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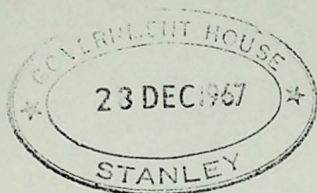
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December 4, 1967

GOVERNOR AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF  
Sir Cosmo Haskard, K.C.M.G., M.B.E.  
Port Stanley  
Falkland, Islands

Dear Sir:

*f. 12, 26, 52, 54, 61*  
Dating from mid 1963 I have been corresponding with the Colonial Office in London and subsequently with your Colonial Secretary in Port Stanley. I am interested in obtaining a Petroleum Exploration License on the whole of the FALKLAND ISLANDS on behalf of a consortium made up of NEW ZEALAND PETROLEUM EXPLORATION CO. LTD, (A New Zealand Company with head offices in Wellington, New Zealand), and a group of U. S. Citizens from the Southwestern part of the U.S.A. This same group of individuals have worked with New Zealand Petroleum Exploration Co. LTD. since 1962 and have financed an active exploration program in New Zealand. The program in New Zealand to date has consisted of gravity, magnetometer, seismic, and the drilling of six test wells. The expenditure in New Zealand would be approximately \$1,500,000 (N.Z.) since 1962, and several more test wells are anticipated in New Zealand within the next two or three years.

As a Director of NEW ZEALAND PETROLEUM EXPLORATION CO. LTD., and coordinator of the consortium, I have directed the Exploration Program since 1962. I became interested in the FALKLAND ISLANDS in 1963 and believe that this area deserves attention, geologically, from a petroleum standpoint.

I have a copy of your Petroleum Laws Governing Exploration and would like an expression of interest from you concerning the possible grant of Petroleum Prospecting Licenses to our consortium. If you feel that you might have some interest in discussing this matter, I would make my plans to call on you in PORT STANLEY in mid-February. I believe that the FALKLAND ISLAND TRADING COMPANY STEAMER leaves MONTEVIDEO about that time. If there is air transport available, perhaps you might advise me of the proper channels to investigate.

You may refer to the FIRST NATIONAL BANK in Dallas, Texas, (Mr. Robert Stewart or Leo Patterson), as well as the Bank OF NEW ZEALAND, LONDON (Mr. Hamish Buchanan). Either of these banks are familiar with our consortium and can advise you as to the resources and efforts available for the proposed FALKLAND ISLANDS PROJECT.

*C.S. I should like to see Mr Alexander after he has gone through all the usual hoops with you. Ch 16/1/68*

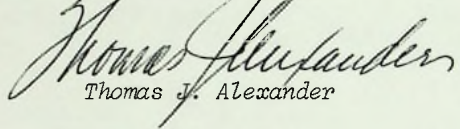
*C.S. please let me have previous correspondence - we did discuss on 29/12*

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*Would you please advise if you would be interested in discussing the possibilities of granting Petroleum Prospecting Licenses, and if so, when would be convenient to do so and I will make my plans accordingly.*

*Yours very truly,*

  
Thomas J. Alexander

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January 5, 1968

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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter will introduce Mr. Thomas J. Alexander, a Director of this Company.

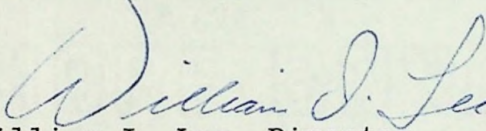
Mr. Alexander is vested with full authority to negotiate any petroleum prospecting licenses, permits, or concessions on behalf of this Company, covering the Falkland Islands.

This Company will be bound by Mr. Alexander's commitments in our behalf, subject only to approval of the form by our legal counsel and to final approval of the definitive agreement by our full Board of Directors.

Yours very truly,

NEW ZEALAND PETROLEUM EXPLORATION COMPANY, LTD.

By

  
William I. Lee, Director

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January 5, 1968

The Governor and Commander in Chief  
Port Stanley  
Falkland Islands

Dear Sir:

Mr. Thomas J. Alexander of Dallas, Texas, has been known favorably by this bank for approximately ten years. His numerous transactions here, involving for the most part oil and gas loans, have been handled very satisfactorily.

Mr. Alexander is a man of high character and moral integrity, and the bank sees no reason why he should not be dealt with in complete confidence. It is hoped that you will favorably receive him and consider his request and should you be in need of additional information you are invited to contact me at your pleasure.

Yours very truly,

*Leo Patterson, Jr.*  
Senior Vice President

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FRANK N. IKARD  
PRESIDENT

January 9, 1968

Sir Cosmo Haskard, K.C.M.G., M.D.E.  
Governor General  
Port Stanley,  
Falkland Islands

Dear Sir:

This is to certify that I have known Mr. Thomas J. Alexander of Dallas, Texas, well over thirty years and have found him to be of excellent character and financially responsible.

You may rest assured that Mr. Alexander and his associates are completely reliable and have the resources to perform on any commitment that they may undertake.

Sincerely,

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*Frank N. Ikard*

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17th January,

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Dear Sir,

This letter is to confirm the substance of our conversation earlier today.

Subject to a geological examination in the Colony the Falkland Islands Government will give favourable consideration to the granting of an oil exploration licence to the New Zealand Petroleum Exploration Company Limited.

Naturally the granting of any such licence would be in accordance with the Oil Mining (Mineral Oil) Regulations, 1964.

It is to be understood that the grant of a licence would not release you from making special arrangements concerning land and mineral rights with any landholders concerned.

Yours faithfully,

(W.H. THOMPSON)

COLONIAL SECRETARY

Mr. T.J. Alexander,  
2626 Republic Bank Towers,  
Dallas,  
Texas,  
U.S.A.

Copy to Commonwealth Office  
Colonial Manager F.I.C.

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17th January,

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Dear Survey,

Mr. T.J. Alexander of the New Zealand Petroleum Exploration Company Limited has been referred to you for aerial photographs of the Falkland Islands.

We have no objection to a purchase.

Yours faithfully,

(sgd) W. H. Thompson.

COLONIAL SECRETARY

Directorate of Overseas Surveys,  
Kingston Road,  
Tolworth,  
Surrey,  
SURREY.

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C. O. ref:

SAVING ~~TELEGRAM~~ DESPATCH

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

*To:* The Secretary of State for ~~the Colonies~~ Commonwealth Affairs.

*Date:* 20th January 1963.

No. 22. SAVING. COLONY

Oil Exploration.

----- 114 The attached letter is forwarded for your information.

The first approach by the Organisation concerned was made to you and reported to me in your Saving No. 66 of the 22nd July 1963.

Based on the results obtained by other visiting geologists the chance of anything worth while emerging from this latest application appears to be very poor.

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TELEGRAM.

From T. J. Alexander

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley

Despatched : 7th May 19 68 Time : 14.55

Received : 8th May 19 68 Time : 1000

J. E. Glover Geologist representing New Zealand  
Petroleum arriving May 21st Darwin will contact  
you on arrival appreciate any assistance you  
may extend him

T. J. Alexander

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A very brief line just before Darwin sails to tell you that we have had a visit from a geologist named James E. Glover of the firm of DeGolyer & MacNaughton of 5625 Daniels Avenue, Dallas, Texas. This firm is working for the New Zealand Petroleum Exploration Company, one of whose principals, named Alexander, was down here earlier this year.

There seems to be some interest in the possibilities of oil under the sea bed, perhaps to the south-east of East Falkland, and Glover was talking in terms of a seismic survey and airborne magnetometer work.

I told him that Shackleton carried out seismic work and it may be that you will have an approach from either DeGolyer & MacNaughton or the New Zealand Petroleum Exploration Company. The latter is, I believe, controlled from Dallas.

Dr Slessor was present when Glover and I were talking. I explained that I could not commit the Survey, but it could be rather interesting.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Sir.

Sir Vivian Fuchs

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29/11/69