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MAILS - DELAY IN FORWARDING.

CONNECTED FILES.

NUMBER

O604/A

Violated Mails.

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EXTRACT FROM LETTER TO C.M. ROSE OF 29TH JULY, 1960

Original filed in C604/A

There is one other matter on which you may be able to help us. The Post Master tells me that the Uruguayans are co-operative in seeing that our surface mail is promptly transferred from one ship to another after it arrives in Montevideo, when the 'Darwin' is in port. On the other hand, there does not seem to be liaison between the Airmail Department of the Post Office and the Surface Department in Montevideo. It has happened that airmail arriving in Montevideo in time to catch the 'Darwin' has not done so. For instance, if the Comet did arrive on time on July 15th, there would have been time for the mail it carried to have been sent here by the 'Darwin', which did not sail until Saturday morning. The Post Master tells me this sort of thing has happened more than once, and I wonder if there is anything that could be done about it?

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EXTRACT FROM LETTER FROM C.M. ROSE OF 15TH AUGUST. 1960

(Original filed in 0604/A)

I will look into the question of transferring your air mail bags quickly to the "Darwin". One difficulty may be that the Comet has taken to arriving late and this may have caused delay.

197.

EXTRACT FROM LETTER TO G.M. ROSE OF 23RD AUGUST, 1960

Original filed in 0604/A.

Thank you for looking into the matter of our airmail bags, the fact that the Comet has taken to arriving late does complicate matters.

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EXTRACT FROM LETTER FROM C.M. ROSE OF 15TH SEPTEMBER, 1960

Original filed in 0604/A

With regard to air mail, an example of the difficulty has arisen this time. The Comet arrived about 36 hours late, after all freight had been loaded on the "DARWIN" and she had moved out into the ante-port. We are trying to discover whether there is any mail for you and, if so, whether there is any chance still of getting it on board.

No. _____

0082/111
MEMORANDUM

It is requested that, in any reference to this memorandum the above number and date should be quoted.



ne, 19 61.

From The Superintendent,
Posts and Telegraphs,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To: The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary,
STANLEY.

SUBJECT :- Delay in the Transhipment of Air Mail in Montevideo.

There appears to be unnecessary delay in the movement of Falkland Is. air mail from its point of arrival in Montevideo to the "Darwin". For instance Flight BA 661 was scheduled to arrive at Montevideo at 1.05 p.m. on Tuesday 30th May, 1961 and the "Darwin" did not sail until 6 p.m. the following day - almost 29 hours after the mail arrived yet the mail on Flight BA 661 was not put on board "Darwin". Consequently instead of receiving this mail in six days it will be six weeks old when it arrives here.

2. Perhaps the Government Agents (Maclean & Stapledon) could be asked to ginger up the Post Office? I suggest we ask them to contact the Postal Authorities say three or four hours before each sailing of the "Darwin" and ensure that all our air mail in Montevideo is shipped.


Superintendent.

KIV 433

and whether paper
necessary before

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H L kindly handles to take me up.

3/7/61

S.P.T.

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To note pl

Allen 3.7.61

438.

ASL
Thank you
3/7/61

bu 12.8.61

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MEMORANDUM

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It is requested that, in any reference to this memorandum, the above number and date should be quoted.

8th August, 1961.



To The Honourable,

From The Superintendent,

The Colonial Secretary,

Posts and Telegraphs,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

STANLEY.

SUBJECT :- Falkland Islands Parcel Mail from the United Kingdom.

The following parcel mail known to have been shipped from the United Kingdom has failed to arrive in the Colony :-

4 bags ex "AMAZON" scheduled to arrive at Montevideo on 29th June. These bags should have come forward on "Darwin" which sailed from Montevideo on 11th July or on her second sailing from that port on 31st July, 1961.

78 bags ex "ARAGON" scheduled to arrive at Montevideo on 20th July. These should have been shipped here on "Darwin's" 31st July, 1961, sailing from Montevideo

Although we have no proof that the mails were actually off loaded at Montevideo, it is extremely unlikely that they were not. In both cases there was ample time to arrange shipment and the mails are obviously being held in Montevideo for some unknown reason. May I therefore suggest for consideration that the matter be taken up with the British Embassy in Montevideo with a view to ensuring that these parcels are shipped on "Darwin's" next sailing from Montevideo on 29th August, 1961 - together with mails expected to arrive in Montevideo on "URUGUAY STAR" on 17th August, 1961.

see 7.

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Supt. P. & T.
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Supt. P. & T.

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Y.H. Swift-afc pl.
10.8.61

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DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Officer Administering the Government, Stanley.

To Prodrone Montevideo

Despatched : 11th August, 19 61. Time : 0900

Received : 19 Time :

Experiencing trouble now in delay in forwarding parcel mail. Four bags ex Amazon of 29th June and seventy-eight bags ex Aragon 20th July. We cannot say definitely stove mails actually discharged Montevideo but extremely unlikely they were not. Could you investigate position and ensure mails shipped Darwin sailing 29th August? Expecting mails on Uruguay Star 17th August which should come next Darwin also.

Officer Administering the Government.

See 8.

Copy to: E/P.T.

G.T.C. : DRM/LH

bu 6.9.61

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Officer Administering the Government, Stanley.

To Prodróna, Montevideo.

Despatched : 14th August, 19 61. Time : 0930

Received : 19 Time :

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My telegram of 11th August. Parcel Mail.

G.P.O. advises mail shipped Arlanza and not Uruguay Star as in my telegram under reference.

Officer Administering the Government

G.T.C. : DRM/LH

Copy to: S/P.T.

Bu. 6.9.61

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

SENT

(W. & S. L.S.—250 Pd/7/59).

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	Psy			8.9.61
To				
etat PRODROME MONTEVIDEO (Conf. copy phoned W/T Station 10.30/8th)				HOA/c

Two bags air mail which arrived Montevideo 26th August on Darwin have apparently still not arrived England stop Grateful if you would find whether they were despatched by air from Montevideo and when

Colonial Secretary

Time RHDH/LH

Reply at 12.

Copy to: S/P.T.

Bm. 15. 9. 61.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From..... British Ambassador, Montevideo.

To..... Govenor, Stanley.

Despatched : 8th September, 19 61. *Time* : 1845.

Received : 9th September, 19 61. *Time* : 0945.

Priority.

11 00208: Your telegram of September 8th bags
delayed in local post office but despatched
September 6th.

Rose.

H. C. S.

I have written separately about the visit I paid to the Uruguayan Post Office, which I presume will be filed with Rose's letter in O604/A. I also spoke to Rose about the delay in forwarding our airmail. I shall be writing to him by the next "Darwin", letting him know how many bags of airmail are being carried. This will give him the opportunity of taking the matter up with Senor Vazquez, and I shall also be sending him a sample of the advice note we send to the Uruguayan Post Office, which should ensure that if the mails are not received from the Port, some enquiry is made.

2. The delay in forwarding the last airmail was brought forcibly to the notice of the postal authorities by MacLean & Stapledon, and Rose thought it better that he should not approach Vazquez direct until the next occasion.

14th September 1961

Handwritten initials

BU 7.10.61

British Embassy,
Montevideo.
27th September, 1961.

Dear Edwin,

As regards air mail despatches from the Falkland Islands, I understand from MacLean and Stapledon that they took the matter up with Vazquez who wrote an apologetic reply saying that he had give instructions for priority treatment to be given to all such mail in future. Nevertheless they and I agree that your suggestion about the advice note is worth trying. It would certainly ensure that the Oficina Expedicion al Exterior would be informed without delay of the arrival of air mail bags. Whether they would then act promptly to get them away is another matter, but I hope that this procedure and the interest which Vazquez is obviously taking in your mail now would have the required result. So perhaps you will institute this system with effect from 'Darwin's' next voyage.

Yours sincerely,
C. M. Rose.

H.C.S.

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For action.

(Intld) EPA 4/10/61

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Spoken to SPT.

SPT please see 361 to 364.

Will you please note to take action on next mail and there after accordingly and return papers.

(Intld) RHDM 4/10/61.

H.C.S.

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Action will be taken accordingly please.

(Intld) JB 5/10/61.

Y. E.

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For information.

(Intld) RHDM 6/10/61.

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COPY

Original filed in O604/A/II.

Government House,
Falkland Islands.
October 6, 1961.

Dear Clive,

Many thanks for your letter of September 27, about our airmail despatches. We are arranging in future that the procedure outlined in my letter of September 19 will be followed, but as you say, whether they will act promptly to get the mail away, is another matter. We can but wait and see, and it is encouraging that Vazquez is taking this personal interest in our mail.

Signed Edwin Arrowsmith.

S.P.T. 21

C. M. ROSE, ESQ.

20 to note pl.

15.11.61

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Note thank you.

2. The first mail under this arrangement left the Colony on 12th October, arrived in Montevideo p.m. on 16th & was despatched by KLM 18th - delivered in the London area on 19th Oct. 1961. This is seven days from here & about as good as we can expect.

16.11.61.

§. 4

22 for information -
I will use SPT to refer to in each meet
It will refer to §. 4 if there is any
falling off.

§ 12/4/61

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20' " .61'
John H SPT E.
File § 2/14/61

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MEMORANDUM

4th January, 1962

To The Honourable, _____

The Colonial Secretary, _____

STANLEY. _____

From The Superintendent, _____

Posts and Telegraphs,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT :- Missing Air Mail.

I regret to report that the following two air mails from the United Kingdom have failed to arrive in the Colony :-

Serial No. 143 of 9th December, 1961

" " 146 " 16th " "

The G.P.O. has been informed by telegraph and a reply has been received to the effect that they are investigating the matter.

[Signature]
Superintendent.

2.2
for information
2.12.10. ✓
2/1/62

9.1.62
BU 21.1.62 to enquire if arrived.

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S.P.T.

Anything new on the missing despatches?

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act.

for act

23.1.62

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one has received
up.

the other ~~two~~ have not.

for
20/2/62.

24.1.62.

~~BD 20.2.62~~

~~BD Monday 26.2.62~~

BD Monday 9.4.62

J.G.

The following mails despatched from UK have failed delivery:

*	a	1	bag	airmail	despatched	9.12.61
*	b	✓ 1	"	"	"	19. 1. 62
*	c	✓ 1	"	"	"	2. 2. 62
*	d	✓ 1	"	"	"	16. 2. 62 (routed via Punta Arenas)
	e	✓ 1	"	"	"	19. 2. 62 (" " " ")
	f	✓ 1	"	"	"	23. 2. 62 (" " " ")

The last two have since been advised as arriving from Montevideo + should come forward by the return of Darwin on 7th April. P.m. has little hope of recovering the Decembra despatch but feels there is a good chance the other three having been over carried to B.A. + eventually arriving with one of the Argentinian despatches.

G.P.O. are investigating all cases.

26.3.62

BA

27. 3. 62

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BW to review position
9.4.62

Hence.

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I have discussed with P.m. who informs me that (e) + (f) above arrived by Darwin yesterday. (a) (b) (c) + (d) are still outstanding.

9.4.62

g & for information

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10/4/62

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~~g~~ 11.4.62

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BW 30.4.62 to enquire position

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all three were found

information still not available about CP

was lost in December

PSU after last news

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11/5/62

BW 28.5.62

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SPT speaks.

no information.

SPT

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(wonder whether he might not
again. venica ven. 2

g 28/3/62

nes

In our experience with C.P.O. we can be assured that they are doing all possible to trace the missing bag. In the circs. I feel a further reminder would only be of frustration value

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30/5/62.

F 82 31/5/62

By 9.8.62 ~~nes~~

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S.P.K.

Anything new this mail file?

9.8.62

nes

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No.

I think we shall have to consider this bag 'written off'.

14/8/62.

File 52

P.A.

POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

*With the Compliments
of the
Superintendent*

J.H.S.
On information



1.X.62

STANLEY,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.



Your reference

In any reply
please quote :

Telecommunications 39.
Posts & Telegraphs Department,
General Post Office, 20
Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

.....1st October,.....1962.....

Dear Arturo,

Falklands Air Mail ex U.K.

It appears that on occasions our air mail bags arrive in Montevideo many hours before "Darwin" sails but fail to come forward. For instance on "Darwin's" last voyage, according to our reckoning the bag which left London on 20th September arrived in Monte at 2 p.m. on 21st. The "Darwin" did not sail until 10 a.m. on 22nd September, that is some 20 hours later but the bag was not put aboard. This means we have to wait another three weeks for it. I know that this is not your concern but I wonder whether you could use your influence on the authorities responsible for the delay and speed up delivery of the last bag to arrive before "Darwin" sails each southbound voyage? If you could do this we would be most grateful.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely

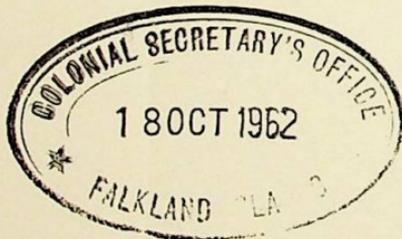
JOHN

A. Beare, Esq.,
Messrs. Maclean & Stapledon, S.A.,
MONTEVIDEO.

By 18.10.62
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41-43 | *There is some thing on this in*
"Incoming Correspondence" 1/10/62
J. 19.10.62

POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT



*With the Compliments
of the
Superintendent*

H.C.S.,

For information, please.

A handwritten signature or set of initials in dark ink, appearing to be a stylized 'S' or 'J' with a flourish below it.

STANLEY,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

18th October, 1962.

C O P Y

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MACLEAN & STAPLEDON, S.A.
Casilla de Correo 193
Colon 1486 - 90,
Montevideo.

11th October, 1962.

Dear John,

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I duly received your letter of 1st inst. regarding air bags which arrive for the Falklands. We have been and are insisting with the Post Office that special care should be taken to ensure that your mail is dealt with as quickly as possible but unfortunately we are unable to push them any more. The two bags which arrived per "DARWIN" were sent on by B.O.A.C. on 6th inst. and we have requested them to do all possible so that the mail which arrives tomorrow afternoon per B.O.A.C. is taken immediately to "DARWIN" which is due to sail about 4 p.m.

Yours sincerely,

(sgd.) A.E. BEARE

John Bound, Esq.,
Posts & Telecommunications Dept.,
General Post Office,
PORT STANLEY.

Your reference

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Telecommunications
Posts & ~~Telegraphs~~ Department,
General Post Office,
Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

In any reply
please quote :

.....18th October.....1962....

Falklands Air Mail ex-U.K.

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Thank you for your letter of 11th October on the above subject. We appreciate that it is not easy to stimulate the people concerned and apologise for burdening you with such a tiresome task. However your efforts this voyage produced the latest possible air bag and we are indeed grateful. Mail means so much to people separated from their families down here and anything you can do in the future to hasten ours through will always be appreciated.

Very many thanks

A. E. Beare, Esq.,
Messrs. Maclean & Stapledon, S.A.,
MONTEVIDEO.

G.S.

SPT is going to make next trip and I think it would be well if he could go into the question of mail bags missing the Darwin.

It seems to me that the present arrangement whereby we are liable to be told "Sorry such and such a bag was not on the Darwin" is all wrong and has had very serious consequences in the past and might have more serious ones.

My ideas are as follows.

1. Find out from postal authorities how long they want from the time of arrival of the plane to be able to guarantee delivery of mail on board. (including airfreight which is specially difficult.)
 2. Sailing of Darwin always to be arranged so that this time is allowed.
 3. If plane is late then Darwin must be prepared to sail late accordingly.
 4. Darwin has a list of the bags they should be taking. If any are missing when it gets near sailing time they should get on to the postal authorities or try somehow to throw the bag out of them.
- If Darwin is not alongside the agents should take this on.
5. Agents would of course ^{have} advised the ~~postal~~ postal authorities of the departure time of the ship so that they would know when the mail had to be delivered.

The main point^{u7} of my ideas is that the Darwin side is our mail contract which must if it possibly can bring, not just some mail but all the mail and all other considerations must be subordinated to this.

~~We might consider~~ to pay demurrage if they wait too long in making one of the work. This would all be gone into in connection with the new mail contracts.

Of course I realize that there will always be things going wrong because there is always the possibility that having guaranteed to deliver mail in a certain time the post authorities will still not be able to produce a bag and all efforts to get it will be unsuccessful and as the Darwin can't wait indefinitely for it to be found they will have to mail without it but such cases should I think form the subject of special reports and should always be taken up with the Uruguayan Government.

If we are to get anywhere it seems that the first step is to get my idea fixed up

SPT says that his would have to be done through the Embassy.

Yes

If G.2 agrees with the above may I send a telegram to the Embassy giving SPT a copy and ask him to take the matter up with those concerned as far as possible. There are some hints which we would ~~not~~ probably have to discuss with Mr. Barton but this could be

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done in obtaining a report from SPT
on his return of the success or otherwise
of his investigations..

I apologise for not getting this typed but time is rather
short. I discussed all this with S.P.T. his marking

16/6/62 -

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HCS

I agree in the main, but such
matters as the Darwin writings in Monte
will have to be carefully considered.

16.11.62

19th November, 1962.

Dear Mr. Brain,

Frequently our air mail arrives in Montevideo on the same day as 'Darwin' sails and although the 'plane comes in shortly after 2 p.m. and 'Darwin' sails the same evening with the air passengers it is only on rare occasions that the air mail is received on board.

You will appreciate that this delay of a few hours often results in a month as our connections with Montevideo are frequently limited to the monthly visit of 'Darwin'.

I am wondering if you would be good enough to enquire of the Postal Authorities of the time they would require to guarantee that mails would be delivered on board.

Mr. John Bound the Superintendent of Posts and Telecommunications in the Falklands will be in Montevideo and I have asked him to discuss this matter with you.

yours sincerely

(Sgd) R. H. S. Maudslayi

His Excellency
H.N. Brain, C.M.G., O.B.E.,
H.B.M. Ambassador,
British Embassy,
Montevideo,
URUGUAY.

Copy to SPT

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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Wt P2809 5/61

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	Psy			19.11.62
To				
etat MACSTAPLE MONTEVIDEO				HOA/c

0604/VI No. 23. Mytel 21 of 30th October airmail which arrived Montevideo 9th failed connect Shackleton stop Grateful you ensure this and later bags shipped Biscoe

Colonial Secretary

Copy to: Postmaster

Time HLB/LH

BW SPT's return 15.12.62

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

No. 8.

From Maclean & Stapledon, Montevideo.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

<i>Despatched :</i>	22nd November,	19 62.	<i>Time :</i>	1002
<i>Received :</i>	24th November,	19 62.	<i>Time :</i>	1000

51 Your telegram No. 23. All mail available sent Darwin 9th Shackleton 13th will ship mail received since Biscoe 23rd.

Macstaple

P/L : LH
Copy to: Postmaster
(Intld.) DM

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FALKLAND ISLANDS**SENT**53.
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Wt P2809 5/61

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	Psy			24.11.62
To				
etat CO PROTECTOR				HOA/c

Most grateful to learn if you have Colony airmail on board and in what quantity

Colonial Secretary

Copy to: Postmaster

Time HLB/LH

Reply at 54

Copy for file

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SENT

Wt P2809 5/61

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	PSY			24.11.62.

To ETAT PRIORITY POSTGEN CENT LONDON

SHACKLETON AND JOHNSON DEPARTED MONTEVIDEO 13TH AND 23RD RESPECTIVELY BUT NO AIR MAIL FORWARDED BY URUGUAYAN ADMINISTRATION STOP PLEASE CONFIRM NORMAL TWICE WEEKLY SERVICE MAINTAINED VIA MONTEVIDEO STOP LAST DESPATCH RECEIVED S/N 97

POSTMASTER

Time



Reply at 56.

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TELEGRAM.

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From Commanding Officer, H.M.S. Protector.

To Colonial Secretary, Falklands.

Despatched : 25th November, 1962. *Time* : 0030

Received : 19 *Time* :

We have 2 large and 1 medium sized bags airmail
and 1 small bag classified airmail.

Commanding Officer

BW arrival Protector
30.11.62

P/L : LH
Copy to: Postmaster

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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W: P2809 5/61

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
4/544	London	21	1115	26

To

etat postmaster Stanleyfi

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Your cable stop Air despatch 998 despatched via Riodejaneiro for conveyance on protector due Stanley 29th November

postgen

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ACS

NB

12 enquiries

*accounted for w/w 2
8 27/4/62.*

Time

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MACLEAN & STAPLEDON S.A.

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A.I.-A.B.C. 5TH. EDITION
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BENTLEY'S

CASILLA DE CORREO 193
COLON 1486-90

DIRECCION TELEGRAFICA
MACSTAPLE MONTEVIDEO
TELEFONOS 97474/78
T. T. 27

MONTEVIDEO

(URUGUAY)

November 22nd. 1962

Colonial Secretary
PORT STANLEY

Dear Sir:-

We beg to acknowledge receipt of your telegram of 19th inst. reading as follows:-

51. "NO 23 MYTEL 21 OF 30TH OCTOBER AIRMAIL WHICH ARRIVED MONTEVIDEO 9TH FAILED CONNECT SHACKLETON STOP GRATEFUL YOU ENSURE THIS AND LATER BAGS SHIPPED BISCOE"

and confirm our reply of today stating:

52. "YOURTEL No.23 ALL MAIL AVAILABLE SENT DARWIN NINTH SHACKLETON THIRTEENTH WILL SHIP MAIL RECEIVED SINCE BISCOE TWENTYTHIRD"

Yours faithfully,
MACLEAN & STAPLEDON, S. A.

A.E. Stone

AEB/vd.

AGENTES DE:

Royal Mail Lines, Ltd. - The Pacific Steam Navigation Co. - Cia. Maritima Holandesa (Uruguay) S. A., Bs. Aires, Asunción - Rotterdam South America Line - Van Nievelt Goudriaan & Co's Stoomvaart Maatschappij N. V. - The Holland Pan-American Line - Holland America Line - Cory Brothers & Co. Ltd. - Salén Shipping Companies - Flota Mercante del Estado, Paraguay - Phs. Van Ommerin N. V., Rotterdam - Naviera Chilena del Pacifico S. A. Valparaiso, Santiago - Cia. de Acero del Pacifico, S. A. (Sec. Maritima) Santiago, San Vicente - Naviera Coronel S. A., Valparaiso - Cia. Maritima Valck & Monckton S. A., Valparaiso - Johnson Brelland Ltd., Liverpool - Universal Shipping & Agencies Ltd., Liverpool - Inprover S. A. (Repres. Maritima), Madrid - The Falkland Island Trading Company, Ltd. - Colonial Government of the Falkland Islands - Crown Agents for the Colonias - Albion Star (Southampton) Ltd. - Albion Star (South Georgia) Ltd. - A/S Albion Star (Sandefjord) - J. D. Hewell & Co. Ltd., London - Vilalis I. A. Milanowski, Bs. Aires - Simeco S. A., Bs. Aires - Comar S. R. L., Bs. Aires - Sudatlantica S. A. Bs. Aires - Interamericana de Navegación S. A., C. I. y F., Bs. Aires - Cia. de Navegación Costera Argentina S. R. L. - Lucero & Bramante, Bs. Aires - Arnaldo Braggio & Cia., Bs. Aires - Trébol Emp. de Nav. S. R. L. Bs. Aires - Luciano Castro & Cia. Ltda. Santos - Navegacao Sanista Ltda., Santos - Navegacao Transmar Ltda., Santos - The Liverpool & London & Globe Ins. Co. Ltd. - The Marine Ins. Co. Ltd. - Thames & Mersey Marine Ins. Co. Ltd. - The Federal Ins. Co. Ltd. - The Vanguard Ins. Co. Ltd. - Compañia de Seguros "El Globo".

AGENTES DE VENTA APROBADOS POR:



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Hines.

Is there any further
action required i.r.o.
58/59 pc ?

Regarding 57 ~~etc~~
I have spoken to P.M.
we shall have to await
arrival of Protector.

52/59

14/11 be mail or

 27.11.62

BU 30.11.62

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

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RECEIVED

Wt P2809 5/61

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
273	Protector	22	1030	30/11

To Colonial Secretary Stanley

Reference message concerning official bag. Ships boat will leave public jetty at 11-20 and 1335

CO

PHONED PJW
Time

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James

57- I have discussed with Pm.
who advises me that all outstanding
air mail was recd. by 'Protector' this
morning

3011. 62

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88 63 for information

82 3/12/62.

~~RA~~

3.12.62

OR

Be 1317.62
for letter (58)

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

From Manager, Hill Cove.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 1st December, 19 62. Time : 0900

Received : 1st December, 19 62. Time :

Urgently request Philomel lands our mail here rather than Roy Cove as she will be passing close and overland collection at this busy season inconvenient.

Manager Hill Cove.

Record.

Discussed with H.M. and agreed Philomel to call. Following message phoned W/T Station 3 p.m. today - "Manager Hill Cove - Philomel calling yours. Colonial Secretary.

P/L : TB

(Intld) HLB 1.12.62

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Reply at 66

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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To				
etat MANAGER HILLCOVE				HOA/c

Philomel calling yours

Colonial Secretary

(Confirmatory copy - phoned W/T Station
3 p.m. Saturday 1.12.62.)

Time HLB/TB

Be 13 1262 for
letter (58)

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DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

No. 2/182.

From Superintendent Posts & Telecommunications, R.M.S. "Darwin".

To TM2 Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 12th December, 19 62. Time : 1235

Received : 12th December, 19 62. Time : 1515

Had lengthy discussion Director Correos who promised delivery air mail ex B.O.A.C. to Darwin within four hours arrival Carrasco. Have on board serial numbers 99-104 latter 1½ hours after planes arrival.

SPT

68'

S-2 for information

This is with reference

to 47. no action

necessary till SPT

P/L : LH
(Intld.) DM

arrives

8^o 13/12/62

BU mones 17.12 62

14.12.62
JJA
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CONFIDENTIAL

British Embassy

MONTEVIDEO

December 4, 1962

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Dear Manders,

As you will hear from John Bound, we went together on November 28 to see Señor Eduardo Vazquez, Director of Posts for Uruguay, in order to discuss the delays affecting incoming air mail destined for the Falkland Islands (your letter O604/B of November 19 to the Ambassador).

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2. The postal authorities professed themselves alive to the very special need to expedite mail to your relatively isolated community, and showed signs of guilt at the recent hold-up (though no one gave a convincing explanation of it). I understand that one element is a shortage of lorries (though there have also been several strikes of post office workers lately). We offered a number of alternative suggestions to help them out: e.g. that a representative of the Shipping agents (who would in any case normally be at the airport to meet passengers) should collect your bag of mail from BOAC, or even that a representative from the Embassy (on days when we too are meeting bags) might help: but not unnaturally the postal authorities feel it is their responsibility to transmit the mail to the port.

3. We therefore agreed on the following drill:- that a representative of Maclean & Stapledon (or of the ship) should

(a) keep in touch with BOAC and ascertain the actual time of arrival of the aircraft (the postal authorities will also do this, but to make assurance doubly sure the ship's agents will liaise with them too);

(b) allow 4 hours (this is the minimum acceptable) for the Post Office van to bring the mail to the Maritime Post Office;

(c) warn the Maritime Post Office (open from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.) that this is when the mail should arrive;

(d) collect it ^{at} that hour.

4. It would be for the ship's master (subject to any instructions received from you) to decide whether the ship can wait until that hour.

5./

R.H.D. Manders, Esq., O.B.E.,
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

Reply at 76



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5. In practice I gather that the shipping agents have always followed much the same drill as this. However the departure of the "Darwin" on December 7 will serve as a test case, and we have promised Maclean and Stapledon that if there is any difficulty between now and then in getting hold of the mail held up since October, we will gladly intervene again.

6. Incidentally I presume that there is no problem about your official air mail, which would normally be included in the bag reaching us by the same BOAC flight on Fridays. We will ensure that on days when a ship is sailing for the Falklands this bag (which normally reaches us at about 5 p.m.) is opened in time for any mail to be put on board.

7. I am sending a copy of this letter to Maclean & Stapledon Ltd.

Yours sincerely.

(K.H.Jones)

P.S. Since dictating the above I have heard from John Bound that you have now telegraphed him to say that most of the missing mail has turned up on board H.M.S. "Protector". Fortunately in our interview with the Uruguayan postal authorities we concentrated primarily on working out a drill for the future (as you suggested) rather than probing into the past: but I hope that you will ask the General Post Office in London to give you proper advance notice in future when they propose to route mail other than by Montevideo.

Copied to Col. Manager
FIC.

G.S.

70 41

68 & 69 for information. They have promised to deliver mail within 4 hours though in fact it was delivered 1 1/2 hours after 4 have arrived on this occasion.

Shall I now write to Co (Company) explaining the position and saying that, although one hopes that it would not generally be necessary to wait so long as 4 hours, it appears that to ensure picking up the mail it would be necessary for Co Darwin to be prepared to do so and asking if this would be satisfactory? Future action could be decided on on receipt of his reply; it might be a matter for discussion.

I will of course write to Frank the fones who was very helpful indeed. (Have discussed the matter with S.P. 7)

8- 17/12/62.

71.

HCS

There wd. be no objection to sending FIC copy of 68 & 69. It is marked "Confidential" but I don't really see why.

~~PH~~ 18.12.62

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(forgot to mention in 70 the SPT is going to write to Co G-PO and ask them to advise us in future if they send the mail anywhere else but make.

now to contact manager of the fones as at
b/c 8- 18/12/62.

47
Folio 73 (letter from Embassy
M.V. now in 68/41)

24

24 December,

62.

Sir,

When the S.P.T. was in Montevideo recently he went into the question of air mails missing the Darwin with the assistance of the Embassy and of Messrs. Maclean and Stapledon Ltd. I annex for your information a copy of a letter from Mr. Jones of the British Embassy which explains the position.

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2. With regard to the postscript it is true that there was some confusion because the G.P.O. did not tell us that they had sent air mail to Rio but this does not alter the fact that there have been cases in the past where the mail has missed the Darwin and if we can avoid this happening in future it seems that the trouble taken will be well worth while.

3. I may mention that although the postal authorities have only guaranteed to deliver the mail in four hours, on the 11th December it was all on board in 1½ hours.

4. I wonder whether the arrangements appear satisfactory to you.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


COLONIAL SECRETARY.

The Colonial Manager,
Falkland Islands Co. Ltd.,
STANLEY.

RHM/TB

21 December, 1962.

Dear Jones,

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This is to thank you for your letter 1151/62 of 4th December, and for all the very great help you gave us. I do hope that the arrangements made will now work and that we shall have no more cases of mails missing the Darwin which certainly has happened on many occasions in the past even though some of the mail which we were at that time concerned with had, as it turned out, gone to Rio. John is writing to the G.P.O. and asking them to advise us if ever in future they sent mail elsewhere than to Monte.

I don't believe we ever thanked Mrs. Jones for taking Susan and Jackie, out, please thank her now.

Yours sincerely,

J

K. H. Jones, Esq.,
British Embassy,
MONTEVIDEO.

KIV 74

RIDM/TB

Reply at 17.

Bu (75) 21.63

Bu 23. 1. 63

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The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

(INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1851.)

REGISTERED 1902.

AGENTS FOR LLOYDS.

TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY" VIA RADIO.

Stanley,

4th January, 1962.



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Sir,

Thank you for your letter No. 0604/B of 21st December, 1962 re transhipment of mails in Montevideo.

It is clearly impolitic, if not impossible, to sidetrack the Uruguayan Postal Authorities completely so far as Air Mail is concerned though the best results would be achieved by doing so and leaving it to Maclean & Stapledon to take delivery at the Airport. We must therefore hope that Mr. Bound's interview with the Director of Posts for Uruguay will have the desired effect.

Thanks to the reciprocal arrangements by which "Darwin" is permitted to communicate direct with VPC whilst in the Port of Montevideo we are in close touch with the ship and our Agents every voyage. For example we instructed the Master to wait for today's B.O.A.C. flight and have just been informed by telephone from the Wireless Station that the aircraft will be late but the Master still hopes to sail at 1900 tonight.

I am,
Sir,
your obedient servant,

A. G. Barton

Manager.

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The Honourable
The Colonial Secretary,
STANLEY.

J.S. 75 & 77 for information
I feel sure that if the Montevideo Postal
authorities wish to rein promise Mr. Barton
will not let Darwin sail without the mail. We may leave
things as they are for the present and watch results.

When we draw up the new contract however
we might consider whether we should
not be something to ensure that the Director
does actually pick up the mail if it is possible
to do so

8/1/63

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B.U. 10.1.63
Monday 14.1.63
81.

B.U. 2/1/63

I would like to go into his on mail contract file in d.c

24.1.63

Miss B
Mail Contract
File pl

B.U. 2/1/63

B.U. 11/2/63

821
B.U. when all
is done
on mail
contract
file
is
finished
81.

821

~~I have looked at the mail contract. It would seem to give us
fair's wide powers. By clause 14 the Company has at all times
to attend practically to the postmaster and his agents and to
forward authority of mail video; above (writing) or delivering mail
to be master not to send till he has taken in volumes
such and such a number. There seems to be no provision for a
will to hinder in a matter
provides for making such voyages as
Screen and his requires and provides that the Company shall~~

B.U. 2/1/63
3/3/63
2/2/63

BU 3.3.63

ACF

BU 9.3.63

ACF

821 Mail Contract file attached

D.P.

9.3.63

~~80~~ 83

R.S.C.

Please see 47 & 48 also 68

I think his is all satisfactory now and with
Mr Banda a captain white I do not anticipate
that the Darwin would leave here without
the mail if by waiting a few hours it ~~could~~
get it. But as we are going to award a
fresh contract for mail we might arrange to
have in some way to ensure that within reasonable
limits the Darwin does wait for the mail.

I don't know whether the annexed draft would
do what we wanted. Mail Contract Es at 513

of 327/111

Could you speak to -manor²

12/3/63

Fridy an SP2

14/3/63

G. S. Please see 49 & 79.

I have been considering where we should embody anything in the new mail contract to ensure that mails do not get left behind at Monte because to Darwin would not wait.

✓ On the whole I think it is really best to leave things as they are. We have done our best now to make sure that mails are delivered promptly to Darwin and for the rest I think we would do better to rely on goodwill rather than to try to lay down anything hard and fast.

If G. S. agrees I will drop the matter.

We should however always investigate any cases of bags not getting on to the Darwin

sc 5/4/63

BW 10.4.63

TRA 10.4.63
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No. _____

MEMORANDUM

It is requested that in any reference to this memorandum the above number and date should be quoted.

9th August, 19 63.

The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary,

Postmaster,

STANLEY.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT :-

Parcel Mail via Montevideo.

Reference your enquiry regarding the above, I confirm that Parcel Mail routed through the Uruguayan Post Office has recently been subject to considerable delay. The parcels in question are mostly of North American origin and Air Parcels. Parcel Mail was received from Montevideo on 7th January, 1963, nothing further was received until 17th May, 1963. The 17th May despatch included parcels posted as far back as November, 1962, and Air Parcels posted in Britain during January, 1963. We cannot prove when the parcels in question actually arrived in Montevideo but I think there is little doubt the the delays are in Montevideo. There have been two further opportunities from Montevideo since 17th May (7th June & 26th July) but again no parcel mail was received.

J.P. Hunt
Postmaster

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ACS

Can we ask Macdonald to ensure that
all accumulation are cleared this
time. Then ask P.M. to report on
the posting dates of any parcels of
the gross involved that come down
by road Darwin. We need to
build up a case based on facts
before lodging a complaint against
Hougenayan P.O.

L.E.

12.8.63

14th August,

63.

Gentlemen,

33- 9/3/561A I am directed to refer to your letter of the 8th July, 1963, regarding five air packets of seal tags consigned to this Administration and to say that the packets in question have again failed to arrive.

2. Would you please be good enough to approach the Postal Authorities once more and request that early steps be taken to release the items for outward carriage by the 'Darwin' due to sail for Stanley on 25th August.

3. It is observed that the mails received by R.M.S. 'Darwin' on 7th June and 26th July both failed to contain any air parcels routed through the Montevidean Post Office and it is thought that there might be an accumulation of these items awaiting shipment. If such is the case I would appreciate any action you can take to expedite their release.

I am,
Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,


COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Messrs. Maclean & Stapledon, S.A.,
Casilla de Correo, 195,
Montevideo,
URUGUAY.

HMB/IM.

Copy sent to Postmaster

KIV 86

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MACLEAN & STAPLEDON S.A.

CODIGOS
A.I.-A.B.C. 5TH EDITION
NEW BOE CODE WITH "Q" LIST
BENTLEY'S

FUNDADA EN 1901
CASILLA DE CORREO 193
COLON 1486-90
MONTEVIDEO

DIRECCION TELEGRAFICA
MACSTAPLE MONTEVIDEO
TELEFONOS 97474/78
T. T. 27

(URUGUAY)

August 24th. 1963

Colonial Secretary
PORT STANLEY



Dear Sir:-

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We beg to acknowledge receipt of your favour No.0604/B dated 14th inst. contents of which have had our attention.

We regret that the five parcels of seal tags were not loaded per the last "DARWIN" and have again contacted the local Postal Authorities, who have promised to send the parcels down this voyage without fail. They have also assured us that all mails will be loaded.

Yours faithfully,
MACLEAN & STAPLEDON, S. A.

NBD/vD.

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fl. see 86.

Can you say if these mails are
now coming through regularly? pl?

16.9.63 K10 86

AGENTES DE:

Royal Mail Lines, Ltd. - The Pacific Steam Navigation Co. - Cia. Maritima Holandesa (Uruguay) S. A., Bs. Aires, Asunción - Rotterdam South America Line - Van Nieuvelt Goudriaan & Co's Stoomvaart Maatschappij N. V. - The Holland Pan-American Line - Holland America Line - Cory Brothers & Co. Ltd. - Salén Shipping Companies - Flota Marcante del Estado, Paraguay - Phs. Van Ommeren N. V., Rotterdam - Naviera Chilena del Pacifico S. A. Valparaíso, Santiago - Cia. de Acero del Pacifico, S. A. (Sec. Maritima) Santiago, San Vicente - Naviera Coronel S. A., Valparaíso - Cia. Maritima Valck & Manckton S. A., Valparaíso - Johnson Brettana Ltd., Liverpool - Universal Shipping & Agencies Ltd., Liverpool - Improver S. A. (Repres. Maritima), Madrid - The Falkland Island Trading Company, Ltd. - Colonial Government of the Falkland Islands - Crown Agents for the Colonias - Albion Star (Southampton) Ltd. - Albion Star (South Georgia) Ltd. - A/S Albion Star (Sandefjord) - J. D. Hewell & Co. Ltd., London - Vilasis L. A. Milanowski, Bs. Aires - Simeco S. A., Bs. Aires - Comar S. R. L., Bs. Aires - Sudatlántica S. A. Bs. Aires - Interamericana de Navegación S. A., C. I. V. F., Bs. Aires - Cia. de Navegación Costera Argentina S. R. L. - Lucera & Bramante, Bs. Aires - Arnaldo Braggio & Cia., Bs. Aires - Trébal Emp. de Nav. S. R. L. Bs. Aires - Luciana Casira & Cia. Ltda. Santos - Navegacion Sanista Ltda., Santos - Navegacion Trasmar Ltda., Santos - The Liverpool & London & Globe Ins. Co. Ltd. - The Marine Ins. Co. Ltd. - Thames & Mersey Marine Ins. Co. Ltd. - The Federal Ins. Co. Ltd. - The Vanguard Ins. Co. Ltd. - Compañía de Seguros "El Globo".

AGENTES DE VENTA APROBADOS POR:



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H.C.S.

Three bags of parcels were received from Montevideo by the 'Darwin' on 27th August. Unfortunately there was nothing again this trip. DCA advises that he had an Air Parcel posted from Canada on 16th August which has so far failed to arrive. Another parcel posted from Switzerland on 16th July and addressed to Mr. T. Binnie has also failed to arrive. By the mail on 27th August, Mr. Binnie was advised by the Uruguayan Authorities that this particular parcel was in their service but to date it has not been forwarded.

[Signature]
POSTMASTER
19.9.63.

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H.C.S.

Further to my Memo of the 19th, Mr. T. Binnie now reports that a number of parcels were posted to him from Germany during June and July. These were all by Sea Mail but should have arrived by now. The last German Parcel Mail was received by 'Darwin' on 26th July and was despatched from Hamburg on 26th June. The German Post Office prepare ~~parcels~~ ~~despatches~~ one or two parcel despatches for us each month, depending of course on the number of parcels posted for the Falklands. It appears therefore that German Mail is also being delayed.

[Signature]
Postmaster,
23.9.63.

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J.E.,

Writing to Montevideo doesn't help very much. I suspect they are practically powerless. Asking the Embassy to help will produce promises that will not be fulfilled. The only piece of concrete evidence that we seem to have showing that a parcel was held when the Darwin sailed is at H of 90. I would like to be able to build up a stronger case before complaining and shall ask P.M. to continue to report as above. *[Signature]*

30.9.63

H.A.C.S.

I believe John Bourn made some useful contacts with Post Office officials in Montevideo when he was there a year or so ago. I do not know how long he will be in Montevideo when he returns in November, but if he could be briefed and go along to see them it might help.

JBA 1.10.63

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P.M.

Would you please write to Mr Bourn telling him our troubles and suggesting, if there permit, that he might wish to make personal representation. A.C.S. has also suggested that another useful line might be to advise the German G.P.O. of the delay. Would you think this might help, if so please write giving as much detail as possible.

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L.G.

1.10.63

H.C.S.

I doubt very much if SPT will have the time to contact the Uruguayan Postal Authorities while in Montevideo. He is booked to arrive in Monte on the 1st November and depart by 'Darwin' a few hours later.

J.P.
Postmaster. 3.10.63.

L.G.
/p.a.

No.

It is requested that, in any reference to this memorandum the above number and date should be quoted.

From: Postmaster,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.



MEMORANDUM

12th October, 19 63.

To: The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

SUBJECT :-

Parcel Mail via Montevideo.

85 I refer to my previous memo on the above subject and have to advise that no parcel mail was received from Montevideo by the 'Darwin' on 8th inst.

2. 8 bags of German Parcel Mail did however arrive in good condition. This particular mail was despatched from Germany on 28th August and 7th September. The delay was therefore in the despatching office and not by the Uruguayan Postal Administration.

P.M.

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I don't follow the last sentence. What delay was there?

[Signature]
Postmaster

L.G.
16.10.63

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H.C.S.

At 91 I assumed there was a delay en-route of our German Parcel Mail. - the last despatch received was dated 26th June. For some unknown reason the German Authorities waited 2 months before making a further despatch, i.e. 28th August, 1963.

J.P. 18/8/63

P.A.

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W. noted.

H.C.S.

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I mentioned the question of the addressing of letters to the Falklands at Ex.Co. The enclosed reply from the G.P.O. to the Postmaster is not very helpful. It is not much good keeping a watch on mail which is very often not received. I am sure the only way to get over the difficulty is to have "London" somehow incorporated in the address, and not to leave it to postal administrations how to route the mail. If "c/o G.P.O. London" is not acceptable - and I can see that this might lead to some confusion with H.M. Ships - some other form of address could be devised, such as "c/o Airmail Dispatch G.P.O. London".

2. I am taking a copy of Miss Cornwell's letter with me, and I should be glad if you would make a note of this for my Washing List.

April 20, 1964.

ST

Noted on H.C.'s discussion list in file 016215.

GENERAL POST OFFICE
POSTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT
Headquarters Building, St. Martin's-le-grand
LONDON, E.C.1

99/A

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In any reply please quote: 24582/63
Your reference 035/220

20 March, 1964.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter of 20th January, regarding the method of address used for correspondence for the Falkland Islands.

Correspondence for H.M. ships is addressed "c/o G.P.O., London," and so there is a serious danger that a similar endorsement on mail for the Falkland Islands would cause confusion and mis-circulation. This form of address therefore is not recommended; nevertheless it would be appreciated if you would be good enough to continue to keep a watch on mail received in despatches from Argentina and write to the Administrations concerned suggesting that they send their mail for the Falklands to London or Montevideo.

yours faithfully,

(Miss E.M. Cornwell.)

The postmaster,
STANLEY,
Falkland Islands.

Par

25.4.64



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EXTRACT FROM LETTER RECEIVED FROM MACLEAN & STAPLEDON - DATED
5.11.64, REGARDING TRANSIT OF FALKLANDS AIR MAIL THROUGH MONTEVIDEO

"In reply we beg to inform you that the airmail arriving on R.M.S. "Darwin" for transhipment to U.K. is always taken ashore as quickly as possible by the Post Office of Montevideo Port Branch, who always do their best to ensure a quick dispatch of same. The main problem remains as before, in the Central Post Office. We are again contacting the Director of that Office regarding the matter concerned and will advise you of any developments.

You may be assured that we do our utmost to expedite the delivery of your mail, but sometimes things happen that are beyond our control. We perfectly well understand that the only link you have with the U.K. is through the postal service in Montevideo, but unfortunately same in this country has a very poor organization.

B.U.A. will call at Montevideo only on Fridays, both south and northbound. Regarding U.K. mail southbound there will be no problem, and as for the mail for transhipment to U.K. we shall endeavour to deliver same straight from the "Darwin" to the plane when schedule so allows. This not being possible, due to late arrival of "Darwin" here, we would appreciate receiving your suggestions in this respect."

Your reference

In any reply
please quote: 016/A/186

100117
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Posts & Telecommunications Dept.,
General Post Office,
Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

.....18th November.....19 64..

Dear Sirs,

Thank you very much for your most helpful letter of 5th November, 1964 regarding the transit of our air mail through Montevideo. We do feel that we are imposing on your service but in the circumstances prevailing in Montevideo, we are sure you will appreciate that we have little choice, other than accept long delays in the delivery of our mail.

We are indeed glad to learn that you now anticipate no problem in the speedy transit of our southbound mail ex B.U.A. and that you will endeavour to improve the situation in regard to our northbound air mail ex "Darwin". On the subject of the "Darwin" arriving too late to connect Friday's scheduled B.U.A. flight, it would be appreciated if you would take all possible steps to ensure that our air mail is despatched on the first available northbound plane of any reputable air line.

In the future when "Darwin" sails from Montevideo on a Tuesday evening as her 1965 itinerary would suggest, there remains the problem of a possible delay in delivery to "Darwin" of our southbound mail ex Air France arriving at 1315 hours on Tuesdays. However we are content to leave this to you knowing full well you will do your utmost to help as in the past.

We will of course meet all reasonable transport charges as we do in respect of the transshipment of our sea mail ex Royal Mail and Blue Star ships.

Yours faithfully,

(sgd.) J. BOUND

Superintendent.

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

c.c. Col. Sec.
Ag. Col. Treas.

C.S.

Copy for information - as discussed and agreed on telephone this morning


18.11.64.

C.S.

Mr J. Leonard called this morning to enquire what was being done about the onward carriage of mails to the Falklands from the western hemisphere. Apparently on the last two inward mails there has been no correspondence from this area & it would seem that the Uruguayan Postal Authorities are again failing in their duty.

I have discussed with S.P.T. who confirms that neither "Shackleton" nor "Bisac" brought through mails from Montevideo.

I suggest we telegraph Embassy asking them to investigate.

J 20.11.64

Agreed. Will SPT
Put up a draft?
D.S.

SPT 102
J 25.11.64

C.S. 103
Draft re G.C.
J
26.11.64.

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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Wt. P2809 5/61

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Stanley

27.11.64

To

etat PRODROME MONTEVIDEO

HOA/c

No Falklands transit a decourvert mail routed via Montevideo from western hemisphere received last two mailing opportunities from Montevideo ie Shackleton and John Biscoe stop Complaint lodged by foreign nationals stop Most grateful you investigate and ensure all such mail forwarded by Darwin sailing about 9th December and that future sendings are despatched every opportunity

Secretary

Copy to S/PT

JB/LH

Reply at 105

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DECODE.

No. 38.

TELEGRAM.

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From Brain, Montevideo.

To Colonial Secretary, Falkland Islands, Port Stanley.

Despatched : 9th December, 1964. Time : 1254

Received : 10th December, 1964. Time : 0900

PRIORITY.

104

Your November 27 telegram. Postal strike now ended and no further undue delay expected.

Brain

Mr Leonard informed

Copy to: S/PT

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1/1 - MH
(Intld.) HIB

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

SENT

P1677 P4416 8/64

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	Stanley			26.7.65

To

wtat PRODROME MONTEVIDEO

HOA/c

No Falklands transit a decouvert mail routed via Montevideo received last Darwin due strike Postal Authorities stop Grateful ensure all transit airletters parcels and airletter despatch 55 and air parcel despatch 49 ex United Kingdom forwarded Punta Arenas connecting Darwin sailing about 2nd August

Secretary

Copy to S/PT

Reply at 107

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DECODE.

No. 37.

TELEGRAM.

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From Mr. Brain, Montevideo.

To Governor, Port Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Despatched : 28th July, 19 65 *Time* : 1711

Received : 29th July, 19 65 *Time* :

01028 FI mail regret mail unobtainable from PO
for connection with Darwin AP49 already delivered
to Darwin at Montevideo.

Brain

P/L : LS
Copy to: PM

pa

C.S.

This mail was held ⁶⁰ up in Montevideo from 16th - 27th July owing to a postal strike. This has been confirmed by telegram from Maestaple through BAS London Office

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effs

Although this particular mail is not an instance, delays in delivery in UK, have been occurring & you may be interested in the attached reply to our enquiry

§

3/8/65.

Westholme,
Stanley.

1081A

61

1st August 1965.

W, 9/8

Dear Sir,

I received the following telegram yesterday dated 31st July from Mr Barton:-

" L.T. Harding, Port Stanley, Falklands=
Some air mail received 30th, fourteen days after arrival Miller.
Please protest vigorously highest quarters requesting explanation,
= Barton"

I presume this delay in forwarding air mail that left here by 'Darwin' on July 12th has occurred in Montevideo, and any enquiries would first have to be made to the postal authorities in Uruguay. Mr Miller will have arrived at Gatwick early on the morning of July 17th, Fourteen days in delivering air mail, counting from the time the first plane left after the arrival of 'Darwin,' would in this instance only be five or six days earlier than delivery by sea mail.

Yours faithfully.

H. C. Harding

The Honourable ,
The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

Reply at 110

COPY.

GENERAL POST OFFICE
THE CONTROLLER'S OFFICE
E.C. AND FOREIGN SECTIONS
King Edward Building, King Edward Street
LONDON, E.C.1.

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25th June, 1965.

Sir, +

I refer to your letter of 28 May 1965 regarding delay of items addressed to the United Kingdom.

These delays can be attributed to the severe staff shortages at our London offices and in particular at the inward offices of exchange.

We are doing all we possibly can to improve the position and reduce the extent of the delays to a minimum but until the staff shortage is overcome I regret to say that instances of delay are inevitable.

It is appreciated the difficulties these delays cause in business transactions and in answering such complaints; perhaps you will kindly convey the apologies of this administration for the trouble and inconvenience. *

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

L. G. Kitchen.

for Controller.

The Postmaster,
PORT STANLEY,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

*I have been a
further letter for this 2*

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ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE
TO THE MANAGER

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ESTATE LOUIS WILLIAMS

SUCCESSORS TO CHAS WILLIAMS.
Estb'd 1863

GENERAL MERCHANTS

PORT STANLEY
FALKLAND ISLANDS

7th August 1965.

Handwritten initials

RADIO ADDRESS
"WILLIAMS"
CODES USED:
BENTLEYS
A.B.C. SYSTEM
A.I.

Sir,

I have been instructed by telegram to complain officially to Your Excellency on behalf of Mr. E. G. Rowe, who is at present in London, concerning persistent delays to air mail from the Falkland Islands to the United Kingdom.

Mr. Rowe states that the delays occur at Montevideo.

Mr. Rowe has complained repeatedly over the last months regarding delays to air mail. The air mail that left the Colony by R.M.S. "Darwin" on 12th July was not delivered in London until 2nd August.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

for Estate Louis Williams.

Handwritten signature

His Excellency,
Sir Cosmo Haskard, K.C.M.G., M.B.E.
Government House,
Stanley.

Reply at 111

10th August, 1965.

Dear Mr. Harding,

108a Thank you for your letter of the 1st of August reporting on Mr. Barton's vigorous protest.

Confirming my telephone call to you of a few days ago this particular mail was held up in Montevideo from the 16th to the 27th of July owing to a postal strike.

We have been able to obtain confirmation of this by telegram through London.

Although this particular mail is not an instance, delays in delivery in the United Kingdom have been occurring and you may be interested in the reply which was received to a recent enquiry.

The Controller of United Kingdom General Post Office, Foreign Section wrote on the 25th of June, 1965, saying:-

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I am glad to be able to assure you that the delays do not occur here in the Falkland Islands.

Yours sincerely,

The Honourable,
Mr. H. C. Harding, O.B.E., J.P.,
STANLEY.

W. H. THOMPSON

TB.

Copy to Hon. Mr. A. G. Barton, C.B.E., J.P.

10th August,

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Dear Sir,

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His Excellency the Governor has asked me to reply to your letter of the 7th August concerning delays in air mails to the United Kingdom.

Mr. E.C. Rowe is correct in stating that delays have occurred in Montevideo, but there is also evidence to show that some minor delays have also taken place in the United Kingdom itself.

Every effort is made to ensure the free and speedy through passage of mails, and we never hesitate to make energetic protests to whichever postal authority is concerned. Unfortunately the recent long delay was the result of a strike in the Uruguayan postal services which held up all Falkland Islands mail until the 27th of July. Some Government despatches did not arrive in London until the 5th of August.

Please assure Mr. Rowe that his complaint is well understood and appreciated but in the last delay, in particular, our hands were completely tied.

Yours faithfully,

(W.H. THOMPSON)

COLONIAL SECRETARY

fully at 112

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Mr. L. Reive,
Estate Louis Williams,
STANLEY.

LS

From E. G. ROWE,
of ESTATE LOUIS WILLIAMS,
PORT STANLEY,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Care of: Miss Bossingham
No.8 Fox Hill
Upper Norwood
London S.E. 19

London, 26th September, 1965

Dear Mr. Thompson,

Mr. Heive duly sent me your official letter 0604/3 concerning my telegraphed complaint about delays in the mails.

But I am now writing you in a private personal sense.

Long before air-mails were brought into use the Colony had a very good regular sea-mail from Liverpool by Pacific Steam Navigation Company vessels. These vessel left Liverpool and arrived at Port Stanley about 30 days later.

Fifteen days later on another P.S.N.C. vessel would come from the West Coast of South America and pick up the Homeward mail. These vessels were passenger ships and called at Montevideo both Outwards and Homewards, but carried the mail direct to the U.K.

Very little mail actually passed through the P.O. at Montevideo. But some did so particularly from Buenos Aires and other parts of the Argentine.

In this modern era of the 'air-mail' the service 'via Montevideo' commenced very satisfactorily. I could get all my mail to Hambros Bank in London within a matter of 8,10 or 12 days.

Gradually the 'via Montevideo' service has deteriorated - and not always due to strikes ! And I think I could suggest, tentatively, that the best solution would be to 'by-pass' the Montevideo postal organization as to air-mail. If the 'air-mail' could be routed officially to the Consulate or the Embassy at Montevideo for same to be placed direct on to the B.U.A. planes we could have some assurance that the mail had actually left by air from Montevideo on such and such a 'plane' .

The ordinary surface mail, and any parcels mail could be sent as usual to the Montevideo P.O. to do their best - or worst.

I am not suggesting that the Outward air-mail from U.K. should also be routed via the Consulate or Embassy. I imagine that the difficulties of arranging such a process via the G.P.O. in the U.K. would be of a highly complex nature.

News from the islands report a very bad winter. And I can assure you that the English summer here only put in its appearance unwillingly for scant hours or even a few days. I have been in the U.K. during other poor summers, but never like this one. Unfortunately I am still stuck here waiting on events to permit to return to where I really belong. I may yet have to take legal action to defend certain interests that rightly belong to the E.L.W. entity. But until I am attacked I can only wait for things to happen.

Kind regards to you and Mrs. Thompson.
My Compliments to H.E. the Governor.

Reply at 113

E. G. Rowe

15th October, 1965.

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It was very nice to hear from you again, and thank you very much for the interesting newspapers which you have sent along from time to time.

Mail delays are, as you say, frustrating and highly inconvenient to everyone, not the least to Government itself. Not so long ago one package of important letters took five weeks by air mail.

We already have an arrangement whereby we by-pass the Uruguayan Post Office (but please do not reveal this to anyone) and many an air bag goes straight to the airport. Unfortunately if we try and get all the airmail through this way we run into considerable difficulty.

During the big postal and dock strike we could not risk having Darwin blacklisted and boycotted and our mail had to go ashore and take pot luck.

Whether a long term solution can be found I do not know.

The Governor and Lady Haskard send you their regards and so does my wife, who looks forward to seeing you again.

I expect you have heard of Mr. Harding's collapse and sudden death this week.

(W.H. THOMPSON)

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E.G. Rowe, Esq.,
Upper Norwood,
LONDON, S.E.19.

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No. 10

It is requested that, in any reference to this memorandum the above number and date should be quoted.



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21st January, 1966.

From: The Superintendent,
Posts & Telecommunications,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To: The Colonial Secretary,
The Secretariat,
STANLEY.

W.I.
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SUBJECT :- m.v. "A.E.S." - Delay in discharging Falklands mail on arrival in the United Kingdom.

Following complaints from the public to the effect that the mail which left the Colony on "A. E. S." on 21st October, 1965, had not been delivered in the United Kingdom as late as 28th December, 1965, enquiries were instigated and it was revealed that the ship entered at Great Yarmouth on 1st December, 1965 but the mail was not landed until some three weeks later when "A. E. S." arrived in London. Consequently Christmas mail carried on this voyage failed delivery before Christmas.

The Darwin Shipping Company are required under the Mail Contract to deliver mails on arrival and it is suggested that the matter be brought to their attention and an explanation for the delay be sought.


Superintendent.

See 115



28th January,

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Dear Sir,

114/107 Following complaints from the public to the effect that the mail which left the Galaxy on 'A.E.S.' on the 21st October, 1965, had not been delivered in the United Kingdom as late as the 28th December, 1965 enquiries with the General Post Office have revealed that 'A.E.S.' entered at Great Yarmouth on the 1st of December 1965 but the mail was not landed until some three weeks later when the ship arrived in London.

You will appreciate that under the mail contract you are required to deliver mails on arrival and I would be obliged for an exposition of the reasons for the delay.

Yours faithfully,

(SGD.) W.H. THOMPSON

COLONIAL SECRETARY

The Manager,
Darwin Shipping Limited,
STANLEY.

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DARWIN SHIPPING LIMITED

Directors: R. G. Vinson, W. H. Young.

Telegrams: "Flectwing Portstanley"

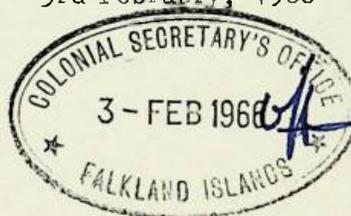
STANLEY,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

SPT
to see

3rd February, 1966

WHY/Cm. -

The Colonial Secretary,
STANLEY. -



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S.I.

4.2.66

Dear Sir,

Reference to your letter of 28th January, 1966, No. 0604/B. -

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We have discussed the delivery of Seamail ex "A. E. S." at Great Yarmouth with Captain Hansen, who advises us he entered Great Yarmouth flying the 'Y' flag, indicating that he had mail on board, but on berthing was advised by the Agents that he should retain the mail until the ship arrived in London. At the time of his arrival, Great Yarmouth was badly flooded and services there were disorganized. Unfortunately there the vessel developed stern tube trouble and had to go into dry dock before proceeding to London, and the presence of the mail on board was overlooked, and we must apologize for this. -

Yours faithfully,

CHAIRMAN. -

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Dear thank you

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched: 20.5.66 Time: 1827 Received: 20.5.66 Time 0900

No 67 Enclosure to despatch 52 sent in bag 43 on 18th May follows
in G.P.O. bag 44 despatched 20th May. Omission regretted

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From MINISTRY FOR OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT to GOVERNOR

Despatched : 15/1/71 Time : 1645 Received : Time :

No. 64
PRIORITY

Postal Strike.

During period of postal strike all unclassified official correspondence for other Government departments in London should be sent by A.F. Bag.

Letters for other addresses should be kept to a minimum as F.C.O. has no means of delivery and storage space is limited. Please observe DSP Volume 9 paragraph 7B.

LJC : P/L

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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WAP 15142-34578/790998 500 pds 12/68 Grp.782

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
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To

SUPT. LONDON STATION =

0913COG PRESS APPEARS SINGULARLY SILENT ON POSTAL STRIKE STOP ANY NEWS?

REGARDS =

SUPT FORTSTANLEY.

C.S.

F.i. - I will telephone reply

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