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SUBJECT :

SEALING - Concession to Mr. Tilbury (C.D.C.)

Medical Arrangements.

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15 DEC 1949
FALKLAND ISLANDS

No.

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

MEMORANDUM.

14th December, 1949.

To - The Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

From - The Senior Medical Officer

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT:- South Atlantic Sealing Co. - Medical Services.

~~129~~ 2 The attached letter is forwarded for your consideration.

I have been unable to ascertain how many men will be employed, and I have no idea of the incidence of accidents and illness amongst sealers. I therefore find it impossible to suggest what the cost to the Government of a medical service to the sealers might be.

2. I think any offer we may make should be for a limited period in the first instance. This will give an opportunity for revision of charges one way or the other. I would suggest a three month period. I think part of the agreement should be that rates could be altered at any time, due notice having been given.

3. I would suggest the payment of £50 per annum by the Company, and a capitation fee of £1 per man per annum. The payments should be made quarterly. This sum would cover the cost of medical attendance and treatment, and the supply of the ordinary galenical preparations. Special preparations should be charged according to cost any quantity.

4. In the event of sea or air transport having to be used by the medical department in the interests of the South Atlantic Sealing Co. personnel, the cost of such transport should be borne by the Company.

R. Stewart Jones.

Senior Medical Officer.

16/12

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ESTATE LOUIS WILLIAMS

STANLEY,

FALKLAND ISLANDS. Ref/1149/ 1199-

Agency of SOUTH ATLANTIC SEALING Co., Ltd.

The Senior Medical Officer
K.E.H. Hospital
Stanley.

Dear Sir,

The Sealing Company will employ a number of men "ashore or afloat", and we should like to learn whether it would be possible for the men individually or collectively, to join some scheme whereby they could get all the medical attention that they may require (but not for their families) in the event of illness and or accident etc.

If it is possible for such a scheme to be put into operation we should like to learn what conditions as to monthly, quarterley, or yearly payments it would be necessary to engage in, to keep the men covered against any contingency requiring medical aid and or advice.

Also whether the scheme would cover cost of medicines or only cost of attention and treatment ?

Thanking you in anticipation for your kind reply, we remain,

Yours faithfully,
for South Atlantic Sealing Co., Ltd.

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I had a long talk with Mr. Gellburg this morning; he seems to have set about things very energetically and will hope to commence operations this season.

He recommended us as to range rates per hour worked and states that if the latter are not maintained the rate will be reduced in conformity with the prevailing rate.

I was intended to learn that Mr. Gellburg was prepared to provide him with fuel oil delivered at bulk by "Fibron" ex. Admiralty bulk storage at Stanley.

He seemed to think that Smith's Offerings may not be what he had supposed - he had been warned.

Hisward shipment of his products by F.I.C. are likely to be very high (he had been warned) and he hopes to get charter lifts at a more favorable rate - he expects of 30-35¢ per ton which would certainly be cheap.

I have the feeling that if he will stay on the job long enough and not be discouraged by the present conditions, he will make a success of it.

Please advise me as to the time I am to visit "Portula" am. 27th (State H.E. He will visit the afternoon if weather improves) J. 28th

ACS.

H 188-189. Do the F.I.C. and/or other farms have a system of compensating for medical attention for their employees. If so, I should like to see papers.

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See 25 + 450 - 0135

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Camp medical service
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Y.E.

At p.189 the South Atlantic Sealing Coy enquires whether its employees can join some system for the provision of medical attention. S.M.O.'s comments are at p.188. Details of the present system for the farms are at p.40 in file 0135 attached.

2. From Government's point of view the advantage of this sort of system is that we are certain of a minimum and fixed amount of revenue, and it saves all concerned a deal of trouble over bill collection. I support the suggestions of the S.M.O. Like him I do not know what the incidence of accidents and illness among sealers may be, though I think it possible that the accident rate may be higher than it would be on the farms.

3. Y.E. will approve an agreement on the lines suggested by S.M.O.?

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S.M.O.

Reference pp.188-189. Please see minutes on p.191.
Would you kindly prepare draft reply to 189 on the lines
indicated in your minute at p.188.

C.S.
5.1.50.

PCS Attached is draft reply, as required
9/1/50.

S.N.O. Thank you. Excellent. Pl issue.

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20th Jan 1940

9th January,

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E.G. Rowe, Esq.,
Agent for South Atlantic Sealing Co., Ltd.,
Stanley.

Ref. 1149/1199

Dear Sir,

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With reference to your letter re medical treatment for the personnel of the South Atlantic Sealing Co., Ltd., -

- 1) The Government Medical Service will undertake to attend the members of the Sealing Company.
- 2) The cost of the attendance should be covered by a comprehensive scheme of payments as follows :-
 - a) Contribution of £50 per annum from the Company.
 - b) Contributions of £1 per annum from each member of the Company.

This scale of payments shall apply, in the first instance for a period of three months, so that there will be an opportunity for adjustment, should that prove necessary. Payments shall be made quarterly

3) The scheme will cover the cost of visits and attendance and the provision of the ordinary galenical preparations. Special preparations and appliances will be charged at cost.

4) In the event of sea or air transport having to be used by the Medical Department in the interests of the South Atlantic Sealing Company's personnel, the cost of such transport shall be borne by the Company.

I am,

Sir,

yours faithfully,

Senior Medical Officer.

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Collection of Customs.

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H 168-171 to you for information, in accordance with
H.E.'s minute at 184.

18/1/50.

H.C.S.

B.

Noted th. you.

B.H. 20/1/50

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To see (140) in accordance with H.B.'s
minute at (184) pl.

H.H. 24/1/50

H.C.S.

Noted Thank you.

H.H. (18/1/50)
24/1/50

A.C.S.

Ref 168-171. Which were amended by 174-175.

Have we now finalised the licence business
a set of all signed & sealed? If not we
should do so.

25 JAN 1950

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24th January,

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H.C.S.

S.M.O.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT:-

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6 Attached is the reply to my letter dated 9th January.

I would make the following comments:-

It is correct that the agreement with the Farms covers the cost of transport and, in a way, I feel there is some right in the suggestion put forward that the S.A.S.C. should be given the same facilities for their contribution.

On the other hand, I imagine that the occupation of the sealers is more hazardous than that of the shepherds, and that therefore there is more likelihood of accidents, with consequently more frequent calls for medical transport. Also, the men, living away from their families, may try to get into Stanley "on medical grounds".

In conclusion, I think we might accept the cost of transport for the "trial run" period, and see how we get on.

R. Howard Thomas

8. Hs.

26 JAN 1950

ESTABLISHED 1863 SUCCESSORS TO CHAS. WILLIAMS Estb'd 1863

GENERAL MERCHANTS Ref/150/34

RADIO ADDRESS
"WILLIAMS"
CODES USED:
BENTLEYS
A.B.C. S.D. ED.
A.I.

Agency of SOUTH ATLANTIC
----- SEALING Co. Ltd.

PORT STANLEY
FALKLAND ISLANDS

17th January 1950.

The Senior Medical Officer
King Edward Memorial Hospital
Stanley, Falkland Is.

Dear Sir,

1922 6 I have to thank you for your favour of 9th
inst. setting out the proposed terms under which medical
treatment could be contracted for the personnel of this
company.

Copies are being sent to Mr. Tidbury at Albemarle
and also to Headquarters of C.D.C. (London) to see whether
agreement can be reached on the basis of your proposals.

The only comment I have to offer in the meantime
is in connection with clause 4) of your letter, reading:-

" 4) In the event of air or sea transport having
to be used by the Medical Department in the
interests of the South Atlantic Sealing
Company's personnel, the cost of such transport
shall be borne by the Company. "

I believe that the agreements with Farms covers the cost
of transport, to be borne by Medical Funds (i.e. Colonial
Funds) up to certain reasonable limits, and suggest that
the Sealing Co. (which will contribute in due course
through Income Tax etc. to the General Revenue) should rightly
be likewise entitled to a certain measure of free transport
for sick or injured personnel.

Perhaps some difference could be established for:-

- A) Injuries etc. brought about in the course of a
man's work and for which I would understand that
the Insurance (Workmen's Compensation) could be
called upon to respond.
- B) Personal sickness or disease or epidemics to which
a man or men might be subjected quite independent of
their work. Transport, for these personal hazards,
should, I think, be provided free. (Same as on farms.)

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Yours faithfully,
for South Atlantic Sealing Co. Ltd.

Agent.

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196-197. Seen. I incline to your opinion. All that is necessary at this stage, however, is to acknowledge receipt 1 197 & await further communication after Mr. Tilbury & C.D.C. have commented.

27 JAN 1950

ACS Review draft letter.

M 2/2/50.

S.D.O.

✓ T. Pl issue.

6 FEB 1950

ACS Review reply.

M 11/2/50.

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9th
2nd February, 50.

E.G. Rowe, Esq.,
Agent for
South Atlantic Sealing Co., Ltd.,

Dear Sir,

9 I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter
Ref. 150/34.

Although it is agreed that the contributions from the Farms cover the cost of transport of sick cases to Stanley, it is considered that the incidence of cases requiring urgent hospitalization from the Sealing Company is likely to be higher than from the Farms.

In the meantime, however, the Medical Department will pay the cost of transport in return for the payments already suggested. It must be clearly understood that the agreement is temporary and that, should undue demands be made on the Medical Department, the scales of payment will have to be modified.

In view of the delay already incurred, do you wish the payments to be made retrospective - say, from 1st January, 1950.?

I am,
Sir,
yours faithfully,

Senior Medical Officer.

Agency of SOUTH ATLANTIC SEALING Co., Ltd.

Stanley
Falkland Islands
10th February, 1950.

The Hon the Senior Medical Officer
King Edward Memorial Hospital
Stanley, Falkland Islands,

Dear Sir,

I thank you for your letter dated 9th inst.
reading as follows:-

" I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter Ref.150/34.

Although it is agreed that the contributions from the Farms cover the cost of transport of sick cases to Stanley, it is considered that the incidence of cases requiring urgent hospitalization from the Sealing Company is likely to be higher than from the Farms.

In the meantime, however, the Medical Department will pay the cost of transport in return for the payments already suggested. It must be clearly understood that the agreement is temporary and that, should undue demands be made on the Medical Department, the scales of payment will have to be modified.

In view of the delay already incurred, do you wish the payments to be made retrospective - say, from 1st January, 1950. ? "

I think that the temporary agreement now envisaged will meet with the approval of both Mr/ Tilbury and the Headquarters of Colonial Development Corporation in the U.K., but I am unable to say so definitely until, at least, I get the Managing Director's (i.e. Mr. Tilbury's) instructions.

A copy of this letter is being sent to Albemarle for Mr. Tilbury to give his assent, provided he is agreeable, by radio telephony.

In the meantime I shall be pleased if you will treat the men at present in your care as if the agreement had been finalized and as from 1st Jan. 1950 - as I think the agreement is fair and will strongly recommend acceptance in its present form.

Thanking you again for your courtesy, I am,
for South Atlantic Sealing Co., Ltd.

[Signature]
Agent.

*Copy for M.O. Tilbury
note to Mr. Tilbury*

P.R.H. Tilbury, Esq.
Managing Director
South Atlantic Sealing Co. Ltd. ALBEMARLE

Please note the above. I think the Medical Agreement should be finalized now on the bases set out, and I strongly recommend you to give me instructions accordingly by Radio Telephony as soon as you get this letter.

The men's accounts should be debited quarterly with 5/- for their share of the payments under the Medical Agreement.

Yours sincerely,
[Signature]

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11 FEB 1950

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Closed see Vol. III

18 FEB 1950

yes L.H. 17/2/50

yes L.H. 17/2/50

ESTATE LOUIS WILLIAMS

STANLEY,

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Ref/250/259

Agency of SOUTH ATLANTIC SEALING Co., Ltd.

Stanley, 25th February, 1950.

The Hon. The Senior Medical Officer
King Edward Memorial Hospital
STANLEY,
Falkland Islands.

Dear Sir,

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Further to my letter of 10th inst.,
and with reference to your letter of 9th idem. in
regard to the proposed terms of the Medical Agreement
to cover the men employed by this company, I have
just received a radio telephone message from Mr. Tilbury,
(the Managing Director) reading as follows:-

"Refer yours 10th February.

I concur with medical agreement.

(signature) Tilbury "

It now only remains to settle the manner in
which payments are to be effected.

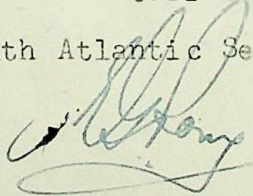
I propose the following:-

The men should be computed on the basis of the company's
salary list at the end of the 2nd. month of each quarter.
I.e. February, May, August and November, and 5/- per head
paid in to you, plus £12.10.- as the company's over-riding
quarterly contribution.

I have the honour to be,

Yours faithfully,,

for South Atlantic Sealing Co., Ltd.


Agent.

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COLONIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

SOUTH ATLANTIC SEALING COMPANY LIMITED.

33 DOVER STREET

LONDON, W.1

Albemarle,
14/3/50.

The Hon. the Senior Medical Officer.
King Edward Memorial Hospital,
Stanley.

Sir,

I have before me the terms of the temporary Medical Agreement to which I had concurred over the Radiotelephone, and I now write to confirm that I should like payments to be made retrospective to the 1st. January 1950, and to thank you for finalizing these arrangements with Mr. Rowe.

I remain,
Yours faithfully,



P.R.H. Tilbury.
Managing Director,
South Atlantic Sealing Co. Ltd.

H.C.S.,
For appropriate file please.

S.M.O.

23 MAR 1950

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6 Seen, thank you. At 192 we proposed that the scheme should be on trial for 3 months. If payment are to be as for Jan 1st, the 3 months will technically be of this week I think we should give ourselves £ 30.6.50 to get an idea of how it works out in practice. If you agree, I think we should so inform S.A.S.C. in order that there may be no misunderstanding.

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P.C.S. agree.

M. 28/3/50

Hon. Secy

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As this correspondence has been conducted between your Dept. & S.A.S.C. direct, you will wish to inform the Agent as at x of A above, pl

Atty
J. G. S.
29.3.50.

Your Ref 250/259.

Medical Department,
Port Stanley.
30th March, 1950.

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H. G. Rowe, Esq.,
Agent for S.A.S. Co., Ltd.,
Port Stanley.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of 25th February, 1950, it is agreed that payments should be made in accordance with your proposal - i.e. on the salary list of the S.A.S. at the end of the second month of each quarter.

A letter has been received from Mr Tilbury, confirming his radio-telegram acceptance of the agreement arranged between us.

I would emphasize that this agreement is temporary, and liable to be altered, as explained in my letter dated 9th February, 1950.

Yrs, Sir,
Yours faithfully,

RH
Senior Medical Officer.

ACB Above is the copy reply and, as ever, the full story for
external transmission. if you approve.

RH 20/3/50.

S.M.O.

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P. 205. Thank y u. But the point I wished to make was that at p.192 we said that the scheme should apply in the first instance for a period of three months, and at p.203 it was agreed that it should be retrospective to the 1st January, 1950. This means that technically the probationary period is up. You do say in your letter at cover that the agreement is temporary but the object of it being so was to give the thing a fair trial. Could we not fix a period, say one year, and then review it?

2. Subject to your approval I would suggest that the last paragraph of your letter might read

"It was agreed that the scheme should be temporary, in the first instance for a period of three months. It has now been agreed that it should be retrospective to the 1st January, 1950, and therefore I would suggest that the scheme should operate on the present basis for a year, and be reviewed before the 1st January, 1951."

4.4.50.

WCS Thank you. I have sent the letter amended as you suggest
WCS 5/4/50

Your Ref 250/259

Medical Department,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.
5th April, 1950.

E.G. Rowe, Esq.,
Agent for
South Atlantic Sealing Co., Ltd.,
Stanley.

Dear Sir,

~~207~~ 14 In reply to your letter of February 25th, 1950, it is agreed that payments should be made in accordance with your proposal - i.e. on the salary list of the S.A.S.C. at the end of the second month of each quarter.

A letter has been received from Mr. Tilbury, confirming his radio-telephone acceptance of the agreement arranged between us.

It was agreed that the scheme should be temporary, in the first instance for a period of three months. It has now been agreed that it should be retrospective to the 1st January, 1950, and therefore I would suggest that the scheme should operate on the present basis for a year, and be reviewed before the 1st January, 1951.

I am, Sir,
Yours faithfully,

Senior Medical Officer.

Reply on 20

Officer

I think it would be convenient to have all the papers in this sub file dealing with the medical scheme transferred to a separate sub. file.

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ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE
TO THE MANAGER

ESTATE LOUIS WILLIAMS

SUCCESSORS TO CHAS WILLIAMS
ESTD 1863

GENERAL MERCHANTS Ref/450/457

RADIO ADDRESS
"WILLIAMS"
CODES USED:
BENTLEYS
A.B.C. 5TH ED.
A.I.

PORT STANLEY
FALKLAND ISLANDS

Agency of the
SOUTH ATLANTIC SEALING Co.Ld.

8th April 1950.

Hon. Dr. R. Stewart Slessor
Senior Medical Officer
Medical Department
STANLEY
Falkland Islands.

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Dear Sir,
I thank you for your letter of 5th inst.,
received this morning.

I note that the Medical Agreement is to be
as already outlined in previous letters exchanged, and
to be temporary for one year and to be reviewed
before the 1st January 1951.

A copy of your letter will be sent to
Mr. Tilbury at Albemarle, and also to our Headquarters
in London, for their records.

It only rests now to thank you for your
courtesy and kind attention.

Yours faithfully,
for South Atlantic Sealing Co., Ltd.

[Signature]
Agent.

HCS

Forwarded for your information.

11/4/50

File.

*In S.A.S.'s comments a
scheme*

B.V. 1.10.50.

12 APR 1950

SOUTH ATLANTIC SEALING COMPANY LIMITED

Your ref: 1149/1199
Our ref: 382/SEC/1

c/o Ernesto Rowe Esq.,
Estate Louis Williams,
PORT STANLEY, Falkland Islands.

8th May, 1950.

The Hon. the Senior Medical Officer,
King Edward Memorial Hospital,
STANLEY, Falkland Islands.

Sir,

South Atlantic Sealing Company Limited:
Provision of Medical Facilities for Employees.

I would refer to your previous correspondence with Mr. Ernesto Rowe, the Agent of the South Atlantic Sealing Company Limited, concerning the provision of medical facilities for the men employed by the above-named Company.

I would confirm our formal acceptance of your offer to provide the necessary facilities, and the terms governing these arrangements, which are as set out hereafter:-

- a) The South Atlantic Sealing Company Limited will itself contribute in respect of these services £50 per annum.
- b) The South Atlantic Sealing Company will be responsible for collecting and paying over to the Senior Medical Officer of King Edward Memorial Hospital a contribution of £1 per annum from each employee of the Company.
- c) Visits and attendance and the provision of ordinary drugs, dressings and prophylactics to be free. Special preparations will be charged at cost and borne by the South Atlantic Sealing Company.
- d) The Government medical service will pay the cost of transporting employees of the South Atlantic Sealing Company to Hospital.
- e) The Agreement is to operate retrospectively from the 1st January, 1950.
- f) The scale of payments as detailed above will be

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provisional, and, should undue demand be made upon the Medical Department, the scale of payments may have to be modified.

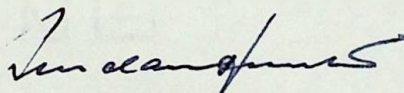
I note that there has been no mention in the correspondence regarding the question of providing medical attention for the wives and families of our employees. I understand that it is an integral part of your normal scheme that, in return for the contribution made by an individual farm worker, his wife and children are also covered, both as regards medical attention and also free transport in cases of emergency.

I put forward for your consideration the suggestion that the wives and children of our employees should be covered upon payment of an additional charge per capita of £1 per annum.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

for SOUTH ATLANTIC SEALING COMPANY LIMITED



SINCLAIR HUNTER
Secretary

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Don't forget please

King Edward VII Memorial Hospital,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.
21st July, 1950.

E.G. Rowe Esq.,
Agent South Atlantic Sealing Co., Ltd.,
Stanley.

Dear Sir,

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I thank you for the letter Ref. No. 382/SEC/1,
which you forwarded.

I am not prepared to adopt the suggestion that
wives and families of S.A.S.C. employees should be
admitted into the Medical Scheme.

The wives and families of Camp employees to
whom you refer in the penultimate paragraph, are in a
quite different position from wives and families of
S.A.S.C. employees. The former are, as it were, a
fixed population, under the medical care, primarily,
of the Camp Manager's wife.

Also, I do not see the necessity for S.A.S.C.
employees wives and families being admitted into the
Scheme. They live in Stanley, and therefore do not
have to face the risk of heavy transport charges in
case of illness, as would Camp people who might not be
in the Scheme.

I am,
Sir,
yours faithfully,

Robert T. James
Senior Medical Officer.

Seen. *[Signature]*
P.A.