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SUBJECT: Proposed Central Unallocated Store.

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P.W.D. Proposed construction of new P.W.D. Store.

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P.W.D. Storage.

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Naval Wireless Station.

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AUDIT OFFICE,  
STANLEY,  
FALKLAND ISLANDS.



17th. December, 1960.

Sir,

re Use of Naval W/T. Station as central Unallocated Store.

With reference to the discussion we had the other day, I have had a look at the relevant files, and it would appear from 1(a) at 115, or file 170/46, that H.M.G., propose in the event of an emergency, to take over the Government wireless station, and would not put into operation the old naval station. Providing the powers that be, have not changed their minds, we might be able to obtain the buildings without any financial adjustment.

2. The S.P.W., could be asked to advise on the cost of renovating the buildings, removing what machinery is still there, and in particular installing a first floor in the main building, which would, more or less, double its capacity as a store. We could then compare this cost, with the cost of building a new store in Stanley, having regard to the floor space that would be available in each case. There is the further point, that we would save £385 p.a. in caretakers wages; expenditure for looking after a building apparently of no further use to the Admiralty. The house at present occupied by the caretaker could be offered to the senior storekeeper.

3. The main advantage would, I think, be a larger store for less money, an important consideration in this Colony. The main disadvantage is distance from Stanley, (3 miles) which would be mitigated to some extent when the road is finished to the filtration plant. Also to a lesser extent, there would be the need for departments to anticipate their store requirements to save unnecessary journeys.

4. If and when, we get a new store, we would probably be able to dispense with the separate Unallocated store in the Power and Electrical Department. Apart from the reduced clerical work, it would mean one board of survey less each year, and more space for the departmental allocated store. Some of the stores held by the Posts and Telegraphs might also be able to be transferred to the main store, as I noticed that some of the stores are slow moving, and the department is very cramped for store space.

5. If the idea of a central main store is accepted, to make it work to the satisfaction of all departments, I think the senior storekeeper should be responsible to the H.C.S., in the same way as the Head Printer, an arrangement common in other Colonies where there is a central store. This is no reflection on the P.W.D., but no one department can impartially look after the interests of all the departments. The value of the authorised stock in the main store could be allocated over the interested departments, who would then be responsible for their own ordering.

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6. We already have a senior storekeeper in the P.W.D., who I have found from my inspections to be interested in store accounting, and has maintained very accurate records considering the lack of space in the store, and the antiquated store system. This officer could + am sure manage a central store.

7. Might H.H.G., be approached, if the report from the S.P.W., at paragraph 2, above is financially satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
your obedient servant,

*Oke Gaven.*

Auditor.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary,  
Secretariat,  
Stanley.

3.  
S/PW for visit in the first instance  
on 20/12/60

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400 My first reaction to this is that these buildings are in bad state of repair also too far out of Stanley for P.W.D. Stores  
Cost of transport would be great and I still maintain the Only Place for P.W.D. Stores is the Dockyard

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*WJG*  
31/12/60

I have discussed with S/PW  
the points are but the initial cost of putting in under  
windows will be at least £2500 and more if we are to  
have a extra storage ~~building at the site~~ which  
will admittedly be a low cheque but be building 4 new



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the which will be £15 000

we have no idea what will be at the end

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be possible to experience to be to

and then all had way - I must agree

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For yr information of

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H.C.S.

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I agree that whether we build a new  
station or use the existing station is really a  
matter of weighing the money saved approx £10,000  
against the disadvantage of the station being three miles  
from Stanley. The question of a central location  
station would still be pursued even if we  
build a new station on the road - I should  
be grateful for your views on this aspect of the  
problem.

D.H.G.

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I am afraid his 16/1/61

hospital won't work. There was another a few

minutes as he went out on station. A cross reference

can be given to his case & his case can be done BU 27.3.61

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EXTRACT FROM A GENERAL MINUTE ON NAVAL WIRELESS STATION BY H.S.S.  
(Original filed in: 2030).

It does seem that we shall need to keep the premises on even if the admiralty do not want them, since they are useful for storing our aviation fuel which was previously stored in the Sullivan Hall, a procedure which I gather might, if anything had gone wrong, have had undesirable results for the Colonial Secretary and his family! Also the house where Mr. Nicholson now lives would certainly be useful for one of the employees at the Filtration Plant. When the position was clarified we could decide what we were going to do in the nature of repairs. The caretaker's house at present is in very bad repair and very primitive. On the other hand I do not think we should ever want to spend money to restore it again in its entirety, as it is far too big. The S.P.W. says that a flat might be made out of it. I have not at this stage discussed with the S.P.W. the question of repair to the store itself since the position is too vague for it to be worth doing so. I should hope that it might be possible to enclose part of it and keep that in fairly good repair and perhaps abandon the rest.

One other point may be mentioned to complete the minute. It was suggested that we might be able to use this building as a central store and so obviate the expense of building a new store in the P.Y.D. yard. This is not worth while. The building is in very bad repair. Certainly if we did reach the stage whereby all the Admiralty stuff and the engines were cleared out it would be cheaper to repair it and make it into a store than it would be to build an entire new store but the cost of transport to and fro together with the other disadvantages of having a store so far away would be so great that it would not be worthwhile.

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