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CIA ARGENTINA DE PESCA.

FUR COMPANY.

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CONNECTED FILES.

NUMBER



King Edward Point,  
South Georgia.

1st March 1960.

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary,  
Port Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Sir,

I submit below copy of a letter received this afternoon  
from Mr. Ringdal, manager of Pasca.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Administrative Officer,  
South Georgia.

Grytviken,  
South Georgia,  
1st March 1960.

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The Administrative Officer,  
King Edward Point,  
South Georgia.

Dear Sir,

By the President of our company, Mr. A.R.L. Ryan, I have  
been asked to approach you in the matter of obtaining a lic-  
ence for a Fur Company at Grytviken.

If such a licence would be granted I understand that it is  
Mr. Ryan's plan to establish such a company and register it either  
in South Georgia or in Port Stanley under the name of the South  
Georgia Fur Company.

It may be that it would be more convenient to build a  
breeding farm outside the whaling station. In that case the  
new company also will have to apply for the Lease of a small  
piece of land. This, however, will have to be discussed later  
on.

In the meantime I would be very much obliged to you if you  
would be kind enough to bring this matter forward to The Govern-  
ment.

Yours faithfully,  
FRITZ RINGDAL  
Whaling Manager.

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On file  
C.R.R.  
7.3.60

Reply at 5

J.E.

This is interesting and I suggest Don  
 Clark. They don't have to have a license and  
 I suggest this is a development we should  
 encourage.

? As in attached draft.

C.G.J.  
 11.3.60.

HCS.

I think there is a bit more in this  
 than meets the eye. The mink implication  
 in Ruydahl's letter may be camouflage, for  
 I think what Ryan is really interested in  
 is the fur seal. The time is drawing  
 near when the fur seal will be exploitable,  
 and we shall probably have to call for finders  
 before giving a license.

2. Let us first enquire what animals Ryan  
 has in mind for the "breeding farm". S.G. is pretty  
 much of a wild life sanctuary, and escaping mink  
 there would be a menace to the penguins.

JRA. 12.3.60.

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TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

To Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

Despatched : 15th March, 19 60. Time : 1130.

Received : 19 Time :

No. 70. Your letter 1st March.

Ryan's fur farm project. Grateful for information as to what animals Ryan has in mind. We shall need to keep in mind fact that South Georgia is magnificent wild life centre and escaped mink for instance would be serious menace to penguins.

Colonial Secretary.

GTC : AGDT/IM

Reply at 6.

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Letter in mail  
2.14/60



King Edward Point,  
South Georgia.  
19th March 1960.

Ref:154.

The Honourable The Colonial  
Secretary,  
Port Stanley.

Sir,

Ryan's Fur Farm Project.

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Reference your telegram No 70 dated 15.3.60,  
the following reply received from Ringdal, Pesca.

The Administrative Officer,  
King Edward Point,  
South Georgia.

29th March 1960.


Dear Sir,

I beg to refer to your letter of the 17th March  
regarding the establishment of a Fur Company.

I can inform you that up to now only mink has  
been mentioned.

The question of breeding and control must be  
discussed in professional circles, probably in Norway,  
with a view to obtaining the necessary information and  
the skilled personnel for such a farm in South Georgia.

Signed. F. Ringdal  
Manager,  
Compania Argentina De Pesca.

  
Administrative Officer  
South Georgia.

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TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary.....

To Admin. Officer, South Georgia.....

Despatched : 3.5.60 19 Time : 1200

Received : 19 Time :

No.88

b Your letter No.154 of the 19th March.  
Ryan's fur farm project. I am afraid that we shall  
need a good deal more information as to his intentions  
before coming to a decision on this matter. Please  
advise accordingly.

GTC : MW

bu. 13.5.60

Repe, at 8.

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TELEGRAM.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 5th May, 19 60 Time : 1945.

Received : 6th May, 19 60. Time : 1000.

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No. 107. Your telegram No. 88. Reference my letter 154 of 19th March.

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Pesca have been advised as instructed in your telegram No. 88.

Administrative Officer.

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B.U.F.

DRM

*BU 2.6.60*

P/L : IM

*24.6.60*

*BU 24.11.60*

*BU 30.6.60 (mail)*