

# SECRETARIAT

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SUBJECT :

NATURALISATION UNDER THE BRITISH  
NATIONALITY ACT, 1948.

Application for by Mr. Sverre Akseth.

## CONNECTED FILES.

## NUMBER

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Naturalisation under the British Nationality Act, 1948.  
Application for by Mrs. H. F. Hillenbrand.

0549.

App. from Mr. Franciszek Hlynarczyk to become a  
Naturalised British Subject.

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App. by Mr. P.A. Holm to become a naturalised  
British Subject.

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Application for Naturalisation by Philip S. Berrido.

26th April, 1959.

The Colonial Secretary,  
Port Stanley,  
Falkland Islands.



Dear Sir,

I wish to make applications for Falkland Island citizenship for myself, wife and son.

I have been employed by The South Georgia Co.Ltd., at their Whaling Station in Leith Harbour, South Georgia since 1953., with only a periodic holiday in Norway every 2nd Year. From 1953 to 1959 I have spent more than five years at South Georgia.

It would be my intention if naturalisation were granted to emigrate to the Falkland Islands.

I am at present a Norwegian subject by birth and employed in the capacity of Manager at Leith Harbour Whaling Station.

Particulars of self, wife and son are as follows:

SVERRE JOHAN AKSETH, Born 14th August 1910 at  
Bronnoysund, Norway.

Wife: SIGNY AKSETH, Born 14th October 1912 at  
Notodden, Norway.

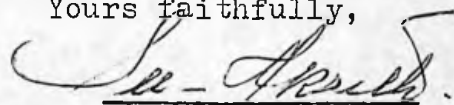
Son : ARNE-PETTER AKSETH, Born 28th February 1957 at  
Tonsberg, Norway.

My Norwegian passport No. is 1271 -57 -18.

I should be grateful for due consideration being given to my application.

Awaiting the favour of your reply,

Yours faithfully,

  
SVERRE AKSETH.

Please address correspondence

c/o Captain Omesinus Andersen,  
Tonsberg, Norway.

NCJ

Ack'd  
2/6/59

HCS

1. We will have to cross forward as we have no A1 forms left.
2. If he doesn't get employment here where is he going? A condition is that residence will be taken up in British territory.

D.R.  
8.6.59

Y.H.

① f.i. at this stage - I will look into the question of his qualifying period on return.

①  
9.6.59.

4.

Act. C.S.

I think a certain amount of caution is going to be required here! Amongst other things the new A.O. might perhaps be fully briefed as to the qualifications for citizenship and asked to enquire into this & future intentions, with particular reference to para 2 of m2. I have a feeling we need to know a lot more.

A/ACS

8.6.59  
10.6.59.

Att. the file on this early, pl.  
I will speak to you on Saturday

①  
11.6.59.

HCS

5 I have attached the relevant files. The conditions governing Naturalization are mainly those set out in the pamphlet in the application forms. I have flagged the one in Mrs. Hillenbrand's case

DLW  
12.6.59

A/ACS

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The latest one incorporating the 1958 Act is at 162 in 1022/II. You have a spare copy on your desk? If so can I have it for Capt. Coleman.

DLW  
12/6/59.

HCS

The one I have is a 1949 one (at bench) In Mrs Hillenbrand's file <sup>there</sup> is a 1952 one

DLW  
12.6.59

Record

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Capt. Coleman will report later

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A/ACS

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Better order some forms of application

DLW  
7/8/59.

NOTE:-

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Forms ordered under Indent 274/59

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TELEGRAM.

*From* Colonial Secretary, Stanley

*To* Administrative Officer, South Georgia

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*Despatched* : 8th October, 19 59. *Time* : 1510.

*Received* : 19 *Time* :

Confidential.

No. 245. Any news of Akseth's intentions in connection with his application for naturalization.

Colonial Secretary.

GTC : IM

Reply at 13, 14

DECODE.

No. 167.

TELEGRAM.

*From* Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

*To* Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

*Despatched* : 9th October, 1959 *Time* :1720

*Received* : 10th October, 1959 *Time* :1030

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No. 249. Your telegram No. 245 confidential.

No news as yet. Will send details as soon as possible.  
Hoping to see him Monday.

Administrative Officer.

File & B.U.  
25/X

bu 19.10.59  
bu 29.10.59

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

No. 391.

From Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched :	23rd October,	19 59	Time : 2215
Received :	24th October,	19 59	Time : 1115

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12 No. 260. Your telegram No. 245.

Akseth wishes to bring wife and child to Falkland Islands, and make his home there. He would continue to be employed by Salvesen South Georgia but he would spend leave in Falkland Islands.

In practice not all that easy.  
C.H.F.  
29.2.59

Administrative Officer.

14A

G.T.C. : MF  
Typed : IH

B.U.F.  
(Intld.)  
JB

Reply at 19.

Jes

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H. Please see reverse.

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J.E.

Please see the papers on this file. I think we need to be very cautious about this one and I would like to discuss the whole thing personally with Absett to be sure he does qualify and does explain the implications.

I think it is going to be quite important for someone to go down and spend a working few days or so in South Georgia very soon. Alternatively you may be down there and discuss the matter with the A.C. and Absett. The Dept. are at h.c.

R.J.V.  
29.x.59.



HCS.

Presumably his idea is to have his wife and child somewhere where he can see them more often. But, as you say, we must be cautious, and I doubt whether, in the event of Salvemur shutting down, he would wish to reside in a British Territory.

RAA. 2.11.59.

Office.

Telegram at b.c. to issue. pl.

e.g.f.

2/21/59.

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TELEGRAM.

From Colonial Secretary, Stanley

To Administrative Officer, South Georgia

Despatched : 2nd November, 1959 Time : 1545.

Received : 19 Time :

Confidential.

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No. 261. Your telegram No. 260. Akseth's application for naturalization. There are difficulties about this application connected principally with questions of qualifying residence and practical implications of his future residence intentions. In circumstances either Governor or I would like to discuss matter personally with him when we come down. Grateful if you would convey general sense of this to him as smoothly as possible.

Colonial Secretary.

NB. Note made on P.G.  
Discussion list.

dlm  
5.11.59

Reply at 20

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TELEGRAM.

No. 34.

*From* Administrative Officer, South Georgia

*To* Colonial Secretary, Stanley

*Despatched* : 3rd November, 1959. *Time* : 1305.

*Received* : 3rd November, 1959. *Time* : 1545.

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No. 267. Your coded telegram No. 260.

Message understood and will act as instructed.

Administrative Officer.

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Akseth?  
(Intld.)  
JB

EE 15.12.59

Extract from the Colonial Secretary's Report  
on his visit to South Georgia, December, 1959.

Applications for British Naturalisation.

I explained as best I could to Mr. Akseth that he could not meet the residence stipulations connected with naturalisation. His future plans are really pretty indefinite and both the A.O. and I got the impression that he was only really interested in British citizenship for business or similar reasons and is not actuated by any deep seated desire to become a British subject.

He is considering building a house in Stanley where his wife could stay during the season and from which he could look round for a job if whaling folded up. It was explained to him that his Norwegian nationality did not constitute an obstacle to such intentions but that it would be desirable for he himself to come to Stanley to look round and negotiate the lease or purchase of a property.

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He did not take it particularly/and was clearly offended at not being welcomed with open arms. The A.O. will attempt to mollify him and explain the position in rather more detail.

Dr. Sustring's application now falls away. He has told Salveson that he wants to break his contract and get away from South Georgia and whaling as soon as possible. He does not meet the residence qualifications and in any event is now considering emigrating to Canada. He quite understood that we could not proceed with his application.

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H.F.A. T.A.

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8.1.1960.