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WESTERN OILFIELDS INC.

DALLAS TEXAS



Waterlow and Sons Limited
London Dunstable Hyde
Head office: Waterlow House
Worship Street London EC2

C.S.

Oil.

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Attached telegram dated 23/1/70 from Western Oil Fields Inc., Dallas, speaks of oil and mineral exploration in the Falklands. Although "in" could refer to surrounding seas, it may be that WOF is an interest in land as well as sea.

You already have parasitology for answering questions regarding applying for permit.

"Current status of WOF area and other areas available for exploration purposes" may require some thought and if we have not already had WOF particular question before we should consult FCO by telegram.

Maps may be purchased from Edward Stanford Ltd, 12 Long St, W.C. 2, but of course no "concession areas" as such exist.

We should notify FCO of receipt of WOF new enquiry. wording of telegram can be decided when you have had a chance to look at your oil files.

No need to reply to Dallas for a week or so.

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24/1/70

P.S. Mention of enquiry should be made in ExCo on 10th Feb.

Y.E.

Unless the enquiry as to status has some special meaning in our world parlance it looks as if that point of the enquiry can only relate either to whether ~~certain~~ concessions over certain areas have already been given to other companies or to the political status of the colony. The former meaning seems the more probable & the manuscript draft telegram submitted at b.o.f. for consideration has been dropped accordingly. That this is the probable interpretation is borne out by p. 2 in S. 305/1/D attached.

2 Also at b.o.f. is a draft interim telegraphic reply to the enquirer & draft reply to go by letter by next outward mail which will allow us ample time to get FEO's views.

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26/1

CS Thank you.

I have retained telegram for enciphering to S/S here - medium priority! Also your draft letter on receipt of draft telegram.

H/W yr telegram to Dallas which can go.

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GOVERNOR GOVERNMENT HOUSE PORTSTANLEYFALKLANDISLANDS

WESTERN OIL FIELDS INC A PUBLIC OIL COMPANY REGISTERED WITH

THE UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION AND CURRENTLY

OPERATION PROPERTIE IN THE SOUTHWESTERN UNITED STATES IS INTERESTED

IN APPLYING FOR AN OIL AND MINERAL EXPLORATION LICENCE IN THE

FALKLAND ISLANDS STOP

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PLEASE ADVISE BY RETURN CABLE THE REQUIREMENT

AND PROCEDURES FOR APPLYING FOR SUCH EXPLORATION PERMIT STOP

PLEASE ADVISE CURRENT STATUS OF THIS AREA AND OTHER AREAS

AVAILABLE FOR EXPLORATION PURPOSES AS WELL AS WHERE WE CAN PURCHASE

MAPS OF THE CONCESSION AREAS

CRAIG FOLSON WESTERN OIL FIELDS INC 1800 EMPIRE LIFE BLDG

DALLAS TEXAS

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 27/1/70

Time :

Received :

Time

No. 22.

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Oil.

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2. Enquiry requests information on procedures for applying for licence and where maps can be purchased which will be answered respectively by supplying company with a copy of our Mineral Oil Regulations 1964 and referring them for ordinary topographical maps to Stanfords.

3. Enquiry also requests information current status quote of this area and other areas available for exploration purposes unquote. I suggest my reply should be that no oil and mineral exploration licences for the Falkland Islands and Dependencies have been granted. Would appreciate your views before I reply to Western Oilfields.

Cypher : SJS

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

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

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	STANLEY			29.1.70
To	LTF CRAIG FOLSON WESTERN OIL FIELDS INC 1800 EMPIRE LIFE BLDG DALLAS TEXAS			HOA/C

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Yourtel of twentythird stop Am replying by outward mail of 20th February
Colonial Secretary

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched: 30/1/70

Time :

Received : 31/1/70 Time :

No. 15

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Your telegram 22 oil.

Your paragraph 2. In sending regulations you could say that these may be subject to revision. (It is believed here revision may be necessary). Agreed charts from Stanfords.

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2. Your paragraph 3. We suggest you use formula given in our telegram number 1 of 1st January.

Cypher : SJS

p. 26, f. S. 305

5th February, 70

Dear Sir,

Oil Exploration Licence Applications:
Western Oilfields Inc.

In response to your telegram of the 23rd of January I replied by cable that an answering letter would be sent to you by our outward mail of the 20th of February and I am now sending you a copy of our Mining (Mineral Oil) Regulations 1964. These may be subject to revision.

2. Topographical maps, the only kind of map which is available, may be purchased from Edward Stanford Limited, 12 Long Acre, LONDON W.C.2, England.

3. As regards the status of the area and the offshore boundary, while there is no agreed boundary line with Argentina it is considered the relevant provisions of the International Convention on the Law of the Sea, 1958, to be applicable in principle.

I am, Yours faithfully,

(J. A. Jones)
Colonial Secretary.

Craig, Folsom, Esq.,
Western Oil Fields Inc.,
1800 Empire Life Building,
DALLAS, Texas.

Extract from the minutes of meeting No. 2/70 held on 10th and 11th February, 1970.

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Council noted that an enquiry had been received from Western Oil Fields of Dallas, Texas, regarding the possibility of obtaining an oil exploration licence in the Falklands. The Foreign and Commonwealth Office in London had also advised Government of a possible further application from another oil prospecting company operating under the name of Global Marine of Los Angeles.

(H. L. Board)
CLERK OF COUNCIL

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TELEGRAM.

From CRAIG FOLSON WESTERN OIL FIELDS INC

To COLONIAL SECRETARY GOVERNMENT HOUSE

Despatched : 2nd March 19 70 *Time :* 1550

Received : 3rd March 19 *Time :*

Western Oil Fields Inc desires requirements and procedures to apply for oil exploration permit in offshore Falkland Islands refer to prior cable of January 23 1970 please advise by return cable what areas are open for exploration purposes and where may maps of concession areas be purchased

Craig Folson Western Oil Fields Inc
1800 Empire Life Bldg

P/L : ARA

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DALLAS TEXAS HDA/C

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to you by outgoing mail of 5th February

Colonial Secretary

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TELEGRAM.

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From CRAIG FOLSON WESTERN OIL FIELDS

To COLONIAL SECRETARY STANLEY

Despatched : 31st March 19 70 *Time :* 0954

Received : 1st April 19 *Time :*

Western Oil Fields incorporated desires requirements and procedures to apply for oil exploration permit in offshore Falkland Islands refer to cable of January 27 and March 2 please advise by return cable the areas open for exploration purposes and where maps of areas can be obtained we will travel immediately

Craig Folson Western Oil Fields

P/L : ARA

Intld H.L.B.

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COLONIAL SECRETARY GOVERNMENT HOUSE

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CAN BE OBTAINED WE WILL TRAVEL IMMEDIATELY
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 Colonial Secretary

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TELEGRAM.

From CRAIG FOLSON WESTERN OIL FIELDS INC

To COLONIAL SECRETARY STANLEY

Despatched : 6th April 19 70 Time : 1626

Received : 7th April 19 Time :

Your letter of Feb 5 never received. Please airmail duplicate immediately. Western Oil Fields desires to negotiate for oil exploration permit presently

Craig Folson Western Oil Fields Inc

P/L : ARA
Intld H.L.B.

Reply at 16.

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Journal of 6th stop Duplicate aylet 5th February being forwarded

Colonial Secretary

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Duplicate being sent by air 26.4.70.