country. So the unity within the Commonwealth will be symbolised by the Queen herself both in the Coronation scene and in her visit and, at the same time, the diversity and uniqueness of all the participating countries indicated.

There are, of course, ample photographic sources of material from the Coronation available in this country and in order that all the major features of the occasion are covered we will have to make the initial selection. However, perhaps you have more comprehensive material for Prince Philip's visit in 1956. If so we would be glad to hear from you.

In order that plans may be finalised in good time, we would like to have your outline approval within the next month or so.

1977

10th Anniversary of Telephone Link

At this stage we would like to have your approval in principle so that design ideas can be developed.

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SOUTH GEORGIA

PROPOSED STAMP PROGRAMME

SUMMARY

- 1975 Cook Bicentenary
50th Anniversary of Initiation of
Discovery Investigation.
- 1976 New Definitive - Ice Crystals/
Plants —
- 1977 Seals/Plants *in 1977*
Silver Jubilee.

NOTES

1974-75 Cook Bicentenary

This issue is at final artwork stage and will be the only one in the 1974-75 season.

1975-76 50th Anniversary of Discovery Investigation

December 1925 saw the initiation of the Discovery Investigation which has continued uninterrupted since then. The possible ways of approaching the subject are many and we strongly advise that this should be the first issue in the 1975-76 summer. There is ample source material in this country.

New Definitive

This is of course now very overdue but we feel that the first opportunity for its issue will be at the end of the 1975-76 summer in March or April 1976. Even for that, the timetable is rather tight.

If there is sufficient variety we recommend that the subject should be Ice crystals in all their diverse forms and refracted colourings. This should make a unique and very worthwhile definitive. Perhaps you would let us have your outline approval or otherwise as soon as possible.

In case this subject does not prove suitable - and we are checking with Dr Roberts of the Scott Polar Research Laboratories that there are sufficient colourful and distinctive variations - the other suggested subject is Plants. The current Falkland Is definitive depicting the same general subject will be obsolete then and we are confident that the artistic approach adopted can make the issue distinct from the Falkland's one and as successful. There are certainly plenty of attractive species to be featured.

SOUTH GEORGIA...cont'd....

1976-77

Seals or Plants.

We suggest the spring issue in November/December 1976 should be either Plants (if this subject is not utilised for the definitive) or seals. There are four seals indigenous to South Georgia which would make a fine issue. Perhaps you could include your reaction to this suggestion with your decision on the definitive subject.

/1977 Silver Jubilee

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Silver Jubilee

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Y/E

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Apart from informing Mr. Vaughn that his letter has been received and will be answered in length later, I have deliberately delayed bring up to you until now.

Of the subjects listed, only 1. and 3. could be allied to a commemoration (No. 3 to be allied to the Conservation of Antarctic Seals Legislation, when it is finally ratified). No. 7. would I think only apply to South Georgia because apart from whales, seals and dogs, the Territory is rather short of mammals.

At the moment we have no definite plans for a commemoration in 1975 but I would hope that once the Antarctic Seal Convention is ratified by the qualifying seven countries, we could issue a set glorifying this.

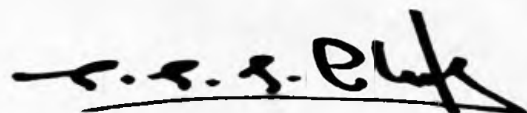
May I suggest that, as all of Mr. Vaughn's subjects put forward are of interest and directly connected with any type of Antarctic issue, the Territory asks the Survey to produce drawings of items 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 8. 9. 10. 11., and possibly through Miss Anne Todd and the Bases, photographs under item 12.

Perhaps we could speak to Dr. Adie regarding items 13. and 14. when he visits here in November.

Thus we could gather all the material on hand and choose the best for forwarding to Crown Agents as and when the time arises.

The policy of designing ahead is, I would suggest, a good one and perhaps we could, if only as a "sop", advise Mr. Vaughn that we will participate in the Silver Jubilee issue of 1977.

Would you like me to discuss with you?



E.C.J. Clapp, O.I/c.,
B.A.S. Office

1/10/74

4th December,

74.

M. Vaughan, Esq.,
Crown Agents,
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Sutton.

Dear Mr. Vaughan,

I refer to your letter HL/1918 of 30th August 1974, and my message to you of 1st October 1974. My reply has been delayed until the letter of Mr. H.Q. Davies (ref: HL/1945 of 17th October 1974), had been discussed in Stamp Co-ordinating Policy Committee.

It was agreed in Committee that the Falkland Islands Chief Secretary would answer HL/1945 on behalf of all three centres, (B.A.T., F.I. and F.I.D.). My reply to your letter will cover ground already covered in his letter.

May I take your list in sequence:-

- (1) Silver Jubilee. The Territory should participate but, of course, all will depend upon the date of release. We cannot effectively participate in any release during the months May to November as none of the Territorial Post Offices are accessible to mail facilities during this period. It could be argued that as long as the stamps were delivered to the Bases before the onset of the Antarctic winter, release dates between this limiting period could be held, there are, however, one or two drawbacks to this in that
 - (A) no settlement of philatelic demands would leave the Antarctic Territory until at least January/February of the following year and
 - (B) all the overseas demands received in normal mail, unless received before the final relief ship to the Antarctic, would not be received at Antarctic Post Offices until at least the following December or January.COULD YOU PLEASE SUBMIT DESIGNS FOR THE SILVER JUBILEE.
 - (2) Whales. I personally feel this subject could be linked, as you say, with a Conservation Issue or other Animal Issues. I have reservations about a single issue based upon whales as the Territory has had no real connections with whaling since the 1920's.
 - (3) Seals. I am personally keen to see this subject issued to commemorate the Conservation of Antarctic Seals Treaty Ratification. My understanding is that the Treaty has not yet been ratified by all countries but possibly will be during 1975. Perhaps designs could go ahead and we will keep you informed on the Treaty progress, - you may, however, be in a better position to keep a continued eye on ratification progress than we are able to out here. I therefore suspect that 1975 could be a seal year. If 1975 clashed with another more pertinent commemoration, then possibly 1976 could be used as a "First Anniversary" celebration.
 - (4) Birds. My understanding is that this subject is under consideration for South Georgia.
 - (5) Fish, (6) Penguins, (8) Plankton, (9) Flora, (10) Molluscs,
 - (12) Geographical Interests, (13) Geological Interests, (14) Deception Island.
- One of the main policies of the B.A.T. has been to ally issues outside of the Definitives to commemoration subjects and dates, perhaps the policy will change. Whilst all could be extremely attractive designs, there would seem to be no "special occasion" theme apart from possibly (14). Perhaps we could think a little longer on this, in the meantime it would be of no harm for you to commission designs and this letter can be your authority to do so.

I wonder if a regular series of "Special Issues", say one every two years, covering these subjects, would be a viable proposition.

- (11) Fossils. This could tie in with recent B.A.S. publications on Godwanaland (as indicated in HL/1945, the release date would presumably have to be clear of the possible Treaty on Seals mentioned previously. It would be just a matter of deciding which comes first.
COULD YOU PLEASE SUBMIT DESIGNS.

- (7) Mammals. This would be more appropriate to South Georgia issues.

To sum up:-

1975 (December) possibly:-

Treaty on Conservation of Antarctic Seals. (See alternative 1976).
Fossils, (Continental Drift).

1976:-

First Anniversary of Treaty on Conservation of Antarctic Seals.

1977:-

Silver Jubilee.

1979:-

New Definitive, (possibly covering your (2), (3), (4), (5), (8), (9), (10), (11) Fossils).

It has been mentioned loosely at meetings and in conversations that the Territory could participate in two issues a year. Apart from the difficulties mentioned earlier in my letter, (in connection with a winter issue), the only way the Territory could participate in two issues a year are January through to March, and November through to December. In practice this is not possible as late ship arrivals etc., would cause issues on the end of one year to run over into the new year. The other practical effect is that of two issues in the same Antarctic relief season, the Antarctic Post Offices find it difficult enough to cope with one issue in the relief season let alone two.

Yours faithfully,

E.C.J. Clapp,

Sub-Accountant
British Antarctic Territory.

Copied to

Mr. Lewis.

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FAULKLAND ISLANDS

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MANY THANKS FOR SENDING DETAILS OF STAMP PROGRAMME.



18th December

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Dear Sir,

Stamp Issuing Policy

I write in reply to your very helpful letter addressed to His Excellency the Governor: your suggestions and opinions have been read with interest.

2. I note that the proposals have all been agreed in principle with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. The replies to the points raised are given below seriatim.

1. I note that the Foreign and Commonwealth office wish to separate South Georgia and British Antarctic Territory from the Falkland Islands so far as stamps are concerned. This will be somewhat restrictive but I will keep it in mind.

2. Although the Foreign and Commonwealth Office has approved a maximum of four issues a year for the Falkland Islands I doubt if we shall ever need to make use of this other than in exceptional circumstances. As regards the maximum of two issues per year for South Georgia and British Antarctic Territory it is also extremely unlikely that we shall reach this level in view of the difficulties of getting stamps to South Georgia and British Antarctic Territory.

3. Turning to the Falkland Island proposed stamp programme I have the following comments:-

1975 Coinage

Please see my recent letter no. P&T/2/17 of 13th December 1974

Wool Industry

Strange as it may seem in a wool producing country, we are having difficulties in obtaining suitable material for this and have had to commission a photographer to take photographs of various aspects of the industry such as sheep shearing. The late submission of material may well result in a delay of this issue until later in 1975 but this will not be an inconvenience; from the fiscal point of view it may well be better as it will fall within our next financial year, commencing on 1st July.

Heraldic Arms

We would appreciate further information on the subject of the Heraldic Issue particularly how this would be received and whether it is a popular theme. As an alternative we have in mind an Historical Issue which would depict the early settlements at Port Louis, Keppel Island etc. This subject could replace the Heraldic Issue or be used if the 1976 Airport Issue had to be deferred because of delays in completing the airport.

1976

Plans are in hand for a Definitive issue which will depict those ships which carried mail in and around these waters. I am writing separately on this subject.

Conservation

I think that this issue should feature the Nature Reserves of the Falklands.

Airport Opening

This is very much in our minds and preliminary thinking is that the airport may not take so long to complete as has been thought. We look forward to the receipt of designs. In view of the possibilities of a Silver Jubilee Issue it would seem appropriate to hold over featuring Her Majesty the Queen until the Silver Jubilee Issue but we would not wish to rule out the possibility of depicting Her Majesty in the Airport Issue.

1977

We should most certainly wish to participate in commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the Accession to the throne of Her Majesty the Queen. We will have a look at the material available locally and see if there is anything suitable.

10th Anniversary of Telephone Link

By itself it is thought that this is a bit weak but if it could be expanded into a telecommunications issue, it could embrace the 60th Anniversary of the opening of Fox Bay radio station (which falls in 1977) and still depict the telephone service. It might perhaps depict the old and the new telecommunications.

4. The difficulties of getting stamps and covers in and out of South Georgia during the short summer season has proved a problem for years and for this and other reasons it is considered that there should be no more than one commemorative issue a year. The present Churchill Issue is a case in point as this has had to be postponed from 30th November until some time in January 1975 because the stamps and covers failed to arrive in time to connect the first shipping opportunity.

New Definitive Issue

It was agreed some time ago that the Definitive issues of the three stamp-issuing territories should be kept apart i.e. if the Colony's definitive issue is released in 1976 then South Georgia should not have a definitive issue in the same year. There appears to be every reason to continue with this policy and the South Georgia definitive should be deferred one year. The subject of Ice Crystals would be more appropriate to the British Antarctic Territory and so would the

subject of Seals in connection with the Ratification of Seals Conservation Treaty. This means that the South Georgia stamp programme will be:-

1975	Cook Bicentenary
1976	50th Anniversary of Initiation of Discovery Investigations. A subject to be decided.
1977	New Definitive Silver Jubilee

5. British Antarctic Territory

The programme as set out in your letter is in order except that, as British Antarctic Territory only recently issued a new definitive, a change of definitive is not warranted in 1977 and should be deferred.

Yours faithfully,



A.J.P. Hunt
CHIEF SECRETARY

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British Antarctic Survey

Post Master

2nd July,

75.

Crown Agents,
H Division,
St. Nicholas House,
Botton,
Surrey.

Dear Sir,

British Antarctic Territories - Definitive Stamp Issue

Thank you for your letter of the 2nd May, reference/HI/BAT 4/34940 and 4/34944, addressed to the High Commissioner, British Antarctic Territory.

2. While appreciating the need to plan for a new B.A.T. definitive issue at an early stage, it should not be overlooked that the three stamp-issuing territories of this area have an agreed policy so that the releases of issues do not clash with consequent harm to their revenues.

3. The B.A.T. definitive has been on issue since February 1973, and there is no justification for a new definitive until after the South Georgia one. Ideally we should arrange for the next B.A.T. definitive to be issued about 1980. We shall keep in mind the proposal for Goudswaaland as the subject.

4. The Falkland Islands definitive was released late in 1968 and we hope to have the material for the new one in your hands very shortly.

5. We still have need for a South Georgia definitive where 1965 d decimal over-prints are still in use.

6. Thank you for your continued efforts in producing ideas and material on behalf of the stamp issuing territories of this area.

Yours faithfully,

A.J.P. Monk
CHIEF SECRETARY

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PS. Approved by HC.

✓ [Signature]

**CROWN AGENTS
STAMP BUREAU**

ST. NICHOLAS HOUSE, SUTTON, SURREY, SMI 1EL

TELEPHONE 01-643 3311 EXT 355

TELEX No. 267103

CABLES "CROWN SUTTON"

OUR REFERENCE H3/B AT 06084

The High Commissioner
British Antarctic Territory
Falkland Islands
SOUTH ATLANTIC



20 June 1975 (cancelled)

Dear Sir

BRITISH ANTARCTIC TERRITORY
DEFINITIVE ISSUE

One of our main dealers has requested us to obtain a supply of 'cancelled to order' stamps of your definitive issue.

2 To meet this order the following stamps are enclosed:-

25 sets (original printing)

140 x 1/2p (reprint Reqn 07553/1)

3 It will be greatly appreciated if you will arrange to cancel these stamps with fine cancellations and return them to us as soon as possible.

4 In order to avoid any possible delay at Customs in U K please send the stamps to:-

Crown Agents Stamp Bureau
c/o O6 Department
Crown Agents
4 Millbank
LONDON SW1

5 Our VAT number - VAT879993 should also be quoted on the outside of the parcel and on any invoice.

Yours faithfully

D B PAGE
Stock Executive

SU/PM/20

CD. 295 B.&C. Ltd. 12/74

7th July,

75.


Stock Executive.
Crown Agents
Stamp Bureau,
St. Nicholas House,
Sutton,
Surrey, SM1 1EL.

Dear Sir,

I acknowledge your letter H3/BAT 06084 of 20 June to the High Commissioner, B.A.T. enclosing stamps for cancelling to order.

2. As there will be no opportunity to send these stamps to a British Antarctic Survey Base for cancellation until late November I regret that it may ~~not~~ be possible to return them to you until early in 1976.

Yours faithfully,


(D R Morrison)
for CHIEF SECRETARY

BAT/2/1

11 July 1975

Chief Secretary

Postmaster

BRITISH ANTARCTIC TERRITORY
DEFINITIVE ISSUE

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I enclose 2 copies of a letter from the
Crown Agents Stamp Bureau.

enclosed Will you please arrange to have the
~~necessary~~ stamps sent to one of the Bases for
cancellation and dispatch.

DM

D R Morrison
for Chief Secretary

Enc

Received 25 July BAT. Stamp
140 x 1/2 p

A. H. P. Shee

✓ *AS*
16/7

Extract taken from a Meeting of the Stamp Co-ordinating Committee held on 10th October 1975

B.A.T. New
Definitive Issue

BAT1

It was agreed that the new definitive issue for B.A.T. should not be released until 1979 or 1980. The subject of 'Gondwanaland' was not considered suitable.

STAMPS

Printed by QUESSTA COLOUR SECURITY PRINTERS LIMITED

Denominations $\frac{1}{2}$, 1 , $1\frac{1}{2}$, 2 , $2\frac{1}{2}$,

3p, 4p, 6p, $7\frac{1}{2}$ p, 10p, 15p, 25p,

50p.....£1..

Process LITHOGRAPHY.

Territory.....B. A. T.

Details of Issue DEFINITIVE.

Requisition 0/06780/1...

Size of stamp 1.1" x 1.75"

Set 50 (2 x 25)

RATES AT 1ST JANUARY 1976.

[illegible]

Telegrams Crown Sutton
Telephone 01-643 3311
Telex 267103

CROWN AGENTS
FOR OVERSEA GOVERNMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIONS
H Division
ST. NICHOLAS HOUSE
SUTTON
SURREY SM1 1EL

Our ref H1/1618

Your ref

Date 30 March 1976

8 APR 1976

The Chief Secretary
Stanley
FALKLAND ISLANDS
South Atlantic

FALKLAND ISLANDS

TGAP file

Dear Sir

... We enclose herewith for your records copies of the reprint price schedules for the Falkland Islands Old Age Pension stamps and British Antarctic Territory definitive postage stamps. These are the previous figures updated in accordance with the Terms of the Crown Agents Price Variation Clause (Security Printing), and as such have been approved on your behalf.

Yours faithfully

M. Vaughan

M Vaughan
for the Crown Agents

This is OAP

GTS/RC

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file*

Typed.

MEMORANDUM

Reference

BAT/21

It is requested that this number and date should be quoted.

Date 1st June, 1976

From Postmaster

To Chief Secretary

Subject:- Destruction of British Antarctic Territory Stamps

In the past, when it was necessary to destroy stocks of B.A.T. stamps, Oic B.A.S. appointed a destruction board from Base Personnel and the stamps were destroyed on the Bases. Is ~~this~~ this to be the policy of the new administration please? The following "Churchill" stamps are still held in the territory:

Halley Bay - £49.05

Signy Is - £76.85

[Signature]
Postmaster



DS
M. advise. Should they not be returned to PM?
S 2/6.

BAT/2/1

7 July 1976

Chief Secretary

Postmaster

DESTRUCTION OF BAT STAMPS

Please refer to your memo of 1st June.

BAT stamps should in future be returned to you and be destroyed by a Board in due course.

for D. R. Morrison
CHIEF SECRETARY

Br 7/2/1
(3)
(2)

EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE STAMP COMMITTEE HELD AT THE SEC-
RETARIAT ON FRIDAY, THE 2nd JULY 1976.

BRITISH ANTARCTIC TERRITORY STAMP PROGRAMME

Whale Issue	1976/77
Seals Issue	Tentative Proposal
Silver Jubilee Issue	1977
New Definitive Issue	1979/80

*Penguins
see (5)*

C O P Y



INWARD TELEGRAM FROM BRITISH ANTARCTIC SURVEY

FM CAMBRIDGE HQ

TO STANLEY OFFICE telno C/2650/76 of 5.11.76

BAT. For High Commissioner and Chief Secretary fm Clapp.

Have gleaned the following from Crown Agents on stamps and FDC's.

1. Discovery - South Georgia
 - a. Stamps sent air parcel
 - b. FDC's on Bransfield. 45000 of which 3000 are for local disposal and 1500 for cancellation and return to Crown Agent Stamp Bureau (CASB).
2. Silver Jubilee - South Georgia
 - a. Stamps. 6000 of each denomination for local use via Bransfield.
 - b. FDC's on Bransfield. 74800 of which 50000 are for Uncover USA, 3000 local use, 20,000 Stanley Gibbons, 1800 CASB.
3. Whales - BAT
 - a. Stamps 6000 of each denomination for local use via Bransfield
 - b. FDC's on Bransfield. 19500 of which 10,000 are for Uncover USA, 3500 Western Group, 1000 Stanley Gibbons, 3000 local use, 2000 CASB.
4. Silver Jubilee - BAT
 - a. Stamps. 6000 of each denomination for local use via Bransfield.
 - b. FDC's on Bransfield. 73500 of which 50000 are for Uncover USA, 3000 local use, 2000 Stanley Gibbons, 18500 CASB.

I must state that I suspect the figures quoted above and will be surprised if they do tally exactly to what Postmaster receives. Just general impression.

? For High Commissioner. Crown Agents tell me FIG here agreed to waive cancellation fees and to airfreight from Stanley at FIG expense those covers for Unilever, Stanley Gibbons and Western Group. If this is indeed so I submit BAT follow suit.

Grateful this signal copied to Biggs.

Uncover?

C O P Y

PC 1
11/11/76. M.

P&T/2/30

11 November 1976

Postmaster.

I attach a photocopy of a tel ³³ received from
BAS Cambridge about B.A.T. stamps.

2. Please let me have your comments urgently.

for c. s.

Encls.

m.

P&T/2/30

35A

11 November 1976

Postmaster.

I attach a photocopy of a tel received from
BAS Cambridge about B.A.T. stamps.

2. Please let me have your comments urgently.

for Maia
C. S.

Encls.

m.

(35)

MEMORANDUM

Reference P&T/2/30

requested that this
number and date should be
quoted.

Date 16th November, 1976

From Postmaster

To Chief Secretary



Subject:- 35B Stamps - Telegram from BAT Cambridge

X Stamps and First Day Covers are more or less what we expected and will all go south on the "Bransfield" for servicing at the following Bases:

South Georgia

Discovery Issue - 21st December, 1976

Jubilee Issue - 7th February, 1977

Halley Bay

Whales Issue - 4th January, 1977

Signy Island -

Jubilee Issue - 7th February, 1977 X

The final paragraph is all new to me. To my knowledge we have never levied a cancellation fee so the question of waiving the fee does not arise. Air freight will involve considerable additional expenditure. I would prefer to see the covers posted by Air Parcel Post.

Postmaster

PAT/2/30

(36)

cc.: PAT/2/20
PAT/2/22/
PAT/2/29
PAT/2/28

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TSL

VIA BAS LINK, TO CAMBRIDGE HQ
FROM CHIEFSEC

(33)

Your tel 35 No C/2650/76:

Grateful for the helpful information.

A. Stamps and PDCs are more or less what we expected and will all go South on Bransfield for servicing at the following Bases:-

1. South Georgia:

a) Discovery issue - 21 December 76
b) Jubilee Issue 7 February 77

2. Bailey Bay:

a) Whales Issue 4 January 77

3. Signy Island:

a) Jubilee Issue 7 February 77

B. FIG agrees to return covers by air post not repeat not air freight.

C. As regards waiving cancellation fees, to my knowledge we have never levied cancellation fee so a waiver does not arise.

CHIEFSEC

22 November 1976.

m.

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EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF STAMP CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING 1st OCTOBER 1976

257/2/30

1.5.0 British Antarctic Territory

P&T/2/32 1.5.1 1976 - Whales Issue (possibly not issued until 1977)

P&T/2/29 1.5.2 1977 - Silver Jubilee

P&T/2/31 1.5.3 1978 - Penguins; Coronation
BAT/2/8

BAT/2/9 1.5.4 1979/80 - New Definitive

BRITISH ANTARCTIC TERRITORY

1976/77

Whale Issue

x

Seals issue - tentative proposal penguins issue

x

1977

Silver Jubilee Issue

x

1978

Penguin Issue

x

Coronation Issue

x

1979/80

New Definitive Issue

x

ps 7/2/30

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CROSS REFERENCE

all
FOLIOS _____ REGARDING Commander Byrd
Issue

HAS BEEN TRANSFERED TO FILE BAT/2/10 Commander
Byrd Issue FOLIOS 1,2,3+4

§ 15/11/77



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Crown Agents for Oversea Governments and Administrations

ST NICHOLAS HOUSE SUTTON SURREY SM1 1EL
TELEPHONE 01-643 3311 TELEX 267103 TELEGRAMS CROWN SUTTON

PH1/BAT 1918



14 July 1978

copied to PH. 2/1/Am

Dear Mr. M. M. M. M.

BRITISH ANTARCTIC TERRITORY - STAMP ISSUING PROGRAMME

We have been researching various themes for your stamp issues over the next few years and have now received approval in principle from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office to the programme outlined below:-

1979/80

SEALS - (Conservation) The artwork is already to hand, having been originally intended for release upon the ratification of the Seals Treaty. However, as this took place earlier this year, the artwork could be used for an issue to commemorate the Anniversary of the Treaty. Alternatively it could simply be released as a "Seals" issue.

150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

We have been in touch with the Society over this issue and so far, are considering a set of 3 stamps featuring Medallists of the Society of different eras e.g. the early explorers, the heroic age (of Scott and Shackleton etc) and the 1950's. In the case of the 1950's expeditionaries it is not possible to feature living people with the Royal Cypher or Portrait, however these are only ideas at the moment and Dr Heap of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office is also giving this issue some thought.

1980/81

GONDWANALAND - 1 set of rough designs have already been submitted to you but were not acceptable. As this theme is not now to be used for the New Definitive, we are considering subjects for a 4 or 6 value set, probably featuring fossils flora and fauna, molluscs and gastropods. One stamp could also feature a dinosaur, which may well add to the set's philatelic popularity. Once again these are only ideas at the moment and we are in consultation with the British Antarctic Survey for design ideas.

/NEW

NEW DEFINITIVE - We have previously considered Fish and we could also investigate the extent of the birdlife, but should be glad to learn whether you may have a particular theme in mind.

1981/82

20TH ANNIVERSARY OF ANTARCTIC TREATY - Although the date of the Treaty was 1959, it was ratified in 1961 and in fact a 10th Anniversary set was issued in 1971. Therefore this set should be issued in 1981, either at the end of 1980/81 season, or at the start of the 1981/82 season. The British Antarctic Survey are being most helpful with ideas for this issue, but possibly you have something in mind too. So far the theme most favoured is that of scientific experiments, depicted either symbolically or as carried out under field conditions. Also the international rescue service could be featured.

Other possible issues are being considered, although we are anxious to ascertain the availability of reference material before definitely proposing them as part of a programme. We had considered Ice Crystals, but the British Antarctic Survey advise that in fact only snow flakes should be depicted. But this could make a most unusual and attractive issue featuring the different symmetries and types of growth. We have the address of a source of reference material, and can pursue this possibility further with your agreement.

Antarctic paintings would also make a most attractive issue and some suggestions include the paintings of Bruce Pearson, covering a wide range of subjects - scenic and wild life, those of David Smith, and Dr Laws, the Director of the British Antarctic Survey has also produced some work which could be included. Dr E A Wilson has unfortunately to be discounted, since many of his scenic paintings show specific areas outside the British Antarctic Territory.

The above are still largely under consideration, and are open to amendment regarding themes and date, where the latter is not critical. I hope that you will find the proposals acceptable in the main, but I should like to have any comments or suggestions you may wish to make.

Yours Sincerely.
MN Aglen

Mr J Massingham



**CROWN AGENTS
STAMP BUREAU**

ST. NICHOLAS HOUSE,

SUTTON, SURREY, SM1 1EL

TELEPHONE 01-643 3311

OUR REFERENCE PH3/

PH2/1001/VOL I

TELEX No. 267103

CABLES "CROWN SUTTON"
13 July 1978

High Commissioner
British Antarctic Territory
Stanley
FALKLAND ISLANDS



P.A.

Dear Sir

We are planning to send a display of our Principals stamps to "PRAGA '78", an international stamp exhibition to be held in Prague, 8th - 17th September this year.

2 However, before the organisers will accept any exhibit they require you to confirm that we are your agents and authorised to mount a display on your behalf.

3 In view of the time factor will you please write to the following address, with a copy to Crown Agents Stamp Bureau, indicating that you wish us to display your stamps:

Dr F Svoro
Chairman of the Organising Committee
PAGA 1978
PO Box 1097
110 00 Prague
CZECHOSLOVAKIA

4 We take this opportunity to enclose information on our latest exhibition activity on your behalf.

Yours faithfully

PHILIP BROMLEY
Exhibitions Manager

Reply sent on Colony Stamp file

27/2/30

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MEMORANDUM



Date 9th August, 1978

R. 8/H

- copied to 10/2/34

It is requested that this number and date should be quoted.

From Postmaster

Chief Secretary Thank you 22/8/78

NS
P. Speak
11/8/78

Subject:- B. A. T. - Stamp Programme

1. Letter dated 14th July from Crown Agents refers.
2. The whole question of British Antarctic Territory stamps is rather "gimmicky" and it is debatable whether a territory with no resident population should have postage stamps at all. Be that as it may, our Stamp Committee has agreed in principle that one commemorative issue per year is quite sufficient for British Antarctic Territory and South Georgia.
3. The current suggestions by Crown Agents are only enlargements of what was agreed at the last meeting of our Stamp Committee - item 14 of the Meeting of 24th July.
4. The Royal Geographical Society is, or has been very much involved with Antarctic Exploration and I think the 150th Anniversary of the Society worthy of inclusion in our programme.
5. I am not sure we want to commemorate the Antarctic Treaty every ten years but on the other hand it does have specific connections with British Antarctic Territory.
6. Seals and Gondwanaland are undated subjects and may be fitted into the programme at random.
7. I would not recommend a commemorative issue in the same year as a new definitive release. Personally I think the "Explorers" are good for a few more years.
8. Taking these latest proposals into account may I suggest a BAT Stamp Programme as follows:

1978/79 Penguins
1979/80 Gondwanaland
1980 Royal Geographical Society
1981 Antarctic Treaty
1982 New Definitive
1983 Seals

Postmaster

Too late to
raise queries
now. Shall we
stop common
words of Clay
also

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CHIEFSEC
PORTSTANLEY

PLEASE ADVISE WORDING ON ANY NORMAL CANCELLATION FOR BAT
CROWN SUTTON

COL LTF BAT



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DD M EDCDAMS

*Copy to Pm pl for action
Copied to P.H. 22/8*

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WIRELESS
CABLE & WIRELESS
KEEPS YOU IN TOUCH

PH1/BAT 1918

22nd August

78

Mr. M. Vaughan,
Crown Agents Stamp Bureau,
St. Nicholas House,
Sutton,
Surrey, SM1 1EL.

Dear Mike,

BRITISH ANTARCTIC TERRITORY - STAMP ISSUING PROGRAMME

Thank you very much for your letter of 14th July giving us your thoughts on how the BAT stamp programme should be framed over the next three or four years. I think I should make it clear at the outside that we can not contemplate two ordinary issues a year for BAT because of the short season for getting stamps and covers into the bases; ice conditions often necessitate changes in ships itineraries and a whole host of other problems make life intolerable for Stanley Post Office and, of course, base commanders who have a lot of work to do with stamps as well as their other scientific work.

We think that the Royal Geographic Society should be commemorated and should make a worthwhile set. We have some reservations about commemorating the 10th anniversary of the Antarctic Treaty; on the other hand it is relevant to BAT.

We are not keen on having a commemorative during the year that we issue a new BAT definitive, and I hope you will bear this in mind. Not that we think that there is anything wrong with the "Explorers" issue which is good for a few more years.

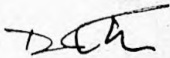
Seals and Gondwanaland are not related to any specific year and may be fitted into the programme as and when it is convenient.

With all these suggestions it looks as if the BAT Programme could be as follows -

✓	1978	Penguins
No	1979	Gondwanaland
Yes 79/	1980	Royal Geographical Society
Yes	1981	Antarctic Treaty
1983	1982	New Definitive
?	1983	Seals.

We have not as yet any firm ideas on the theme for the new definitive for BAT and have asked your colleague Brian Hawthorne on 28th July to sound out BAS to see if they have any ideas. We have also asked His Excellency the Governor, who will be in London next month, to see if he can, in the course of conversation, with Dr. Laws, suggest any suitable subjects.

Yours faithfully,


CHIEF SECRETARY

us

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LTF
CHIEFSEC
PORTSTANLEY

PLEASE ADVISE WORDING ON ANY NORMAL CANCELLATION FOR BAT
CROWN SUTTON

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RUBBER

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ADDRESS

LTP CROWN SUTTON

BAT A/C

No. 235

YRTEL 22ND PLEASE ADVISE REASON FOR WISHING TO KNOW NOTHING ON NORMAL CANCELLATIONS.
ARE YOU INTENDING TO ISSUE NEW POSTAL FRANKS AND IF SO GRATEFUL ON WHOSE AUTHORITY

CHIEFSEC

c.c. POSTMASTER

File PL



I REQUEST THAT THE ABOVE TELEGRAM BE FORWARDED SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS PRINTED ON THE BACK OF THIS FORM BY WHICH I AGREE TO BE BOUND.

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MEMBER OF THE CABLE AND WIRELESS WORLDWIDE COMMUNICATIONS GROUP

P.T.O.

PAT/2/30

(52)

13th December

78

Mr. M. Vaughan,
Crown Agents Stamp Bureau,
St. Nicholas House,
Sutton,
Surrey, SM1 1EL.

Dear Mike,

B.A.T. - Stamp Programme

I (44) wrote to you on 22nd August (48) giving our views on your letter of 14th July and am wondering if you are in a position to let me have your comments on our proposals for the British Antarctic Territory Stamp Programme up to 1983.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]
for CHIEF SECRETARY

us

PH1/BAT 4/34944

17th January

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Mr. M. Vaughan,
Contracts Manager,
Crown Agents Stamp Bureau,
St. Nicholas House,
Sutton,
Surrey, SM1 1EL.

Dear Mike,

BAT DEFINITIVE ISSUE

(23) on BAT/2/9

Thank you for your letter of 21st December addressed to the High Commissioner, BAT.

I have been asked by the High Commissioner to get you to pass a copy of your letter to Dr. Laws of BAS, Cambridge, asking for his views on the subjects you mention.

It may be as well to point out at this stage that we could not cope with a BAT Definitive issue until after the release of the new South Georgia Definitive issue which is the subject of Brian Hawthorne's letter of 4th January on your file PH12/S. Georgia O/06777. I am not sure how long it will take to get the South Georgia new definitive ready for release, but if you could do it for the 1979/80 southern summer season, then the BAT definitive issue could be released in the 1980/81 southern summer. My letter to you of 22nd August 1978 listed the BAT new definitive for 1982; perhaps you would let me have your views on this.

Meanwhile we shall consider your proposals for a subject for the BAT Definitive issue when the Stamp Committee next meets.

Yours faithfully,

for *23*
CHIEF SECRETARY

c.c. P&T/2/30 ✓

us

PH1/2/30

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Crown Agents for Oversea Governments and Administrations

ST NICHOLAS HOUSE SUTTON SURREY SM1 1EL
TELEPHONE 01-643 3311 TELEX 267103 TELEGRAMS CROWN SUTTON

Mr D Morrison
Chief Secretary's Office
The Secretariat
Stanley

Our ref PH1/1918P

Your ref

FALKLAND ISLANDS SOUTH ATLANTIC

Date

5 January 1979

Dear Doug

BAT - STAMP PROGRAMME



Thank you for your letter of 13 December. I very much regret, however, that I cannot trace your letter of 22 August concerning the BAT stamp programme up to 1985.

This causes me considerable concern as August/September appear to have been a couple of bad months for things going astray.

I should be grateful if you would send me a copy of your letter for immediate action and perhaps you could let me know if you are awaiting replies or action on any other matters in case the problem is even more widespread than it appears.

Yours sincerely

Mike

M VAUGHAN

MV/JG

PH1/1918P

23rd January

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Mr. H. Vaughan,
Crown Agents Stamp Bureau,
St. Nicholas House,
Sutton,
Surrey, SM1 1EL.

Dear Mike,

BAT STAMP PROGRAMME

Thank you for your letter of 5th January saying that you cannot trace my letter of 22nd August about the BAT Stamp Programme up to 1983.

I attach a copy of my letter and hope that you will be able to let us have your comments.

I know that since my letter of 22nd August we have corresponded about the RGS issue and the BAT Definitive but, perhaps you would let me have your views.

Yours faithfully,


for CHIEF SECRETARY

c.c. BAT/2/9

us

1/E

The CS has mentioned
the visit of De lauros and
the discussions we had
on stamp matters.

JE may be interested in
seeing the attached notes
on the meeting.

DR

15.3.79

D.C.S.

Thank you; v. useful.
I wd like to know i.d.c.
how our progress on X.

John: 1/1/8.

RECORD OF A MEETING WITH DR LAWS, DIRECTOR OF BRITISH ANTARCTIC SURVEY

13 March 1979

PRESENT: Deputy Chief Secretary
Dr Laws
Postmaster

It was agreed that the Crown Agents be asked to direct all correspondence on BAT philatelic matters to Dr R M Laws, Director of British Antarctic Survey, and not to Mr F C J Clapp who is no longer employed by BAS. This was no reflection on Mr Clapp, who has been most helpful in the past.

2. With regard to the BAT stamp programme Dr Laws thought that the Seals issue would be better if it were not related to the 20th anniversary of the signing of the Antarctic Treaty. He thought it would be better to have some other subject featuring the scientific aspect of the British Antarctic Survey's work.

3. Dr Laws noted that the Royal Geographical Society issue would be released in 1979/80.

4. It was also noted that the Crown Agents were looking for a suitable subject for the Gondwanaland issue.

5. It was noted that the new BAT Definitive could be released in 1983/84 and that the Seals issue should be released in the 1982/83 season.

6. This would make the BAT stamp programme:

Season

1979/80	Royal Geographic Society
1980/81	Gondwanaland
1981/82	20th Anniversary of Ratification of the Antarctic Treaty
1982/83	Seals
1983/84	New Definitive

7. Dr Laws commented on the good services provided by Mr Lewis Clifton when he stood in at short notice as BAT philatelic clerk this season.

8. Dr Laws also commented favourably on the way in which philatelic mail was passed to the Bases.

9. The Postmaster said that Mr Clifton's services could not be provided next season, and it was doubtful if a suitable philatelic clerk could be obtained locally. Dr Laws said he would look into the possibilities of someone from BAS Headquarters coming south as philatelic clerk, although the cost of air fares may make this difficult unless fares or salary could be offset against philatelic revenue.

10. The difficulty of handling mail at the Bases was further discussed and the Postmaster promised to report on how efficient the automatic franking machine proved when it was used for the Opening of the Airport issue. If it proved a success, consideration could be given to having one at each base.

11. Dr Laws said that if it warranted it he could set up a small committee to deal with philatelic matters.

12. Dr Laws asked if the Crown Agents could alert BAS if it appeared that any cover projects were contemplated so that BAS would have some idea of the volume of work that could be expected.

19 March

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M Vaughan Esq
Crown Agents Stamp Bureau
St Nicholas House
Sutton Surrey SM1 1EL

BAT STAMP MATTERS

You may wish to see the attached copy of the record of a meeting held with Dr R M Laws, the Director of the British Antarctic Survey when he was in Stanley recently.

2. In particular, you may wish to note the sequence of issues for the next five years.

3. One point made by Dr Laws was ~~the~~ heavy demands made on Base personnel if faced with a tremendous number of covers. If you have sufficient notice of any cover projects being mounted, perhaps you would alert the British Antarctic Survey, Cambridge, and also the Postmaster in Stanley.

D R MORRISON

for CHIEF SECRETARY

EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE STAMP CO-ORDINATING
MEETING HELD IN THE SECRETARIAT ON 26th MAY 1980.

BAT/2/14

BAT AND FID PROGRAMMES

A letter from Miss Farrell of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office on the Colony's future stamp programme and duplication of issues was discussed. Whilst it was possible that some topics for Falklands issues were also suitable for BAT and FID it was noted that one of the aims of the Stamp Co-ordinating Committee was to avoid repetition of issues and in the absence of any knowledge of future BAT issues it proved difficult to avoid including in the Colony five-year programme an issue that might later be considered for BAT.



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D R Morrison Esq
The Secretariat
Stanley
Falkland Islands

P&T 1/5.

Your reference

Our reference HKG 205/492/1

Date 26 March 1980

Dear Mr. Morrison,

STAMP PROGRAMME 1983-85

Thank you for your letter of 18 January 1980 with which you sent your stamp programme for the next six years. It looks fine to us as far as the end of 1982 but would ask you to reserve "Shells", "Fossils" and "Seals" for possible subjects in either BAT or FID. As you know when we are drawing up one programme we have to bear in mind what we are doing in the other two territories, and avoid repetition of subjects where possible.

The subjects named have been earmarked for 1983 and 1985 and we should be glad to have your thoughts on possible alternatives.

Yours sincerely,
Nora Farrell
(N Farrell(Miss))



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Assistant Chief Secretary
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South Atlantic

Our ref PH1/BAT 4/34941 &
8/05826

Your ref P&T/2/34

Date 17 August 1979

Dear Doug,

BAT SEALS ISSUE

Although this issue is not programmed for release until the 1982/83 season, I know that you are wishing to keep tabs on progress (your letter of 29 May 1979 refers). Because of the relatively low priority of this issue and because the artist concerned has been very busy over the past couple of months, we have only just asked him to proceed with rough designs for the fifth and sixth stamps in this series. I expect the designs to be ready mid/end September and will submit them to BAS for comment before sending them on to you for approval.

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2 I have noted that an entirely separate issue is to be released to commemorate the signing of the Antarctic Treaty and have sought ^{ADVICE} ~~a price~~ regarding the design concept from the Foreign & Commonwealth Office and will submit proposals to you for that issue in due course.

Yours sincerely

M. L.

M VAUGHAN

MV/BW

EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF STAMP CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 22ND FEBRUARY 1979

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8. BAT PROGRAMME

Seals Release. It was decided that 1981 would be the appropriate date for release of this issue replacing the Antarctic Treaty. The release would then commemorate the 20th Anniversary of the Ratification of the Washington Treaty for the Conservation of Flora and Fauna. Six seals would complete the issue.

EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF STAMP CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 22ND FEBRUARY 1979

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7. NEW B.A.T. DEFINITIVE

Further action on this new definitive issue to be deferred until the Deputy Chief Secretary discussed the matter with Dr. Laws on his return from Antarctica.

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Stanley
Falkland Islands.

8th July 1980.

D.R.Morrison Esq
Deputy Chief Secretary
Secretariat
Stanley.

Pearl Parry

Stamp Designs.

It occurred to me that you may wish to consider the following as a possible design idea for a future B.A.T. issue.

Southern Stars

A number of constellations from the southern sky might be selected, eg Delphinus, Piscis australis, Cygnus, Cetus. and portrayed as the figures named "Dolphin", "Fish" etc in the style used on the old celestial globe or in more modern form as shown in present day charts.

The idea could of course be extended to cover other features of the southern sky such as Aurora, Mock Suns, and Halos.

Yours sincerely,

I. J. Strange

I.J.Strange.

28th August

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Mr. C. Penry,
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Dear Chris,

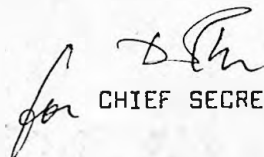
20th Anniversary of the Antarctic Treaty

Please refer to your file PH1A/BAT 8/05826 about the above issue.

The last we have on this is where we advised Dr. J. A. Heap of the Polar Regions Section of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office that we would prefer not to see four stamps featuring the late Dr. Brian Roberts.

Perhaps you can let me know how far this has got at your convenience; the Post Office here are naturally wondering what the position is.

Yours sincerely,


CHIEF SECRETARY



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Our Ref. PH1A/BAT 8/05826

Your Ref. BAT/2/14

16 September 1980



Dear Doug,

"20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ANTARCTIC TREATY" STAMP ISSUE

It appears that my letter of 29 August advising you of the latest position on the above stamp issue, has crossed with yours of the 28 August, however I enclose a copy to be on the safe side.

2 Unfortunately, there have been no developments since my earlier letter, and we are still waiting for BAS and the F&CO to firm up on their proposals.

3 I will write again as soon as I have further details.

Yours sincerely

Chris Penny
CHRIS PENRY

Mr Clifton informed
29/9

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29 August 1980

Mr D R Morrison
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SOUTH ATLANTIC

BRITISH ANTARCTIC TERRITORY 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ANTARCTIC
TREATY STAMP ISSUE

Since your letter of the 31 March we have been discussing the above stamp issue with the British Antarctic Survey and the Foreign & Commonwealth Office, We have also obtained reference material from the State Department in America, showing the actual signing of the Treaty, although this material is a little disappointing from the philatelic point of view.

We are still swapping ideas with BAS and the F & CO and we are hopeful of finalising our ideas in the near future.

I will keep you fully informed of any developments.

Yours sincerely



CHRIS PENRY

AJP/JG



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R M Hunt Esq CMG
Governor and Commander-in-Chief
FALKLAND ISLANDS

Your reference

Our reference

Date 11 November 1980

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My dear Governor,



POSTAGE STAMP ISSUES OF BAT AND FID

1. FCO telegram No 107 promised our suggestions for the rearranged stamp issues following a meeting which we had with BAS and Crown Agents at which SAMD were represented.

2. We think it would be more convenient to allocate the issues according to austral summers rather than calendar years. The following list reflects this:

BAT

FID

1980/81 Royal Geographical Society
Release date 1.12.80

Definitive issue. Release date 5.5.80 (FDC's available March 1981).

Plants, release date 5.2.81

1981/82 Antarctic Treaty. Release date 23.6.81. FDC available March 1982.

Reindeer. Release date December 1981.

[Gondwanaland issue to be held in reserve for possible release on 5.2.82]

Insects. Release date February 1982.

1982/83 Marine Life. Definitive issue. Release date December 1982.

Volcanoes of the South Sandwich Islands. Release date December 1982.

Conservation of Seals.
Release date 11.3.83

[Second International Biomass Experiment (SIBEX) issue to be held in reserve for possible release in December 1983]

3. The Crown Agents are anxious to agree the programmes as far ahead as possible since the preparatory work, as you know, is

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considerable; they point to the difficulties of timing involved in being tied to issues in a specific period, i.e. the austral summers, and the competition from other territories who do not have this problem. The need for advance publicity well ahead of dates of issue is important if sales are to be assured. We agreed that it would be sufficient to limit ourselves to two years for the purposes of the present exercise. Once we have your agreement to the proposed issues in paragraph 2 above, the Crown Agents and BAS would discuss topics for further issues.

4. Meanwhile, I should welcome your urgent approval of the above programme, together with any comments, so that the Crown Agents can begin commissioning artists. The programme, as you can see, includes reserve subjects to allow greater flexibility in the event either that circumstances permitted an additional issue or there are unforeseen delays in producing artwork etc. The former will, of course, depend on the effectiveness of the new postal clerk, assuming he is acceptable to you and BAS.

5. As regards Bedingham's costs, I understand that there are minor amendments to be made to the costings submitted in our telegram No 107:

- (a) the officer would not receive DSA as this is reserved for DS officers; a reduction of £402;
- (b) he would not be entitled to receive the whole amount of local allowance quoted as for six months he would be on shipboard and would be receiving the shipboard allowance; a reduction of £290;
- (c) EDSA is termed Difficult Post Supplement (DPS) for Home Civil Servants.

The total amount for the per annum section would now be £5,901.

Yours and,
P. Morrice

P Morrice
Hong Kong and General Department

cc: Dr Heap, SAmD
Mr Hayball, Crown Agents
Dr Adie, BAS



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30 December 1980

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BRITISH ANTARCTIC TERRITORY STAMP PROGRAMME

Further to our recent telephone conversation regarding the BAT stamp programme, I have reviewed the situation with Alan Pringle and would now like to recapitulate the position as we see it.

2 As you are aware, we are most anxious to maximise the philatelic revenue for both BAT and FID whilst (and we consider this to be of paramount importance) maintaining the high philatelic reputation they have enjoyed in the past and to achieve this the issuing rate must be increased to two issues per territory per season. Such a release rate has been approved subject to there being adequate manpower to handle the stamps and First Day Covers locally.

3 In order to overcome the problem of handling in future years it is sensible to have issues delivered to the bases at least one season in advance of release. However, for the coming year we are well behind schedule and for FID we have only Plants for release this season, and no other issues in the pipeline, and for BAT there are no issues planned for issue this season now that the RGS issue has been released (14 December 1980). At our meeting on the 6 November it was agreed to release the BAT Anniversary of the Antarctic Treaty issue on 23 June 1981 but, unfortunately, the reference material was not received here until 16 December. Rough designs have now been prepared and are currently being circulated but we no longer have adequate time available to produce this issue for despatch to BAT this season. It is hardly necessary for me to say that it is totally unethical to release stamps when supplies are not available in the issuing territory, an action which would lead to most unwelcome criticism, and, therefore, release in June 1981 is no longer possible. We are, of course, pressing on urgently with this issue but the first possible release now appears to be early in the 1981/1982 season.

/4 You ...

4 You will see from the above that there will be only one issue per territory this season and not three as originally planned and it is for this reason that Alan Pringle has recommended that the Gondwana issue for BAT should be brought forward to, say, April 1981. We at present hold the approved finished artwork for this issue and await only the values and quantities from the Falkland Islands. Provided that the go-ahead is received in the immediate future, we should just have time to get the stamps to Stanley by 31 March to catch the Bransfield. The issue could then be released from Signy.

5 Having reviewed the subject, I believe that it is imperative that we should proceed as soon as possible with the Gondwana issue if the objective of extra revenue this year is to be achieved and I would be grateful to receive your very early reply.

6 I am copying this letter to Miss Todd, of BAS Office, Miss Maxwell of FCO and Mr Morrison of Falkland Islands Secretariat, so that interested parties may be informed.



J HAYBALL
Deputy Head of Security Printing
and Philatelic Services



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and P.M. for comments.

Mr D R Morrison
The Secretariat
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South Atlantic

Our Ref. PH1/1954 &
PH1/1918



2 February 1981

Dear Mr Morrison,

Reply sent from

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FID AND BAT STAMP ISSUES

I enclose for your interest a photocopy of a letter written to us by James Ayres of the FCO. It is an interesting letter, which neatly and accurately summarises a telephone conversation which James had with Richard Nash last week; the letter has considerable bearing on the contents of my telex of 28 January.

2 BAT

James mentions that the "Treaty" stamps are to be despatched on the BAS ship sailing in September this year. Assuming that the stamps are going to be affixed to the First Day Covers in Stanley, this seems an awful waste of time, when we could use the Falkland Islands Company vessel "A.E.S" which is bound to have a sailing before September. I am currently awaiting your reply to my telex of 28 January.

3 James mentions that the "Gondwana" issue is to be held in reserve; however, in the light of your telex no. 19 of 26 January, we intend to treat the phrase "held in reserve" as meaning "held in reserve at Stanley".

4 Every one here was rather surprised at James' summary of the "Seals" issue, since the artist was originally commissioned in 1975, and amended finished designs are hopefully expected shortly.

5 FID

James' comments are entirely in accordance with our own, and provided that we get the agreement of yourself and the Governor, James' deadlines are in theory possible (provided of course that FCO and BAS do not feel obliged at every stage to make numerous amendments).

6 I look forward with interest to your comments on the contents of James' letter.

Yours sincerely

[Handwritten signature]

MRS J. SMITH

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Your reference

Our reference

Date 26 January 1981

Dear Richard,

BAT AND FID STAMP ISSUES

1. I thought you might find it helpful if I were to follow up our conversation of last Friday with an outline of what we here believe needs to be done.

BAT

20th Anniversary of the Antarctic Treaty. This is to be sent out on the BAS ship leaving Southampton in September 1981 for release as early as possible in December (probably 10th) but certainly in 1981.

Gondwanaland. To be held in reserve pending a report from Dr Adie of BAS to the Stamp Coordinating Committee on the ability of the Bases and Port Stanley to cope with the work assisted in 1981/82 by the clerk Coutts.

Marine Life. Finished artwork to be circulated to BAS and to FCO for royal approval.

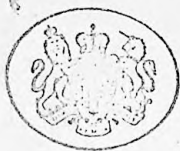
Conservation of Seals. Artist to be appointed and to visit BAS after Dr Adie's return, say June 1981.

FID

Reindeer and insects issues. Governor's agreement to be obtained telegraphically by you. Artists to be commissioned and sent to BAS as soon as possible. Finished work to be on BAS ships in September. I suggest you aim at end of September and work back from there establishing deadlines now for printers, artists, BAS and ourselves.

Volcanoes of the South Sandwich Islands. I suggest you should write to the Governor seeking his approval to this and the Second BIONASS issues so that preparatory work can start on them after Dr Adie's return.

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2. I hope this is a useful checklist; I know you will not hesitate to call me if all is not clear.

Yours ever
James.

James Ayres
Polar Regions Section
South America Department

cc: Miss Todd, BAS
Miss Maxwell, HKGD

23rd February

BT

From: Senior Smith,
 From: Captain George Gurney,
 Lt. Nicholas Brown,
 Gurney,
 Gurney, and G.L.

Dear Mr. Smith,

Thank you for your letter and enclosures under reference
 101/1004 and 1005 dated 2nd February 1964.

You will by now have received copies to your table of
 10th January from which it will be clear that we require both "Twenty"
 and "Gardens" stamps and covers here by early October. Unusually
 we will not be able to use RAF stamps for buying out stamps and covers
 because there is not the time to process the covers and prepare both
 stamps and covers for distribution to Territorial Post Offices
 before the time of arrival and departure of the ship from Stanley.
 The stamps we require and covers to be used in Stanley must have in
 six weeks before the arrival of the vessel which is to distribute
 them to the Territory. This is a general rule and only exceptionally
 will we be able to make use of RAF stamps. If it is not possible
 to ship by air the stamps that we will have to use air freight. We
 consider that getting the stamps and covers here in plenty of time
 is the key to the success of the whole release operation. I think
 it best if we give you challenges for the receipt of the material.
 Now we, indeed, we have done in recent times concerning future
 programmes for the Territory.

I will now deal with the specific points mentioned by yourself
 and Susan Byrne.

British Antarctic Territory

"Twenty" - We require these here by early October for release
 in 1964. It is impossible to agree to a specific release date
 at this stage because of the uncertainty of logistics in the
 Antarctic. Given that the stamps are in our possession by early
 October, that the RAF vessels will at Stanley on their way to the
 Antarctic and we submit the services of a RAF postal aircraft we can
 give a reasonable guarantee of release November/December 1963.

"Gardens" - Given the same conditions as above we reckon we
 can cope with its release late January/February 1964, i.e. as soon
 as the ship reaches Stanley.

/s/ [Signature].....

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TO CROWN AGENTS, SUTTON.
FROM THE GOVERNOR, FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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FOR MRS JANICE SMITH.
STAMP ISSUES.

1. YOUR REF OH1/1918 OF 6 FEBRUARY

2. WE HAVE BEEN TRYING TO FOLLOW THE FID AND BAT PROGRAMMES
PROPOSED IN BRIDGWOOD'S LETTERS HKG 205/492/1 OF 20 JUNE AS
AMENDED BY MORRICE'S LETTER OF 11 NOVEMBER SEMI-COLON BUT AS
THE INSECTS ISSUE AND OUR NEW DEFINITIVE ARE RATHER CLOSE
TOGETHER, WE WOULD PREFER TO RELEASE INSECTS FIRST IN
NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 1981 AND REINDEER IN FEBRUARY/MARCH 1982.
THIS DOES NOT LEAVE MUCH TIME AND WE ACCEPT THAT ONLY ONE FID
ISSUE MAY BE POSSIBLE DURING 1981/82 SEASON.

3. ASSUMING TWO ISSUES, THE 1982/83 FID PROGRAMME WOULD THEN
BE SSI VOLCANCES AND OFF-SHORE BIOLOGICAL PROGRAMME, WITH
CRUSTACEA AND HISTORIC AIRCRAFT VISITS 1983/84 .

4. WE AGREE THE BAT PROGRAMME FOR 1982/83 MARINE LIFE DEFINITIVE
AND CONSERVATION OF SEALS, BUT IDEALLY WE NEED NEW DEFINITIVE
STAMPS AND COVERS THIS YEAR. IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, YOU MAY
WISH TO CONSIDER WHETHER THE SEALS ISSUE SHOULD BE THE FIRST
RELEASE AND THE DEFINITIVE THE SECOND (THOUGH THERE MAY BE SOME
SIGNIFICANCE IN THE SEALS RELEASE DATE THAT ESCAPES US).

5. YOU MAY WISH TO CONSULT THE BAT STAMP ADVISORY COMMITTEE
BEFORE COMMENTING.

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R M Hunt Esq, CMG
High Commissioner
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Port Stanley
FALKLAND ISLANDS

CA Ref: PH2



6 April 1981

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Dear Mr Hunt

On 1 April 1983 will occur the 150th anniversary of the Crown Agents, an event of considerable importance to us and, naturally, one which we are anxious should be marked in a permanent fashion.

2 Because of its landmark nature in our history, I would like to suggest that British Antarctic Territory should consider issuing a stamp to commemorate the occasion, with the airmail rate to the UK as the denomination.

3 What we had in mind was that the stamp could be printed on a sheet which had additional reference to the event and to illustrate this idea I enclose a sketch showing how this might be achieved. As you can see, it provides for eight stamps inside a sheetlet with a stamp sized tab carrying suitable wording interspersed between the stamps.

4 We realise that although the 150th anniversary is of considerable significance to us, it may for some administrations perhaps be just one of a number of events/themes which fall for consideration for 1983. In those cases where it is not thought to merit a commemorative stamp in its own right, the normal commemorative stamps (including flora, fauna, etc) could be used in the eight stamp format with tabs or selvedge carrying reference to the 150th anniversary event.

5 We believe that because the Crown Agents' name is inextricably interwoven with the history of philately, collectors would receive enthusiastically stamps which either commemorate the 150th anniversary in their own right or which, alternatively, although not commemorating the occasion, have tabs and/or selvedge attachments which do. Good philatelic revenue should result, especially if the sheetlet idea is adopted, as it is likely that collectors would wish to purchase in full sheetlets rather than in single stamps.

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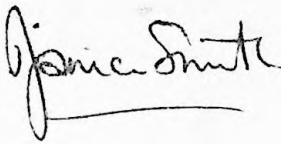
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6 Should you be disposed towards releasing a stamp to commemorate the 150th anniversary, as outlined in paragraph 2, because of its special nature we would be agreeable to meeting the cost of the artwork.

7 As to design, since the Crown Agents' services have covered almost every field of activity, one of these might be shown. This would enable us to illustrate ships, aircraft, vehicles, hospitals, military uniforms, etc, etc, both ancient and modern, all of which are good subjects philatelically. The scope is wide and we would welcome any ideas you may have as to what might be most appropriate for British Antarctic Territory.

8 Please give this your serious consideration and let me know as soon as possible whether you share our enthusiasm for the philatelic potential which we believe it possesses.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Smith". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name "MRS J SMITH".

MRS J SMITH

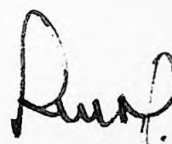
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Chief Secretary

POSTAGE STAMPS

/ 1. I attach a copy of a letter which I have received from Mrs Janice Smith of the Crown Agents proposing a commemorative sheetlet for the 150th anniversary of the Crown Agents in 1983. As this coincides with the 150th anniversary of the Falkland Islands as a Crown Colony, the Stamp Advisory Committee may wish to consider whether something along the lines of Mrs Smith's proposal could be considered as a joint exercise. Although the sheetlet form is unlikely to find favour with the purists such as Major Spafford, it may bring in more revenue than the conventional commemorative issue.

23 April 1981



R M Hunt

1.

S.P.T.,

I attach for your views a copy of a letter from Mrs. Janice Smith and a minute from H.E. concerning the Crown Agents' proposal for an 8 stamp sheetlet to commemorate their own 150th anniversary.

2. Doug Morrison may already have shown you her similar letter proposing that the Colony and Dependencies should join in this project. I should be grateful for any views you and Lewis Clifton may have before we go any further with this please.

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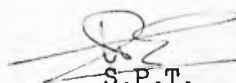
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C.S.,

Lewis and I are very enthusiastic about this project as respects all three Territories and we look forward to having further details in due course. Confining comment to the suggested BAT issue: we prefer to have it as a distinct and separate issue rather than combine it with something already projected; we see no difficulty of issuing it in April, 1983 in BAT but we would require the stamps and covers here by September, 1982 to ensure distribution to all Territory Post Offices; we might have to consider postponing the projected second commemorative issue for the 1982/83 season as we might not be able to handle three issues in one season but if we succeed in getting the BAT issues properly organised we may find that we can handle three issues in one season. Only time will tell.

I look forward to seeing the proposals re the Colony and Dependencies. I consider that this project has great philatelic potential.


S.P.T.
24.4.81.

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C.S.

Thank you. I have replied to both letters
- copy attached.

Rush 29/4

For your file
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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.
28 April 1981

Mrs J Smith
Crown Agents
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Dear Mrs Smith,

1. Many thanks for your letter of 4 April to me and Mr Morrison about the 150th anniversary of the Crown Agents. I am replying to both as Mr Morrison has now retired and his successor, Mr J G. Summers, is at present in hospital in Buenos Aires.
2. We are enthusiastic about your proposed project in respect of all three territories and we look forward to having further details in due course. As you know, 1983 is also the 150th anniversary of the declaration of the Falkland Islands as a Crown Colony and a special issue is already planned to commemorate this.
3. As for the BAT issue, we would prefer to have it as a distinct and separate issue rather than combine it with something already projected. We see no difficulty in issuing it in April 1983 provided that we get the stamps and covers here by September 1982 to ensure distribution to all BAT post offices. We may have to consider postponing the projected second commemorative issue for 1983/84 season but, with proper organisation, we may find that, exceptionally, we can handle three issues in the one season.

Yours ever,

R M Hunt

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FOR THE ATTENTION OF LEWIS CLIFTON

OUR REF PH1/1613P

LATEST SITREP ON VARIOUS FID AND BAT ISSUES.

IAN LOE HAS JUST COMPLETED FID 'INSECTS' FINISHED STAMP
ARTWORK. DELAYS REGRETTABLE BUT UNAVOIDABLE AS YOU KNOW.
DESPITE OUR RESERVATIONS, BILL BLOCK HAS BEEN EXTREMELY COOPERATIVE
(THREE VISITS TO IAN, LENDING MICROSCOPES ETC). BLOCK COLLECTING
ARTWORK FROM ARTIST 23/10. ARTWORK WILL BE HANDED
TO ME AT THE LONG-OVERDUE 'SUMMIT CONFERENCE' BETWEEN FCC, BAS
AND CA ON 28/10. HOPEFULLY FCC WILL THEN APPROVE IN THE
SPOT AND SUBMIT TO HMQ. TIME PREVENTS SENDING ARTWORK TO YOU,
BUT IF YOU WISHED WE COULD SEND PHOTOCOPIES TO YOU PROVIDED
YOU TELEXED VERDICT ON RECEIPT. I WOULD PREFER TO DISPENSE
WITH THIS, NATURALLY.

LOE WILL NOW CONTINUE FINISHED ARTWORK FOR BAT DEFIN.
LATEST ESTIMATE FOR COMPLETION IS MID DECEMBER.
SEEMS UNLIKELY YOU WILL GET STAMPS TO BAT BEFORE
ANTARCTIC WINTER 1982, THEREFORE PRESUMABLY YOU WILL SEND
THEM INTO BAT FIRST AVAILABLE BOAT SEPT 1982.

LINERS FOR 'ANTARCTIC TREATY' AND 'REINDEER' EN ROUTE TO YOU.
'GONDWANA' TO FOLLOW, HOPEFULLY IN 10 DAYS.
NEXT ON MY LIST OF PRIORITIES IS TO REVIVE BAT 'CONSERVATION OF
SEALS'.
DURING NEXT WEEK'S CONFERENCE, EXPECT TO FINALISE PLANS FOR:-

- FID 'VOLCANOES OF S.S.I. (BAS NOT KEEN)
- FID 'BIOMASS' (BAS'S IDEA, I HAVE DISCOVERED.)
- FID '150TH ANNIV OF CA' (ANY INFORMATION WELCOMED)
- FID 'CRUSTACEA' (BAS WANT LOE TO DESIGN)
- FID NEW DEFIN (SNOWFLAKES ?)
- BAT '150TH ANNIV OF CA' (ANY THOUGHTS ON THEME?)

BEFORE THE MEETING, IT WOULD BE VERY USEFUL IF YOU COULD
TELEX YOUR FEELINGS ON EACH OF THE ISSUES ABOVE,
AND ALSO IN WHAT ORDER YOU ENVISAGE THE ISSUES. I KNOW THAT SOME
MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE WILL BE AGAINST CERTAIN TOPICS
AND FOR OTHERS, AND SINCE RICHARD AND I WILL BE REPRESENTING
FALKLAND'S VIEWS WE NEED TO KNOW WHAT YOU THINK. GRATEFUL YOU
GET TOGETHER WITH GOVERNOR, CHIEFSEC, ASST CHIEFSEC AND POSTMASTER,
AND GIVE CONSENSUS VIEWS SOONEST.

FOR FALKLANDS, HAS GOVERNOR CONSIDERED FATE OF 'RESETTLEMENT'
YET ?

← This is
for sec
9/83

FINALLY, PLEASE NOTE SUPPLIER OF CRYSTAL BAGS IS FINALLY ON
THE POINT OF DESPATCHING.. SENDING AIRFREIGHT (WOULD
HAVE COST 2330 BY POST?)

REGARDS
JANICE SMITH DEPT PH1
CROWN CUTTON

PMG

214 GOVERNOR FK

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FOR THE ATTENTION OF LEWIS CLIFTON

YOUR REF F I D/BAT STATUS REPORT.

YR TLX 17 AUG REFERS. PROGRESS ON NEXT SUMMER ISSUES.

F I D.

1.

BIO-PROGRAMME : SHIP ARTIST COMMISSIONED STRAIGHT TO FINISH
ARTWORK USING MATERIAL SUPPLIED BY B A T ARTWORK DUE END
SEPT.

2.

MANNED FLIGHT : VERY GOOD ROUGH ARTWORK NOW RECD. AND TRANSPAREN-
CIES TO BE DESPATCHED TO YOU SHORTLY.

B.A.T.

1.

MARINE LIFE :
FINAL CORRECTIONS TO FINAL ARTWORK WILL BE COMPLETED
EARLY SEPT FOLLOWING HOLD UP WHILST AWAITING
RETURN OF B A T EXPERT FROM OVERSEAS.

2.

MANNED FLIGHT : AS F I D

PROVIDING THERE IS NO UNDUE DELAY IN APPROVAL STAGES AND
TRANSIT TO FALKLAND ANTICIPATED RELEASE DATES SHOULD BE
MET ALTHOUGH WE ARE UNAWARE OF CURRENT COMMUNICATION
ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN FALKLAND AND F I D OR B A T.

WE MAY HAVE PROBLEMS HOWEVER WITH B A T SEALS AS
ARTWORK DELAYED AT B A T FOR SAME REASON AS MARINE LIFE
AND ALTHOUGH DIRECT ORDER PLACED FOR DESPATCH 30 SEPT
THIS WILL BE JEOPARDIZED IF ANY DELAY WITH F C O OR
TRANSIT TO TIME TO FALKLAND OR B A T.

TRUST ABOVE CLARIFIES SITUATION. SIMILAR REPORT FOR
FALKLANDS TO FOLLOW SHORTLY.

REGARDS

DAVID MARTIN DEPT PH1
CROWN SUTTON

PMB

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BAT/2/14 (55)

Minutes of a Meeting of the Stamp Advisory Committee held on 25 and 27 January in the Court and Council Chamber.

Present: Acting Deputy Chief Secretary
Supt Post and Telecommunications
Mr H L Bound MBE JP
Mr J Stephenson
Mr D L Clifton

Apologies for absence from The Chairman, The Government Secretary who asked the Supt Posts and Telecommunications to take the Chair.

Business

1 Matters arising from Minutes of Meeting of 29 November 1983.

1) 150th Anniversary Issue

The issue was withdrawn from sale on 31 December.

The Supt Posts and Telecomms briefed members on the postal necessity to overprint two values of the 150th Issue (15p and 25p to 17p and 22p respectively) in view of the high demand for these two values in particular in relation to the very high demand from the construction workers at Mount Pleasant.

It was reported that 100,000 stamps of each value were overprinted at the Falkland Islands Government Printing Office and 45,000 were supplied to the Crown Agents to satisfy philatelic demands. It was expected further reprints of the overprints would be required until the release of the Lloyds List issue in May.

ii) Commonwealth Day

Members were circulated copies of recent letters concerning a complaint brought against the Marketing Agents for the album produced for the Commonwealth Secretariat. It was interesting to note that the complaint was upheld by The Advertising Standards Authority and that the comments expressed by certain postal administrations prior to the release of the Commonwealth Day Omnibus Issue were substantiated in the Advertising Standards Authority statement.

iii) Lloyds List

Members were previously circulated comments and information on the portrayal of the 'City of Philadelphia'. The Bureau Manager had also prepared a paper on possible substitutions and this was considered at length.

Members eventually opted for the vessel 'Wavertree' now a maritime museum in New York.

It was noted that the Lloyds Coat of Arms had replaced the FIC Coat of Arms for the fdc design layout.

iv) Insects and Spiders Definitive

The Issue was successfully released on 3 January 1984 and was selling well. A January edition of Foreign Stamps was circulated to the meeting which contained several pages of free publicity devoted to this issue.

v) Grebes Issue

The artwork was currently up for royal approval and bromides would be available shortly.

vi) Conserve Issue

The artist, Ian J Strange was working on the designs which would be available shortly for comment.

vii) Committee complement

Members considered at some length the committee structure with particular emphasis on the attendance of the Government Secretary and the role played by him as the senior civil servant. Members took note that Stamp Meetings were often long and could sometimes be boring but nevertheless absolutely essential to continue a stamp issuing policy, and it was thought that the Government Secretary may be often unable to attend these long and drawn out meetings. It was therefore suggested that perhaps the best alternative would be for the present structure to divide itself into a working group who would periodically advise the Government Secretary on philatelic developments for official comment. The matter to be put to the Government Secretary for approval.

2 Maritime Issue

Members took note of the absence of any notable maritime anniversary for a 1985 issue. Whilst the initial idea was for an issue connected with a specific anniversary it was felt there were other maritime connections which could become good issue subjects. In particular reference was made to the ships names on the Camber - Barracoutta, Beagle and Nymph. The Bureau Manager was asked to research the idea and report to the committee accordingly.

Mr Bound also reminded members of the possibility of designing an issue centred on the small tussac sailing vessels which operated in and around Stanley during the first half of this century. This issue to be accommodated in the immediate programme.

3 Locomotives

The Crown Agents had advised on 1985 being a Locomotives year and asked of any local connection worthwhile for stamp designs. Members note the MOD had at one time operated a steam railway from the Camber Depot to Moody Brook, the engines still remaining derelict on a dump at Navy Point.

The Bureau Manager had advertised locally for photographs/information on the railway but nothing was forthcoming. It was hoped the Government archives would produce something. Meanwhile the issue was accepted for a 1985 release.

4 1985/88 Programme

Members considered at great length the provisional programmes for 1985/88 and eventually agreed on the following, although it was emphasised the programme is provisional and always under review:-

1985	February	-	Locomotives
	May	-	Maritime (Survey ships)
	August	-	Seals
	November	-	Naturalists Minibus
1986	February	-	Shells
	May	-	Anniv of Great Britain
	August	-	Birds (Penguins) part 4
	November	-	Xmas (Church Photographs)

1987	February	-	Small boats (tussac & inter islands)
	May	-	Jubilee Villas (1887)
	August	-	Peat
	November	-	Fungi (Tony Chater prov artist)
1988	February	-	Motor cars, landrovers
	May	-	Warships and crests
	August	-	Birds (Geese) part 5
	November	-	Recreational activities
1989	January	-	Replacement definitive

This provisional programme to be put to the Crown Agents at an early opportunity for scrutiny and comment.

It was noted the only fixed issues in the 5 year programme was a commitment to releasing a birds issue every 2 years and the SS Great Britain 100th Anniversary.

There was a reluctance at this stage to consider possible subjects for the 1989 definitive, although the following proposals were offered:-

- a) Governors of the Falklands
- b) HM Queen (similar to the GB & Hong Kong definitive)

5 Postal Stationery

i) Aerogrammes

A proof of the new Falkland aerogramme was circulated. Members were advised of the need to move from the locally printed designs for a better quality item. The aerogramme would remain on sale until exhaustion or up to the opening of the Mount Pleasant airfield (whichever the sooner) and the design would then be completely replaced. It was agreed the aerogramme would sell at face value of 19 pence.

ii) Presentation Packs

Members opinions were sought as to the type of pack if any to be pursued in view of the present popularity of Falkland stamps with the transient residents.

Samples of the GB and Passerines packs were viewed. The Bureau Manager advised that although the passerines packs had been popular he doubted the financial viability of producing one for every issue. Popular subjects such as birds could be produced for each issue but it was felt that an annual presentation pack, featuring the previous year's stamp issues would be a popular selling item. It would have popularity with the post office at Mount Pleasant during the airfield construction and the continuing release of such packs could remain under constant review.

6 Post Office Anniversaries

The Supt Posts & Telecomms advised members of the 75 and 85 anniversaries of the New Island and Fox Bay Post Offices, respectively in 1984. 1984 would also see the opening of the fourth Falkland

Post Office at Mount Pleasant, although at this particular time he was unsure if the Post Office would be operated by the P&T department or sub-contracted to the Airfield management in view of no local applications. He believed there was a need to celebrate the opening of the new post office, philatelically and he had been in contact with the Crown Agents. There was insufficient time and postal justification for producing a commemorative stamp but it was considered appropriate to commemorate the event by the release of a commemorative cover with a relevant postage stamp affixed.

Members therefore gave consideration to the cover design which it was felt would best be drawn with considerable artistic licence showing, possibly, the Islander at Mount Pleasant with the temporary post office accomodation along with the general site of the airfield construction. Photographs in this respect to be obtained soon so as to secure printing deliveries.

Members decided against commemorating the anniversaries of the Fox Bay and New Island Post Offices.

7 FID Programme

Artwork received almost 12 months ago on future subject issues for FID were viewed by members. These included:-

i) Birds Definitive

Comments expressed by the Bureau Manager in February 1983 were tabled together with the artwork. Members were disappointed with the design presentation and the birds depicted, most of which were not found in FID. A list submitted by the Bureau Manager, detailed those bird species which were significantly different from each other, whilst at the same time prevented clashing with any of the scheduled bird issues of the Falklands. The list was discussed and after minor amendment members agreed it should be submitted to the CA for appropriate action.

Three rough pieces of artwork prepared by Tony Chater, as a comparison, were viewed in context with the McCombie artwork, members were of the opinion that there was considerable merit in offering the design work to Mr Chater, He is familar with the birds of the South Atlantic and now has some experience at designing postage stamps.

ii) Volcanoes

As with the Birds Definitive artwork was tabled with the Bureau Managers initial comments. Members were in agreement with those comments.

The designs to be scrapped entirely and new artwork to be produced based on the colour transparencies, if necessary through photographic reproduction. The issue must only contain 4 stamps.

Comment expressed and other information to be passed to the CA as necessary.

iii) The immediate programme is scheduled as follows:-

April	1984	Crustacea
November		Volcanoes
April	1985	Ecology of the Albatross
November		Naturalists minibus

BAT Programme

Members were advised of the following programmed issues:-

April	1984	Marine Life Definitive
November		Snow Crystals
April	1985	Grahamland Expedition
November		Naturalists Minibus

Artwork for the Snow Crystals would be available shortly.

Other businessHamburg Conference

A recent telex from the Crown Agents on the UPU Hamburg Conference was circulated to members.

The Supt Posts and Telecomms put a case forward, as he saw it from an official point of view, on the relevance for the Falklands to produce a special commemorative stamp to mark this 110th Anniversary.

Members accepted his views and agreed to pursue the proposal with an issue deadline, if possible by mid April. The stamp design preference was for an abstract feature showing the UPU logo as the main feature, with symbols of the hercules aircraft and the 1879 mailship packet boat. The final design to be consistent as far as possible with other stamps issued in connection with the UPU Hamburg Conference and might include the Conference logo.

ii) Letter from I J Strange

A letter from Ian Strange detailing possible future subjects was circulated to members. The immediate 5 year provisional programme was now well catered for and this extra list of subjects to be kept in mind for future programme reviews.

Distribution: Secretariat (5)
 Bureau Manager (15)
 Supt Posts & Telecommunications (1)
 Mr Bound (1)
 Mr Stephenson (1)
 Mr Martin Crown Agents (1)
 Dr Heap F&Co (1)
 Dr Adie BAS (1)