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BIOLOGIST

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FOR SOUTH GEORGIA.

(Recruited through BAS - see folio 353)

CONNECTED FILES.

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Sealing in the Falkland Islands (Albion Str)

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R.W. Vaughan.

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TELEGRAM.

From ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, SOUTH GEORGIA

To COLONIAL SECRETARY

Despatched : 17th March, 19 59 Time : 1915

Received : 18th March, 19 59 Time :

178 in 101 v.d.

27/623. Seal research charters. Telegraphic correspondence ending your telegram No. 30. Actual total expenditure incurred head 1B38 by chartering Pesca catchers £1,725. Request authority to pay the £325 over that shown in estimates. No further requirement 1958/59 this subhead.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER.

193

(Intld)

A.G.D.T.

A.G.D.

8.194

Looked up kindly prepare a S/W. JW H.E.'s signature, pl.

Rep at 196

25.3.59.

P/L:IM

A.C.S.

^{3 145}
Ref. your minute of 25/3/59. This is already
covered by Special Warrant No. 19 of 11th February 1959
for £800. See items 172-174 on previous file attached.

Al Hali.

31/3/59.

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No. 94. Yourtel 97/623 Seal Research Charters stop Authority given pay
2525 stop Special Warrant 19/59

SECRETARY

Time

Copy sent H.O.F.I.D. *[Signature]*

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DIPS A/C

182 in Vol I

No. 1107. Yourtel 47/624 stop Cannot reconcile para 3 with Martins account for 863 for dressing ten skins and handing to other firm stop Martins account is endorsed quote account Bonner unquote stop Please endeavour clarify with Bonner

COLONIAL SECRETARY

Time

JR/TM

Recd 25/5/59
b.u. 25/5/59

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623/135
King Edward Point,
South Georgia.
3rd May, 1959.

From The Administrative Officer,
South Georgia,
To The Colonial Secretary,
Port Stanley,

Fur Seal Skins purchased by Mr Bonner.

173 in D/3/56/I

187 in D/3/56/I

Please refer to your telegrams
30 and 42 of this year and Atfid's telegram T/GEN/13
of 10th April about payment for Fur Seal skins.

I enclose a note which Mr Bonner
10.200 has written on the subject.

F. Matthews

Administrative Officer,
South Georgia.

Reply at 201

199

Net. C.S.

*1. Pl. advise Mr Bonner, U.F.S. A.O. that the
explanation is entirely satisfactory*

*B. H. H.
19.5.59*

King Edward Cove,
South Georgia.

FUR SEAL SKINS PURCHASED BY W. N. BONNER

Of the thirteen fur seal skins brought from South Georgia to London in 1958 three were sent to the British Museum as Study Skins. The other ten had been taken from animals judged to be of suitable age to provide commercial skins in order that an estimate of the value of the skins could be made. Accordingly they were sent to C.W. Martin & Sons Ltd, the only buyers and dressers of raw fur seal skins in Western Europe, who dressed the skins and provided an estimate of their values. Martin's tentatively estimated the dressing costs at between £6 and £8 per skin.

It was suggested to me by Miss Barbara Wells, at Rear Base, that I might like to purchase some of the skins in the same way that a quantity of dressed weddell pup skins had been bought by various people connected with F.I.D.S. This seemed to me a good idea as besides wanting some skins of an animal in which I was deeply interested it seemed a way of enabling the Government to recoup some of the large expenditure involved in dressing the skins. I asked the Director of the Scientific Bureau, Sir Raymond Priestley, if he agreed to this and he gave his approval. As Martin's had not at that time sent in their account for dressing the skins I arranged with Miss Wells to have the account for dressing the skins I had and any extra charge deemed suitable sent to my home address where it would be paid by my brother, G.I. Bonner. So far I have not heard whether this account has been delivered and paid but I presume that it has.

I much regret that this arrangement, which seemed a sensible one at the time, with a precedent, should have caused so much bother. As the fur seal research plan continues further animals with suitable skins will be killed and should these be required they can, with the expenditure of a little more trouble, be collected and sent home.

W. Nigel Bonner.

W. Nigel Bonner.

See for reply 10/197A

D/3/56/11

201

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27th May,

To: Administrative Officer,

From: Acting Colonial Secretary,

SOUTH GEORGIA.

FUR SEAL SKINS PURCHASED BY W. N. BONNER.

19 8 I am directed to refer to your Memorandum No. 623/135 of the 3rd May, 1959 enclosing a note from Mr. Bonner on the fur seal skins purchased by him. Please inform Mr. Bonner that his explanation is entirely satisfactory.

(Sgd.) J. Bound.

for ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY.

3659

F.I.D.S. S61/1958/SG

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Copy No. 3

Scientific Bureau No.

FALKLAND ISLANDS DEPENDENCIES SURVEY

REPORT ON ACTIVITIES IN SOUTH GEORGIA

BY

FERGUS O'GORMAN - 1958.

Distribution :

1. Scientific Bureau
 2. A.O. South Georgia.
 3. C.S.O.
 4. H.O. Stanley
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REPORT ON ACTIVITIES IN SOUTH GEORGIA.

I arrived in South Georgia on September 2nd and up to November 10th was concerned with the elephant seal industry, travelling around the island on the sealing vessels. Eight such trips were made. During these trips I carried out the duties of a sealing inspector, making sure that short seals were not killed, that the requisite 10% of bulls were left on the beaches, and collecting canine teeth for age determination of the catch. In addition, I tagged 692 elephant seal pups. A day-by-day report was kept of the sealing voyages which has been given to the Sealing Inspector, Mr. N. Bonner. At the end of the sealing season I assisted the Sealing Inspector on his five day seal counting trip around the island and spent one day with him on Bird Island building the hut.

During my stay I collected some elephant and leopard seal placentae.

Two items of biological interest were the discovery of a new King penguin rookery at Fortuna Glacier by Nigel Bonner and myself. I counted twenty-eight chicks, and the discovery of a new breeding colony of Wandering Albatross on Saddle Island, again by N. Bonner and myself. Five chicks were seen.

I was picked up from Grytviken by R.R.S. "John Biscoe" on December, 17th.

Fergus O'Gorman.

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1. Fidbur
2. A.O. South Georgia.
3. C.S.O. ✓
4. H.Q. Stanley.

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TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley

Despatched : 31st July, 19 59 Time : 1300

Received : 31st July, 19 59 Time : 1430

No. 200. Understand previous years Bonner had one of Point personnel as field assistant for about eight weeks in all not including possible delays due to weather. In view of amount of work necessary to get Point present-able unable to see my way clear to spare man for Bonner this year can any other arrangements be made for Bonner.

Administrative Officer.

P/L: Underlined in G.T.C.
II

A.O.F.!!D.

Should we be able to recruit someone in Stanley for the job or assuming this is necessary - what about the finance side of it?

205

1.8.59.

A.C.S. If we recruited someone in Stanley I think we would have to ask H.E. for additional expenditure, but how and when would this person get to South Georgia? I suppose the first opportunity would be a FIDS vessel but he wouldn't be able to come back in this. Another drawback to this would be that the assistant would not be available in the summer season when he is ^{presumably} ~~apparently~~ required. a possible solution which comes to mind is to

use Peter Richards. He would of course have to be approached as would F.I.D.S. Establishment officers. If Richards is used then no additional expenditure will be involved. I think his relief is due to arrive about the end of August beginning of September which would fit in perfectly.

W.H.H.

1/8/59.

Ag. S.F.

Has no one else come this? - there is if Richards would agree to take the job on

1

Ag. C.S.

1. Richards' request to remain in Stanley instead of returning to U.K. was granted because there was a job of work for him to do at the Nat. Office.
2. He hadn't been there five minutes before he was whisked off to S.G. to cover the gap between S.S.A's. and I agree that this move was necessary.
3. However if there was a job for him in April/May in Stanley then I assume there is still one now. To this end you agreed that he should be retained as long as possible - providing it was economical for you to do so. For instance it wouldn't pay you to retain him for the sake of about 6 weeks work.
4. If A.O. cannot find another person to help Bonner then I am willing to let Richards do the job, always providing he is willing to do it himself. It would be a pity to prejudice Bonner's research by refusing the loan of Richards.

5. If Richards takes the job savings can be shown under Head V P.E. which means that F.I.D.S. is virtually paying for the project.
6. Perhaps you would seek A.C.M.O.'s views?

ld

8/8/59.

208

A/Cmo

How do you feel about this, pl?

Q

10/8/59.

209

Ag. C.S.

Reference 207 paras. 1 & 3 I am in complete agreement that there was and, more especially, is work for Richards in Stanley this spring and summer. We had still hoped to have him returned here even if only for a couple of months since we visualise a somewhat tricky period due to U.K. leave & replacements at the height of the shelling season. I am opposed to "farming out" Richards but in the event of no reasonable return to Stanley & all other efforts to find Bonner's assistant fail then my feelings are with Ag. S.F. in para 4.

M.

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(recd. 20.8.59)

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To

Adminoff South Georgia

(Deps A/c)

203 No. 210. Tourtel 200 stop when will Bonner require field assistant

Secretary

for 26.8.59

Time JB/IM

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

No. 187.

Despatched : 25th August, 19 59 Time : 1305

Received : 25th August, 19 59 Time : 1430

210

No. 217. Yourtel 210. Bonner requests assistant from 1st November to 12th January. During this period field work as follows 1st to 9th November elephant seal pups census 5th to 20th December fur seal observation and census 1st to 12th January fur seal tagging Bonner says he could do with 2 men for this period. Above times subject to weather and transport available. You will note that no provision has been made for tagging elephant seals this season. Has this programme been officially abandoned.

Page 13 of 1958
Realing Reports indicates
that tagging will continue
in 1959. See also 97 in
D/2/57/II

W. H. R.
27.8.59

Administrative Officer.

212

P/L: LH

B.U.F.
(Intld.)

JB

Y. H.

203 - 211.

We cannot get a man down from here - if we could get one - by November & in any case there is no provision in the Estimates for an assistant for Bonner (this from A.S.F.I.D. who says Masters or Bonner did not include provision in draft Estimates). Richards shd. come out early October but is likely to be stuck down there until the first F.I.D.S. vessel returns here via Elengia. This being the case we could use him if he is willing - failing this I fear A.O. will have to release someone.

2. Regarding the elephant tagging programme - page 12 & 13 of Bonner's Report (88 in D/2/57) indicating that Tagging shd. continue but none again in the draft Estimates Tagging did not receive a mention - merely a census of elephant pups which coincides with Bonner's proposed programme on verase. In the absence of scientific advice here I am at a loss to know why elephant tagging has been dropped this season.

I suppose that we shall do is ask Bonner why he before doing this I think you shall see page of Mr. Matthews's confidential notes at 6.c.

Q
28/8/59.

214.

Att. C.S.

If my memory serves me correctly -

(i) Bonner should have enough
bags on hand for lugging this coming summer;

(ii) there is on other papers a record of an arrangement with Orca whereby in return for providing the Sealing Inspector with "sealing expedition" transport he will allow them to take extra seals. Would you look that one up and see how we stand vis a vis expenditure on sealing transport (which takes up most of the vote).

Then, prior to discussing further the papers to Att Sec F.I.D.S to see whether F.I.D.S will have a spare man "coming in" or "going out" who could usefully help, might be willing to help or who might learn something from Bonner before going on to a base - to the advantage of F.I.D.S perhaps. I agree we should not go on hanging on to Richards for sealing purposes.

A.G.J.
29.8.59.

Office
214(ii) &c. turn this up.

when
29.9.59

216.

A/ACS.

Ref. 214(ii).

Please see F.88(10) last para. and reply at F.90 para 3 in 3/10/57. (reps. flagged). F.H. 30.9.59.

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No. 456.

TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 30th November, 1959. *Time :* 1740

Received : 1st December, 1959. *Time :* 1000

No. 278. Have received application from Bonner for permit to take 40 fur seals for scientific purposes. Quantity seems excessive grateful your approval before granting permit.

Administrative Officer.

P/L:LH

Reply at 218

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217 No. 281. Yourtel 278 Fur seal stop Inform Bonner quantity seems excessive and ask him to support his request with detailed explanation stop If he puts up satisfactory case you can approve stop If you are doubtful give him what you consider reasonable in light of his explanation and we will discuss further when I arrive

Secretary

Time

AGDT/III

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No. 129.

TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 8th December, 19 59. Time : 1145.

Received : 9th December, 19 59. Time : 1035.

No. 287. Following from Denton-Thompson.

Bonner will require assistance in January for fur seals tagging. It is difficult for A.O. to release people from the Point for ten days or fortnight at this very busy time with considerable backlog work on the Point. Two Geologists might give a hand and would doubtless be delighted to do so but this may give Adie cause for complaint. Please seek Governor's views.

Administrative Officer.

220

Reply at 222

P/L : IM

On file early pl.

(Intld.)

JB

Y.E.

221

K11 Bu for main
file. Bp 39.10.59

Accordingly please - the main file is with H.E.S. at St. George. As far as I can remember Bonner had O'Connor - a F.I.D.S. Geologist(?) assisting him last year.

9.12.59.

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NO. 290 FOLLOWING FOR DEWITT-THOMPSON FROM GAMBICA BEGINS STOP NOTE 287
 STOP WOULD PREFER GEORGETOWN BRICK TO GEORGETOWN STOP ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE
 PITTON ON SHACKLETON BRK THIS DEPENDS ON SHACKLETON RETURNING TO STANLEY
 AND NOT REPEAT NOT GOING SOUTH FROM SOUTH GEORGIA STOP RELEASE OF PITTON
 WOULD MEAN A MAN SHOOT FOR KIDN SCATTERING HIM FROM SOUTH GEORGIA TO STANLEY
 STOP PLEASE EXPLAIN CIRCUMSTANCES TO TUNBULL AND SAY I HOPE HE WILL BE
 ABLE RELEASE PITTON

GOVERNOR

Time

223

Note.

In the end we did not take Fitter off
and A.O. agreed to do what he could
do from his own corner.

24.7

27.1.60

P.A.

24.7

27.1.60

224.

Item 224 Telegram no 166 dated 22/8/60 from South Georgia
transferred to FID/FIN/1/1066. *Widdell* 3/8/60. *PC 24.60*

224A

COPY

H.C.S.

Would you please send the following telegram to the Administrative Officer, South Georgia:-

"Propose to send Nixon who is being recruited locally as General Assistant for F.I.D.S. to South Georgia in 'A.E.S.' to assist Bonner. He can be there until approximately early January. Please advise if acceptable to Bonner."

I think you will find a file to which this is relevant. In his last Report, Bonner mentioned the difficulties he has been experiencing in obtaining assistance.

(Intld.) EPA

5th October, 1960.

224B

(Intld.)
DM

Issue tel. P/L.

(Intld.)
DRM

6.10.60.

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To

ADMINOFF SOUTH GEORGIA

(DEPS A/C)

No. 180. Propose to send Nixon who is being recruited locally as General Assistant FIDS to South Georgia in AES to assist Bonner stop He can be there until approximately early January stop Please advise if acceptable to Bonner

Secretary

Time EPA/LH Copied IM

Original in P/883

Ready at 2260-227

DECODE.TELEGRAM.

From ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, SOUTH GEORGIA

To COLONIAL SECRETARY, STANLEY.

Despatched : 10th October, 19 60. Time : 1305.

Received : 11th October, 19 60. Time : 1015.

225

No: 199. Your telegram No: 180.

Sealing Assistant for Bonner.

Bonner at present out sealing. Will discuss with him on his return.

Administrative Officer.

P/L : IM

Previous correspondence which is in
P1883 - B.N. Nixon - has been copied to this file
Copy in P1883

DECODE.TELEGRAM.

From ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, SOUTH GEORGIA.

To COLONIAL SECRETARY, STANLEY

Despatched : 11th October, 19 60. Time : 1830.

Received : 12th October, 19 60. Time : 0950.

225 No. 201: Your telegram No: 180.

Sealing Assistant for Bonner. Acceptable.

Administrative Officer

Ag 20

228.

Has his passage been booked?
 Presumably F.I.S. will keep him
 in the picture of what's happening?

229.

D.O.O.

Ag A.C.S. man's passage booked today. F.I.S. are keeping him informed & he is entering into agreement with them

BU 21.10.60
 from A.D.
 of his outgoing
 12.10.60.

Reply at 232

P/L : IM

H.C.S.

230

I asked to see this file because I have just heard that Mr. Nixon is going to South Georgia to help Mr. Bonner and it will therefore be necessary to come to some arrangements about the costs.

Mr. Nixon is being appointed on a F.I.D.S. contract but I think that it is only right, especially in view of the ceiling on F.I.D.S. expenditure, that Head 1 should pay for Nixon's services. There is no provision in the Estimates to which I can charge his salary during his stay in South Georgia but I suggest the easiest way round this is for F.I.D.S. to submit a bill to Head 1 for the cost of Nixon's services in due course. This can then be charged to 1 B 37 Seal Research where there should be sufficient funds. Have you any objection please?

Nixon will also be working for F.I.D.S. during his stay in South Georgia by assisting a Professor Greene who will be working on a Lichens and Mosses project so it will be necessary for Bonner to keep a record of Nixon's Seal assistance in order to calculate what charge should eventually be made on Head 1.

I have asked the A.O South Georgia to arrange this in the draft telegram submitted for your approval. I have also asked him to make provision for similar assistance in future estimates since this assistance is presumably of a recurrent nature.

aff'd

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18/10/60

231

W.D. Hall

17.10.60

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To

Adminoff South Georgia

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No. 188. Yourtel 201 stop Grateful you ask Bonner to keep record of periods of Nixons assistance in order Head 1 can be charged for services in due course stop In view of recurrent nature of seal assistance suggest provision should be made in future estimates stop Grateful you bear this in mind submitting 1961/62 Estimates

Secretary

Copy sent to A.O., F.I.D.T.

Time DRM/IM

By 21.10.60 (229)

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To	ADMINOFF SOUTH GEORGIA		(DEPS A/C)	

NO. 190. AES SAILED 11.30 TODAY STOP WHITNEY CUSTOMS
 PEDERSEN CONSTABLE HANDYMAN NIXON BONNER'S ASSISTANT ON BOARD
 STOP 32 BAGS MAIL

SECRETARY

Time DRM/IM

PA
21.10.60

234
DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 7th November, 19 60. *Time :* 1310.

Received : 7th November, 19 60. *Time :* 1515.

No. 214. Nixon and Bonner returned from sealing on the 4th November. Bonner can only provide Nixon with two days work between now and start of December. Suggest for your approval Nixon be used at Husvik for Whaling Inspector duties this would also fit in with Bonner as it is at Husvik he requires Nixon to do two days tagging.

Administrative Officer.

B.U.F.
HLB

P/L : IM

Reply in 238.
Copies in P/883(Nixon) + D/18/510

Sec. 105.

Presumably this wd. be in order?

8/11/60

ACS

Perfectly in order. A.S.G. asked me the same question yesterday with regard to work at the Point & I replied in the affirmative.

8/11/60

237

Hmcs.

to 234

Draft reply for b.c.

4/6/6

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234 No. 199. Yourtel 214 stop Confirm Sec FIDS approval transfer of Nixon for whaling inspector duties

Secretary

Time HLB/IM

For sent Sec FIDS
Am.

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12.11.60

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239.

TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley

Despatched : 15th February, 1961. Time : 1730.

Received : 16th February, 1961. Time :

No. 27: For His Excellency the Governor.

38 in P/808

Your telegram No. 16. Bonner. Suggest advisable successor should come out at the beginning of the next sealing season and work season with Bonner. Have sounded Bannister and Bremner who are both biologists with reference to Sealing Inspectors appointment. Both want to establish themselves in other fields and are not interested. Whaling Inspector Baker very interested and if unable to obtain biologist he would be extremely useful and capable of population count. Bonner feels that if commercial exploitation is not contemplated for another eighteen months post could be filled by other than biologist but that as soon as exploitation begins it would be most desirable to have a trained biologist.

Administrative Officer.

GTC:IM Typed:RB

(Original in P/808 - Bonner; copies in P/902 - Bremner, & D/3/56/II - Biologist Sth Georgia)

240
King Edward Point,
South Georgia.
16th January 1961.



Ref:627.

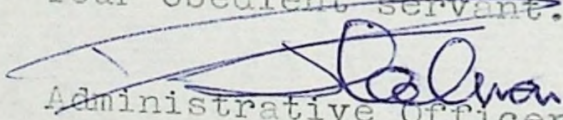
Sir,

241
During His Excellency's recent visit to South Georgia he requested, particulars to date of films of sealing etc. taken by Bonner. Attached please find details as supplied by Bonner, it will be noted this does not include still photographs or colour slides.

While agreeing that these films are of interest to F.I.D.S. Bureau London, they also have a commercial value and are of prime importance to the Sealing Industry. For that reason it is suggested that it would be advisable for the originals to be returned to Stanley so that a check could be kept on distribution.

Reply at 243

The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary,
Port Stanley.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant.

Administrative Officer,
South Georgia..

240
L.S.
Submitted

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12/2/61

16- m.m. Film - Wildlife in South Georgia

The original intention in making this film was to prepare a study-film of the South Georgia Fur Seal and a shorter documentary on the techniques of elephant sealing.

The film has been taken on 16 mm Kodachrome D, exposed in a Bell-Howell AutoLoad camera, on loan from Falkland. So far 700' of film have been exposed but only 400' have been returned to South Georgia and inspected.

Elephant Sealing

100' exposed in Sacramento Bight, October 1959. This shows scenes of seals on the beach in compact harem structure; driving and shooting the bulls; flensing; hooking; loading the skins on the sealer.

A further 150' exposed at Wilson Harbour October 1958 has not yet been returned to South Georgia. It is believed to be still at F.I.D.S. Bureau in London.

Fur Seals

250' exposed at Bird Island December 1959 and January 1960. Scenes include general harem structure; beach selection by the cows; fighting between bulls; mating; suckling; heat reaction. 50' are devoted to tagging techniques.

150' were exposed at Bird Island in December 1960 and has been sent for processing.

Odd Birds

50' exposed at Bird Island December 1959. Scenes of Wandering and Grey-Headed Albatrosses, South Georgia Teal.

500' of unexposed film remain in stock. The majority of this will be used for fur seal studies during the coming January visit to Bird Island. 150' will be devoted for further shots of elephant sealing (exposure and lighting of the scenes at Sacramento Bight were poor and the condition of the Wilson Harbour film is not known). Another 50' will be used for more shots of birds at Bird Island. Although there was no original intention to film birds it is thought that if the finished film is ultimately to be used for showing to general audiences a few scenes of birds will lighten the seals. The amount of film to be used, 100' in all, is not considerable.

Owing to the poor lighting conditions so prevalent in South Georgia (and my own lack of skill as a ciné photographer) probably about 30% of the exposed film will have to be rejected when editing. It is hoped ultimately to produce an 800' film (showing time about 30 minutes) of which some three quarters will be of fur seals. If a 16 mm editor can be borrowed in London the final film should be assembled in the coming (northern) summer and a fuller report will then be made. In the absence of a 16 mm projector in South Georgia I am unable to say more at this stage.

W. Nigel Bonner

W. Nigel Bonner
Biologist

10th January 1961

H.C.S.

I think it would be as well for the film to be edited, and if Bonner can arrange for this to be done while he is in England, so much the better. He should then report on the result, and a decision can be made regarding the disposal of the film. I agree with the A.O. that it would have a commercial value, and a copy might possibly be sold to E.B.C. television.

18th February 1961

RA

js.

D/3/56/II

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18th February, 61.

To: Administrative Officer,

From: The Colonial Secretary,

SOUTH GEORGIA.

16- m.m. Film - Wildlife in South Georgia.

240
I am directed to refer to your letter of 16th January, 1961, reference 627 on the above subject and to say it would be as well for the film to be edited, and if Bonner can arrange for this to be done while he is in England, so much the better. He should then report on the result, and a decision can be made regarding the disposal of the film. I agree that it would have a commercial value, and a copy might possibly be sold to B.B.C. television.

(Sgd) R.H.D. Manders.

COLONIAL SECRETARY

BU 30/4/61

244

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

No. 410.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 27th February, 1961. *Time :* 1200

Received : 27th February, 1961. *Time :* 1530

No. 38. Bonner Sealing Inspector requests the Governors permission to export two South Georgia fur seal skins. He wishes to have them prepared and states he will bear the cost of preparation himself. He intends their preparation to be as study skins available for lecture or exhibition purposes.

Administrative Officer

Reply at 248.

P/L : LH

Original in: D/3/56/II
Copy in: P/808 ✓

Hon. C.S.
→

TELEGRAM

245

Hon C.S.

Under Sec. 21 of Seal Fishing Ord (Cap. 62)

H.G. is empowered to grant this request.

2/11/61

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G.I.

2. 11/11/61

2/3/61



CRA

2.3.61

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s/c

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R. inf. AO

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2/11/61

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	Psy			4.3.61
To	ADMINOFF SOUTH GEORGIA			(DEPSA/c)

244

No. 42. Yourtel 38 Seal skins stop Approval granted

Secretary

Time

DRM/LH

30.8.61
~~30.4.61~~ (243)

~~259~~
248A

EXTRACT FROM RECORD OF DISCUSSIONS HELD AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE
ON TUESDAY 11TH APRIL, 1961, BETWEEN HIS EXCELLENCY THE
GOVERNOR, THE HONOURABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY AND CAPTAIN
COLEMAN, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, SOUTH GEORGIA

(Original in D/22/59)

Sealing

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A replacement for Bonner would be necessary and it was thought that Baker might be interested but a biologist was desirable. An indent should now be prepared but if candidate was married it would not be possible for his wife to come out during the first six months of appointment.

HLE/LH

ACV



249

Biologist/Sealing Inspector for
South Georgia.

- (i) Who will recruit S&S.
Crown Agents or FIDS?
- (ii) Qualifications?
- (iii) Salary?
- (iv) Tour?

250

3A.

250
1944-61

These files in the file in house

It fits in what you are in office
or me to see FIDS for advice.

Team will be divided later.

Wants FIDS Team plane above
myself salary of unqualified
people.



Hon. C.S.

The points raised by S/C at 2 will require early consideration since the indent shone. If possible, issue this memo.

- (i) I wd. suggest FIDS wd. be the ^{better} choice as they wd. have a closer knowledge of the type of work required.
- (ii) A fully qualified biologist is desirable but not entirely essential if the exploitation of the fur seal industry is to be speeded.
- (iii) A qualified biologist would presumably seek the same salary as Bommer £1000 x £25 - £1100. He also receives the usual £10 p.m. plus £132 p.a. messing allowance. An unqualified man (Baker?) could not expect the same reward.
- (iv) Reduce term from 2-2½ yrs to 1½-2 years.

25/4/61

See 173

Attached draft indent for
Wm. Bonner's succession at S. Georgia.
Would it be good enough to
examine it & offer any comments for
rejoinder to make.

Students Ad, FID, could make
Recommendations regarding a suitable Green
Scale if biologist not obtainable.

H.C.S.

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20.4.61

I would like to suggest that a biology qualification is essential. ~~Students~~ of a graduate is not available. How come one who has a level in biology or natural sciences and who has experience in field projects in natural history are to show this sort of work is of absorbing interest. (I believe Bodner did a season in the field with Stonehouse in South Georgia before he went home and obtained a degree). A man who has no real training in biology would probably lose interest sooner or later, nor would there be much point in keeping him at South Georgia during the winter.

I feel there should be some tie up with Green many college. which is about to take over the supervision of F-105 biological work. Dr. Rans, a physician in the work on Elephant

Heals, is a prospective candidate for a senior post on the staff here. This training can be arranged by training to Sri Perani trust. The question of salary is a tricky one.

- (a) An ungratified man (Shouldn't get more than
a net- assistant (\$20 x \$20 = \$400)
(b) A fool in National Service + provocation -
\$600 x \$25 = \$1500 ?

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Dater
25/4/61

(c) Recent Graduate - ^{with} no post-graduate experience -
 $\pounds 800 \times \frac{1}{25} = \pounds 900$ (7) ^{debt}
or better still - $\pounds 894$ as for whaling inspection
and then after 2 years - into the present
scale - $\pounds 1,000 \times \frac{1}{25} = \pounds 1,100$

(d) Graduate with post-graduate experience - $\pounds 1,000 \times \frac{1}{25} = \pounds 1,100$

I agree that the tour should be on
the basis Summer - winter - Summer - then leave
every alternate winter.

JMS

22/4/61

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Spoke to F.I.D.S. person.

especially re (1) ~~we~~ think we could forget
the whaling inspectors who are on their temporary

terms.

27/4/61

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G.E. The appointment of Brian Jackson submitted.

I do not know whether you would wish to write to Sir V.

Fishes or whether you would like me to.

Perhaps it would be best to send an incident
to C.A.A. or a copy to Sir V.

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27/4/61

Government House,
Falkland Islands.

CONFIDENTIAL

26th April 1961

(Dear Bunny),

Bonner, our biologist/sealing inspector at South Georgia, is now on leave in the United Kingdom, and will be returning to South Georgia for next summer only. This means that we will need a replacement for him, and I think it would be most helpful if the replacement could have next summer at South Georgia with Bonner.

I understand that Bonner feels that if we do not contemplate exploitation of the fur seals, some one other than a biologist might do, but I think a properly qualified man would be best if we can get the right one.

On this question of exploitation, Bonner feels that we could launch a pilot scheme next year, and kill 200 fur seals, perhaps 100 to be given to Albion Star, and 100 to Salvesen, but personally, I am not very keen on this. We know that the skins would be saleable, and are of reasonable quality, and I do not think the killing of such a small number is going to take us much further. I do not think that at this stage, certainly, exploitation of the fur seal would have any significance in persuading Salvesen or Albion Star to remain in South Georgia if their whaling activities were unprofitable. This might be different in another ten years or so. I would like to see a much wider spread of the fur seal round South Georgia before we consider exploitation.

To get back to the question of a biologist, I think it would be advantageous to have some sort of tie up with Queen Mary College, and Smith might know of a suitable chap for us. I would like a single man, on a two and a half year contract, i.e. he would come out with Bonner in September, 1961, work at South Georgia until April, 1963, then take leave, return September, 1963, and do another season until April, 1964.

The question of pay is not easy. I think we could pay a recent graduate with no post graduate experience £800 in his first year, £900 for his second, and £1,000 for his final season. If we could get a graduate with experience, we could pay him £1,000 x £50 to £1,100. In addition to this, we pay a gratuity of £10 a month on the satisfactory completion of a tour, and he would receive free board and lodging in South Georgia.

I am considering the possibility of a general increase in salaries in South Georgia of the order of 25% (this is confidential at present), but I hope we would be able to get a biologist at the figure I have mentioned. If you think we would have to pay more, perhaps you would let us know.

We can discuss this in more detail when I return to England in July, but by then there will not be too much time left if the new

man is to return with Bonner.

I may perhaps add that Baker, who was a whaling inspector last year, was very interested in the possibility of this work, but he is not a trained biologist. We might think of him if there is no hope at all of our getting a trained man, but he could not expect to get the same pay as a man with a degree.

Yours ever,

(signed) Edwin Arrowsmith

H.C.S.

256-7

I have written a short letter to Fuchs about this appointment. I think he will find some one for us if anyone can, for besides Queen Mary College, he is in close touch with Frazer at the Natural History Museum.

2. I am sure we should plump for a single man. The Sealing Inspector has to do a lot of travelling if he is to do his job properly, and a wife left behind at the Point is bound to be worrying what has happened to him.

3. In the mean time, we can hold up the staff vacancy form for the Crown Agents.

26th April 1961

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Staff vacancy back
than

BU 6.6.61 (real)

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A.O. FIST

To note from 248A pl.

Don
4.5.61

260.

H.C.S.

Position noted. Thank you.

M.H.
5/5/61.

BU 6.6.61

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Biologist/Sealing Inspector
HEO Discussion with
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DECODE.

No. 24.

TELEGRAM.

From Crown Agents, London.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 29th June, 19 61. Time : 1443

Received : 30th June, 19 61. Time : 1100

256
Governors letter 26th April. Vacancy for
Biologist Sealing Inspector South Georgia. Please
telegraph rate of vacation leave awarded after second
tour.

Crown

HCS

Reply at 262.

P/L : LH

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE
FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

(W. & S. Ltd.—250 Pd/7/59).

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	Psy			5.7.61
To	etat CROWN ALONDON			DEPSA/c

261 No. 219. Yourtel 29th June stop Rate for leave second tour South Georgia same as first tour $3\frac{1}{2}$ repeat $3\frac{1}{2}$ days per month exclusive of travelling time as under present terms

Secretary

Time DRM/LH

Bee 17.7.61 (mail)

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M30/53514



Communications to be addressed to
THE CROWN AGENTS
FOR OVERSEA GOVERNMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIONS
and the above reference quoted.

MILLBANK,
LONDON, S.W.1.

TELEGRAMS { INLAND: "CROWN SOWEST LONDON."
OVERSEA: "CROWN LONDON."

19 JUN 1961

The Crown Agents acknowledge receipt of

256 Governor's Letter of 26th April 1961. to
F.I.D. Bureau

informing them that a vacancy/vacancies exist(s) for

Biologist / Sealing Inspector, South Georgia.

which has been registered as M

30/53514.

The Crown Agents would be obliged if the above
Requisition number, in addition to the nature of the
appointment, could be quoted in all correspondence with
them concerning this indent.

The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

By
no mail 28/6/61 8.8.61

By 2.9.61 (mail)

CROWN AGENTS FOR OVERSEA GOVERNMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIONS

RECRUITMENT PROGRESS REPORT



To:— The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley,

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Department South Georgia

Date 1st August 1961.

Indent No. or other Authority	C.A. Reqn. No.	Appointment	No. of Vacancies	Remarks
Governor's letter of 26.4.61 to F.I.D.S. London Office and Staff Vacancy Form dated 13.6.61.	M3C/53517	Biologist/Sealing Inspector	1	R.W. VAUGHAN has been offered appointment and is due to sail by the first opportunity after 14.8.61.

Copy sent to A.O. S.G.

for S. 14.8.61.

RECRUITMENT PROGRESS REPORT

To:— The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Department South Georgia



Date 1st September, 1961.

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JH

Indent No. or other Authority	C.A. Reqn. No.	Appointment	No. of Vacancies	Remarks
Governor's letter of 26.4.61 to F.I.D.S. London Office and Staff Vacancy Form dated 13.6.61.	M30/53517	Biologist/Sealing Inspector	1	R.W. VAUGHAN has been appointed and sailed in the "TOTA" 29.8.61 from Norway. Copy sent to W.O. S.L. JH

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DECODE.

No. 361.

TELEGRAM.

From South Georgia,

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 26th February, 19 62. Time : 1830

Received : 27th February, 19 62. Time : 0945

CONFIDENTIAL.

No. 56. On examination Kista Dans customs found two bills of lading made out by Bonner covering 7 cases shipped to F.I.D.S. Bureau London. Case No. 4. containing skull teeth and seal skin(s). Second bill of lading shows 6 cases shipped to his private address list case No. 3 as containing seal skin(s). Case No. 1 camp equipment case No. 2 tents case No. 4 waterproof clothing boots tents fly case No. 5 books paper and tents fly. Case No. 6 Cargoes tents.

Grateful you investigate matter as Administrative Officer ill at time and matter did not come to notice until now. Bonner made no application for permission to take seal skins reference to your telegram No. 42 February 27th 1959 sighted and initialled by Bonner Administrative Officer.

187 in
D/3/56

G.T.C. : IH

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(is he the 2) To Dutch Scientific Bureau
in the Dept. in so in War
Parker..

F.I. Ref: D/3/56/II.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

3rd March, 1962.

Sir,

I am puzzled about a case of seal skins shipped to Bonner's private address. One case containing skull teeth and skins has been shipped to B.A.S. Bureau, London and I do not know why one has been shipped to his private address. He has not bought any skins. No doubt there is some explanation and I should be pleased if you would let me know as the Administrative Officer, South Georgia has been enquiring.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) H.L. Bound

For COLONIAL SECRETARY.

The Director,
B.A.S. Bureau,
4, Millbank,
LONDON, S.W.1.

Copy in P/808

RHDM/IM.

Reply
at 270

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D/3/56/II

6th March, 62.

To: Administrative Officer,

From: The Colonial Secretary,

SOUTH GEORGIA.

Seal skins exported by W. N. Bonner

I am directed to refer to your confidential telegram No. 56 regarding the export of a case of seal skins to Mr. Bonner's personal address and to say that I have now written to the Director, B.A.S. Bureau reporting the matter and I enclose a copy of the letter for your information.

D. H. H. H. H.
(Sgd) *H. H. H. H. H.*
for COLONIAL SECRETARY

HEB/TH

han 29.5.62

BRITISH ANTARCTIC SURVEY

13th March 1962

4 Millbank
London. S.W.1.



Dear Sir,

268 Your letter D/3/56/II dated 3rd March about Bonner's case of seal skins arrived while he was in the office. He informs me that this case addressed to his home contains one salted leopard seal skin.

As the appropriate ordinance for South Georgia includes the statement that for the purposes of the ordinance Leopard seals are not seals, there seems to be no ground for complaint.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "V.E. Fuchs".

V.E. FUCHS.
DIRECTOR

The Colonial Secretary
Stanley
Falkland Islands

137 refers one to four seals

146 A O but Bonner states that 4
last case addressed to his home contains
one salted leopard seal skin
of say (whereas no further action is
necessary)

see 275

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24/4/62.



via Montevideo



The Colonial Secretary

Stanley

Falkland Islands

South Atlantic

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Sender's name and address: The Director

British Antarctic Survey

4 Millbank

LONDON. S.W.1.

AN AIR LETTER SHOULD NOT CONTAIN ANY
ENCLOSURE; IF IT DOES IT WILL BE SURCHARGED
OR SENT BY ORDINARY MAIL.

DECODE.TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

To Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

Despatched : 27th April, 19 62. Time : 1115

Received : 19 Time :

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187 in

5/3/56

No. 80. Your telegram No. 56 Confidential. Bonner states that case addressed to his home contained one salted leopard seal skin. As my telegram No. 42 of 27th February 1959 refers only to fur seals presume no further action necessary.

Colonial Secretary

G.T.C. : RE/LH

Reply at 273.

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DECODE.

No. 174.

TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 28th April, 19 62. Time : 1300

Received : 28th April, 19 62. Time : 1200

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No. 107. Your telegram No. 80.

No further action required.

Administrative Officer

P/L : LH

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Ref: D/3/56/II.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

3rd May, 1962.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge your letter of the 13th March, 1962, regarding the case of seal skins shipped from South Georgia by Mr. W.N. Bonner, and to thank you for your assistance in the matter.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Handwritten signature

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Sir V. Fuchs,
British Antarctic Survey,
4, Millbank,
LONDON, S.W.1.

RB/IM.

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6.5.62

S.G. No. 635.....

From:—

THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER,
SOUTH GEORGIA.



MEMO

C.S. No.....

5th September..... 1962..

To:—

The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary,
Port Stanley,

Seal Research Programme South Georgia.

Attached for your consideration is a report on the above subject by R.W.Vaughan, Sealing Inspector.

In view of the fact that Albion Star are not operating this season, and therefore unable to assist the Sealing Inspector in the matter of transport, I asked Vaughan to make out this report. Its main objective is to obtain support to the suggestion that B.A.S. ships assist the Sealing Inspector to carry out his programme.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "I. Selman".

Reply at 284

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THE EFFECT OF THE CESSATION OF WHALING ON

THE SEAL RESEARCH PROGRAMME AT SOUTH GEORGIA.

By

R. W. Vaughan, B.Sc.

Biologist / Sealing Inspector.

3rd. September 1962.

Biological Laboratory
King Edward Point
South Georgia.

The decision by the Albion Star Company to cease all whaling and sealing operations at Grytviken in the season 1962-1963 is an unfortunate one as regards the programme of seal research. In a normal season the company has made a boat available for carrying out the elephant seal census and for transport up to Bird Island for the fur seal studies.

The elephant and fur seal studies are quite separate from one another and it is as well to consider them separately in the light of next season's difficulties.

Elephant Sealing

It has been the usual practice to carry out this programme concurrently with the commercial sealing. During the actual season specimens can be collected from the commercial catch, and tagging and counts can be carried out on the various beaches visited. Then at the end of the season it has been usual for the company to place a vessel at the Biologists' disposal for the census and main tagging, in return for an extra cargo of seals.

However, during the coming season there will be no sealing boats operating and no service boats in steam. This means that an alternative means of transport will have to be found, and also it means that the collection of specimens will be made more difficult as all the animals will have to be dealt with single-handed instead of having the assistance of the sealing crews and their gear.

It seems that the only possibility of transport for the elephant seal census and tagging will be either "Shackleton" or "John Biscoe" if they are near the island at the appropriate time, or possibly the Navy might be able to render assistance if "Protector" should be spending any time in South Georgia waters.

What is required is the use of a vessel to land on various beaches round the island to count the seals and apply tags to this year's pups. Normally such a trip would involve landing on three beaches in each sealing division, making twelve in all, for the census and applying about two thousand tags altogether. Such a trip might be expected to take about three to four days provided the weather was good and also that some reliable assistance was available from either BAS personnel or Government employees from King Edward Point. Such assistance would be necessary in view of the size that the pups will have grown to, and the fact that they will have dispersed into the tussac, so making the census very much more difficult.

Ideally this work should be carried out in the first week of November but it seems as though no transport can possibly be available before the latter part of November. It should be borne in mind that the longer this work is delayed the longer it is likely to take, and also, if very late, is going to clash with the fur seal programme at Bird Island.

Fur Seal Research

The original intention was to carry out this programme in two parts -- six weeks before Christmas for the census and then a further short stay in the new year for tagging. However with the transport difficulties it seems as though it will be best to carry out the planned work in one long visit of about 2 - 3 months starting in November as early as possible.

Transport to Bird Island may be made fairly easily since a bird - banding expedition sponsored by the United States Antarctic Research Program (USARP) will be visiting the island. However it is important that the fur seal census should start as early as possible, at least sometime in November, since last year's census was lacking due to an unavoidable late start.

In carrying out parts of the census and more especially with the tagging it is absolutely vital to have assistance, both as regards the actual labour of the task, and also for protection from the seals. This latter is most important, since an injury such as sustained by Bonner last year, would not be able to have immediate hospital treatment due to the present lack of transport. It is hoped that assistance will be forthcoming from members of the USARP expedition if they arrive in time.

At the completion of this work in late January it is hoped that transport back to King Edward Point can be arranged by means of a BAS boat.

It was intended to count the fur seals on the Willis Islands this year since bad weather prevented this from being done last

year. Although this count is important and every effort will be made to carry it out, it is of less importance than the main work on Bird Island.

The importance of this work cannot be overemphasised, the tagging started in 1957 and has continued annually ever since, and this is all the more reason why it should be continued this year. The value of such tagging lies in the regular application of tags, in this way it is possible to keep a check on the annual accession of younger animals to replace those taken commercially, and thus ensure a safe future for the herd. In addition since there will be no sealing this year it is doubly important that a census should be taken, in view of the fact that last year's was inadequate and also since it is essential that the resources of the herd should be known when sealing recommences,

Summary

With Grytviken not operating next season and the subsequent lack of local vessels, it is hoped that assistance may be obtained from either ~~RAN~~ BAS boats or the Navy to carry out the elephant seal census, and to land on Bird Island.

The elephant seal programme should be completed as early as possible, and the fur seal programme should start not later than the end of November.

It is most important that the programme should be carried out this year, as failure to do so would ruin the continuity of the past six years work.

If possible the Willis Islands and area should be counted for fur seals.

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DIC BAS

Can you tell us 2

for

27/10/62

1st November, 1962.

Y.E.

This year the Sealing Inspector could be landed at Bird Island by the Shackleton at the same time as the U.S.A.R.P. Inspector. From odd radio telephone talks I have had with the South Georgia Wireless Station recently, I gather that Vaughan is preparing equipment etc., for a Bird Island seal count on the above assumption.

It would seem that he should be able to finish this apparently important work well within the shipping season, but I don't think that Vaughan should expect U.S.A.R.P. members to help in the seal round-ups. Presumably they will have a full scale programme on their hands.

It is a pity that this problem did not come to light earlier, as programme planning for the Shackleton might have been adjusted to allow her to spend a week around South Georgia to assist in the Elephant Seal tagging. It is obvious that if a Sealing Inspector is important for South Georgia then he must have the transport to carry out his duties and at the moment it rests on B.A.S. ships or the Protector. It seems to me that here is another of those 'side' duties in the relation of B.A.S. ships to South Georgia that we discussed the other day.

The problem is - can the first B.A.S. ship afford to spend a week at South Georgia during November. - In all probability as long as a set rendezvous with other ships is not involved too much, her schedule this year can be altered to allow for an attempt to assist Vaughan.

We do have that uncertain period after the 5th January, 1963 that hinges on the unknown arrival date of the tanker. I am not certain as to what effect such a trip around South Georgia would have on ship's fuel; it seems as if we might be a bit pinched this year, but the Captain could advise more accurately on this.

I suggest that if the Captain of the Shackleton considers such a commitment would cause no great detraction from his ship-borne, scientific and Relief of Bases programme, and if such a commitment is considered necessary to the furtherance of South Georgia Sealing inspection, an attempt could be made to carry out Elephant Seal tagging before the Bird Island party is landed, this would entail a prior call to Grytviken, and Vaughan would have to be informed as soon as possible, he could then leave the Point for a combined Elephant Seal count around the coast, and Fur seal count on Bird Island, with a total duration of several months.

I am sure the question of charges to the South Georgia vote will be raised. In future years it might be possible to recommence a South Georgia week for Sealing Research as the first "after Stanley" commitment, but I think that we must watch out for the "side-line" requests that might arise from these.

Dictated by E. Clapp.

MB.

J.S. This has come to me. Minute submitted as a result of my request at 282 - see 276 & 279.

8-2/4/62.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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6:11:62

To

BEAT : ADMINOFF SOUTH GEORGIA

A/C HO

276 NO 239 YOUR MEMO 5TH SEPTEMBER SEAL RESEARCH PROGRAMME STOP
SHACKLETON HAS BEEN DELAYED A WEEK IN HONSWIDE WITH PROPELLER TROUBLE
STOP NOW NOT EXPECTED STANLEY BEFORE NOVEMBER 14TH AND SOUTH GEORGIA NOVEMBER
26TH STOP FEAR ELEPHANT SEAL PROGRAMME WILL HAVE TO BE ABANDONED AND
VAUGHAN WILL HAVE TO GO BIRD ISLAND WITH TICKELL PARTY STOP DATE OF
HIS RETURN GIVEViken UNCERTAIN BUT ONLY OPPORTUNITY BEFORE END SEASON
MAY BE GIVE FUEL EARLY JANUARY STOP GRATEFUL YOUR COMMENTS

GOVERNOR

By 12.11.62

Reply at 285.

DECODE.

No. 69.

TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 7th November, 19 62. Time 1730

Received : 8th November, 19 62. Time :

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No. 285. For Governor. Your telegram No. 239. Seal research programme. The opportunity for Vaughan to go to Bird Island with Tickell and return about early January would be most useful. He has under way a restricted elephant seal programme on beaches close to King Edward Point. The foregoing should cover research programme for this season as well as can be expected considering the unusual circumstances.

Administrative Officer

S.S.

Submitted

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10.11.62

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DECODE.TELEGRAM.

No. 164.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 17th January, 19 63. Time : 1250

Received : 17th January, 19 63. Time : 1515

No. 15. For Governor.

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Reference your telegram No. 239. Grateful confirmation whether or not Grey Funnel will be able to pick up Vaughan from Bird Island in February so that he can connect Kista Dan.

Administrative Officer

287

Reply at 290.

P/L : LH
(Intld.) DM

Sachs promised to fire a run when
oil can be seen and when there was
any chance of a BAS ship in which
it was still protected

We!

Protector will embark

18/1/63

Vaughan. Dec 19. 1. 63 i.e. as far as BA is concerned it will have to

be Protected.

288

G.S. Can visit by Protector be arranged and

can we inform A.O S.S that it has been arranged?

or
24/1/63

289

HCS

Protector will pick Vaughan up
en route to Grytviken.

or.

~~21~~ 22.1.63

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

290

FALKLAND ISLANDSSENT

Wt P2809 5/61

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	Psy			23.1.63
To	etat ADMINOFF ZBH			SGA/c

286 No. 22. Yourtel 15 confirm Grey Funnel will embark Vaughan en route
Grytviken

Secretary

Time HLE/LH

P.A. 23.1.63

291

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

No. 236.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 24th January, 19 63. Time : 1400

Received : 25th January, 19 63. Time : 1015

290

No. 26. Reference your telegram No. 22. Grateful you ask Postmaster to separate Titchell and party mail so that this may be landed during embarkation Vaughan.

Administrative Officer

P/L : LM
(Intld.) DM

Copy to Postmaster

Do 20

82

292

S/c

I have spoken to P.M.

Wd you pl. have 291 copied to him.

ACS

Copy sent to P.M. 28.1.63

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

No. 63.

From Polasurvey, London.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 15th February, 19 63. Time : 1734

Received : 16th February, 19 63. Time : 1015

from Polasurvey
For Coleman South Georgia.

Bonner left dried plants mounted on sheets in lab request you send for cataloguing by Green and return to you authenticated.

Col Sec
Polasurvey

P/L : LH
(Intld.) HLB

Reply 298

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

SENT

Wt. P2809 5/61

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	Psy			18.2.63
To	(Conf. copy 'phoned W/T etat ADMINOFF SOUTH GEORGIA Station a.m./18th)			SGA/c

293 No. 45. Following for Coleman from Polasurvey Bonner left dried plants mounted on sheets in lab request you send for cataloguing by Green and return to you authenticated

Secretary

Time LH

See 297

182 G3

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

SENT

47
295

Wt. P2809 5/61

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	Psy			22.2.63
To				
	etat ADMINOFF ZBH			SGA/c

No. 47. Vaughan requests permission to compile indent for biological equipment etc. on arrival UK so that shipment maybe effected in time to connect June Darwin stop Subject your approval will instruct Crown accordingly

Secretary

Time HLB/LH

Reply 296

Recd 22.2.63

DECODE.

No. 209.

TELEGRAM.From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 23rd February, 19 63. Time : 1145

Received : 19 Time :

295

No. 46. Your telegram No. 47. Agree with
proposal for Biological indent.

Administrative Officer

P/L : LH

SC Can you say how much
 time is available in the vote at present
 ACJ.
 About 1700
 26.2.63

DECODE.

No. 220.

TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 27th February, 1963. Time : 1210

Received : 27th February, 1963. Time :

294 No. 47. Your telegram No. 45. Your telegram passed to Vaughan and following reply received "know nothing at all about dried plants and none in lab".

Administrative Officer

So inform Potomac

5 1/3/63.

P/L : LH
(Intld.) DM

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

SENT

Wt. P2809 5/61

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	Psy			4.3.63
To				
etat POLASURVEY LONDON				SGA/c

293

Yourtel 15th February Adminoff regrets no knowledge dried plants and confirms none in lab

Colonial Secretary

Time HLB/LH

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299

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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Wt. P2809 5/61

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	Psy			4.3.63
To	etat CROWN LONDON			SGA/c

p/926 No. 46. Mylet P/926 of 13th February Vaughan authorised to compile indent for South Georgia biological equipment etc for early shipment stop Please insure total cif does not exceed £1700 and expenditure charged this financial year

Secretary

quoted as a savings

Time HLB/LH

300

ACJ

299. I find that the £1700 balance on the vote has been quoted as a saving in connection with another vote. Pl see 259 in D/6/58/II.

D. P. M.
6.3.63

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

301

SENT

Wt P2809 5/61

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	Psy			8.3.63
To				
	etat ADMINOFF ZBH			SGA/c

295
 259
 5/6/58

No. 62. Mytel 47 I now find that available balance of vote frozen as savings per yourtel 25 stop Understand from Vaughan stores essential this winter stop Grateful your early consideration

Secretary

Time HLB/LH

Reply 302

B.U. 14.3.63

302

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 11th March, 19 63. *Time :* 1800.

Received : 12th March, 19 63. *Time :* 1030.

301

No. 65. Your telegram No. 62. Grateful some indication amount involved in order to investigate savings under other sub-heads.

Administrative Officer.

P/L : IM

Reply 303

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

303

FALKLAND ISLANDSSENT

Wt P2809 5/61

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	Psy			13.3.63
To	etat ADMINOFF ZBH			SGA/c

302

No. 69. Yourtel 65 Vaughan had no idea how much would be involved but since £1000 spent last year and £500 already this year would estimate at least further £500 required now

Secretary

Time HLB/LH

See 304

B.U. 20.3.63

304

DECODE.

No. 138.

TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 14th March, 19 63. *Time :* 1400

Received : 15th March, 19 63. *Time :* 1030

303

No. ⁸⁰~~E~~. Your telegram No. 69. Suggest this matter be held in abeyance until Vaughan submits indent to Crown when total amount required will be known.

Administrative

PL:TB

(Intld) DM

303

DECODE.

No. 51.

TELEGRAM.

From Polasurvey, London.

To Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 15th March, 19 63. Time : 1121

Received : 15th March, 19 63. Time : 1530

Coleman from Greene. Bonner now confirms he brought back plant specimens.

Polasurvey.

PL:TB
(Intld) DM

KIV 304

Since tel pl

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

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WT P2809 5/61

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	Psy			16.3.63
To				
	etat ADMINOFF ZBH			SGA/c

297

No. 72. Yourtel 47 Following from Polasurvey begins Coleman from Greene
stop Bonner now confirms be brought back plant specimens ends

Secretary

Time LH

~~KIV 304~~

Hon C.S.

C.T. may wish to
Comment on 304 before
further action is taken?

308

17.3.63

18/3/63

Hon C.T.

309

For yr observations on 301-304

Pl.

310

18.3.63

N.C.S.,

As long as expenditure is not incurred
before the money is voted, the arrangement seems
to be satisfactory.

L.C.

18.3.63

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311

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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Wt P2809 5/61

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	Psy			21.3.63
To	etat ADMINOFF ZHH			SGA/c

25 in I / 64/62 No. 77. Following from Crown quote Indent 64/62 please confirm 1500 seal tags shipped Kista Dan received case marked OAG Sealing South Georgia stop Cable authority purchase laboratory equipment and tags required 1963 for Vaughan stating total permitted expenditure unquote stop Please advise reply regarding tags per Kistadan and I will embody request to ascertain from 304 Vaughan estimated expenditure required vide yourtel 80

Time ILB/LH

Filed in I/64/62

D/3/56/II

Secretary

DECODE.TELEGRAM.

● No. 195.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.*To* Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

<i>Despatched :</i>	22nd March,	6 59	<i>Time</i> 2230
<i>Received :</i>	22nd March,	6 59	<i>Time :</i>

311

No. 82. Your telegram No. 77.

Confirm tags received per Kista Dan.

Administrative Officer

P/L : LH
(Intld.) DMOriginal in I/64/62
Copy in D/3/56/21

DECODE.TELEGRAM.*From* Colonial Secretary, Stanley.*To* Crown Agents, London.*Despatched :* 23rd March, 19 63. *Time :* 0930*Received :* 19 *Time :*

25 in I/64/62 No. 59. Your telegram 19th March. Confirm receipt seal tags. Please ascertain from Vaughan estimate amount required to cover purchase laboratory equipment and telegraph accordingly. Important no expenditure incurred without my approval.

Colonial Secretary

P/L : HLB/LH

Original in D/3/56/11

Copy in I/64/62

Copy to AO/SG

20
BU 12.4.63 (R)

314

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

No. 347.

From Crown Agents, London S. W. 1.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 17th April, 19 63. Time : 1729

Received : 18th April, 19 63. Time : 1030

313

Priority. Your telegram No. 59 March, 23rd ordering for Vaughan seal tags value £69 for air despatch Kentucky/Montevideo and laboratory apparatus £125 to connect June Darwin. Please cable authority. Following for Admin South Georgia:

"Please enquire immediately possibility of buying or borrowing analytical Balance from Grytviken laboratory and let me know result. Regards Vaughan. End".

315

ACS Please telephone W

At 6 acids

re go Crown

into question

9 funds

re 13/4/62

Original in D/3/56/II ✓
Copy in I/64/62
Copy to Adminoff S.G.

P/L:TB
(Intld DM)

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Psy

19.4.63

To

PRIORITY

etat ADMINOFF SOUTH GEORGIA

SGA/c

304

— 314 —

No. 92. Yourtel 80 Crown now reply quote priority stop
 Ordering for Vaughan seal tags value £69 for air despatch
 Kentucky/Montevideo and laboratory apparatus £125 to connect
 June Darwin stop Please cable authority stop Following for
 Adminoff South Georgia colon Please enquire immediately
 possibility of buying or borrowing analytical balance from
 Grytviiken laboratory and let me know result stop Regards
 Vaughan unquote stop No funds available subhead 37 grateful
 your early recommendation

Secretary

Time

HLB/LH

317

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

No. 168.

From Officer-in-Charge, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 20th April, 19 63. Time : 1700

Received : 19 Time :

PRIORITY.

316

No. 100. Your telegram No. 92. Albion Star willing to lend analytical balance but subject to approval Albion Southampton. This should be sought by Vaughan before leaving United Kingdom. Recommend cost of tags and lab apparatus be taken from savings of £200 subhead 30.

Note made in Vole Book. *[Signature]*
25.4.63

Officer-in-Charge

P/L : LH

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

SENT

Wt P2809 5/61

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	Psy			23.4.63
To	PRIORITY etat CROWN LONDON			SGA/c

314 No. 77. Yourtel 17th April expenditure £200 authorised stop Albion Star willing lend analytical balance subject approval Albion Southampton which should be sought by Vaughan before leaving UK

Secretary

Time HLB/LH

? NFA
 Pl. make necessary entries in
 S.G. Vote Book. ACS
 These were done
 Miss Halliday
 Pl. ok. ok. pa

2/3/561E

THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE AND THE
DATE OF THIS LETTER SHOULD BE
QUOTED IN COMMUNICATIONS.

G5/SOUTH GEORGIA F.I.D. 298

TELEGRAMS (INLAND: "CROWN, SOWEST, LONDON."
OVERSEA: "CROWN, LONDON.")

TELEPHONE: ABBEY 7730

TELEX NO. 24209

CROWN AGENTS

FOR OVERSEA GOVERNMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIONS

4. MILLBANK,

LONDON. S.W.1.



BVF

30th April, 1963

Dear Sir,

318 Thank you for your telegram No. 77 dated April 23rd, giving approval to expenditure for Scientific equipment required by Mr. Vaughan. We have passed on to him your message regarding the Analytical Balance and we understand that he will be contacting Albion Southampton shortly.

The total cost of the items purchased on Mr. Vaughan's behalf finally amounted to £170. 9. 8. plus the cost of Seal Tags at £69, as advised in our telegram of April 17th.

It is hoped to ship all the equipment from the U.K. during the course of this week. The vessel will arrive in Montevideo towards the end of May in time to communicate with the "DARWIN" sailing from there on June 3rd.

Formal advice copies of the orders placed have been sent to you in the usual way.

Yours faithfully,

J. Hammett

for The Crown Agents.

The Colonial Secretary,
Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

HCT

for info

322 24/6/63

DH/NLB

B 13 2/6/63

to inform all cargo & stores etc are transferred to S.G. by 24/6/63

321

H.C.S.

Recd, Thank you.
L.C.

23.5.63

Pa

Memorandum from Sealing Inspector to H.E. the Governor

10th June 1963.

I should like to bring the following points to your notice as regards the sealing programme in South Georgia this next season.

1) A certain amount of time should be spent working on the herd of reindeer as it is quite possible that this will become of increasing economic importance in the future with the cessation of whaling in South Georgia; the herd could well provide a readily accessible source of fresh meat for the Government personnel. To these ends it is proposed to try and carry out a census of the Barff Peninsula herd and to study the feasibility of transferring animals to the Maiviken area.

2) With the transport difficulties envisaged next season it is thought that it will be better to abandon the Bird Island programme rather than spend all the season on Bird Island. But every effort should be made to carry out a census on or about 12th December, and also to tag a number of pups, the optimum time for which is about the first week in January.

3) Elephant work will be confined to a repeat of last year's successful sample census, an intensive tagging programme and to a detailed analysis of seal milk.

4) A part of the old Discovery house should be reconverted to a laboratory in view of the lack of space in the existing quarters and the fact that there may be more than one Biologist working at King Edward Point for a part of the season.

C.S.

324

R.W.Vaughan.

Biologist-- South Georgia.

For file. I have

written to Ruddy about these points.

EBH 21.6.63

5.7.63

TELEGRAM.

325

No. 96.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 16th October, 19 63. Time : 1800
Received : 17th October, 19 63. Time : 0930

No. 201. Japanese operating Grytviken intend terminating whaling December 1st. Two whaling inspectors become redundant at that time but opportunity of repatriation by Tota December 4th. Vaughan suggests he could use their assistance on following programme

- 1 Experimental branding elephant seal pups as at Macquarie.
- 2 Series of pup weighings.
- 3 Collection milk samples for amino acid analysis. One inspector considerably experienced this field.
- 4 Daily observations marked seals for behavioural patterns impossible single handed.
- 5 Collection stomach contents for analysis.
- 6 Assistance reindeer studies Husvik where two more essential.
- 7 Collection reindeer stomach contents and check feeding habits one inspector has good knowledge botany so work would be greatly facilitated.

Grateful your comments.

Reply at 328

Administrative Officer

P/L : LH
(Intld.) HLB

D/3/56/II
D/3/60/D

326

J.E.

This would require money. We could not employ Whaling Inspector (being paid as Whaling Inspector) a Whaling Inspector's assistant.

L.G.

19.10.63

DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched : 21.10.63.

Time : 1630

Received :

Time :

SG 22 Japanese operating Grytviken intend terminating whaling December 1. Two whaling inspectors become redundant at that time but there is opportunity of repatriation by ship leaving December 4. They could however be used on following scientific programme with Vaughan the Sealing Inspector/Biologist :-

- (i) Experimental branding elephant seal pups as at Macquarie.
- (ii) Series of pup weighings.
- (iii) Collection milk samples for amino acid analysis. One inspector considerably experienced this field.
- (iv) Daily observations marked seals for behavioural patterns impossible single handed.
- (v) Collection stomach contents for analysis.
- (vi) Assistance reindeer studies Husvik where two more essential.
- (vii) Collection reindeer stomach contents and check feeding habits. One inspector has good knowledge botany so work would be greatly facilitated.

2. This is an opportunity which may not recur and in view of American scientific interest in South Georgia (Fuchs knows about this) I am anxious that we should lose no opportunity to produce results of value. Salaries of whaling inspectors presumably approved to end April (I await information on this) and I recommend most strongly that they should be permitted to undertake this work after whaling stops.

Reply at 327

EPA/ER.

G.T.C.

DECODE.

328

TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

To Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

Despatched : 21st October 19 63 Time : 1530

Received : 19 Time :

325

No.203 Yourtel 201 recommendation made to London that
whaling inspectors should be so employed after whaling terminates.
Will inform you when reply received. Will there be opportunity
for passages to U.K. from Leith at end of season ?

SECRETARY.

EPA/ER

P/L

DECODE.TELEGRAM.

No. 132.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 22nd October, 19 63. Time : 1250
 Received : 22nd October, 19 63. Time :

328

No. 212. Your telegram No. 203. Passage from
 Leith end of season available Miyajimamaru sailing
 March 17th arrive Durban March 27th. Nippon Suisan
 Kaisha whaling operations Leith ending March 11th.

Administrative Officer

J.E.

Lg.

24.10.63

P/L : LH

(Intld.) HLB

Last sentence extracted to D/6/58/C H 28/10/63

330

14/8/63

According to 29 in D/9/63

There shd. be an opportunity

S.G - Europe April 1, 1964.

SPA 4.11.63

331

DECODE.

● o. 127.

TELEGRAM.From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 13th November, 19 63. Time : 1905

Received : 14th November, 19 63. Time : 0900

35 in P/982

No. 250. Your telegram No. 208. Sincerely hope
 Mowats or other recruits can travel AES. After departure
 Total December 4th only one cook to cope with residents
 Shackleton House plus whaling inspectors if they should
 stay your telegram No. 203 refers plus builders plus
 Clagg and Longton.

328

Administrative Officer

G.T.C. : LH
(Intld.) HLBP/982
D/3/56/II
P/846

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TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary, Stanley

To Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

Despatched : 15th November 19 63 Time : 1430

Received : 19 Time :

328

No.246 My telegram 203 whaling inspectors.
Still awaiting reply from London. Have sent urgent
reminder.

Secretary.

EPA/ER

P/L

333

DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 15.11.63 Time: 1630 Received: Time:

321 SG 27 Reply urgently required. My telegram SG 22
Whaling Inspectors. Please telegraph whether proposal
approved. Tota leaves South Georgia December 4.

EPA/ER

P/L

Reply at 337

BU 25.11.63

11/3/56

334

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From H.E. the Governor.

To Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

Despatched : 25th November 1963 Time : 1615 (phoned)

Received : 19 Time :

332

11/5/61

325

No. 254 My telegram 246 Whaling Inspectors
No reply yet from London. In view of your telegram
265 can programme in your 201 also be carried out?
Presume whaling inspectors would visit Husvik and
Barff Peninsula with Vaughan have you camping gear?

EPA/ER

P/L

Reply at 335

335
DECODE.

No. 213

TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To H.E. the Governor.

Despatched : 26th November 1963 *Time :* 1245

Received : 26th November 1963 *Time :* 1240

334 No. 266 Yourtel No. 254. Herewith Vaughan's
programme for employment of Whaling Inspectors.

325
31/5/61
"Propose visit Bird Island as in my tel No. 265
with one Whaling Inspector. After Shackleton
sealing trip hope visit Husvik with both Inspectors
then join Clagg Longton on Barff alternatively
Barff Peninsula first then Husvik nearer end of
season. All visits except Bird Island for
purpose of elephant seal and reindeer research as
in my tel No. 201. Only one Inspector required
for Bird Island visit due to available accommodation.
Both Inspectors required for reindeer studies and
elephant seal research programme. Basic camping
gear available."

Above programme can only be carried out with BAS assistance
as when 1963/64 Estimates prepared Sealing vote was reduced
to £500 on grounds no sealing by Companies during 1963/64
season and no vessels available for charter.

Administrative Officer.

P/L : ER

DECODE.

336

TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 26.11.63

Time: 1530

Received:

Time:

IMMEDIATE

333

SG 28

My SG 27 Whaling inspectors please reply.

EPA/ER

P/L

Reply at 331

331

DECODE.

No. 21

TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched : 26.11.63

Time : 1518

Received : 26.11.63 Time 1820 (phoned)

333

SG 31 Yrtel SG 27 Whaling Inspectors. Retention approved
for rest of this season

SECRET

P/L : ER

(Priority 'phoned Mrs. Read 26th)

DECODE.

338

TELEGRAM.

From H.E. the Governor

To Administrative Officer, South Georgia

Despatched : 27th November 19 63 Time : 0950

Received : 19 Time :

335 No. 255 Yourtel 266 Whaling Inspectors may
stay for rest of season.

339

EPA/ER

P/L

A.T. had better see this.

L.H.

3.12.63

340

Her l. s.,

He spoke. A. A. prepared and in
at back cover of constitution and submitted to
the Governor.

W.L.

4. 12. 15.

341

Special Warrant. Signed by W.L.

W.L.

? NFA

P.A.

DECODE.TELEGRAM.*From* Administrative Officer, South Georgia.*To* Colonial Treasurer, Stanley.

Despatched : 4th May, 19 64. *Time :* 1230
Received : 19 *Time :*

Your telegram 2nd. Seal research. If sealing inspectors programme for counting and tagging seals is to be carried out then it will be necessary to charter a vessel from a whaling Company which has previously cost about £250 per day. Therefore allowance has been made for seven days £1750 and remaining £450 allowed for equipment such as seal tags and incidentals.

Administrative Officer

P/L : LH

343

J.E.

Real Research.

L.E.
5.5.64

6/6

344

I wonder where his programme is. Perhaps on
file in Secretariat.



~~At~~

5.5.64

345

C.S.

Vaughan's programme is mentioned at
b. 323, 325 and 335 of this file.
There is also a mention on it in 2/7/61
b. 19 page 5 and 6.

41. 7/5/64.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

SENT

Wt. P2809 5/61

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	Psy			8.5.64
<i>To</i>				
etat ADMINOFF ZIM		(Conf. copy 'phoned Post Office 9.15 a.m. 8th May)		SGA/c

New appointment Assistant Biologist stop Please advise qualifications
required and earliest date required at South Georgia stop Grateful
early reply

Secretary

HLB/LH

Reply at 347

DECODE.

347

TELEGRAM.

No. 36.

From.....Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To.....Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 8th May, 19 64. *Time :* 1800

Received : 8th May, 19 64. *Time :* 1615

346

256

Cannot be traced

No. 163. Your unnumbered telegram re new appointment assistant biologist. Assuming that assistant will eventually take over from Vaughan suggest qualification B.SC. and generally as in Governors letter 26/4/61 to FIDS London Office and staff vacancy form dated 13/6/61. Applicant appointed should be ready to travel about third week August in order to connect with sealers en route South Georgia where sealing usually starts about second week September.

Administrative Officer

P/L : LH
(Intld.) HLB

F. I. ref:

D/3/56/II

SETEC. ref:

348

SAVING TELEGRAM.

From: The Officer Administering the Government of the Falkland Islands.

To: The Secretary for Technical Co-operation.

Date: 11th May, 1963.

No. 3

SAVING.

SOUTH GEORGIA STAFF

Vacancy for an Assistant Biologist/Sealing Inspector.

348a I enclose a staff indent for the above vacancy and I should be grateful if you would advertise in the usual manner.

GOVERNOR

GOVERNMENT OF
SOUTH GEORGIA

Government reference D/3/56/II
Financial Provision : Estimates 19 64/65
HEAD SUB-HEAD A ITEM xvi

STAFF VACANCY FORM

1. Title of vacant post: **Assistant Biologist/Sealing Officer**
 Department: **South Georgia**
 Cause of vacancy: **Additional post**
2. Number of vacancies: **One**
3. Qualifications:—
 (a) Essential qualifications required:

B. Sc.

 (b) Further qualifications desired, if possible: **—**
4. Age limits: **22 - 45 years**
5. Duties: **Assisting Biologist/Sealing Officer in research work on seals and supervision of sealing.**
6. When should the officer take up the appointment? **August 1964**
 Probable posting on arrival, if known: **South Georgia**
7. Emoluments:—
 (a) Salary (if fixed): **—**
 or, salary scale, showing increments and the incidence of Promotion and/or Efficiency Bars (commencing at the enhanced entry point, if any):

£1,000 ± £125 - £1250.

 (b) Substantive additions to salary (Expatriation Pay, Inducement Pay or Addition, etc.):

Sec 9 (c)

 (c) Temporary and variable additions to salary (e.g. Cost of Living Allowance): **—**

Emoluments payable (at half or full rate, as appropriate) during the period of the outward passage on first appointment:

Half salary payable until arrival at South Georgia

N.B. - When emoluments are shown in local currency, please also show their sterling equivalent.

8. Incremental Credit allowable:—

- (a) For War Service up to increments
- (b) For post-war compulsory military service up to "
- (c) For approved experience up to "
- (d) For the following qualification(s):— "

Average age of entry to the post for War Service Credit purposes, etc. years

Incremental Credit formula for approved experience, if applicable:

Whether incremental credit under any or all of the above headings may be offered by the Crown Agents or the Colonial Office, or whether reference back to the Government is desired:

9. Allowances:—

(a) Outfit Allowance: —

(b) Education Allowance(s): —

(c) Allowances alternative to passage assistance for children: —

(d) House or hotel allowance in lieu of Quarters if they are not available:

Accommodation available

(e) Other allowance(s): Gratuity at the rate of £10 per month for each month of resident service at South Georgia payable on the satisfactory completion of period of service.

10. Is private practice permitted in the case of Doctors? —

If not, is Staff Pay or an allowance payable in lieu? —

11. Women candidates:—

May women candidates be considered? No

If so,

(a) Emoluments and conditions of service (if different from those for male candidates):

(b) Basis for incremental credit, if any: —

12. Terms of appointment:—

Please indicate, in the space below, on which of the following terms the appointment(s) should be made. (Where a choice of two or more alternatives may be offered to candidates please indicate accordingly).

A. With prospect of permanency.

- (i) On probation (without an engagement agreement) for the permanent and pensionable establishment.
- (ii) On probation (without an engagement agreement) for permanency, with retiring benefits from a contributory Provident Fund.
- (iii) On agreement, with the prospect of admission to the permanent and pensionable establishment after completion of a probationary period.
- (iv) On Colonial Superannuation Scheme terms —
- (a) without an engagement agreement;
- (b) with an engagement agreement.

B. Temporary.

- (i) On contract with gratuity. Yes
- (ii) On contract without gratuity. No
- (iii) On contract, with contribution to Provident Fund. No

Further information about terms, if necessary: —

13. Rate of gratuity

(if appointment is on contract/gratuity terms):

£10 per month subject satisfaction completion of tour of duty

Is gratuity liable to local Income Tax? Yes

14. Number of tours of continuous residential service for which the officer is to be engaged in the first instance:

One

Length of a normal tour of continuous residential service (i.e. service unbroken by a period of overseas vacation leave):

Not less than 13 months nor more than 24 months.

15. Leave:—

(a) Oversea vacation leave on completion of a tour: 31 days for each completed month of service.

(b) Local (or casual) leave: No local leave is granted as of right but as and when circumstances permit officer's usually take odd days off for such activities as ski-ing, bird watching, etc.

16. Passage entitlement (male officers):—

- (a) On first appointment and on final termination:
- (b) On leave between tours, if different from the entitlement under (a):

Free outward and return passages are provided normally by sea. The officer may be required to travel by whaling transport vessel and may be required to travel part of the journey by air. Half salary is payable on outward voyage. If travelling via South America the officer should be provided with 2nd class Royal Mail passage.

17. Quarters or lodging:—

- (a) Please give details regarding rentals charged for Government Quarters, if available, and state whether furniture is provided and, if so, at what rental:

- (b) Please give the general position in connection with availability of Government Quarters and their suitability for married or family men. If Government Quarters will not be available, please advise regarding the local housing position, rentals, hotel and boarding house costs, etc.

The officer will be provided with free furnished accommodation.

- (c) Can items such as crockery, cutlery, soft furnishings, linen etc. be purchased locally?
Inapplicable - all items supplied.

18. May the officer be accompanied by his wife or family, subject to the availability of passages? No

If not, may he be joined by his wife or family during his first tour? No

19. Should the officer travel by air on first appointment? If necessary

20. Will the officer be required, or permitted, to contribute to a Widows' and Orphans' Pension Scheme? No

21. Will camp equipment be required? No

If so, can it be obtained locally? —

22. Is medical and/or dental treatment readily available at the officer's or the Government's expense for the officer and for his family?

Free medical and dental attention will be provided where facilities are available. The officer will be required to be dentally efficient before leaving the United Kingdom and should in his own interest make arrangements for a complete overhaul at his own expense before leaving the United Kingdom.

23. Will the officer be required to pass any language examinations? —

If so, please give details.

24. Further information, if necessary, of any kind (e.g. advance of salary for the purchase of a car, and rate of repayment): —

25. Local Income Tax, and other local taxes and levies:

Please see form attached.

26. Please insert the name and leave address of any officer on leave who is particularly required to assist at interviews of candidates:

Mr. R. W. Vaughan,
50 Greenland Road,
Selly Park,
BIRMINGHAM. 29.

Date.....9th May, 1964.....

Colonial Secretary.

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Does not apply to O.S. A.S.

Date Request
Received or
Recruitment
Authorised

Present Position

Assistant Biologist/Sealing
Inspector
RC.289/60/01

May 1964.

Ben 14/8/64

Does not apply to S. Ct. O.S.A.S. 350

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DECODE.

No. 32.

TELEGRAM.

From Crown Agents, London SW1.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 26th August, 19 64. Time : 1130

Received : 26th August, 19 64. Time :

152 in 1/18/51/0/II Your telegram No. 241. All air sea hotel baggage arrangements finalised Atkinson Dye Smith Toop whaling inspectors plus Ruddy and Vaughan to travel Koyo Maru ex Durban 6th September. Stores already shipped for this vessel. Risk cancellation charges and confusion if alterations this stage. Propose maintain existing arrangements and book Dickenson assistant biologist sealing inspector same vessel. In any event latter will not require reasonable excess air baggage authority.

Crown

P/L : MH

D/18/51/0/II
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D/3/56/II
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for 8.9.64

Country, Description of Vacancy, D.T.C. and Overseas Government Reference, Regional Scheme (if applicable)	Date Request Received or Recruitment Authorised	Present Position
<u>SOUTH GEORGIA</u> Assistant Biologist/Sealing Inspector RC.289/60/01	May 1964	Advertised June 1964.  PAB

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Extract from letter from Sir Edwin Arrowsmith, London to Mr. W.H. Thompson of 6th September, 1964.

I have agreed with DTC and BAS that in future Sealing Inspectors for SG should be recruited through BAS. DTC were very pleased with this, and much delay and expense on adverts will be saved. BAS have much better contacts in this field.

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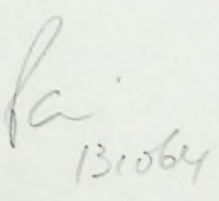
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Country, Description of Vacancy, D.T.C. and Overseas Government Reference, Regional Scheme (if applicable)	Date Request Received or Recruitment Authorised	Present Position
<u>SOUTH GEORGIA</u> Assistant Biologist/Sealing Inspector RC.289/60/01	May 1964 	Mr. A.B. Dickinson apptd. 

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DECODE.TELEGRAM.

No. 127.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.*To* Colonial Secretary, Stanley.*Despatched :* 19th October, 19 64. *Time :* 1750*Received :* 20th October, 19 64. *Time :*

No. 343. Sealing research programme Vaughan and Dickinson. Elephant sealing inspection pup count and tagging until 10th November. Bird Island fur seal research from mid November to mid January. / Vaughan inquiring as to possibility BAS transport to Bird Island mid November and from Island about mid January. He also suggests that a third man would be very valuable for field work and repairs to four huts on Bird Island. I am unable to spare any Point staff possibility of assistance from one or both Grytviken whaling inspectors who become redundant first week in December/my telegram No. 314 refers. Grateful for your comments.

2 in 3/3/64

P/L : LH

Reply at 359

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TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary, Stanley.....

To Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

Despatched : 28th October, 19 64. Time : 0915

Received : 19 Time :

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No. 292. Your telegram 347. If they agree no objection to employment whaling inspectors.

Colonial Secretary

G.T.C. : WHT/IM

10-28-64

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No. 9.

TELEGRAM.*From* Administrative Officer, South Georgia.*To* Colonial Secretary, Stanley.*Despatched :* 2nd November, 1964. *Time :* 1700*Received :* 3rd November, 1964. *Time :*

22 in 1/10/63
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No. 360. Sealing research programme. As no local vessel available for charter my telegram No. 353 refers grateful for reply to Vaughans enquiry contained in my telegram No. 343.

Administrative Officer

P/L : LH

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Reply at 363.

D/3/56/II

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4 November,

64.

To: The Officer-in-Charge,

From: Colonial Secretary,

B.A.S. Office,

STANLEY.

Following is an extract from a telegram received from the Administrative Officer, South Georgia:

"Vaughan inquiring as to possibility B.A.S. transport to Bird Island mid November and from Island about mid January. He also suggests that a third man would be very valuable for field work and repairs to four huts on Bird Island. I am unable to spare any Point staff possibility of assistance from one or both Grytviken whaling inspectors who become redundant first week in December."

Does this fit in in any way with your programme? We should like to help as much as possible and would be pleased to receive your early views.

Reply at 367

HLB

Bug 116

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

HLB/TB.

BRITISH ANTARCTIC SURVEY

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MEMORANDUM.

Please quote in reply:

No. 524/7



O.I.C., British Antarctic Survey,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

6th November 1964

The H.C.S.,

Secretariat,

Stanley.

SUBJECT:—

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9.11.64

361 Your Memo D/3/56/II refers.

I'm afraid that the First Voyage of the Shackleton to South Georgia is the only one by our ships until January. The call to South Georgia in Mid November will be a hurried one as we have a set commitment to meet at Punta Arenas on the 26th. Shackleton is already six days behind schedule and I must attempt to make up this time by shortening stays at various points and cutting time allowance on various programmes.

I cannot enter into a set commitment for Bird Island during the first voyage. Bird Island is a very awkward place for landing and, owing to the very heavy swells experienced in that area, very time consuming, if we were to pickup Vaughan at K.E.P. for Bird Island, and not able to land, then a return journey to K.E.P. would be necessary. What I am prepared to do is to allow the Master to Pickup Vaughan and visit Bird Island if he considers he has a very good chance of landing him quickly and still carry out his other commitments. I somehow doubt if it will be possible. I suggest that Vaughan be told to make his own arrangements if possible, (a sealer catcher etc.,) and not to rely upon Shackleton. If, by any chance, he has not been able to arrange something by Shackleton's arrival he should be prepared to embark, if the Captain considers a landing feasible, it must be made clear to him that the Captain makes the final decision.

I'm afraid we have no men to spare as field assistants.

Regarding pickup, again I feel Vaughan should attempt to make his own arrangements, but we can attempt to bring him out via the Kista Dan in Mid January, if this fails there is no other possibilities until February.

Could the Protector help establishment of Vaughan party on Bird.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "E.C.J. Clapp".

E.C.J. Clapp., O.I.U.,
British Antarctic Survey.

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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Wt. P2809 5/61

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	Stanley			10.11.64
To				
etat ADMINOFF ZEH				SGA/c

358 No. 304. Yourtel 343 sealing research stop Very little chance of assistance by Shackleton which is very late and fully committed stop However Shackleton may take if weather good and Vaughan should be ready to accept opportunity if offered stop Only chance to get off Bird Island will be by Kistadan mid January or February

Secretary

Copy to OIC BAS

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No. 137.

TELEGRAM.

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From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 22nd November, 19 64. Time : 2215

Received : 19 Time :

No. 378. Following received from Master Shackleton
"unable land Vaughan and party Bird Island. Continuing
to Stanley as no prospects early improvement in conditions."
Party consists of Vaughan Dickenson and Toop whaling
inspector.

s/c

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P/L : LH
(Intld.) HLB

Accommodation has been reserved with
Mrs Myler for Vaughan & Mrs McMillan for
Dickinson. We may be able to get Toop
off to UK by Shackleton via P.A. & I have signed
him accy.

24.11.64

23.11.64

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No. 2.

TELEGRAM.

From Mr. Vaughan, R.R.S. "Shackleton".

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 20th November, 19 64. *Time* .0021

Received : 23rd November, 19 64. *Time :*

Unable land Vaughan Dickinson and Toop at Bird Island
returning to Stanley.

Vaughan

P/L : LH
(Intld.) HLB

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S.G. No....635...

From:—

IN CONFIDENCE



MEMO

HCS I think that we should have a word with Vaughan re his intentions before he sails. 18th November, 1964. 367
C.S. No. *267*

THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER,
SOUTH GEORGIA.

To:—

The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary,
Port Stanley. F. Islands.

Reference your minute to H.E. headed sealing inspector R.W. Vaughan., and dated 7th November, 1964.

Sealing inspectors South Georgia are normally employed on field work as follows:—

From mid September to first week in November on sealing vessels for purpose inspection duties, pup-counting, tagging and generally seeing that the sealing operations are carried out in accordance with the terms of Licence.

From mid November until mid January Bird Island on Fur Seal research programme, tagging pup-counting etc.,

After these two periods in the field they are resident at King Edward Point presumably studying specimens collected and preparing reports. I say presumably preparing reports, because on occasions they have been unable to produce a report until such time as U.K. library facilities were available.

Against this general background of sealing inspectors work, I would say Vaughan is a conscientious worker.

There is certainly the necessity for supervision of the Elephant Sealing Operations in respect of the conditions of the Licence.

The study of Bird Island Fur Seals was largely introduced by Vaughan's predecessor Bonner. Bonner did several tours as sealing inspector between the years 1958 to 1962 and during this time devoted far more time on Fur Seal research than on Elephant Seals. It was Bonner's intention to get a Ph.D. from his Fur Seal research, but to date the F.I. Government has not received what might be termed a collective report of his findings over the years mentioned.

Until such time as the Fur Seal Colonies on Bird Island spread to the main Island of South Georgia (estimated to take five years) I very much doubt that continual observation is necessary. By the time Fur Seals are a commercial proposition the Government will need years of revenue from this source to cover Fur Seal research programme expenses.

X/ This long pause is inevitable, I suppose, and reinforces his argument for going home to England to link up with his biologists, etc, there.

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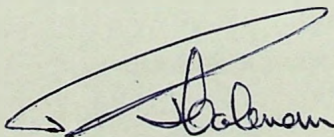
Holdgate's proposals with regard to Vaughan's future are again in line with Bonner's attitude, in that apart from annual report (which in most cases contains little in the way of original information) we are informed that at the end of their contract with the F.I. Government they are bursting with unwritten knowledge and have only to receive further payments to divulge it.

I see no reason why the F.I. Government should bear further expenses in this matter.

If Holdgate or B.A.S. desire this locked up knowledge then I suggest they should provide the golden key. I would suggest that as Holdgate is so interested he should provide the F.I. Government with a convincing report on the necessity for the F.I. Government to continue this research programme. Unless his report justifies further expenditure on research on the ground of direct benefit to commercial parties or Revenue to Government I would say the matter is not a Government concern. If on the other hand he recommends a research programme in the interests of pure science then I suggest he and B.A.S. are the better sponsors and financiers for such research.

Finally as Vaughan's successor is already appointed and being paid by F.I. Government, surely the results of Vaughan's research should be passed to him before Vaughan departs.

There appears to be little continuity of programme between inspectors and the results of this paid labour are looked on as private knowledge to be used for personal advancement rather than for the benefit of the Government and whilst I reiterate that Vaughan has been a conscientious Sealing Inspector, I can see no justification for spending public funds to further his private career, nor for financing Holdgate's project.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J. G. G. G.', is written over a large, sweeping horizontal stroke.

Administrative Officer.

MEMO

S.G. No. 621...



From:—

THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER,
SOUTH GEORGIA.

To:—

The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary,
Port Stanley. F. Islands.

C.S. No.

18th November, 1964.

Attached herewith interim report on Sealing Industry. This was asked for by H.E. during his recent visit.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "J. St. John".

Administrative Officer.

HCS

The foot of p. 3 of Vaughan's report may give him clue to his answer we seek.

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INTERIM REPORT ON THE

SEALING INDUSTRY

AT SOUTH GEORGIA

SEASON 1964-1965

By

R. William Vaughan, B.Sc.

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BIOLOGICAL LABORATORY

KING EDWARD POINT

NOVEMBER 1964

I. INTRODUCTION

The elephant sealing industry at South Georgia has been taking place in its present form since the turn of the century. The main object has been the utilisation of the blubber for oil which is sold, usually in Europe, for margarine manufacture and similar uses.

The seals are taken on the beaches around South Georgia in September and October at which time they come ashore to breed. The sealing crews travel around the island in converted whale catchers and land in the bays frequented by the seals, once on shore the animals are driven to the waters edge and shot. Then the flensing gang take over and strip off the skin and blubber together, this is then floated out to the sealing boat and hoisted on board, when a full cargo has been obtained usually between 140 and 200 skins, the boat returns to Grytviken where the skins are unloaded, taken ashore, chopped in a mechanical cutter and put in a type of outsize pressure cooker where the oil is boiled out. The carcase of the seal is left on the beach and subsequently eaten by the birds, the possibility of utilising the carcase has often been discussed but as yet no-one has attempted this on a large scale. The whole carcase if brought into the station would be treated in much the same way as the whales, the blubber being removed and treated as at present, and the meat would be used for extract, a product not unlike "Bovril", which has a good sale in Europe and Japan mostly to the manufacturers of soup concentrates and the like. The bones and any other material remaining is boiled to extract any oil and then dried to make bone meal and meat meal which are subsequently used for fertilisers and chicken food.

II. PRODUCTION

The company has in the past been allowed to take up to 6,000 seals each year, the average catch over the past ten years has been 5,454 seals which has given an average production of 11,014 barrels of seal oil. (6 barrels being equivalent to one ton) In this past season, 1964, the catch was 5,147 seals which produced 9,702 barrels of oil.

As mentioned above the company at present only takes the blubber for oil, so the approximate current value of the production taking the current price at £75 per ton

^{£120,000}
would be about ~~£10,000~~. If they had taken whole carcasses or bearing in mind if they should in the future, the approximate value would be £50,000 at the current prices of £60/ton for meat meal and £30/ton for bone meal, and assuming that they take 5,000 seal.

III. JAPANESE SEALING OPERATIONS IN SOUTH GEORGIA

The Japanese have been undertaking sealing operations in South Georgia for the past two years in conjunction with the whaling. They have been using the same vessels as were used by the Norwegians and also the seal boat skippers and gunners have been employed. Great reliance in fact is placed on the skippers as they know all the bays and inlets around what is a relatively uncharted island, and at the moment the Japanese are totally dependent on these men to operate the boats.

In the coming year if the Taiyo Company at Gøytviken should obtain the licence they will no doubt continue to operate as before, however should the NSK Company at Leith obtain the licence they will need to bring down seal boats and to get skippers, either the present men or ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ alternatively employ whaling men who used to work at South Georgia as they will know the larger anchorages about the island, but this is not sufficient for a successful sealing season.

IV. SEAL QUOTA

The present quota has stood at 6,000 since 1952, and in that same period the average catch has been 5,454 seals. The basis of the quota of 6,000 was determined after careful study of pregnancy rates, mortality and life expectancy and this was a provisional figure determined from data available at the time. Each year the sealers are required to collect a tooth from every 20th. seal they shoot and these teeth are handed in to the biologist so that the average age of the animals can be determined from the "Annual rings" found in the teeth. Consideration of the ages obtained coupled with the annual census of seals is the basis on which the annual quota is determined.

Over the past ten years the average age of the seals killed has risen very slightly from 7.3 years to 7.7 years, but as yet the average age of this years catch has not been determined.

The census this year however has been carried out and gives some cause for anxiety, the numbers of bulls left on the beaches was very small and on some beaches the numbers of cows to each bull was too high. The seals come ashore in October to give birth and then a few weeks later they mate and then return to sea, if there are insufficient bulls left ashore some of the cows will be unable to mate and hence in the coming year the number of pups will be less and the herd will decrease. Also this year the numbers of pups on the beaches was rather less than last year, but as yet no reason for this can be seen.

Should the average age of the seals killed drop, it means that there are less seals available and so to restore the balance the quota must either be shuffled about between the divisions if stocks can stand this or the overall number must be reduced. At the present time it is not possible to say if the quota can remain at 6,000 next year, the age determinations from the teeth will first have to be completed and the results analysed. However it is certain that there are not enough seals available for the quota to be increased.

V. THE FUTURE OF SEALING

At present it seems that there will be two companies interested in taking seal in the coming year, and this immediately raises problems. As pointed out above there are certainly not enough seal to increase the quota, in fact it may be necessary to reduce it.

The quota could be divided between the two companies, but 3,000 seal are not an economical proposition, the companies regard the first 3,000 seal as necessary to balance the expenditure, and from talks with both companies it seems neither would be in favour of a split quota. Furthermore it would raise difficulties in inspecting and would certainly necessitate two full time inspectors.

The obvious alternative to this would be to open the licence to tender, but in this case I feel that the company offering the greatest utilisation should be given very careful consideration.

As pointed out in Section II the annual wastage due to leaving the carcasses on the beach is of the order of £50,000 and should one of the companies decide to utilise the full carcase, this should be given every consideration.

In view of the confusion and apparent ill feeling that occurred last year it would seem important to let all interested parties know exactly what is to be done.

VI. SUMMARY

1. In the coming season it is apparent that both Japanese companies at present working in South Georgia will be interested in sealing operations.

2. From preliminary examination of this years census results it can be definitely stated that the seal quota cannot be increased, when the age determinations have been done it will then be possible to tell exactly the state of the seal stocks and to make a decision on the quota in the coming year.

3. At present there is quite a high wastage in the industry due to the fact that only the blubber is utilised, and it may be possible to encourage a company in the future to utilise the entire carcase.

4. The decision as to which company should have the licence may well have to be decided by tender, but very careful consideration ought to be given to the point made in para.4. above.

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	Stanley			26.11.64

To

etat ADMINOFF ZBH

SGA/c

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No. 317. Yourtel 378 Vaughan and Dickinson over carried to Stanley will proceed South again on Biscoe linking up with Kistadan and returning yours early/mid January stop They will carry out research work en route

Secretary

HHT/IH

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To Colonial Secretary
From Sealing Inspector, South Georgia

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Employment of M. Toop on projected work at Bird Island

I should like to bring the following points to your attention. Firstly I made arrangements that Toop should accompany me to Bird Island to assist with the fur seal work, as I considered that I would be unable to carry out the work fully with only one assistant. Since I now hope to return to Bird Island in February I should ~~be~~ like the previous arrangement to stand.

Transport

Passage has been arranged to Bird Island on Shackleton leaving Stanley on Feb 4, it is just possible that this trip will be made via Signy Island. However the party should arrive at Bird Island on Feb 8/9.

The party should leave Bird Island by Protector on about 12 March and be returned to King Edward Point in the first instance. The party should then be able to return to UK by Japanese whaling transport via South Africa. The other possibility could be a passage to Stanley in Protector and thence via BAS/Darwin to MonteVideo.

In the event of being unable to land on Bird Island, Toop would be able to return to UK by the same route as his fellow inspector, Dye.

Projected Work

The most important work to be done is the annual seal census and the tagging, the value of this work is that it should be carried out annually and not irregularly. Next of importance is the maintenance of the huts on Bird Island, having been left unattended for a winter there may be repairs to do apart from the routine painting and replacement of shutters. There is also quite a lot of collecting to be done to complete present studies on feeding habits and parasites. It may well prove impossible to carry out even this much with only two people in the time available.

BK
J

R.W. Vaughan.
15/1/65.

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the same.

Mr Toop was sent to Goto Bird Island because it was necessary for him to go, but only because the AO could spare him as Whaling had come to an abrupt end.

I have no wish to interfere with Mr Vaughan's programme in any way but I regret I cannot authorize any further expenditure on Mr Toop.

has approved.

W1. 16. 1. 65.

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Vaughan & Toop informed

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FALKLAND ISLANDSSENT

P1677 P4416 8/64

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	Stanley			25.1.65

To

etat ADMINOFF ZBH

SGA/c

No. 23. Following from Vaughan hoping land Bird Island early February but BAS unable to collect later stop Is there any possibility of local transport being able to do this

Secretary

LH

DECODE.

No. 280.

TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 26th January, 19 65. Time : 1800

Received : 27th January, 19 65. Time : 1030

No. 26. Following for Vaughan.

Extremely unlikely local transport available and consider most unwise land Bird Island unless prepared to over winter there.

Administrative Officer

P/L : LH
(Intla.) HLB

Copy to: Mr. Vaughan

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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Stanley

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To

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SGA/c

No. 36. Following from Vaughan for Dye repeat Smith can you please let me have soonest full details of seal tags applied and of any tags seen this season regards Bill

Colonial Secretary

Copy to: Vaughan

BV/LH

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DECODE.

No. 42.

TELEGRAM.

From.....Polasurvey, London.

To.....Governor, Port Stanley.

Despatched : 17th February, 19 65. Time : 1253

Received : 18th February, 19 65. Time :

62/65. * As agreed Arrowsmith and DTC 1964 propose survey recruits in August on your behalf replacement to overlap Dickinson SG during summer. Contract 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ years do you agree.*

Polasurvey

P/L : LH

Reply at 380

See 382

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TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary, Stanley

To Administrative Officer, South Georgia

Despatched : 19th February 19 65 Time : 1420

Received : 19 Time :

No. 49. Sealing Inspector/Biologist.

The time has come to consider Dickinson's replacement.
Grateful your opinion on necessity for such a post. I
remember you expressed some doubts and would like your
latest view.

Secretary

GTC : FA

Reply at 377

Bu 28/2/65

DECODE.

No. 96

TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley

Despatched : 23rd February, 19 65 Time : 1800

Received : 24th February, 19 65 Time :

376 No. 63. Your telegram No. 49. Sealing Inspector/
Biologist. If time permits would rather answer your
telegram by letter on Shackleton in March as telegraphic
reply would be a long code. Do you agree?

Administrative Officer

G.T.C. TB

LH

Reply at 378.

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S.W.
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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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PI677 P4416 8/64

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Stanley

24.2.65

To

etat ADMINOFF ZBH

SGA/c

377 No. 55. Yourtel 63 agree but grateful if you could give me one or two sentence resume of your over all view to go on with

Secretary

Reply at 380
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BU 4.3.65

WHT/LH

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley

Despatched : 25th February, 19 65 Time :

Received : 26th February, 19 65 Time :

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No. 68. Your telegram No. 55. Question is necessity Biologist programme as main benefit seems to be for British Antarctic Survey Biological Section and personal to holder of post. If biological programme stopped there will probably be terrific howl from Fuchs particularly with regard to fur seal therefore suggest they prove to our satisfaction necessity for continuing. If they are unable convince suggest post be renamed Sealing Inspector/Whaling Inspector as Sealing Inspector's duties only cover from middle of September to end October (about 6 weeks).

Administrative Officer

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	Stanley			3.3.65
To				
	etat POLASURVEY LONDON			SGA/c

375
Your 62/65 sealing inspectors stop Shall be grateful your assistance
but must stress funds not yet voted or guaranteed for next financial
period

Governor

Pa

WHT/LH

See 382

MEMO

IN CONFIDENCE.

From:—

THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER,
SOUTH GEORGIA.

To:—

The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary,
STANLEY.

Sealing Inspector/Biologist

The post of Sealing Inspector/Biologist was created in 1957 with the following terms of reference:—

Primary: Elephant Sealing inspection, conduct of operations in accordance with Sealing Ordinance and regulations, population count, pup tagging and biological investigations.

Secondary: Fur Seals, population count, pup tagging and biological investigations.

These programmes have now been in operation for eight years. During this time there has been a marked tendency to concentrate more on Fur Seals than on Elephant Seals. This was particularly true of Bommer who held the post for five years and viewed the Fur Seal investigations as possible means to obtaining a doctorate.

2. Elephant Seal Programme. Over the past eight years the only new recommendation has been the abolishment of the rotation system in working Divisions with one Division closed each season. This was altered after Ringdal (the Manager of Albion Star) and myself discussed this question and recommended that all Divisions should remain open during each season but with a fixed quota. The total quota of 6000 has remained unaltered for the past eight years.

3. One would think that eight years of study of Elephant Seals would have exhausted the purely anatomical investigation and any further investigations would have little value for the Government in relation to the cost involved. Apart from the usual annual Sealing Report, there have been no findings submitted as a result of these eight years of study and I consider this a significant factor to be borne in mind when considering the continued necessity for a Biologist being employed.

4. The important factors, as I see them, are that the Regulations are observed and the average age of the kill is ascertained. The Licence provides that 'One canine tooth from every twentieth seal killed by each vessel employed must be collected and returned to the Administrative Officer, South Georgia. The projecting part of the tooth is to be cut off at gum level.' Before Sealing Inspectors were employed the teeth were sent to the FIDS Biological Section for examination and the average age of the catch ascertained.

5. If the average age remains fairly constant then it is assumed that the quota of 6000 is not detrimental to stock. Any drastic variation in the age of the catch would be an argument in favour of increasing or decreasing the quota.

CS Noted - I agree in principle with HO - for the next year or two at any rate in 1965. Could be continued - please discuss further - 2nd March, 1965.

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6. A Biologist is not needed to carry out the inspection and when it is considered that the sealing season lasts only from mid-September to the end of October, a period of only six weeks, there is a good argument for combining the duties of Sealing Inspector with those of Whaling Inspector so that on completion of the sealing season the same man is usefully employed until the end of the whaling season.

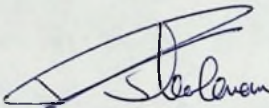
7. Fur Seal Programme. Fur Seal investigation was requested in order to assess the possibilities of commercial exploitation. It is beyond doubt that their numbers have increased on Bird Island and Willis Island. In fact, it can be said that these two Islands have reached saturation point, and the young breeding animals will need to find new grounds. Over the past few years there has been a small colony formed in the Northwest corner of the main islands of South Georgia, adjacent to Bird Island, Elschul and Undine. From now on, the only point of interest to the Falkland Islands Government is that this small initial migration should extend over the whole of the main island. This can readily be observed without the necessity of a full-time Biologist in residence, he certainly could not persuade the animals to extend their habitat, but when they have done so, and their migration is obviously numerous and extensive, then will be time enough to re-open the Fur Seal investigations.

8. The continuation of Elephant and Fur Seal study obviously raises the question: 'To whom is it beneficial? Is it BAS Biological Section? The holder of the post for purely personal reasons and edification? Or the Falkland Islands Government?' Since each Biologist retains any information and does not pass it on to his successor, thereby giving nothing like a sequence of studies, I cannot see that the Falkland Islands Government will get any more benefit from a continued programme than they have received from the past eight years' programme which has cost over £3000 per annum. The only contribution to this cost is revenue from Seal Oil, which in a very good year might amount to £600, i.e. 12000 barrels at 1/- per barrel.

9. No doubt Sir Vivian Fuchs and more particularly Dr. Holdgate will raise their hands in horror at the suggestion that this programme should be discontinued but they would need to put forward some very solid reasons to justify this continued expense on the part of the Falkland Islands Government for something which, in all truth, appears to be solely for the benefit of young men wanting to extend their studies. My predecessor, in a letter to the Colonial Secretary, ref:C5 dated 24/10/57, said of the Sealing Inspector, 'I do not wish to damp Mr. Bonner's enthusiasm for his subject, but at the same time he needs some clear guidance from us or he becomes just an airy theoretical biologist working under London direction but paid by the Colonial Government.' I think his remarks still apply.

10. Bird Island. Any suggestion that BAS form a base at Bird Island in connection with Fur Seal investigation should be treated with extreme caution. From past experience here I would deem it almost necessary to have a Customs Officer stationed with them, otherwise there could be no guarantee that there might not be quite a few unauthorised Fur Seal Pelts appearing on the market. Unfortunately, in the past biologists employed in South Georgia have proved that they think Laws are made only for other people and do not apply to them, and such behaviour, if continued, could give rise to some very difficult situations. Certainly, if BAS biologists are ever (and I hope that this does not come about) stationed at Bird Island, it should be made abundantly clear to them that they are under the jurisdiction of the Administrative Officer and that all Laws apply to them as to everyone else.

11. Conclusion. I recommend that the post of Sealing Inspector/Biologist as it is now known should be declared redundant for the time being, and that the duties of supervision of the Elephant Seal operations should be undertaken by an Officer engaged as Sealing/Whaling Inspector, and his term of engagement for only the period of the sealing and whaling season. Recruitment to be put in hand annually.


Administrative Officer.

1st April, 1965.

Dear Sir Vivian,

375 I refer to your telegram of the 17th February, which read -

"As agreed Arrowsmith and DTC 1964 propose survey recruits in August on your behalf replacement to overlap Dickinson SG during summer. Contract 2½ years do you agree"

380 and to our reply that we were grateful for the offer of assistance but that funds were not guaranteed.

Dickinson, the present Sealing Inspector/Biologist is due to finish his contract in March 1966. In view of the increasing strain on South Georgia finances, and the very short sealing season (effectively only about six weeks) we feel the employment of a biologist should be temporarily discontinued. The post to remain in the estimates and not, of course, abolished. Sealing inspection, which involves the counting of carcasses, can be done by the whaling inspectors, of which there are usually four. At present the one sealing inspector attempts to cope with four or more seal catchers at a time, and a transfer to the whaling inspectorate will certainly not weaken or lessen the degree of inspection; indeed it may provide some small improvement. There will be no departure from our existing conservation and management policy.

Since 1957 when the Sealing Inspector/Biologist post was created a large amount of information has been collected and pure biological work should not suffer. The elephant seal programme appears to have gone as far as it can at the moment. The rotation system (which never worked very well) has been abolished, and the quota of 6,000 seal per annum has remained unaltered and proved itself effective. Expenditure on further anatomical investigations is not easy for us to justify at this very difficult time, and a pause to digest the information gathered so far, and to give a chance for some reports to be produced, would not appear to be harmful. Positive records could do much to strengthen the biological hand.

As you have/.....

Sir Vivian Fuchs,

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C.S.
I am promising for a year's
salary to allow for leave
after the close of the season.
L.L.

24.4.65

C.T. to see
this letter &
note for estimates
(Dickinson 9 months more)

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Page two

As you have very kindly agreed to help with the recruiting of our whaling inspectors would you please do so with an eye to sealing inspection as well.

If any other agency, such as your own, could finance the biological element we would do everything possible to co-operate, but with the tightening hand on grant-in-aid funds such an arrangement appears unlikely to come about. The present programme is costing more than \$3,000 a year, and with the best will in the world we cannot see how we can carry this and certain other items in the next estimates. Revenue for 1964/65 was over estimated and we are facing a very large deficit. We can only hope that the improved methods of the Japanese whalers will provide some extra revenue.

Sincerely yours,

(W.H. THOMPSON)

BH 16.6 65

S.G. No. 624

From:—

THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER,
SOUTH GEORGIA.



MEMO

C.S. No.

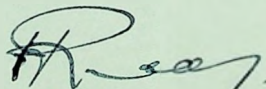
5th April, 1965

To:—

The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary,
STANLEY.

Mr. A.B. Dickinson, Biologist/Sealing Inspector.

Herewith work programme proposed by Mr. Dickinson. The
winters' work should keep him adequately employed.


Officer-in-Charge,
SOUTH GEORGIA.

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Proposed programme, 1965-66.....Biologist.

WINTER.

MARCH-AUGUST.

1. Detailed anatomical and histological study of the elephant seal venous and arterial systems, with special reference to the respiratory system.
2. Collection of internal and external parasites for study of elephant seal diseases.
3. Collection of stomach contents in connection with the present study of the feeding habits of the elephant seal.
4. Collection of elephant skin for study of skin of marine mammals.
5. Collection of marine algae.

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Anthony B. Dickinson

BIOLOGICAL LABORATORY

SOUTH GEORGIA.

30.3.65.

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BIOLOGICAL LABORATORY
SOUTH GEORGIA.

30.3.65.

CS for discussion after 31 May plan
OK 29/5 383

BRITISH ANTARCTIC SURVEY

FORMERLY FALKLAND ISLANDS DEPENDENCIES SURVEY

DIRECTOR: SIR VIVIAN FUCHS

30, GILLINGHAM STREET, S.W.1

TELEPHONE: VICTORIA 3687-8-9

TELEGRAMS: POLASURVEY, LONDON-SW1

AS/199

7th May 1965

Your ref.
D/3/56/II

Dear Thompson,

It is sad to hear that it is necessary to discontinue the employment of a biologist at South Georgia. It is true that the counting of carcasses can be done by the Whaling Inspectors, and that they could also procure the annual sample of seal teeth; but they would usually be unable to section and study these teeth to maintain our knowledge of the mean age of the South Georgia herds. It has been because of this control that we have been in a position to say "Control" in fact that we are farming the seals on a scientific basis. *This can be done in UK? "Control" in fact is meant.*

There are so many conservationists - both reasonable and (more dangerous) unreasonable - who constantly "shout the odds" in international circles, that the subject could cause considerable comment. If this got into the press, as it is likely to do, the British Government could come under pressure to stop the sealing. This happened with the Australians, and they have been forced to stop sealing because of public outcry.

✓ At this moment the Whaling Commission is discussing their problems in London, with I believe heavy pressure from the United States and others for severe curtailment or the cessation of whaling. Sealing is but one step removed, and I think the only defence is to be able to show proper "farming".

All this is nothing to do with me or the Survey, but I pass on my views for your information as it would seem a pity to get into a position whereby a halt might be called to both whaling and sealing in South Georgia.

I agree that in fact the quota of 6,000 seals per annum appears to maintain a stable situation, but right or wrong, the critics would undoubtedly say that we could not prove our contention without regular study of the tooth sample.

✓ While the Survey will willingly help with recruiting a biologist, whaling inspectors are a little beyond our scope and it would upset the Crown Agents. Perhaps you could ask them, when recruiting, to try and find people competent to carry out the examination of the teeth. If we can do this all should be well.

One further thought: when a biologist is reintroduced you may like to consider the possibility of him being used in South Georgia for the sealing season and then wintering in the Falklands. He could perhaps help with various local problems like the Upland Goose, and indeed the local seals.

CS please discuss.

and overleaf too.

*Reply at 384
388*

In discussion
Finally, the fur seal population at both Bird Island and in the Falklands are now of sufficient size to be attractive to poachers. A clean-up on one of these sites could yield about £100,000. It may be thought advisable to keep some sort of watch on this, perhaps by air in the Falklands and by ship visits in South Georgia if Bird Island cannot be manned during and shortly after the breeding season.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely
V.E. Fuchs

V.E. FUCHS.

W.H. Thompson Esq.
Colonial Secretary
STANLEY

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Extract from letter from His Excellency the Governor to
Sir Vivian Fuchs of the 29th May, 1965.

383 Thank you very much indeed for your letter AS/145 of 7th May.

Thompson and I discussed the question of a Sealing Inspector/Scologist for South Georgia before he wrote to you. Provision has been made for this post in the draft 1965/66 estimates in order to cover the period during which Dickenson the present occupant of the post is employed.

The door, therefore, has not been shut and if it were strongly felt that the post should be retained we could in fact carry on to the extent that we would merely avoid the customary overlap between the outgoing biologist and his successor. I will write to you further on this subject by the mail leaving here on 12th July.

Meanwhile, you may care to have a chat with Vaughan who, as you know, is now in England. Holdgate will know his address.

I note your comment about fur seal and I will let you have my views on that particular subject by the next mail.

I had heard nothing about Japanese cruelties to birds and seals but I shall be visiting South Georgia in June and shall make some enquiries. It would be helpful to me if you could indicate the source of the rumours.

Wlco

Wishing list - pl
then see 10.6.65

CS. Please note X/- at 381. Presumably this could be done again.
11/6/65

Noted
Si. 11/6/65.

See 388.

Pa

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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Wt. P2809 5/61

Number

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16.6.65

To

ETAT : H.E. GOVERNOR RMS DARWIN

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539/18B FOLLOWING RECEIVED EN CLAIR FROM FUCHS BEGINS EXPERIENCED
NATURE CONSERVANCY SEAL BIOLOGIST AVAILABLE SUMMER BIRD ISLAND WITH
DICKINSON ADVISING POTENTIAL FUR SEAL KILL AND METHODS NO SALARY
REQUIRED STOP PROGRAMME DEPENDS SHIP CONNECTIONS STOP ALTERNATIVE FULL
TIME IN FALKLANDS OR FEB APRIL AFTER BIRD ISLAND TO CHECK VAUGHAN
STRANGE SEAL SURVEY AND ADVISE MANAGEMENT STOCK STOP ONLY LOCAL SUPPORT
FOOD ETC REQUIRED BOTH PROJECTS BUT AIR PASSAGE UK MONTEVIDEO DESIRABLE
ALTERNATIVE LATE ARRIVAL PER BISCOE EX UK STOP SUGGEST DESIRABLE
OPPORTUNITY EVALUATE FINANCIAL POTENTIAL SEAL STOCKS GRATEFUL EARLY
REPLY AGREEING OR NOT REQUEST THIS PASSED TO GOVERNOR SOUTH GEORGIA
ENDS STOP COPY PASSED HCS

ANTARCTIC

COPY HCS FOR INFO.

Time

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TELEGRAM.

From H.E. the Governor, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 21st June, 19 65 Time : 1400

Received : 22nd June, 19 65 Time :

CH/1 reference Antarctic 539/18B agree Biologist Bird Island. He could travel Biscoe. Remainder proposition for discussion on my return. Please so inform Fuchs and Antarctic. Your daily telegrams received all well here.

Governor

P/L : LS
Copy to: BAS

b/f on file with original
signal
(WT)

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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PI677 P4416 8/64

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	Stanley			23.6.65

To

etat POLASURVEY LONDON

SGA/c

Yourtel Biologist stop Agree biologist Bird Island to travel Biscoe
stop Falkland Islands aspect for consideration Executive Council

Secretary

Copy to: BAS

LS

Bu 25/6/65
✓
S. (WT)

EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 5/65 OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

HELD ON THE 7TH AND 8TH JULY, 1965

D/3/56/II 15. SEALING/BIOLOGIST

Council were told of the offer from Sir Vivian Fuchs of the services of an experienced nature conservancy seal biologist to check the report of the survey by Messrs. Vaughan and Strange, and advise on the financial potential and management of seal stocks. No salary would be required by the biologist but accommodation, transport and incidental expenses would have to be met. The Colonial Secretary estimated that this would cost Government some £300, and suggested that the Vaughan report should first be studied before any commitment was entered into.

Council advised that this should be so but that the offer was not to be declined at this stage.

Ag *D. R. Wilson*
Clerk of the Council

CS

Sd 12/7

389

9 July, 1965.

In your letter AS/145 of 31st May you refer to the question of the sealing inspector/biologist for South Georgia.

Since you wrote your letter you have of course sent us your telegram of 16th June which read - "235/65 Governor from Fuchs experienced nature conservancy seal biologist available summer Bird Island with Dickinson advising potential fur seal kill and methods no salary required. Programme depends ship connections. Alternative full time in Falklands or February April after Bird Island to check Vaughan Strange seal survey and advise management stock. Only local support food etc required both projects but air passage U.K. Montevideo desirable alternative late arrival per Biscoe ex U.K. Suggest desirable opportunity evaluate financial potential seal stocks grateful early reply agreeing or not ends Request this passed to Governor South Georgia".

The telegram was duly repeated to me at South Georgia and a reply was sent to you as follows - "Agree biologist Bird Island to travel Biscoe. Falkland Islands aspect for consideration Executive Council".

At its meeting on 8th July Executive Council discussed the matter in some detail and, while interested in the proposal, regretfully decided against acceptance of the kind offer of a visit from a biologist until at least such time as Vaughan's report on Falkland sealing has been received and studied.

It was felt that at the present time, when economies are having to be made wherever possible, it was not desirable to provide financial support for someone to check Vaughan's survey regarding which we await Vaughan's report.

As you know better than I do, the history of sealing in the Falklands has been largely one of failure and the chances of worthwhile commercial exploitation of seals are not thought to be much better now than they were when C.D.C. abandoned their Albatross venture.

As far as South Georgia is concerned, a visit to Bird Island next season will be very welcome and Dickinson, who is enthusiastic, is making all the preparations he can at King Edward Point.

It... I should have liked to have sent you a more forthcoming reply about the Falklands: could you see when Vaughan can let us have his report?

Sir Vivian Fuchs.

M.

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Sealing Biologist.

Dickinson made it perfectly clear to me that he considers there is no point in a sealing biologist spending the winter in South Georgia. There is virtually nothing for him to do and an energetic man can really only keep himself occupied by doing odd jobs for other people.

I felt as a result of my visit satisfied that, short of some unforeseen development in the sealing world, there is no longer any justification for retaining a sealing biologist in South Georgia either in winter or summer. A case can, however, be made out for a sealing inspector (who does not require any professional qualification) merely to accompany the sealers during the period of active sealing which at most is from 1st September to 31st October. I think that we could be subjected to a good deal of criticism by various wild life preservation societies if we did not have someone who can accompany the sealers as an inspector. We know perfectly well that Vaughan was able to accompany the sealers only on a few occasions and the control must to that extent be spasmodic. The existence of an inspector does, however, provide some sort of answer to potential critics.

I should like consideration to be given to the local recruitment in the Falklands of a man who could go down to South Georgia purely for this sealing season. Alternatively, a whaling inspector could be used for this job. Please discuss with me.

He.
G.I.

(discussed with He. 27.7.65)
• Speed to Rend

KIV 388

POA

BU 21.9.65
(for Vaughan's report)
BU 13.10.65

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Extract from the Minutes of a Staff Meeting
held at B.A.S. Headquarters in London
on 5th August, 1965

CS for Hutchinson
L. plan
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Sealing Biologist

30. Dr. Holdgate stated that E.A. Smith (Nature Conservancy) would not now be going to South Georgia this year. He said he would like, if possible, to arrange for one of the whaling inspectors to join Dickinson on Bird Island for the annual census.

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	Stanley			5.10.65
To				
	etat ADMINOFF ZBH			SGA/c

No. 199. Sealing biologist stop Shackleton will be lifting Dickenson to Bird Island and we wish do everything possible to support this operation by detaching one whaling inspector or other person to assist him can you do this query Shaddleton due yours tenth December staying five/six days stop How long does Dickenson expect stay on Bird Island

Secretary

BU 12.10.65

Reply at 395

LS

Time

DECODE.

No. 23.

TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley

Despatched : 6th October, 19 65 Time : 1.00

Received : 7th October, 19 65 Time :

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11/3/62
No. 230. Your telegram No. 199. Sealing biologist. Your telegram gives Shackleton eta South Georgia tenth December repeat December please confirm as your telegrams 159 and 163 give eta 12th November.

Administrative Officer

P/L : LS
(Intld.) HLB

Reply at 394

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No. 201.

Yourtel 230 confirm November

Secretary

LS

Bu 17.10.65

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No. 57.

TELEGRAM.

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From Administrative Officer, South Georgia

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley

Despatched : 11th October, 19 65 Time :

Received : 11th October, 19 65 Time :

392

No. 237. Your telegram No. 199. Sealing biologist. Only available assistant for Dickinson is Smith Whaling Inspector who will assist and Blenkinsop will have to manage as best he can. Dickinson expects to stay at Bird Island until last week in January.

Adminoff

P/L : IS
(Intld.) HLB

Shy have been in
Tasmania as no BMS
on the ship in
winter

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PI677 P4416 8/64

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	Stanley			20.10.65

To

etat ADMINOFF ZBH

SGA/c

395 No. 216. Yourtel 237 sealing stop It appears Dickenson's visit must
be within period Shackleton's November stay stop How do you propose
he gets off Bird Island in late January query

Secretary

BU 24.10.65

DECODE.

No. 112.

TELEGRAM.

397

From.....Administrative Officer, South Georgia

To.....Colonial Secretary, Stanley

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28/10

Despatched : 21st October, 19 65 Time :

Received : 21st October, 19 65 Time :

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No. 250. Your telegram No. 216. Sealing. Acknowledge Dickinsons Bird Island visit limited to period Shackletons November stay. Have no proposals re uplift Dickinson January as no local transport available. Thought from your telegram 199 that arrangements being made you BAS and programme in connection with BAS biologist as discussed Governor/Dickinson. Has BAS biologist programme fallen through? Dickinson feels Shackleton visit would be of no material use with regard fur seals all that could be accomplished inspection of buildings. Dickinson states vital that fur seal programme should be progressed this year particularly as nothing done last year and future programme uncertain. Must again stress no local transport and transport would need to be arranged YOU/BAS.

Adminoff

Reply at 398

F/L : LS

11/3/56
GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

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	Stanley			28.10.65

To

etat PRIORITY ADMINOFF ZBH

SGA/c

395 397
No. 219. Yourtels 237 and 250 sealing biologist stop No BAS ship
other than Shackleton available and BAS scheme for biologist now
dropped stop Can you obtain catcher from Leith to take Dickenson
off Bird Island query If not visit must be limited to immediate
Shackleton visit

Secretary

LS

Time

Cs

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POLASURVEY

Understand conservancy biologist E.A. Smith not visiting South Georgia stop Sealing biologist Dickinson supported by one whaling inspector available for Bird Island on Shackleton's arrival South Georgia November but am experiencing difficulty arranging relief stop Grateful your views regarding Shackleton attempting collect them February.

HIGHCOMA.

This is a copy of a telegram being sent to Sir Vivian Fuchs today.

lt 28/10 W. 28/10 la

DECODE.

No. 67.

TELEGRAM.

400

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley

Despatched : 29th October, 19 65 *Time :* 1730

Received : 30th October, 19 65 *Time :*

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No. 258. Your telegram No. 219. Sealing biologist.
Have asked Leith if they could pick up before they leave
about mid December. Will advise as soon as reply received.

Adminoff

P/L : LS

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No. 173.

TELEGRAM.

401

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley

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Despatched : 30th October, 19 65 Time :

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Received : 30th October, 19 65 Time :

398 400

No. 260. Your telegram 219 my telegram 258 sealing biologist. Following reply from Manager Leith

"re your request for use of a catcher. One of our catchers will be available only a few days after the end of our operations. However she would have difficulty without pilot in coming close to Island. According to Captain Johansen in case of any rough weather it would seem quite difficult for her to take off your men as she has only a small pram with her and moreover in view of her next itinerary she could not afford to wait until weather turned for the better".

Consider a calculated risk involved, the solution of which would rest with BAS. Please advise.

Administrative

Reply at 402

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401 No. 226. Yourtel 260 with no chance of BAS ship until February
 think calculated risk too dangerous to take stop Stick to short
 visit by Shackleton stop If I can arrange anything better with BAS
 will signal you soonest

 Secretary

64.9.11.65

LS

Reply at 403

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No. 22.

TELEGRAM.

403

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley

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Despatched : 4th November, 19 65 Time : 1730

Received : 4th November, 19 65 Time : 1630

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402 No. 268. Your telegram No. 226. Sealing biologist.
Dickinson now suggests he stays Bird Island until
February. If he does can Shackleton pick him up
at that time?

Adminoff

Reply at 406

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Bu 9.11.65

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MASTER RRS SHACKLETON - cancelled BAS have sent
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No 237

Repeated Shackleton stop Am hoping Bird Island party can be collected
by Shackleton February but await Fuchs agreement stop Meanwhile party
should prepare for minimum three months stay stop Will telegraph further
soonest

Secretary

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No. 238. Report by letter Dickensons sealing trips between 1st
September and 31st October

Secretary

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Ch. And we get a letter?
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404 No. 239. Sealing Bird Island further mytel 237 now agreed
Shackleton will pick up Dickenson and party from Bird Island
in February

Secretary

LS

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TELEGRAM.

No. 73

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley

Despatched : 16th November, 19 65 *Time :* 1230

Received : 16th November, 19 65 *Time :*

No. 274. Shackleton attempted to land Bird Island
Party but was defeated by weather. Dickinson and Smith
returned to Leith. Shackleton sailed for South Sandwich
2030 November 15th.

Orkney

Adminoff

P/L : FA
(Intld) HLB

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No. 244 Sealing Bird Island stop If chance occurs for Japanese to put Dickinson and support on ^{Bud} ~~Good~~ Island suggest they take it stop Shackleton will still be able to take them off in February

Secretary

FA

Reply at 409

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No. 107.

TELEGRAM.

409

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley

Despatched : 22nd November, 19 65 Time : 1745

Received : 23rd November, 19 65 Time : 0900

408

No. 285. Your telegram No. 244. Sealing Bird Island. Have again approached Manager as in your telegram. Manager regrets but owing to poor whaling results impossible to release catcher for this job.

Adminoff

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23/m 9/12

P/L : LS
(Intld.) HLB

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MEMO

S.G. No. 635



C.S. No.....

10th November, 1965.

From:—

THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER,
SOUTH GEORGIA.

To:—

The Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary,

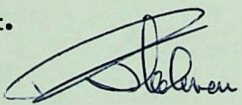
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Sealing Report

405 Please refer to your telegram No. 238 dated 9th November, 1965.

Herewith Dickinsons report on Sealing Trips during period 9th September to 29th October. Not very enlightening - but due to lack of Commercial Sealing he was limited in scope. In addition he carried out a programme of wieghing pups from a small colony at the Point. I understand this was in connexion with growth per day from time of birth until weaned. He also did some investigation of Elephant Seal mammary glands and food values of milk.


Administrative Officer.

THE BIOLOGY LABORATORY,
SOUTH GEORGIA.

THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER,
SOUTH GEORGIA.

64
12/12

RE: SEALING TRIPS 1965.

Sir,

Below is the information requested by you, with regard to sealing trips during the 1965 season.

Since there was no commercial sealing in 1965, only six 'sealing trips' were undertaken during the season.

Five trips were made to the Dartmouth Point seal reserve on the 9th, 16th, 23rd, 29th, and 30th Sept. These trips were made for the purpose of carrying out a census of the seals for comparison with figures obtained from the Hestesletten area. Comparison of data obtained from a seal reserve and a commercial sealing beach will give some information as to the extent that the commercial sealing industry is affecting the seal population of the island.

In addition to census work, a small amount of pup tagging was done on the last trip.

The trips to the Dartmouth Point area involved the hire of a motorboat and two crew from Grytviken at a charge of 75/- per hour.

It was also possible to make a trip to Leith Harbour, by kind permission of Nippon Suisan Kaisha, for the purpose of carrying out a census of the seals in the reserve area of Stromness Bay. However, since there were very few seals ashore at this early date (27-28 Sept) no results of any value were obtained.

Further details regarding the purpose of these trips will be found in my 1965 Sealing Report.

Anthony B. Dickman

~~See 12/1/66~~ Main file - H/C

where is the
main file?

THE BIOLOGY LABORATORY,
SOUTH GEORGIA.

THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER,
SOUTH GEORGIA.

RE: SEATTLE TRIPS 1965.

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Below is the information requested by you, with regard to sealing trips during the 1965 season.

Since there was no commercial sealing in 1965, only six 'sealing trips' were undertaken during the season.

Five trips were made to the Dartmouth Point seal reserve on the 9th, 16th, 23rd, and the 11, 25, Oct. These trips were made for the purpose of carrying out a census of the seals for comparison with figures obtained from the Westcoast area.

Comparison of data obtained from a seal reserve and a commercial sealing season will give some information as to the extent that the commercial sealing industry is affecting the seal population of the island.

In addition to census work, a small amount of bug tagging was done on the last trip.

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~~LU 27. 12. 65~~

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TELEGRAM.

From Master John Biscoe

To Antarctic Stanley

Despatched : 8th April, 19 67 Time : 1300

Received : 19 Time :

Following from Smith Senior Biologist for Colonial Secretary
begins

In view present absence Seal Biologist South
Georgia request you permit elephant seal tooth
collection and various valuable still good condition
preserved specimens found in laboratory brought at
least to Stanley where we can discuss their best use.
Will bring unless you signal contrary as they could be
returned Darwin June with no loss of opportunity of
working them regards ends

Master

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No 75 BAS Seal Biologist request for samples stop
This is approved keep list and obtain receipted
record.

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Secretary

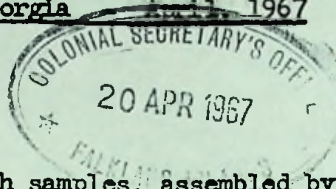
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Material taken from Biological Laboratory at
King Edward Point, South Georgia April 1967



Osteological Material

The collection of elephant seal teeth samples, assembled by sealing biologists Laws, Bonner, Vaughan and Dickinson has been taken to the U.K.

As sealing has been suspended it may be useful for the material to be checked over, and a synthesis of sealing reports and age data written.

Preserved material in formalin

The following specimens have been taken:-

1. Fur seal female genitalia, labelled 80
2. Fur seal adult fore and hind flipper, partially ~~diseased~~/dissected?
3. Fur seal male genitalia 3 years old, 13.12.60, labelled F.S. 69
4. Pair of juvenile fur seal rear flippers, labelled 0641 and 0285 (poor condition)
5. Fur seal pups, female, entire, injected, labelled 7689
6. Fur seal female genitalia, labelled 79
7. Fur seal adult, skin and lung sample
head
8. Fur seal adult, /entire, brain partially exposed
9. Fur seal pup head entire, brain partially exposed
10. Fur seal adult male genitalia, labelled 73
11. Fur seal female genitalia, labelled 77
12. Fur seal, young pup, thorax injected, partially dissected/~~diseased~~?
13. Fur seal pup, fore and hind flipper (good condition)
14. Fur seal female genitalia, pregnant
15. Fur seal pup trunk, injected, partially ~~diseased~~/dissected?
16. Fur seal adult male, 13.12.60., labelled 71
17. Leopard seal skull, clean, dried, damaged.

Containers

Preserved material was conveyed in a heavy galvanised dustbin from South Georgia to Stanley, and transferred into a special sealed container for shipment to the U.K. The dustbin is labelled "Bio Lab, K.E.P., South Georgia" and has been left in the B.A.S. store.

E. A. Smith

E. A. Smith

18th April, 1967

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TELEGRAM.

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From.....ECCOTTSOUTH GEORGIA.....

To.....COLONIAL SECRETARY STANLEY.....

Despatched: 10th July, 19 69 *Time:* 1800

Received: 10th July, 19 69 *Time:*

Has any work been done on the lipidoptera of the
Falklands or on the affinities of insect fauna with
that of Patagonia or South Africa. If so please
list published papers are these available in Stanley
or must I apply to England

Eccott

P/L : AA
Intld H.L.B.

Reply at 415.

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ETAT ADMINOFF ZBH

SG/O

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No 90 Following for Eccott stop Yourtel 10th July regret
unable trace any record of study you mention having been
carried out in Falklands

Secretary

Time

AA

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