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POSTAL AND TELEGRAPHIC

(Airmail)

(Mails)

No. 294/46

MAI/GEN/4#3

19 46

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C. S. O.

SUBJECT.

1946

31st December

Previous Paper.

AIR MAIL BAG.

MINUTES.

1. Telegram to H.M. Consul Montevideo of 31. 12. 46.

2. Tel from H.M. Consul M.V. of 7. 1. 46

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How does air mail for S/S  
travel?

2. Re. check the time advising the  
"Times".

3. Re. the time in which it is  
forwarded airmail bag for S/S  
to travel in Cherbourg bag to F.S.  
is c. f. next "Lafonic".

pl see (2) (6) (16)  
in 183/46 added.

Subsequent Paper.

*Abt*  
13.1.46

H.6.S.

Our Air Mail is despatched through the Chancery Mr. now - the new arrangement will be the same except that S/S mail will be in a sealed bag instead of an envelope.

AB.  
14.1.47.

HK.

He has hoped that, if the reply to (1) was favourable, we might send the "Times" air edition out by bag in weekly packets. Unfortunately, of a (13) of 183/46 seems to preclude this.

2. It is a pity: for postage alone on an air edition costs about 30/- a week.

3. Is G.E. disposed to press the matter?

ABe  
16.1.46

(6)

We might take up in d/o letter?

Mc 21/1

(7)

I write to his brother of last mail: when is the day?

ABe  
27.1.47

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D.O. letter to J.W. Martin, C.B., C.V.O., of 22.1.47.

B.L.  
29/6  
ABe  
29/1/47  
ABe  
R.

Extracted to 0364 - O/S

Mail Edition of "The Times"

10/7  
2/11  
ABC  
30.6.11.  
12  
11.8  
13  
ABC  
20.7

9. Letter (D.O.) to J.M. ~~B~~ Marten, Esq. of 13.5.47.  
(Copy filed in 183/46 - Publications).

10. 3 p.m. from O.S. Wallace of 14.6.47.

Telegram No 391 to S. of S of 11.7.47

12. Six Savingsgram from S. of P. of 20.5.47

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 Q. What happens to an official mail on arrival at MV? Does it go straight to Embassy (i.e. at once) for inclusion in their official bag or does it sit about in the shipping office? It should be delivered at once, we may otherwise lose our mail en route.  
 MC 27/11/11

14  
 ACS  
 R. report. I know that Complete mail is delayed several days because the bag is kept at the Chancery.  
 ABC 20/5

15.  
 ABC  
 I regret I am unable to assist Q. 2.9.

Letter to H.M. Ambassador, Montevideo of 3/9/47. 16.  
" from " " " " " 8.10.47 17

Letter from manager, I. J. Co. of 12.2.51 18.

ACS

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18. Mr. Barton does not say whether the delayed mail was that usually collected by the Uruguayan Postal Authorities or the official mail consigned to the consulate, or both? If the latter this could account for the non-receipt by Capt. ~~Stuart~~ "Spart" of the mail addressed to him at Rio.

A.S.  
15/2/51.

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ACS

Yes. Please the F.I.C.

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15/2/51.

ACS  
J.B. advise that "Gitzroy" arrived Montevideo about 2 pm. on Wednesday the 31st January and that the consulate collected the official mail on the afternoon of Friday the 2nd February.

A.S.  
16/2/51.

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J.E.  
p. 18 and above minutes. Not very helpful. I might try a D/o letter to the Consul.

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19/2/51.

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||. do so - it is very slack.

me. 19/11

24 Letter to P.G.F. Dalton, Esq. of 23/2/51.

B.W.  
15/3/51

25 Letter from S.H.T. Uldland of 14/3/51.

DECODE.

(1)

TELEGRAM.

*From* The Colonial Secretary.....

*To* H.M. Consul Montevideo.....

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*Despatched* : December 31st 19 46 *Time* : 15.00

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

Grateful you inform me whether official air mail bag for this Government could be included in Foreign Office Chancery bag to and from United Kingdom and if so what would be approximate annual cost.

Reply at 2

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

G.T.C.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

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From The Acting Consul Montevideo

To The Honourable the Colonial Secretary

Despatched : January 7th 19 47 Time : 16.35

Received : January 8th 19 47 Time : 09.30

Red.

Your telegram 31st December. No objection and no charge.

ACTING CONSUL.

(airmail bag)

~~Fady~~ ~~ask~~  
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Copy filed in 0364 - Airmail Edition  
of "The Times."

in 183/46  
(Substitution)

My Dear Martin,

In the Secretary of State's Circular Saving Telegram of the 12th August 1946 we were asked if we wished to have copies of "The Times" air edition after the 1st of September, the date of which their free issue to Colonial territories ceased: and in my telegram No. 373 of the 4th of December, 1946, to the Secretary of State we replied that we did not. This was in view of the considerable cost, for the telegram had made it clear that facilities for sending by bag would cease.

We have recently taken up the general question of the "bag" with the Consulate at Montevideo, who tells us that there is no objection to and no charge for the inclusion of an official air bag for this Government in the Foreign Office Chancery bag to and from the United Kingdom. This is a great help, as it appears that official correspondence has previously gone by air mail: and you may be glad to know of it.

At the same time, we should be very grateful if you would see whether the ban on the use of the bag for "The Times" air edition could be lifted in our particular case. It is most desirable that the Governor should see "The Times" as soon after publication as possible, and with at best a monthly service by ship between here and Montevideo there are bound to be delays in any case. But if we could get the air edition by bag (at a great saving in cost) we should much appreciate it: and should you find it possible perhaps you would be kind enough so to arrange, instructing the Crown Agents to ask the publishers to send "The Times" air edition addressed to the Governor, to the Colonial Office for inclusion in the official air mail bag.

Yours sincerely,

J. M. Martin, Esq., C. B. C. V. O.,  
Colonial Office.

See 9.

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" " " 0364 - Air Mail Edition

of "The Times."

9.  
13th May, 1947.

My Dear Martin,

8.

In my letter of the 22nd of January, 1947, I wrote about the air bag to and from the United Kingdom via the Foreign Office and Chancery at Montevideo who send on official correspondence to us. I also mentioned the possibility of getting the air edition of the "Times" by the same method. As there are two aircraft a week this would not put a very heavy strain on the bag: and I should be glad to know whether it has been possible to arrange it.

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Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) A. B. MATHEWS

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J. H. Martin, Esq., C.B.C.V.O.,  
COLONIAL OFFICE.

VP.



3rd September, 1947.

My Dear Vereker,

There is, I gather, some reason to suppose that delays are apt to occur in the delivery of official mail to your Consulate after its arrival at Montevideo. Since the bag contains air mail for onward transmission, with which the Consul kindly deals, such delay may entail missing a connecting air mail. Moreover, if the Falkland Islands Company's ship turns round quickly, official correspondence with the Consul or with Maclean & Stapledon which might otherwise have been dealt with and replied to by Falkland Islands Company ship may remain unanswered for a month or more, or require a reply by telegram with the additional cost involved.

I should be most grateful if you would be good enough to have the matter looked into. Quite apart from the question of public interest and convenience, our inevitable sense of isolation here is apt to be accentuated by delays in correspondence which might perhaps be curtailed if the "bag" were dealt with as a matter of priority.

This is in no sense in the nature of a "complaint" for I am very sensible of the help that the Embassy gives us.

Gordon Vereker, Esq., C.M.G.,  
British Embassy,  
MONTEVIDEO.

~~xxxxx~~ Sincerely, yours,  
(Sgd.) Miles Clifford.

Reply at  
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VP.



BRITISH EMBASSY,  
MONTEVIDEO.

8th October, 1947.

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My dear Clifford

MC  
ack

In reply to your letter of the 3rd September, which reached me on the 6th of this month, about official mail from the Colony, I fear that on one or two occasions, while my Chancery was housed in its old premises, delays did occur in the delivery of mail official or otherwise, for local distribution, though never in respect of mail for a connecting air bag. Now however that the Chancery is housed in the same building as the Consular Section and other Departments of the Mission, you may rest assured that official correspondence for the Consular Section or the Falkland Islands Company's agents here is delivered immediately on its receipt.

Yours sincerely  
Enderby Tucker

Geoffrey Miles Clifford, Esq.,  
etc., etc., etc.,  
PORT STANLEY.

P.S. nice to hear from you. I hope all is

tell him to see father Clifford!



# The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

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AGENTS FOR LLOYDS.

*Stanley,*

TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY" VIA RADIO.

12th February 1951

29/4/56

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley.

Mail Service- acceleration.

Sir,

With reference to the Mail check, instigated by the B.O.A.C. we wish to report the arrival of the last mail leaving the Falkland Islands.:-

- (1) Airmail posted Falkland Islands..... Arrived U.K. 8th Feb.
- (2) " " Montevideo (ex this Office) " " 6th Feb.
- (3) Letters handed direct to Mr.Cooper M/V. " " 5th Feb.

*same?*

We should further like to report that the last mail was not collected from the "Fitzroy" until three days after her arrival in Montevideo.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*H. 13/2/51.*

*A.G. Barton*

Manager.

24<sup>th</sup> February, 1951.

Dear Dalton,

On the last occasion when the "Fitzroy" came up to Montevideo she arrived about 2.0. p.m. on Wednesday the 31st January, 1951, and I am told that the official mail was not collected from her until the afternoon of Friday, February 2nd. I do realise that we are not the only busy people in the world, but you will appreciate that our mail takes long enough to get to its destination as it is and we are anxious to obviate any avoidable delays. It was the more unfortunate on this occasion because the mail contained some correspondence addressed to the Captain of H.M.S. "Superb", then at Rio, which we particularly wanted him to receive before he left that port en route for here. It may be that you are not always advised of the arrival in Montevideo of the "Fitzroy", or that there is some other loophole which we can and should attend to. If so I should be glad if you would let me know. Anything which you in your turn can do to avoid such delays we should be most grateful for.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd) Michael R. Baymer

P.G.F. Dalton, Esq.,  
H.B.M. Consul,  
MONTEVIDEO.

Reply at 25.

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COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE  
110 APR 1951  
FALKLAND ISLANDS

BRITISH EMBASSY  
MONTEVIDEO.

(1511/9/51)

14th March, 1951.

Dear Raymer

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I have taken over from Dalton as First Secretary/Consul and am therefore, replying to your letter of 24th February about the "Fitzroy" mail. I am sorry about the delay on the occasion to which you refer, but, as you surmised, we were not advised of "Fitzroys" arrival until February 2nd. The Captain does not at present report his arrival to us: perhaps you would arrange that he should do so, and we will then certainly see that mail is collected at once.

Actually in this case the correspondence for H.M.S. "Superb" was despatched by airbag to Rio on February 4th and as this was in any case the first bag after the arrival of the "Fitzroy", no delay was in fact incurred. But that was merely luck.

Yours sincerely

A. W. T. Hindwood

M. Raymer, Esq.  
Secretariat,  
Port Stanley,  
Falkland Islands.

ACS  
The best way would be  
to get McLean to notify  
Consulate?

11/4/51

18 April,

51.

Gentlemen,

I am directed to inform you that on a recent occasion considerable delay occurred in Montevideo in the receipt by the Consulate of Official Mail sent by this Government c/o. the Master, s.s. "Fitzroy", and on enquiry being made the Consulate stated that the delay was due to their not being aware that the "Fitzroy" had arrived in port.

2. I should therefore be grateful if in future you would advise the Consulate as soon as the vessel arrives in Montevideo.

I am,

Gentlemen,  
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) Michael R. Baymer

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Messrs. Maclean & Stapledon,  
Casilla de Correo, 193,  
MONTEVIDEO.

Reply at 2.8

D. M. Z. Hildrand,  
H. B. M. Consul,  
British Embassy,  
MONTREAL, QUEBEC.

(Sgd) Michael R. Baymer

Yours sincerely,

May I take this opportunity  
of wishing you a pleasant tour of duty  
in Montreal.

Many thanks for your letter  
of the 14th March, 1954, regarding  
the collection of mail from the  
"Blitz". I have written to Maclean  
& Stapleton asking them in future to  
notify you of the arrival of the ship.

Dear Hildrand,

28 April, 1954.

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26. Letter to Messrs. Maclean & Stapledon of 18/4/51.

27. " " H.B.M. Consul No of ~~24~~ 24/4/51.

*PA/1/51*  
27/4/51

28. Letter <sup>from</sup> to Macstaple of 3/5/51.

*PA/1/51*  
23/5/51

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MACSTAPLE MONTEVIDEO  
TELEPHONES 86382  
85042



May 3rd. 1951

Sir:-

26.

We are in receipt of your favour No. 294/46 dated the 18th ultimo, with reference to delay occurred at this end in the receipt of Official Mail by the Consulate, contents of which are noted.

In this respect, we shall keep your suggestion in mind in future, advising the Consulate of "Fitzroy's" arrival in port accordingly.

Yours faithfully,  
MACLEAN & STAPLEDON, S. A.

Colonial Secretary  
PORT STANLEY

JMD/vd.