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MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT
St. Christopher House, Southwark Street, LONDON S.E.1
Telegrams: Transminry, London, Telex
Telephone: WATERloo 7999, ext.

BY AIR MAIL

26th April, 1963

Our reference:

Your reference:

PERSONAL - IN CONFIDENCE

Dear Mr Manders,

I am writing to you personally and in confidence to let you know that we are reviewing our records of persons in the lighthouse services abroad for which the Ministry are responsible and who might be considered for an award of an Honour probably at the level of the B.E.M.

If you should wish at any time to put any name forward I would be glad if you would write to me with the following information :-

- (i) Name in full.
- (ii) Present position.
- (iii) Grounds on which the name is put forward (this should be in some detail, please).
- (iv) Month and year of birth.
- (v) Number of years in present position.
- (vi) Number of years in the Imperial Lighthouse Service.
- (vii) Previous Honours (if any).
- (viii) Home address in full.

/As

R. H. D. Manders, Esq., O.B.E.,
The Colonial Secretary,
Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

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As you know, the persons responsible for making the final decision would have regard to long and loyal service or specially meritorious actions related directly or indirectly to the lighthouse service.

Yours sincerely

Oliver Cochran

(OLIVER COCHRAN)
Head of MNA Division

Hines.

Bentson was originally appt.

Second Asst. Keeper on 3.10.31 fo 12 305/29

Promoted to first A.K. on 29.3.46 fo. 1. 74/46

Promoted to Principle Keeper on 1. 11. 55 fo. 38 in 0313/5

No after work

8/27/67

25.5.63

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G.S.

Please see letter from Ministry of Transport.

There would appear to be grounds for considering Berntsen who by 3/10/63 will have had 32 years service and against whom, as far as I know, there have been no complaints during that period.

But I think the person who knows best is H.M. and I would suggest that this might be brought up on his return. The letter does not necessarily demand a reply but I could write and say that we were doing nothing till H.M. returned. 8/1/66.

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Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

18th June, 1963.

Dear Mr. Cochran,

This is to acknowledge the receipt of your letter,
Personal - In Confidence, of the 26th April, 1963, the contents
of which will be kept in mind.

Yours sincerely,

R.H.D. Manders

C. Cochran, Esq.,
Ministry of Transport,
St. Christopher House,
Southwark Street,
LONDON, S.E.1.

~~Bill 15.11.63~~

Bill return of H.M.
20.12.63

RHM/EM.

H.M. 8
Do you wish to make a recommendation?
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H.B.S.

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Bentzen has given the Ministry of Transport 32 years of loyal and efficient service at Lake Umbagog Lighthouse under very primitive conditions, and I recommend that he be considered for an award of an Honour as suggested at folio 1.

He is a respected member of the Community and since his promotion to Principal Keeper the Lighthouse has been kept in a most efficient manner and no complaints have ever been made against him.

H.B.S.
H.M.
3.1.64.

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Y.E.

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Please refer folio 5,

W.I. 6.1.64.

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His name can go forward, but something stronger than "no complaints have ever been made against him" would help.

W.I. 14.1.64

Personal - In Confidence

January, 1964.

Dear Mr. Cochran,

I refer to your letter of the 26th April, 1963, which was addressed to my predecessor in office David Manders.

He sent you a brief note way back in June of last year saying the matter would be kept in mind. We now feel that the Keeper of the Cape Pembroke Lighthouse here should be the subject of a recommendation.

Details are:

- (i) Frederick George Berntsen.
- (ii) Principal Keeper, Cape Pembroke Lighthouse, Falkland Islands.
- (iii) Mr. Berntsen has given the Ministry of Transport 32 years of very loyal and very efficient service at the Cape Pembroke Lighthouse.
Living conditions have nearly always been primitive, and even now living is far from easy.
The Lighthouse under his command is well kept, and Keeper Berntsen has never, in all his recorded service been the subject of a complaint of any kind.
He is a highly respected member of the Islands Community and a credit to his Service.
These are lonely waters and few men could give such good service for so long, without complaint against them, or without complaining.
- (iv) 1st September, 1906.
- (v) Principal Keeper from 1st November, 1955, to date.
- (vi) Joined the Service on 3rd October, 1951.
- (vii) Nil.
- (viii) John St., Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Yours sincerely,

Willoughby Thompson.

O. Cochran, Esq.,
Head of MMA Division,
Ministry of Transport,
St. Christopher House,
Southwark St.,
LONDON, S. E. 1.

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Waterloo 7999

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ST. CHRISTOPHER HOUSE
SOUTHWARK STREET
LONDON S.E.1

3rd February, 1964

Personal - In Confidence

Dear Mr. Thompson,

I am very grateful to you for your letter, received here on 27th January, about an award for the Keeper of the Cape Pembroke Lighthouse, Mr. F. G. Berntsen. I am sure that the information you have given will be of much assistance to those responsible for the final decision.

Yours sincerely,

(OLIVER COCHRAN)

Willoughby Thompson, Esq.,
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

Presentation of the British Empire Medal
to Mr. Frederick George Berntsen

at Government House

Saturday, 25th September, 1965

High House
Hawes
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Guests are invited for 11.45 a.m. and are requested to take their seats in the drawing room by 11.55 a.m. and to remain seated until the arrival of His Excellency the Governor.

His Excellency will enter the drawing room by the east door and will invite guests to resume their seats.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary will announce the name of Mr. Berntsen who will advance and take his place facing the Governor.

His Excellency will request the Colonial Secretary to read the citation.

His Excellency will present the British Empire Medal to Mr. Berntsen.

His Excellency will then withdraw.

His Excellency will subsequently rejoin the guests in the drawing room.

DETAILS FOR PRESENTATION OF B.E.M. TO F.G. BERNTSEN

Colin MacDonald meets guests at east entrance.

Stan McAskill meets guests in ^{inner} near hall and distributes programmes.

Mr. Gray and Captain Benrose present at drawing room entrance and in drawing room to show guests to their seats.

When all assembled, Captain Benrose will come to the sitting room and collect Lady Haskard and the Colonial Secretary who will enter the drawing room by the west door.

Mr. Gray will come to the sitting room and will precede the Governor to the east door of the drawing room and announce him.

All stand.

Captain Goss will follow immediately behind the Governor.

In the drawing room the Governor will stand in front of the fire place with Captain Goss and Mr. Gray on his right, and the Colonial Secretary and Captain Benrose on his left.

The Governor will invite guests to resume their seats.

Colonial Secretary will announce the name of Mr. Berntsen who will advance and take his place facing the Governor.

The Governor will ask the Colonial Secretary to read the citation.

The Governor will then move to his left and Captain Goss will hand him the medal which the Governor will then present to Mr. Berntsen.

The Governor will then withdraw, followed only by Captain Goss.

All stand as the Governor leaves and all except the Governor and Captain Goss remain in the drawing room where drinks will be served.

The Governor will rejoin the guests as soon as he has changed.

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