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OPENING OF TEMPORARY

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BU 30.9.72

10.2/25/9
YF

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We spoke and I resent draft
tel at face value by OTP.

25/9

Carolyn

I don't remember marking BU 15/10

this to DCB.

See.

✓

BU 25/10

✓

BU 6/11

✓

2 May 1972

His Excellency
The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Worship
Doctor Luis Maria de Pablo Pardo

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the recent discussions in the Special Consultative Committee, referred to in paragraph (1) of the Joint Statement which was initialled by the representatives of our two governments on 1 July 1971 and approved by them on 5 August 1971 (hereinafter referred to respectively as "the Special Consultative Committee" and "the Joint Statement"), about the construction and operation of a temporary aerodrome in the Falkland Islands by the Argentine Government. Accordingly, I have the honour to inform you that the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland are prepared to conclude an agreement in the following terms:-

1. The temporary aerodrome shall be located at Hooker's Point. The specific site of the aerodrome, and any ancillary rights over neighbouring land which may be needed for the duration of the construction and operation of the aerodrome, shall be as agreed between representatives of our two Governments in the Special Consultative Committee.
2. The runway shall be approximately 800 metres long and 30 metres wide.
3. The Argentine Government shall take the necessary measures to construct the aerodrome and to provide the required materials and equipment for its construction, operation and maintenance. They shall employ mainly personnel from the Argentine mainland, but with the participation of local personnel. The composition of the construction team shall be as agreed in the Special Consultative Committee. The construction team may obtain and use, free of charge, such construction material from the land surrounding the aerodrome as may be agreed in the Special Consultative Committee.
4. The United Kingdom Government shall provide a building for personnel from the Argentine mainland who construct the aerodrome. For that building, and for the construction, operation and maintenance of the aerodrome, the United Kingdom Government shall provide water, and electricity as soon as sufficient generating capacity is available.

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5. The aerodrome shall be operated and maintained by personnel from the Argentine mainland, with the participation of local personnel. The composition of the operation and maintenance team shall be as agreed in the Special Consultative Committee.
6. For the construction, equipment, operation and maintenance of the aerodrome -
 - (a) the United Kingdom Government shall bear the costs of providing
 - (i) the land for the aerodrome and any ancillary rights over neighbouring land referred to in paragraph (1) of this agreement;
 - (ii) the building referred to in paragraph (4) of this agreement, including the cost of any rent, but excluding the cost of any structural alterations, rates and maintenance; and
 - (iii) the water and electricity referred to in paragraph (4) of this agreement; and
 - (b) the Argentine Government shall bear all other costs.
7. (i) No taxes or duties shall be imposed in the Falkland Islands in respect of -
 - (a) materials and equipment brought to the Islands by the Argentine Government for the purposes of this agreement; or
 - (b) personal effects brought to the Islands by personnel from the Argentine mainland; or
 - (c) salaries and other emoluments received by personnel from the Argentine mainland from their Argentine employers.
 - (ii) The Argentine Government shall introduce into the Falkland Islands free of all taxes and duties the fuel and lubricants necessary for the normal operation of the vehicles and machinery to be used in the construction of the aerodrome.
8. The aerodrome shall cease to be operational when the permanent airfield at Port Stanley has been constructed and is operational, and at that time, or when any of the notices referred to in paragraph (12) of this agreement has been given, the Argentine Government shall remove any materials and equipment which they have provided under this agreement. Such materials and equipment shall at all times remain the property of the Argentine Government.
9. "Personnel from the Argentine mainland" means personnel occupied in the construction, maintenance or operation of the aerodrome who come from the Argentine mainland and are in the Falkland Islands for the purposes of this agreement.

10. The Special Consultative Committee shall deal with questions which might arise over the interpretation or application of this agreement.
11. This agreement is concluded in accordance with the Joint Statement, and references to the Joint Statement in the Exchange of Notes between the two Governments dated 5 August 1971 (hereinafter referred to as "the Exchange of Notes") shall be deemed to include references to this agreement.
12. This agreement shall remain in force until 31 December 1974, or until the expiration of notices given in accordance with paragraph (18) of the Joint Statement and with paragraph (2) of the Exchange of Notes. After 31 December 1974 either of the two Governments may denounce this agreement subject to six months' prior notice in writing.

If the foregoing is acceptable to the Government of the Argentine Republic, I have the honour to propose that this Note together with Your Excellency's reply in that sense shall constitute an agreement between the two Governments which shall enter into force on the date of your reply.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

Michael Hadow



FIRST AIR MAIL
from the
Temporary Aerodrome

Albatross to be
replaced by a
Fokker Friendship.

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MEMORANDUM

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13 May 19 72

To: The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

From: OIC P&T


Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT :- Commemorating the opening of the temporary airfield.

When the permanent airfield is opened it will provide an excellent occasion for a commemorative issue and this is tentatively planned. As there would be insufficient time to prepare a special issue for the temporary airfield and as we already have a commemorative stamp issue in November on the occasion of the Queen's Silver Wedding I propose that we have a special frank for the opening of the temporary airfield and apply a cachet to all letters posted.

If there are no political objections I think we could use a cachet like the impression on the attached cover, except that the wording would be different.

If possible I would like early approval given in order that the indent for franks may issue by the flight of 23rd May. I think it better that the cachets are made in Argentina nearer the time of the opening of the airstrip which would permit an outline of the plane to be used as I have heard it is to be the Guarani but I have also heard mention of another plane.



OIC

Y.G.

See Pm's minute at p. 1.

This sort of thing is becoming more & more popular among stamp collectors & may bring in a few extra £s but I cannot see it making our budget gap. However it seems a good idea & I suggest Pm. goes ahead with his plans.

The date will need to be adjustable as we have no idea exactly when the first flight will take off.

15.5.72

Colonial Secretary

1. I am not quite certain what we are trying to do. On the envelope at the back cover there is the printed cachet plus the attachment in ink and I presume the suggestion is that we have a stamp cut in the form of the latter. For how long after the opening of the airfield do we use the cachet?
2. In any case, as the Argentines are building the field, I think that as a matter of courtesy we should let them know what we intend to do. When you have minuted the file back perhaps initially I could raise the matter with De la Colina.

EGL

17 May 1972

Pm.

I gather the intention is merely to have a special frank for cancelling stamps affixed to correspondence carried on the first outward flight from the new Temp. Field? Each envelope wd. also bear a similar cachet to that affixed to the Specimen envelope at b.c. Can you confirm?
Pl?

18.5.72

C.S.

The intention is to have

- (i) a special frank with a changeable date for cancelling stamps
- (ii) a cachet on similar lines to the Albatross cachet depicting whichever plane opens the service.

Both frank and cachet to be used only on the day of the first mail flight. It could happen that the first mail flight ~~was~~ not the first flight or first day of flying from the airfield but with a changeable date this should not bother us.

Covers would also have to bear the Joint Statement cachet.

TSM
Pm
19.5.72

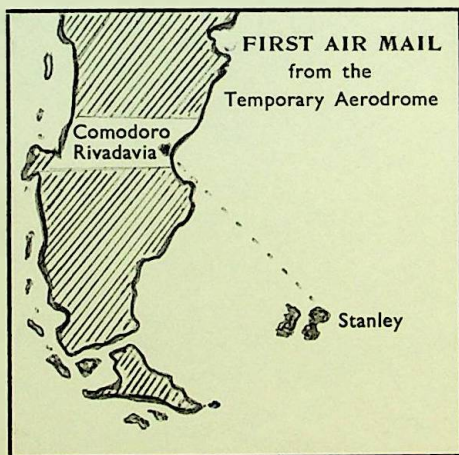
J.G.
Submitted for
23.5.72

- 1. In the special frank the wording should be "Yerbury Aerodrome" in accordance with the wording of the sign.
- 2. Other words should be suggested by the P/M.
- 3. The first hand stamp will probably be the 2 letter handstamp (F.29)

R.M.
27 May

J.M.
As above for
23.5.72

C.S. noted. ty. An indent has been sent for the franks! The cachet will be obtained in Argentina
27.6.72



V. T. King
Govt. Printing Office
25th August 1972

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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.

4 August 19 72



To: The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

From: OIC P&T

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT:- Cachet for opening of temporary aerodrome

We have ordered two postal franks from Britain for the franking of mail on the opening day of the temporary aerodrome but have not proceeded with the cachet because there was some uncertainty as to which 'plane would open the service. It seems that it will be the Fokker Friendship, so we should now proceed with ordering three cachets, three rubber pads and some ink.

Handwritten initials: J.P.

I consider it better to order from Argentina and not the U.K. as it will be quicker, and from the cachets I've seen, most are of a high standard.

I think the cachet should be on similar lines to the attached. I suggest that the following points are considered -

- ✓ (i) to avoid political repercussions, I suggest that the LADE emblem and name be omitted from the cachet
- ✓ (ii) the dotted line between Stanley and Comodor Rivadavia should be retained
- ✓ (iii) the outline of South America should be in full and not just show Argentine territory
- (iv) the boundary line between Chile and Argentine could be shown but not necessarily so if it would complicate the cachet
- (vi) the wording at the top of the cachet to be "First air mail from the temporary aerodrome"
- ✓ (vii) the Fokker Friendship 'plane to be shown prominently.

I am not sure whether it would be best to get

- ✓ (a) the British Embassy in B.A. to arrange production. They would be able to view the finished article and see that a good job was made of it and could reject it if necessary. They would also know the best place to obtain a good cachet; or
- × (b) Houlder Bros., who may not be particularly interested; or
- × (c) the Lade representative Sr. de la Colina to arrange for the cachets.

I suggest that the Embassy be asked to arrange this for us; they arranged for the making of the Joint Declaration cachet used on all correspondence to Argentina.

D. Morrison
OIC

✓ *Agreed but Aerodrome not airfield*

✓ (iv) *I wd. favour the boundary line being well drawn & the whole map area shaded lightly*

× (vi) *The wording might be amended to "First Airmail From Temporary Air Field"*

✓ (a) *I wd. think it wd. be better to arrange through the Embassy.*

14.8.72

26th August 1972.

Dear Sir,

Opening of Temporary Aerodrome

It is proposed to have a special postal frank prepared for the first mail carried from the temporary aerodrome in November and since there is insufficient time now to prepare special covers for the occasion it has been decided to produce a cachet which will be applied to all envelopes posted by this particular flight!

2. We would like the cachet to follow the pattern of that used on the enclosed airmail envelope and I have prepared on a separate sheet showing the design which we would like produced in the form of a rubber stamp. Unfortunately I have been unable to obtain a suitable picture of the Fokker Friendship which will be operating the service and I would appreciate any assistance you can give in this matter. The design enclosed merely shows the outline of the southern part of South America and a dotted line indicating the course of the flight. The idea is that a picture of the Fokker Friendship should be superimposed on this design. I wonder if you would be good enough to have three cachets produced in this design in time to have them here before the 1st of November.

Yours faithfully,

(H. L. Bound)
ASSISTANT COLONIAL SECRETARY

First Secretary,
British Embassy,
Buenos Aires,
Argentina.

CB

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137 OF 4 SEPTEMBER

BOUNDS LETTER OF 26 AUGUST

CACHETS FOR INAUGURAL F.27 AIRMAIL FLIGHT

1. THE EXCLUSION OF THE LADE INSIGNIA FROM THE NEW STAMP
MAY WELL CAUSE OFFENSE HERE WE ALSO FEEL THAT THE

COL 041850Z 137 4 26 F.27 1. ✓

FCWP005 ETATPRI PRI GOV P2/23 ✓

ARGENTINE/CHILE BORDER SHOULD BE INDICATED GRATEFUL
FOR YOUR URGENT AGREEMENT TO THE INCLUSION OF BOTH IN
ORDER TO PLACE THE ORDER LOCALLY

HADOW

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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To ETAT PRIORITE PRIORITY PRODROME LONDON SEL
a/c H.O.

Please pass to Buenos Aires as telno 237 of 5 September.

YOUR TELNO 137: CACHET FOR INAUGURAL FLIGHT

1. I agree to inclusion of both as you suggest. Additionally as a matter of courtesy it might be appropriate to clear design with Argentine authorities.

LEWIS

Time

12/2/8

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BRITISH EMBASSY

BUENOS AIRES

15 September 1972

4/27

T H Layng Esq
Colonial Secretary
Port Stanley

Dear Tom,

INAUGURATION OF THE TEMPORARY AERODROME AND THE
REGULAR AIR SERVICE

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1. Please refer to FI Tel No 237. Since we received the reference telegram ~~the~~ plans proposed in Bound's letter 0283/V of 26 August to the First Secretary in the Embassy have been overtaken. It would seem that the Argentines have been thinking on roughly parallel lines and they themselves have produced three designs for franking devices which could be used for mail sent by the first regular flight.

2. I am enclosing samples. As you can see, two designs are for the two aircraft which will be involved in the regular air service, the F.27 and the Guarani II. The third device is related specifically to the opening of the temporary aerodrome. The inscriptions are translated as follows:-

- 1. ARGENTINE AIR FORCE
STATE AIR LINE
Commencement of regular flights to Port Stanley
with Guarani II aircraft
- 2. ARGENTINE AIR FORCE
STATE AIR LINE
Commencement of regular flights to Port Stanley
with Fokker F.27 aircraft
- 3. ARGENTINE AIR FORCE
AIR REGIONS COMMAND
Inauguration of the Port Stanley temporary aerodrome

3. The Argentine proposal is that the Spanish version of these devices should be stamped on letters sent from Argentina, on the occasion of the first regular flights and the opening of the temporary aerodrome, and conversely an English version of the same designs should be put on letters sent from the Falklands at the same time. We appreciate that this is rather different from the design sent with Bound's reference letter and no mention is made /of

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of "first air mail from the temporary aerodrome", nor is there a map. On the other hand this suggestion might have some advantages insofar as it is new. We will be grateful if you could consider accepting this design and if you have any suggested amendments please let us have them as soon as possible, by telegram if necessary. Incidentally, when Izaguirre gave me the samples recently he mentioned that "Fokker F.27" might be reduced to "F.27" since there may be objections within the Air Force to giving what might be construed as gratuitous advertising to the Fokker company.

Yours ever,

Richard.

R D Lavers

Copied to:-

D G F Hall Esq, West Indian & Atlantic Dept, FCO

Reply set to Tel
26/9

CONFIDENTIAL 261920Z

to Priority Buenos Aires telno 267 of 26 September info FCO

CACHET FOR OPENING OF REGULAR AIR SERVICE: Lavers' letter to Layng of 15 September.

1. We have no objection to cachet Argentines propose to use for inward mail to Falklands. For our outward mail we would like to hold to design sent in Bound's letter of 26 August as amended by my telno 237. There seems no case for, and many objections to, both inward and outward mail being stamped by same cachet.

2. Grateful endeavour have cachet prepared and received here in time for opening.

FD please pass

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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	PSY			13.10.72.
To	ETAT PRIORITE PRIORITY PRODROME BUENOS AIRES			H.O. A/c

No. 280

MY TELNO 267 OF 26TH SEPTEMBER.

LAST OPPORTUNITY FOR THIS TO ARRIVE IS PRESUMABLY ALBATROSS
OF 19TH. GRATEFUL EVERY EFFORT PUT IT IN THE BAG.

LEWIS

BA

COPY

Time



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BRITISH EMBASSY

BUENOS AIRES

17 October 1972

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T H Layng Esq
PORT STANLEY

Dear Tom,

FRANKING DEVICE FOR OPENING OF TEMPORARY AERODROME

1. Please refer to FI Tel No ¹⁰267. I am enclosing with this letter three rubber stamps as originally requested in Bound's letter of 26 August, amended as indicated in BA Tel No 137, although in the end the Argentine/Chilean frontier was not indicated since the MFA said that from their point of view they would greatly prefer it to be excluded.
2. I hope you will agree that the final result is really not bad at all: certainly it has required some effort to achieve it, particularly on the part of Tom Evans. At any rate I do hope that it adequately meets your requirements.
3. We will meet all the bills concerned and seek reimbursement in the usual way quoting as authority Bound's letter and the reference telegram.

Yours ever,

Richard.

R D Lavers

ENCS (3)



30th October

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First Air Mail from the Temporary Aerodrome

Thank you for your 4/27 of 17th October and the excellent cachets which came with it. Please pass on our particular thanks to Tom Evans for his efforts on our behalf. I'll drop him a note inside a first day cover - along with all the rest coming from the Layng philatelic bureau!

2. We have decided that come what may, the first outward airmail will be on ^{Nov} the 15th. Vice Comodoro de la Colina has promised not to allow tomorrow's Albatross to land on the airfield (which like that of the 21st, it could well do), and if there are any extra planes between now and the fifteenth, we simply shall not send mail on them - though we should send a bag.

3. You may think it worth informing the MPA of the date we have set for the first airmail. We have ~~time~~ ^{time} to make a decision of this kind so as to allow advertising and ensure that everyone knows in time to prepare their covers - and that we get enough revenue to cover the cost of the franks, cachets etc.



(T. H. LAYNG)

H. D. Lavers, Esq.,
British Embassy,
BUENOS AIRES.

cc: D. G. F. Hall, M.B.E.,
Foreign & Commonwealth Office.

Vice Comodoro de la Colina,
Stanley.

Postmaster,
Stanley.

HKT.

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MEMORANDUM

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27th October 19 72



From: OIC P&T

To: The Chief Secretary,

Stanley.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT — Special frank and cachet for first air mail from aerodrome

I enclose a cover with sample strikes of the cachet and special commemorative franks.

As there will be planes in and out before the official opening of the aerodrome there will be pressures brought on the Post Office to despatch air mail. The argument will be used that why should people have to wait to get mail away just because of the waiting for a fixed date.

It has cost us £57 to have two franks made and I imagine another £6 or so for the rubber cachets.

We will need to ensure that we stick to the official opening (or some other one provided fair notice is given) or otherwise it will make a mockery of the plans. The wording of the frank states "First air mail" and there can be only one "first" air mail. This will mean that there can be no mail of any sort despatched by the Post Office from the aerodrome before the date agreed on.

We will need to know the opening date about a week beforehand in order that the public can prepare their covers. I expect a large number of postings which we may have difficulty in coping with especially if the 'plane leaves early on the appointed day.

I have replied - 15th

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MEMORANDUM

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Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT —

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If the Albatross of the 31st October is to depart from the aerodrome we should use the cachet and franks then and not later but this does not give people proper warning. We have been advertising the mail by the Albatross so it will have to be sent.

There is another point that I would like to have settled and that is that when the first air mail does go out I can visualise many top brass Argentines coming to the Post Office with covers wanting them franked etc and taken away i.e. not going through the post. I consider that all mail franked by the Post Office must go into our mail and be sealed in a bag.

D. Morrison

OIC

31st October 72.

From: The Chief Secretary,

To: Officer in Charge,

Posts and Tels. Dept.

First air mail from
the Temporary Aerodrome

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Thank you for your memorandum of 27th October.

2. You will have received a copy of my letter P&T/2/8 of 30th October to Lavers and this will have answered most of the points you raise.

3. As you say, with two F27s coming in on the morning of the 15th (at about 1100 hours and departing at 1430 - 1500 hours) there will undoubtedly be great pressure on the Post Office. This we must be ready for and try to get as many first day covers as possible posted. I will let you know the exact timing of the various opening ceremonies as soon as possible, and we should arrange to have the post office open, and keep the Argentine mail open until the last possible moment. We will then advise the visitors of the arrangements made and mark on the programme the time when they can send off their first day covers.

(T. H. Layng)
CHIEF SECRETARY

CB

17

9th November

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Just a brief note of thanks for your efforts to obtain our first day cachets for the new air service.

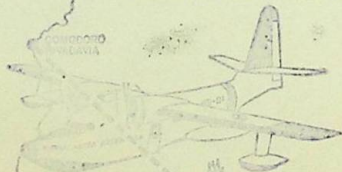
2. I am sure you will agree the results are worth while.

(T. H. Layng)

T. Evans, Esq.,
British Embassy,
BUENOS AIRES.

HRT.

REGULAR FLIGHT
WITH
ALBATRO'S PLANE



STANLEY

LINEAS
AEREAS DEL ESTADO



Puerto Stanley



Puerto Stanley

