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Geocon, Inc.  
(Houston, Texas)



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February 27, 1971

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H. E. Governor Lewis  
Port Stanley  
Falkland Islands

Your Excellency:

Geocom, Inc., is currently conducting a seismic reconnaissance survey in Argentine waters between Tierra del Fuego and the Falkland Islands. The enclosed map shows the location of the survey. Our purpose is to evaluate the oil and gas possibilities of the area. As you may know, the Argentine Government will offer a portion of this area for concession bidding, about mid-1971.

Our company is acquiring and evaluating the geophysical data referred to above, and offering the information for sale to interested oil producers. Our clients for the Argentine survey include Esso, Gulf, British Petroleum, AGIP and Texaco. We expect other major oil companies to buy the data.

Some of the companies listed above, and at least one other important oil producer, have expressed interest in obtaining similar data from waters of the Falkland Islands. I would greatly appreciate receiving from your office instructions as to the manner in which we might proceed to acquire any necessary permits for such studies.

Marine seismic work such as we contemplate offers no threat to marine fauna, nor does it result in damage to onshore property. Our survey vessel would put into port to load fuel and supplies, but otherwise would need no land support. Positioning is maintained by precision electronic gear carried entirely on board.



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I will take the opportunity to forward this letter with Mr. Jack Hardy, who has kindly offered to carry it to you. Your favorable consideration and an early reply will be greatly appreciated.

Our mailing address is shown on the first page letterhead: our cable address is GEOCOM, Houston, Texas USA.

Very truly yours,  
Geocom, Inc.

J. A. Keeling,  
Vice President



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16th March 1971

I thought you should know that I have received a letter from Geocom Inc. of 3311 Richmond Avenue, Houston, Texas 77006 informing me that the company is currently conducting a seismic reconnaissance survey in Argentine waters between Tierra Del Fuego and the Falkland Islands: the enclosed map shows the location of the survey.

According to the company their clients for the Argentine survey include Esso, Gulf, British Petroleum, AGIP and Texaco and apparently the company is expecting other major oil companies to buy the data. Incidentally the letter from Geocom was delivered to my office by Mr. Tony Hardy (see my telegram no. 18 to B.A. about his activities in B.A. with his current girlfriend).

Geocom has informed me that some of the companies mentioned above have expressed interest in obtaining similar data from the waters of the Falkland Islands: I have sent a routine reply saying that at the moment H.M.G. is carrying out an investigation and that no licences are being issued.

(E. G. Lewis)

A. L. Southorn, Esq.,  
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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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16th March 1971

Dear Mr. Keeling,

Thank you for your letter of the 27th February informing me that Geocom Inc. is currently conducting a seismic reconnaissance survey in the Argentine waters lying between Tierra del Fuego and the Falkland Islands.

At the present time Her Majesty's Government is carrying out an investigation of the areas around the Falkland Islands and, pending the outcome of this research, no permits for exploration work are being granted to any companies. I will of course keep you informed of any changes in the position.

Yours faithfully,

(E. G. Lewis)  
Governor

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