

S/401/2/3

C.S.O.

MAI/GEN/5#6

SECRET

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S/401/2/3  
T no

SUBJECT :

MAIL

Your reference

Posts & Telecommunications Dept., 2

General Post Office,

Port Stanley,

Falkland Islands.

.....8th June,.....19..70..

In reply  
please quote :

Y.E.

F.I. mail to the Argentine.

Mr. Halliday confirms that some months ago he wrote to a friend in the Argentine through Post Office channels and received an acknowledgement the following "Darwin".

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BRITISH EMBASSY,  
BUENOS AIRES.



31 July, 1970.

*Dear Cosmo,*

With your letter of 17 July about Davies and the Agricultural Advisory team's findings at Bariloche, you attached one of the usual defaced envelopes addressed to the Falklands.

2. The defacement, like that on the envelope given me by Mrs. Bertrand of Carcass Island was rather odd. One of the scribbled captions read "Republica Argentino" (sic). On the Bertrand letter there were similar grammatical and orthographic errors. It rather looks as if whoever does this sort of thing doesn't speak Spanish very well.

3. I am sending a copy of this letter to Charles Wiggin.

*Yours ever*

*Michael Hadow.*

(Michael Hadow)

H.E. Sir Cosmo Haskard, K.C.M.G., O.B.E.,  
PORT STANLEY.

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Carcass Island  
9th August 1970

H.E. Sir Cosmo Haskard  
Government House

Dear Sir Cosmo,

Cecil received this letter in the last mail drop, he says he thinks you said you wanted any mail that had these claims written on them- I thought it was Mr. Gadow that asked for them but any way here it is- rather a long time from Punta Arenas too!

Kindest regards to you both from  
Cecil and myself

Yours sincerely

*Natty Bertrand*

*Acked in m/s*

*lu*

*1/9/70*



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TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched : 21/10/70

Time :

Received :

Time :

No. 40  
Confidential  
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Following from Buenos Aires telegram no. 40 of October 21st to you.

For Acting Governor from Ambassador.

Your Christmas Card sent through post arrived in good order in September.

It looks as though posts here are now trying to be sensible but they will not continue to be so if dotty idea of Charles M. Wood (page 5 of Review of October 5th) is taken up.

LJC : Cypher

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched : 23/10/70      Time :      Received :      Time :

No. 32

**Confidential**

Please pass Buenos Aires as my telegram 32 of 23rd October. Buenos Aires telegram 40 of 21st October.

Mail.

Argentine posts current co-operative attitude noted. Propose test further by writing Edhrooke and any other non-embassy addressees you may care to suggest.

2. Please pass Buenos Aires.

IJC : Cypher



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TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched:

4/21/70

Time:

Received:

Time:

No. 35

Confidential

Please pass Buenos Aires on my telegram 36 of 4th November, 1970.

Your telegram 43 of 3rd November. And: Following the receipt of our telegram no. 32 of 23rd October, 1970.

"Argentine posts current co-operative attitude noted. Propose test further by writing Harbrooke and any other non-embassy addressees you may care to suggest."

2. Please pass Buenos Aires.

JONES

130 : Cypher

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BRITISH EMBASSY

BUENOS AIRES

4 February 1971

J A Jones Esq OBE  
Colonial Secretary  
Port Stanley  
Falkland Islands

Dear Jones,

FALKLAND ISLANDS STAMPS

1. Please refer to your telegram No 32 of 23 October to us.
2. You may be interested to have a small snippet of information which suggests that the Argentines are continuing their policy of cooperation over accepting letters with Falkland Islands stamps. A contact in Buenos Aires recently passed to us a letter which had been received from a friend on HMS Endurance, posted in Port Stanley, whose stamp had not been defaced by the Argentine authorities. I enclose a photocopy of the envelope.

Yours ever,

Richard Lavers

R D Lavers

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Copy to:

J de C Ling Esq  
American Department  
FCO

*G.D.*  
*9/3* *J.F.*

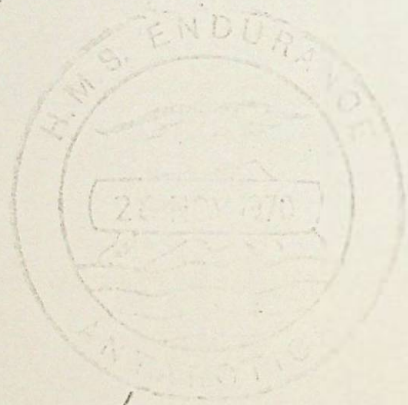
To see. P/S should be  
in appropriate Pub. file in the  
Argentine Affairs Bureau.

*J 19/3*

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Mr + Mrs. Peter Street.

Dr. Luis Agote 2455

Buenos Aires

Capital Federal

Republica Argentina.

Delivered 11th January





Ref: S/401/2/3

21st March, 1971.

Defacement of Falkland Islands Mail

R.M.S. "Darwin" arrived here at approximately 11.15 a.m. on Tuesday, 18th May, and in the afternoon the Superintendent, Posts and Telecommunications informed me that all the mail which arrived here after transiting Argentina and addressed to people in the Colony in two out of three Argentine mail bags was defaced, that is to say "Falkland Islands" was obliterated and "Islas Malvinas, Rep. Argentina" was substituted.

It is most unfortunate that this should have occurred so soon after our efforts to "go to the people" on Argentine offers in connection with communications. It can do nothing but further harm to the prospects and to the credibility of M.F.A. promises.

... As a specimen I enclose a defaced envelope addressed to myself (noting somewhat wryly that it is from a diplomatic source!), plus one other. I have not been able to establish whether the obliteration of the "Puerto ?" on the right of the third line of the address and the substitution of the word "Stanley" on the left was done here, but I assume that it was, and if it was it is hardly surprising. I also enclose the bag labels which, adding insult to injury, indicate that the dispatch was an interior one.

In view of the fact that so large a proportion of this consignment of mail which transited Argentina has been defaced I take it that the facts will be brought to the attention of the M.F.A. and that the obvious lesson to be drawn from the incident will be impressed on the appropriate Argentine officials.

J. A. Jones  
Colonial Secretary

B. Atwell, Esq.,  
British Embassy,  
Buenos Aires.

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 2/6/71

Time :

Received :

Time :

No. 42

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ROUTINE TO B.A.

REPEATED TO FCO AND MONTEVIDEO.

Communications Talks

Please pass to B.A. as my telno 42 of 2nd June 1971 repeated to F.C.O. and Montevideo.

The return of the Island delegation on the Bahia Buen Suceso at the end of June would be a good opportunity for switching all outstanding mail for the Islands (including unclassified diplomatic bags) from Montevideo to Buenos Aires particularly as the next Darwin is not scheduled to arrive until the 27th July.

2. This assistance from the Argentine would create a good impression here providing of course that there is no trouble as in the past about defacing some letters and labels. If you consider it is worth trying I will set the necessary Post Office machinery working from this end.

LEWIS

7.  
I.L.

S.P.T. has asked me if attached notice can be broadcast. I told him to leave it with me.

2 The usual pressures are building up. For example, SPT reports Mr. Robertson, Fox Bay West, as saying "If 'they' can't do this for us (i.e. let us send our aircraft through Argentina on this occasion as "ATC" will be calling there) what is the point of



Lang Communications Talks.

3 I should like to discuss. AT just  
right I'd say no Public Notice - not yet:  
I not until we've been best & found out  
what the alternatives like.

4 I understood the last time aircraft was  
sent through Argentina, after the DC-6  
hijack incident, it took 6 weeks to  
reach its destination.

Let me know how things have changed from the days  
of the hijacking. I will ask B. D. / 1/16  
J  
17/6

Studio

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Post Office Notice

Air mail is not being despatched by the "A.E.S", but the sea mail should arrive in Britain about the 15th July and <sup>be</sup> delivered at least a week before the air mail despatched by the "Darwin" on 16th July.

Post Office,  
Stanley.

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched : 5/6/71

Time :

Received :

Time :

No. 44

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ROUTINE

TO B.A. REPEATED F.C.O.

Communications Talks: Mail by A.E.S.

We would like if possible to despatch airmail by A.E.S. to be offloaded at Comodoro Rivadavia for onward routing; do you think the Argentine Government would be prepared to accept this mail.

LEWIS

LJC : Cypher



GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

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WAP 15142—821 584578/790938 500 pds 12/68 Grp.782

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To  
 MONTPELIERE PRODROME LONDON SW1  
 PRIORITY

A/c H.O.

206

No .....

16th June 1971

206  
 ADDRESSED FCC TELNO ... OF 16TH JUNE RECEIVED TO MONTEVIDEO AND BUENOS  
 AIRES. I UNDERSTAND THAT DARWIN WILL NOT DEPART MONTEVIDEO  
 BEFORE 23RD JUNE AT THE EARLIEST. GRATEFUL INFORM MAIL BRANCH SO THAT  
 AS MANY DIPLOMATIC BAGS AS POSSIBLE CONNECT WITH THE SHIP. ~~XXXX~~ PLEASE  
 REPEAT BUENOS AIRES AND MONTEVIDEO. LEWIS

Time



BRITISH EMBASSY

BUENOS AIRES

21 June 1971

4/5

*JG*

J A Jones Esq OBE  
Colonial Secretary  
Falkland Islands

Dear John,

DEFACEMENT OF FALKLAND ISLANDS MAIL

1. Please refer to your letter 8/401/2/3 to Brian Attewell. I am replying on his behalf: no doubt you will get this letter on your return to the Islands, after we have discussed the incident here, but I am writing in any case for the record.

*The incident was not discussed in B.A.*

2. Ray Whitney called on Sr Izaguirre of the Malvinas Department in the MFA on his return from leave. He handed samples of the offending envelopes to him, and pointed out what a poor impact this has on opinion in the Islands. Izaguirre was reminded of the MFA's unofficial undertaking to put an end to this practice. He took this point but again stressed that the defacement was the work of individual post office employees in contravention of official directives.

3. It was something of a pity that when Ray made his complaint Señor Izaguirre was able to pull out of his cupboard samples of mail received by the Rev Canclini which had been stamped with the slogan "Keep the Falkland Islands British". (I am enclosing copies with this letter.) This blunted the impact of our own representations on defacement. Perhaps it would be possible to try and see that in future mail from the Islands to the Argentine will not be over stamped in this way.

*One could agree with this. His intention has been to assist. Unwise. One should not make a scene.*

*Yours ever,*

*Richard*

R D Lavers

EMCS

Copy (with enclosures)  
S J Gomersall, Latin America Dept.

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*Note for distribution to W's Book.*

*JG*

*I further agree with embassy's theme on advice their persistence in pushing back an argument.*



S/401

G.S.

DEFACEMENT OF MAIL

Because individual members of the Post Office in the Argentine are being rather silly and defacing our mail this, in my opinion, is no excuse for our Post Office employees to over stamp our envelopes with "Keep the Falklands British". The British Post Office and all the Post Offices in the Dependent Territories have had a high reputation in the past and I do not want this reputation placed in jeopardy by irresponsible actions of our staff.

2. In view of what we hope is a fresh climate between ourselves and the Argentine let us see what happens in the next few months.

E.G.L.  
7.7.1971

Not done  
by P.O. Staff.



12th July

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Colonial Secretary

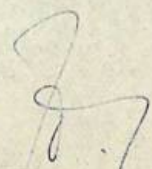
Superintendent, Posts and

Telecommunications

Unauthorised Cachet

I shall be glad if you will let me know how the unauthorised cachet on the attached photostat cover came to be used and who was responsible.

2. The British Post Office and Postal Administrations in Dependent Territories have enjoyed a high reputation in the past. It would be a pity for our reputation to be jeopardised and unfortunate if we descended to other people's levels through the use of unauthorised cachets of this kind.



(J. A. Jones)  
Colonial Secretary

No. 11.

MEMORANDUM

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

13th July, 1971.

To: The Colonial Secretary,

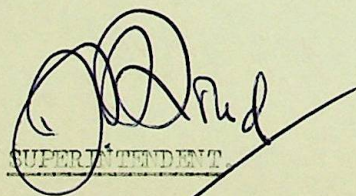
The Secretariat,

STANLEY.

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

SUBJECT:- Unauthorised Cachet.

With reference to your Memorandum S/401/2/3 of 12th July 1971, the use of this 'cachet' (or similar words written on correspondence) came into being three or four years ago as part of what might be termed a 'patriotic campaign' when events were particularly bleak politically in this area. The cover appearing on the photostat is believed to be that of a "Monthly Review" wrapper. While the slogan used is obviously undesirable in certain quarters at this time, particularly as it might fall under the shadow of the 'Sovereignty Umbrella' (I refer to the Joint Statement of Buenos Aires of 1st July 1971), postally speaking it is not inadmissible unless the cover bore grossly offensive, indecent or obscene words, marks or designs.

  
SUPERINTENDENT

*g.c.*  
*14/7*  
*g.c.*

JE/JB To Cos. Grateful if you will then pass to RS for filing & for file to be sent to me. SPT has queried to ascertain the question who stamped the cachet on the envelope: if it was done in P & T we need to know who did it



it also to have the casket stamp withdrawn; if it was done by someone outside P.T. the letter should not have been accepted by the Department for postage. However, it might be best if I have a personal word with SPT rather than accepting matter unnecessarily by going on paper again about it.

Let Sec, Inspector. Please have a word with the S.P.O.

R.L. 14/7

C/S. File attached.

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14/7

~~4/11~~ Inspector. B/w 10 Aug

R.L. 19/7

I have established that the casket is not stamped into envelopes in the P.O. and is stamped on papers for the Review by hand. The practice was begun in 1968.

I suggest we do nothing about it at present but that your file is marked for RA so that we can consider the matter after the Agreements are signed. R.L. 19/7



The attached memorandum from S.P.T. was produced by him after discussion with me a few days ago. When we were dealing with the items at clauses 13-15 of the Joint Statement in Buenos Aires I pointed out to Mr. Scott that if, as was possible, it turned out that decisions reached in Buenos Aires contravened, as they might do, UPU or ITU Conventions or Regulations, we would rely on Britain, as the metropolitan power, to argue any difficulties on our behalf. As S.P.T. goes on leave prior to retirement in September and as I shall be going on leave early next year it seemed advisable to record the position.

2. If you need a copy of S.P.T's memorandum for the sub-file in the S/401 series at G.H. on Mail, perhaps Private Secretary would make one.

This Minute comes to you in duplicate.

*J.A.J.*  
J.A.J.  
21.7.71



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REV, A. CANCLINI  
IGLESIA EVANGELICA BAU-  
TISTA,  
ESTADOS UNIDOS 1273  
BUENOS AIRES  
ARGENTINA



KEEP THE  
FALKLAND ISLANDS  
BRITISH



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BY AIR MAIL  
AIR LETTER  
PAR AVION AEROGamme



ARNOLDO CANCLINI  
ESTADOS UNIDOS 1973  
BUENOS AIRES



FIG Ref: S/401/2/3

16th August 1971

Joint Statement on Communications: Mail Arrangements

One of the items in the Joint Statement into the mechanics of which we did not go in Buenos Aires was that referred to in clause 15 of the Statement.

We shall need supplies of whatever mark is eventually agreed upon for use both for cancelling stamps as well as for marking mail bags. However, before we can do anything about supplies of these items we shall have to agree upon wording in English and Spanish. It would seem sensible for the postage cancellation to consist of the usual circle with the words "Joint Statement of Buenos Aires 1.7.71" inscribed within it; while the mark for mail bags could perhaps best be in the form of a label either similarly inscribed or with the same mark stamped upon it.

I would suggest that you might take up this matter with the Argentine postal authorities as one of some urgency because we do not have facilities here for manufacturing stamps of the kind concerned and will therefore probably have to obtain them from England, with the help of the office to speed them up. The other alternatives would be to obtain the items from Uruguay, a course which I do not think is acceptable; or from Argentina itself, which I consider undesirable in the circumstances.

(J. A. Jones)

R. W. Whitney, Esq., O.B.E.,  
British Embassy,  
Buenos Aires

JB

cc G. F. Kinnear, Esq., O.B.E.  
F.C.O.



# GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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<b>To</b>	STATEPRIORITY FWDROM BUENOSAIRES			
	IMMEDIATE			A/c H.O.

No. 94

16th August 1971

ADDRESSED IMMEDIATE BUENOS AIRES TUNG 94 OF 16 AUGUST REPEATED PRIORITY TO MONTEVIDEO . ALBATROSS FLIGHTS . AS THE DARWIN IS NOT DUE TO RETURN UNTIL 12 SEPTEMBER AT THE EARLIEST IT WOULD BE A GREAT HELP FOR LOCAL MORALE IF THE PLANE COMING ON THE 20TH COULD IN ADDITION TO THE DIPLOMATIC BAGS BRING AT LEAST SOME FIRST CLASS AIRMAIL FOR THE COLONY . I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD LOOK INTO THE POSSIBILITY AND I WILL DISCUSS WITH LOUGE WHEN HE RETURNS FROM CAMP TOMORROW . LEWIS

Time

17 August 1971

Many thanks for your letter of the 13th and I am endeavouring to get mail on these flights but it is difficult to arrange with these one-off one-on operations. When the regular service is running of course there will be no problems (I hope).

(E. G. Lewis)

The Hon. R. M. Pitaluga,  
Gibraltar Station,  
Port San Salvador,



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FALKLAND ISLANDS

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WAP 15142—821 584578/790938 500 pds 12/68 Grp.782

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To **STATPRIORITY PRODRONE BUENOS AIRES**  
**IMMEDIATE** A/c H.O.

No. 98

18 August 1971

ADDRESSED IMMEDIATE BUENOS AIRES TELNO 98 OF 18 AUGUST 1971 REITERATED  
 PRIORITY TO MONTEVIDEO . ALBATROSS FLIGHTS . MY TELNO 94 . IT HAS BEEN  
 AGREED THAT THE ALBATROSS LEAVING HERE ON THE 20TH SHOULD TAKE OUT A  
 LIMITED AMOUNT OF FIRST CLASS AIRMAIL . I HOPE THEREFORE THAT WE CAN HAVE  
 SOME AIRMAIL ON THE INCOMING FLIGHT . LEWIS

Time

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To **STATEPRIORITE PEDROME BUENOSAIRES**

A/c H.O.

No. 105

24 August 1971

ADDRESSED BUENOSAIRES TELNO 105 OF 24 AUGUST REPEATED MONTEVIDEO .

ALBATROSS FLIGHT . I HAD EXPECTED TO RECEIVE AT LEAST UNCLASSIFIED

BAG BY ALBATROSS IS THIS DIFFICULT TO ARRANGE OR HAD NO BAGS ARRIVED

IN MONTEVIDEO . LEWIS

Time



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FALKLAND ISLANDS

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<b>To</b>	STATPRIORITY PROFORMA LONDONSW1			A/c H.O.
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No. 287

24 AUGUST 1971

ADDRESSED FCO TELNO 287 OF 24 AUGUST . FOR KINNEAR . THE ALBATROSS DID NOT BRING IN ANY DIPLOMATIC BAGS AND ONLY A VERY SMALL AMOUNT OF AIRMAIL . WE WILL NOT RECEIVE NEXT MAIL UNTIL DARWIN ARRIVES IN MID SEPTEMBER . I THOUGHT YOU SHOULD BE AWARE OF POSITION IN CASE THERE IS ANYTHING URGENT IN OUTSTANDING MAIL . LEWIS

Time

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

27th August.

AIRMAIL DELIVERY

It is learned from official sources that the mail carried by the Albatross amphibian aircraft which departed from Stanley on Saturday last, the 21st of August was delivered to the G.P.O. in Britain yesterday, 5 days after leaving here.

*A.C.J. 30/8*

*✓* This is item broadcast in Newsletter of Friday 27/8.

Ref:- 0663/J/VIII

*2* Suggest P/S files in appropriate file in Mail in the P/401 Review at G.H. *7/28/8*

CLA..



"Salvador House"

*J. E. A. 16/8*

30 S/401/2/3  
(Mail)

Gibraltar Station  
Port San Salvador  
Falkland Islands

13th August 1971

Dear Mr. Lewis,

What a splendid day! Our Argentine guests should have a good flight and see something of the islands at their winter best.

Looking at my timetable, I see that it will be a month before "Darwin" returns and we get the next overseas mail; always supposing that she is not delayed as on previous trips. I am wondering if we should not exploit our new found relationship with Argentina, particularly while it is in its prime and see if our airmail could be brought in on the next Albatross flight. If in addition, some could be sent out next week, ~~as well~~, I am sure it would do much to soften the hard-core resistance to free communications which, while not large, might be a source of embarrassment at some future date. Government's somewhat tarnished facade would benefit as well don't you think?

I am at last getting around to producing the Minutes of the Film Library Advisory Committee Meeting and I wonder if you would be agreeable to my adding as a foot-note, Minute 13. of Ex. Co. Meeting No. 10/71, held on the 26th July? I feel that there is nothing confidential about this particular Minute but its inclusion would help to show members of the Committee and the S.O.A., the position reached at the moment.

Kind regards to Mrs. Lewis and yourself from all of us.

H. E. the Governor,  
Government House,  
STANLEY.

Sincerely  
*R. M. Pitaluga*  
(R. M. Pitaluga)

"Salvador House"

31 S/401/2/3  
(Mail)  
Gibraltar Station  
Port San Salvador  
Falkland Islands

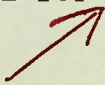
27th August 1971

~~Dear Mr. Lewis,~~

Thank you very much for your letter of the 17th. Your efforts with the mail were obviously successful and our share of the U.K. mail was most welcome.

However, you did not reply to my query about the Ex. Co. Minute on the subject of the Film Library and I shall be grateful for your comments on this.

PA B/w



Yours sincerely

R. Pitcher

H. E. The Governor,  
Government House,  
STANLEY.





*B/w R.G.  
13/9*

*MJK*

BRITISH EMBASSY

BUENOS AIRES

6 September 1971

J A Jones Esq OBE  
PORT STANLEY

*File on Martin S/401 v665.*

Dear John,

## COMMUNICATIONS AGREEMENT : MAIL ARRANGEMENTS

1. Please refer to your letter S/4<sup>0</sup>1/2/3 of 16 August to Ray Whitney. I am replying on his behalf.
2. In your letter you suggested that it would be sensible for the postage cancellation to consist of the usual circle containing the words "Joint statement of Buenos Aires 1/7/71". The Argentines have been thinking along very similar lines and I am enclosing for your scrutiny a copy of a page of specimen cancellations which the Ministry of Foreign Affairs recently gave to us. The Argentines propose that letters emanating from the Falklands should be stamped with a cancellation using English, and the reverse would apply for letters sent from the Argentine. When I saw Carlos Louge of the MFA on 3 September I did suggest to him that it might be better to have a dual wording of the cancellation but he told me that technically this is more difficult. Since this particular point does not seem to us to be of great importance we would be prepared to let the matter rest unless you or the FCO have strong objections to the proposed format. I am copying this letter to Gilligan in Latin America Department and perhaps he could seek legal advice to ensure that there are no recondite points which have escaped us.
3. If both you and the FCO find the Argentine proposal acceptable then we can set about manufacturing rubber stamps for use in the Islands, using the English form of words. Naturally the choice of where these stamps are to be made must rest with you although I might add that it may be worth giving another thought to having the job done here, purely on grounds of convenience. I am confident that at a pinch we could make sure that no words such as "Industria Argentina" appear on the final product. This perhaps would render less important the concern which you outlined in the third paragraph of your letter under reference. You will no doubt wish to advise ourselves or the FCO so that the stamps can be ordered.

*Yours ever,*

*Richard.*

R D Lavers

Copy to:- J H Gilligan Esq Latin America  
Dept, FCO  
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SELLOS UTILIZADOS POR LA ADMINISTRACION POSTAL ARGENTINA PARA EL CUMPLIMIENTO DE LO DETERMINADO EN EL PUNTO 15) DE LA DECLARACION CONJUNTA APROBADA EL 5 DE AGOSTO DE 1971, DADA POR LOS GOBIERNOS ARGENTINO Y BRITANICO RELATIVA A LAS COMUNICACIONES ENTRE EL TERRITORIO CONTINENTAL ARGENTINO Y LAS ISLAS MALVINAS



Hofc h.  
1 una raise  
but with lounge  
tomorrow. 10 years  
refer to para 2.  
168 (Falklands) of my  
minute of 27/6

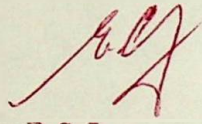
Inter  
4/5  
RM  
30/8



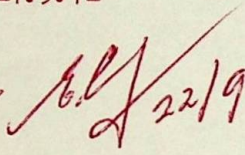
C.S.

This looks reasonable enough to me and in order to save time I suggest, if you agree, that a telegram be sent to Gillingham confirming we have no objections and asking for their comments by telegram.

2. Then we could place the order for the stamps - we need to move quickly on all these matters arising from the Agreement.

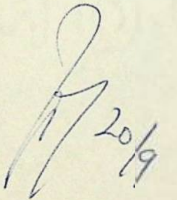


E.G.L.  
17.9.71



~~Private Secretary.~~

I am sending an en clair telegram + will send a copy in box for this file later today or tomorrow.





GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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To	<del>16/11/19</del> <del>23/19</del> 14/19	The system seems to be working practically, but unaltingly, M.T. frequency. We haven't got a rubber stamp at all yet.		14.9.61
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The Argentines are now using a rubber stamp (Joint Statement of B/A 14 July 1961) - please see attached covers. Several bags were received from B/A this time but only one had the label rubber stamped & the registered mail enclosed was not defaced. The bag was labelled Islas Malvinas but the customary 'Republica Argentina' was omitted. Supporting documents were similarly treated. Other bags were assessed in the usual manner & contained defaced mail.

*[Signature]*  
14.9.61

*[Initials]* Informed PPT orally that I was already in correspondence with B.A. embassy about this  
 vide p. 23

*[Signature]*



DECODE.

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 21.9.71 Time: 1600 Received: Time:

No. 327

Addressed FCO telegram 327 of 21st September repeated B.A. B.A. letter of 6th September. Mail arrangements. No objection to proposals in Laver's letter. Provided you also have no objections suggest rubber stamps to design as in specimen be manufactured as proposed in Laver's paragraph 3 second sentence and supplied to us as soon as possible. Three stamps are needed

LEWIS

PL: HT

~~Y.F.~~ Thank you / 6.9.24/9  
 Your minute p. 34.

I don't think we have been dilatory over this. I was the first to raise the matter, in the first convenient mail after returning from B.A., under p. 23. The Argentines, because of their better communications & immediate access to minor manufacturing processes, have been able to produce a stamp quicker than we can: but this will always happen, for the reasons I have given. For example, in reverse the same thing has happened with regard to the proposal for a radiotelephone link between Stanley & Comodoro. They have the equipment, staff & other resources to engineer, man & operate it pretty well immediately: we have not. OVER



2 Meanwhile we have, as a result of the embassy's letter, & subject to FCO agreement, ordered stamps for use by our postal authorities. It is now up to the embassy to get them to us as expeditiously as possible.

3 There are other things we need & for which we have asked, but for supply of which we are at other people's mercy & have to await. For example we have so far received an initial supply of 50 C passports. We shall need more. (Passports, particularly FI's passports, with in many cases have to be exchanged for C passports.) They have been asked for but do not know when we shall get them.

J  
24/9

~~SECRET~~

PRIORITY  
RESTRICTED

Please pass B.A. as my telno <sup>129</sup> ... of <sup>27/9/71</sup> ... repeated FCO and Montevideo.

Mail arrangements for 1st October, 1971.

Darwin sails ex-Stanley 1st October and is expected to carry some mail for addresses in Argentina. As we do not yet have rubber stamps to mark such letters as required by Clause 15 of the Joint Statement we propose to place all such mail in a sealed bag which will bear a label with the necessary mark written upon it in manuscript. Grateful you clear this procedure with postal administration and advise me.

2. Please pass to BA, Montevideo

*B.C.*  
*27/9/71*



~~Y.E.~~ *I will send the telegram* *R.G. 29/9*

MAIL TO ARGENTINA

Clause 15 of the Joint Statement of Buenos Aires of 1st July reads -

"Postage stamps on mail travelling between the Argentine mainland and the Falkland Islands in either direction should be cancelled with a mark referring to this Joint Statement. Mail bags should be similarly marked."

As you know from papers in the appropriate file in the S/401 series we are awaiting the supply of rubber stamps with the English version of the mark referred to in Clause 15, for use on mail to Argentina and on the labels on bags of mail which will transit Argentina. However, because of our poor communications and our lack of facilities for making rubber stamps we shall have at least one outgoing mail before any stamps can be available. This presents no great problem for mail transitting Argentina for delivery outside that country as it goes in sealed bags to which we can and will tie a label with the words "Joint Statement of Buenos Aires, 1st July 1971" written in manuscript. The problem arises over individual letters to Argentina. These should be stamped with the special rubber stamp (in the same way as was the letter to J. Bound from Argentina which is at the back of your file). In the circumstances the only way out that I can see is for us to make up a special bag of mail for Argentina to go by "Darwin" of 1st October which would bear a label suitably inscribed with the mark and which would also identify the contents as being mail for addresses in Argentina.

2. The foregoing suggestion is subject to the concurrence or other advice of S.P.T./Postmaster, neither of these officials are available today. S.P.T. has the morning off and the Postmaster is sick. I will consult them as soon as possible. Meanwhile we could consider sending a telegram on the lines of the attached draft to the Embassy.

*J.A.J.*  
25.9.71

~~Y.E.~~ *R.G. 28/9*

Our postal administration concurs. The practice seems to have worked all right on one previous occasion but that was when the mail was carried by Albatross. Its as well to 'mark' since when it is to be carried by "Darwin" & will go to B.A. via Montevideo.

2 These pp. for Mail file in G4 S/401 series. *R.G. 27/9*



DRAFT

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GOVERNOR

FALKLAND ISLANDS

EN CLAIR FM BUENOS AIRES 051920Z UNCLASSIFIED TO PRIORITY

FCO FALKLANDS TELNO 95 OF 5 OCTOBER YOUR TEL NO 129 MAIL

ARRANGEMENTS ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ <sup>the MFA</sup> HAVE BEEN ADVISED OF THIS PROCEDURE

AND CONFIRM THAT IT IS ACCEPTABLE

HADOW

COL 051920Z FCO 95 5 129 MFA

*g/c.*  
*v. e. J.*  
*6/10*

*This is for file in C401 Review* *J. G. 6/10*



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11th October

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O i/c Posts and Telecommunications

Colonial Secretary

Joint Statement on Communications

The postage and telegraph rates for traffic between the Islands and Argentina are specified in the Joint Statement and, with regard to any apparent anomalies which this may cause for us, it is up to the metropolitan power, i.e. Great Britain, to take any necessary steps for adjusting such matters with the U.P.U. The matter should therefore not be taken up with the Post Office in Britain. It is fully understood by the F.S.G. that the position is one where, if necessary, they will have to act on our behalf vis-a-vis the U.P.U.

2. The same applies to telegraph rates. These are also specified in the Joint Statement. I have the impression that it is we who will gain from the arrangement regarding telegraph rates but I will write to the embassy to discover what rate per word the Argentine Government is going to debit us for telegrams for that country issued from here.

3. Meanwhile I am attaching to this memorandum a draft Memorandum for Executive Council on the matter of the postage rate and will be glad if you will, in consultation with RSC, draft the necessary amending order and pass it, together with the draft memorandum with such comments as you may wish to make, to me.

(J. A. Jones)  
Colonial Secretary

JB

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JOINT STATEMENT OF BUENOS AIRES OF 1st JULY 1971

Memorandum by the Colonial Secretary

Clause 14 of the Joint Statement of Buenos Aires of 1st July 1971

reads:

"The tariff for postal, telegraphic and telephone communications in both directions between the Argentine mainland and the Falkland Islands should be at a rate equivalent to the internal rate at the place of origin of the communications."

2. The existing internal letter rate in the Islands is 1p. Such a rate for external correspondence is not specified in the Post Office Order 1971 which will therefore need an amendment.
3. Council is invited to advise that the attached amending order be published.

(J. A. Jones)

Colonial Secretary.

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Joint Statement on Communications

As you know, clause 14 of the Joint Statement provides that the tariff for postal, telegraphic and telephone communications between Argentina and the Islands will be at a rate equivalent to the internal rate at the place of origin.

2. For postage our internal rate is 1p. Technically under the U.P.U. Convention, the rate for correspondence between the Islands and Argentina should be 3p. Our postal administration is being instructed that the rate is to be 1p but, as I mentioned to the leader of the British delegation to the Talks in Buenos Aires, if any eyebrows are raised by the U.P.U. we shall rely upon the metropolitan power to deal with the matter on our behalf.

3. Similarly, our internal telegraph rate is 1p per word. From a financial point of view it is of some consequence for us to know what rate per word the Argentine government is going to debit us for telegrams to Argentina from here. If they debit us more than 1p per word we could be losing money.

(J. A. Jones)

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Argentina



Mr. Cecil Bertrand,  
Raracas Island,

~~Island of the ...~~

Islas Malvinas,  
Rep. Argentina



Conto : A. Bastard.  
Reguelme 72

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