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SUBJECT:SEALING INVESTIGATION IN
THE FALKLANDS - F.A. O'GORMAN.

CONNECTED FILES.

NUMBER

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FIDS P/375

Reports by W. N. Bonner.

P. file F.A. O'GORMAN.

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No. FIDS P/375/41.

MEMORANDUM.

It is requested
that in any refer-
ence to this memo-
randum the above
number and date
should be quoted.

27th January, 19 58.

The Honourable the Colonial

Secretary, F.I.D.S.

Secretary.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT :-

Seal Tagging in the Colony and Dependencies.

As O'Gorman is to stay in the Falkland Islands for the 1958 winter we should attempt to establish a link between the South Georgia and Colony Elephant Seal herds. This can be done by fixing numbered tags to the seals and I should be grateful if you would obtain a supply of these special tags from Bonner.

This tagging work proposed for O'Gorman will be a direct continuation of Bonner's work and there will be no question of the former "poaching on Bonner's territory". There should be plenty of tags available but Bonner should allocate a block of numbers for Colony use.

W. L. Elliott

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11th February, 58.

To: ^{W.E.} The Secretary,

From: The Colonial Secretary.

F.I.D.S.,

STANLEY.

I discussed with the Administrative Officer, South Georgia, the question of tags for O'Gorman's work in the Falklands. The A.O. pointed out:-

- (i) That there are insufficient tags in South Georgia for Bonner's work next year.
- (ii) It is essential that O'Gorman's work in the Falklands, so far as seal tagging is concerned, should be tied up closely with Bonner's work in South Georgia. Apart from the advantages of this it is necessary because Bonner has worked out and is employing a system of tagging e.g. he tags one flipper one year and the flipper on the other side another year. In addition of course he has a numerical system which should be tied up with O'Gorman's work.

2. Would you consider this point and discuss with me some time as soon as possible.

(Sgd.) A. G. Denton Thompson.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

GDT/MC

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S/F has discussed.
25/2/58.

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5.4.

Sec. F.I.D.S.

I wonder whether we had not better
keep all this O'Gorman seat runway business
on one file - the F.I.D.S. papers?

WJH
25/2/58.

5.

HCS

I agree - suggest this file is
closed and further action continued
in F.I.D.S. series. Most of the Hcs.
are already in O'Gorman's P file
(F.I.D.S. P/375) and if you have no
objections will continue to use it.

(Capt. A. C. Benson Thompson)

WJH
26/2/58

A.C.S.

6.5.

I think that this is the best arrangement.

WJH
25/2/58

S/F.

7.5.

Yes - file will be closed and.

CLOSED

WJH
26/2/58

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A.C.S.
Noted
2/3/58