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m. Hlockney

Miss Battison

10/2/82

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Please see docs. 1 + 2.

now mem 3.

C Battison

10/2/82

Mr. Allix

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DEFENCE PLANNING - CHANNEL ISLANDS - MAFF INVOLVEMENT

I refer to Mr Rundle's letter of 4 Feb. to Mr. Snell.

MAFF contact with the Channel Islands appears to have ceased in April 1969 though we did hear in Feb. of that year that unlike the UK they had decided not to disband their Civil Defence Corps & I don't know if it still exists 13 years on. If it does, maybe we could learn a thing or two from them! There is very little correspondence on closed file DEF 291 and the previous papers from DEF 21/1 Pt II are annexed as documents. There are no other files.

I cannot find any evidence to suggest that the Channel Islands form a part of Home Defence Region 7, although the Isle of Man is part of H.D. Region 10 according to the Home Office map of H.D. Regions. All previous contact & advice has been via Emergencies Division at HQ & has been concerned with stockpiling & re-supply. However, this is really academic since it is evident from past action that the UK does have a responsibility to ~~assist~~ the Channel Islands (and the Isle of Man) in an advisory capacity though they both appear to carry out the major part of their defence planning independently. The Channel Islands & the Isle of Man are mentioned neither in the Civil Defence Act 1948 nor the G.W.B. as far as I can tell. It's a rather strange situation.

You will see from DEF 528 - Isle of Man - Defence General - that I had contact with the Home Office in August 1981 but prior to that, contact ceased between MAFF & D. of M. in Aug. 1977.

I have not had an opportunity to contact the Home Office on the current situation but the fact remains that we should be prepared to offer any assistance which is requested - anticipating the response of our colleagues in F6 I am sure they would encourage this. It just remains to be decided whether the assistance should come from Bristol R.O., from HQ London or from both. ~~We need to open a new file.~~

H. Alex
18/2

C. Bathison
10/2/82

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I agree that we should be prepared to offer assistance but would be grateful if you would just draft a letter to the Home Office seeking their formal advice on the position of the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man as regards home defence Minutes 7 and 8 on the attached file (DEF 291) indicate that guidance was to be sought in 1965 but as far as I can see, this was never done.

As to whether we or Bristol should assist Jersey it seems to me that it should be us for the following reasons:—

- (a) policy aspects can only be dealt with here and the "Islands" can also take their own such decisions.
- (b) all the past dealings were from HQ - see correspondence with Guernsey and Mr Hetherington's visit to the Isle of Man
- (c) Mr Rundle refers to Jersey reversing its War ^{in view of (a)} position and the fact that ^{Book 2 has would be for us to advise on} ~~our~~ Regime do not hold the G.W.B.

Miss Ballison (or)

P. G. Allie
22/3/82

5.

A draft letter, for Peter's signature?, is at doc 3.
(minute & refs). for your clearance.

Miss Batters

L. Allen

[Signature]

24.3.82

6

I have written as at doc 4.

Miss Batters CB 15/4

[Signature]

15/4/82

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Re. doc. 5. Please arrange for Registry to 'HF' those files to you in 1 month & chase up H.O.

Mr Cooke

[Signature]
5/5/82

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ref. 4/6/82. & please send to me with DEF 291

[Signature]

10/5/82

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I have spoken to Mr Walmsley and his draft is with Hon K2 Division who are concerned with these Divisions. He is away next week and so a reply will probably be sent by

week ending 25 June.

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ref. 25/6/82. and please return (on ref) to me with DEF 291

[Signature]

11/6/82.

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Will you please ring Mr Walmsley (after checking with Peter that he is not holding any papers) to find out when a reply to Peter's letter (doc 4) can be expected.

Mrs Jeff.

[Signature]

2/7/82.

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I have spoken to Mr Walmsley, he will be ringing 52 Division in the Home Office to see if they have an answer for him yet. (re Mr Cooks minute)

Mr Allie

KELoff.
6 July 1982.

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Please ring again towards the end of next week.

Mr Keloff

P. G. Allie
14/7/82

13.

Please see doc. 6. A copy/reply can now be sent to Bristol R.O. (docs 1 & 5 refer) - do you want me to do a short draft?

Mr Allie

Shirley
21.7.82.

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I have spoken to Mr Walmsley and he has clarified for me that Jersey etc are not part of any H's Region and should look to HQ Dept for advice on defence planning. He is content that Jersey should consult direct if they want advice on food and agriculture matters. Please draft a reply to Bristol asking them to point this out to Jersey & direct them to us (me if you can) I would like to see on return from leave live

15.

Draft attached at doc 7.

Mr. AM: x o/r.

P. G. Allie
30/7/82.

16.

You expressed an interest in seeing the response to doc 4 and this is filed at doc 6. I propose to reply as at doc 8 which would re-establish the previous advisory role adopted by this branch vis-a-vis the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man. I stand ready to visit Jersey should the opportunity arise!

Mr Snell

P. G. Allie
11/8/82

17.

How generous!

P. G. Allie 13/8

P. G. Allie 13/8

Please arrange typing.

Mr Coe

P. G. Allie
13/8

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Mr Cooper (Home Office) rang me today about a visit he is making - with the Director of UKWMO - on 25/26 April to Jersey, Channel Islands. He had been announcing a programme for 2 weeks & only today received a call from Inspector Holmes (Jersey Police) who deals with civil defence. Mr Cooper has been asked to speak to both the Health and Food Committee but on my advice will speak generally about civil defence matters rather than on specific aspects. I pointed out to Mr Cooper that Inspector Holmes had written to Mr Snell last October & Mr Snell had offered assistance. I suggested that Mr Cooper might remind Inspector Holmes about this offer, which still stands, and propose that he writes to me now. Mr Cooper promised to let me know what happened when he returned.

Record

P. Q. Allie
21/4/83

With reference to minute 19 overleaf,
I did not hear anymore from Mr Cooper
and with our current workload I suggest
we now let matters rest until Jersey get
in touch.

Mr Frost (or)

Noted.

[Signature]
9.1.84.

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3/1/84.

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Our reference
8RD 2115
Date

4 February 1982

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4 discuss

Please let me have your comments.
Miss Baltison
G. Allen
5/2/82

Dear *Jony*,
DEFENCE PLANNING CHANNEL ISLANDS

We have been approached by the authorities in Jersey to assist them with their food and agriculture planning. The basis for this approach is a minute dated 12 June 1981 from the regional CEPOs' meeting which reads:-

- 13. The Channel Islands Maj Shaw reported that the Channel Islands were included in Region 7 and a liaison meeting had been held with a view to establishing a Joint Service liaison scheme with the Islands' Defence Committee.

Both Jersey and Guernsey are to have teleprinter links with UKWMO.

It was agreed that representatives of the Defence Committee be invited to Region 7 meetings as appropriate and the Convenor 7 Region be consulted regarding their representation at future Controllers' Conferences.

Clearly there is some sort of tie up between Adas & the Channel Islands - see for example ON 82/6. But I am not clear whether this applies to other aspects of the Ministry's work, and perhaps you would advise me of our locus in this matter.

Apparently, the States of Jersey are reviewing the whole of their War Book, the various aspects being coordinated by the Defence Committee (contact Inspector Holmes 0534-75511 ext 213). The Agriculture & Fisheries Committee is responsible for food defence planning, and two officials whose names I have been given are Mr Abrahams and Mr Carter.

Yours sincerely

Dawson

D RUNDLE

24 July 1981—[Vol. 9 p. 731]—that we do contribute more to international population programmes. The IPPF will benefit from these additional contributions. Her Majesty's Government have decided, subject to Parliamentary approval, to contribute £2.05 million to the IPPF in 1981-82 and £2.4 million in 1982-83.

International Population Programme

Mr. James Johnson asked the Lord Privy Seal how much Her Majesty's Government will contribute to the international population programme in 1981-82 and whether the world fertility survey will be completed.

Mr. Bill Marten: Her Majesty's Government have decided, subject to Parliamentary approval, to contribute £2.05 million to international population programmes in 1981-82 and to increase this to £6 million in 1982-83. The world fertility survey will receive £0.25 million in 1981-82.

Population Activities

Mr. Upper asked the Lord Privy Seal what support Her Majesty's Government have provided for United Nations population activities, UNSPA, in 1981-82; and whether they are planned for 1982-83.

Mr. Bill Marten: Her Majesty's Government have decided, subject to Parliamentary approval, to contribute £2.05 million to UNSPA in 1981-82 and £2.4 million in 1982-83.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL

Court of Protection

Mr. Abley asked the Attorney-General (1) what is the value of patients' funds administered by the court of protection;

(2) how many new cases came within the jurisdiction of the court of protection in each of the last three years; and (3) how many will estimate the number of patients at present within the jurisdiction of the court of protection;

(4) how many patients within the remit of the court of protection were visited by the Lord Chancellor's visitors in each of the last three years;

(5) what proportion of the funds under the control of the court of protection are invested in the common investment fund.

Mr. Solicitor-General: This information cannot be given at this time. I shall write to the right hon. Member.

Receivership Orders

Mr. Abley asked the Attorney-General how many receivership orders have been made for the discharge of receivership orders in each of the last three years; and, of these, how many have been successful.

Mr. Solicitor-General: This information cannot be given at this time. I shall write to the right hon. Member.

DEFENCE

Hawk Trainers

Mr. George asked the Secretary of State for Defence how many Hawk trainers have so far been modified or armed for an air defence role; and when he expects this programme to be completed.

Mr. Patten: The Hawk war role modification has been successfully installed in the first aircraft as part of the development programme. Delivery of modified aircraft will take place over the next few years.

Channel Islands and Isle of Man

Mr. Foulkes asked the Secretary of State for Defence what aspects of strategic planning apply to the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man; and whether, in the event of war, these territories would be declared to be "demilitarised" as the Channel Islands were in the Second World War.

Mr. Blaker: The Channel Islands and the Isle of Man are dependencies of the Crown and accordingly the Crown is responsible for their external defences. Comparisons between the position in 1940 and what might be faced in any future war are misleading.

Mr. Foulkes asked the Secretary of State for Defence whether the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man are territories that are included in the protection of the nuclear defence of the United Kingdom and the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation; and whether the residents of these islands make any financial contribution towards this defence strategy.

Mr. Blaker: The Channel Islands and Isle of Man are dependencies of the Crown. The Crown is responsible for their external defence and they benefit from the United Kingdom's membership of NATO. The question of residents' financial contributions to defence is a matter for my right hon. and learned Friend the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Mr. Foulkes asked the Secretary of State for Defence whether the Government have any plans to change the terms of the existing financial arrangements with the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man for the provision of fishery protection or other peace-time military services for the Islands; and what are the current costs.

Mr. Blaker: The offshore protection activities of the Royal Navy and Royal Air Force are paid for out of the repayments made by the Fisheries Department and the Department of Energy for offshore protection generally. There is no separate provision within the defence budget for such activities in relation to the Isle of Man and Channel Islands. Other peacetime military services are paid for by the appropriate authority on the usual repayment terms.

Mr. Foulkes asked the Secretary of State for Defence if he will make a statement as to the military role of the lieutenant governors as commanders in chief in the islands of Jersey, Guernsey and the Isle of Man.

Mr. Blaker: The title Commander in Chief, which applies only to the Lieutenant Governors of Jersey and Guernsey, is a purely honorary one. The Lieutenant Governors do not have a military role, although their responsibilities extend to home defence arrangements.



~~A. Wainwright Esq~~
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Our ref: DES 706
April
March 1981

~~Dear Mr Wainwright~~

DEFENCE PLANNING: CHANNEL ISLANDS AND THE ISLE OF MAN.

I should welcome your views concerning the UK's position on Home Defence Planning for the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man. For example, ~~how~~ ^{should} your involvement ~~only extend~~ be restricted to giving advice or do we have additional responsibilities, and am I correct in thinking that ~~they~~ ^{these islands} are not covered by the UK Home Defence Regions but are a separate entity?

My enquiry stems from a recent request for MAFF to assist the Jersey Authorities with their food and agriculture planning. It has been several years since we have assisted in this way and, while we are only too willing to help, I should like to establish precisely what, ~~if any~~ ^{if any,} are our responsibilities for the Channel Islands' and the Isle of Man's defence plans.

~~Please feel free to contact me if there are any points we would like to discuss.~~

Y. S.

P. R. Allix

thanks — I should be interested
to see the response.

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in (say) one month's
Date 15 April 1982 *time*

Miss Battison
[Signature]
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DEFENCE PLANNING: CHANNEL ISLANDS AND ISLE OF MAN

I am writing to seek your advice concerning the position of the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man in respect of UK defence planning. The background to this is that our Bristol Regional Office has recently been approached by the authorities in Jersey to assist them with their food and agriculture defence planning. The basis for this approach is a minute dated 12 June 1981 from the regional CEPOs' meeting which reads:-

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We have now dusted down our files not only on the Channel Islands but also on the Isle of Man, and have established that our contacts with the Islands appear to have ceased in 1969 and with the Isle of Man in 1977. With reference to the latter however Miss Battison here did write to your Mr Million on 18 August 1981 giving a brief note on MAFF's advisory role to brief Alan Howard in connection with a visit of the Lieutenant Governor.

You may have seen a recent written PQ in which Mr Foulkes asked the Secretary of State for Defence, inter alia, "what aspects of strategic planning apply to the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man". Mr Blaker's reply on 8 February 1982 stated that "The Channel Islands and the Isle of Man are dependencies of the Crown and accordingly the Crown is responsible for their external defences". This does not of course necessarily mean the Crown is responsible for their home defence planning and I would welcome your views on whether they are considered to be a part of one of the UK Home Defence Regions (as implied in the extract I quoted at the start of this letter) or whether they are a separate entity within the UK framework (as implied by the reference to a Jersey "War Book").

All our previous correspondence and meetings, particularly with Jersey and Guernsey representatives, indicate that the latter is the case. For example we have given advice on food stockpiles and resupply after nuclear attack and this was surely given in the context of a territory able to take its own independent policy planning decisions on home defence. As one of Jersey descent I have always been made well aware that the Islands have considerable independence, notably in economic, financial and home affairs!

If the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man are separate entities within the UK framework it seems to me that they should look to central government HQs for policy advice on defence planning and we would be happy to do this for food and agriculture. However as the central planning department for home defence I would first welcome Home Office views on the status of the Islands and the position of individual Departments with respect to their home defence planning.

I am copying this letter to Tony Shell here.

Yours sincerely

P G ALLIX

Copy sent to Miss J. Welland (Britol R.O.) 8/6/82

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TO: MR. J. J. JANTSON, BRANCH A, EMERGENCIES DIV., 1701
FROM: JON. QUINN, ST. BRISTOL RD.
COPY: SENIOR

DEFENCE PLANNING : CHANNEL ISLANDS.

OUR FILE AGAIN OUT ON BE WAITING A REPLY
DUDLEY LETTER DATED FEB 22. TO W. SNELL. COULD YOU PLEASE
LOOK AT THIS AGAIN AND ADVISE CURRENT SITUATION.
AN EARLY SETTLEMENT OF THIS ISSUE WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

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*Spoke to Mr Kingless.
and said we would
contact him and
received an answer
from the Home Office
also Repton*

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20 July 1982

Dear Peter

HOME DEFENCE PLANNING: CHANNEL ISLANDS AND THE ISLE OF MAN

I am sorry that you have not had an earlier reply to your letter of 15 April about the position of the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man in respect of UK home defence planning but exercises, such as Hard Rock, have been taking up a lot of my time recently.

The Channel Islands and the Isle of Man are dependencies of the Crown and whilst the Crown is responsible for their external defences, civil home defence is a matter for the Islands' authorities. The Islands are not part of any home defence region to be administered by a Regional Commissioner when authorised by Parliament but would instead continue to administer their own internal affairs. However, so far as military defence is concerned the services' responsibilities towards the Islands are the same as their responsibilities for any area of the United Kingdom. I think the minute you quote at the beginning of your letter refers to the Channel Islands being the responsibility of the Joint Service Planning Committee (a military body) for No 7 Region rather than being part of the Region proper.

So far as civil home defence is concerned it is for the Islands' authorities to make whatever plans they consider to be necessary for the Islands' welfare. Departments and organisations here work closely with the authorities and proffer advice through the Home Office when it is requested, and we would encourage them to continue to do so.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Walmsley

A WALMSLEY

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DEF 706

17 August 1982

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I would be grateful therefore if you would explain the position to the Jersey authorities indicating that we would be pleased to advise them on their planning if they would care to write to Tony Snell here as Head of Defence Planning Branch and to whom I am copying this letter

P G Allix

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P G Allix

I think perhaps we should have written to them from HQ - but no matter it will finish up with us

*Miss Ballison
The Cocks*

D 18.8



States of Jersey Police

POLICE HEADQUARTERS,
ROUGE BOUILLON, ST. HELIER, JERSEY. C.I.
TELEPHONE : STD 0534 75511.
TELEX : 4192222

YOUR REF :

OUR REF : CD/7(2)

DATE 12th October, 1982.

Dear Mr. Snell,
Home Defence Planning - Food Control.

I was in verbal contact earlier this year with your colleague Mr. D. Rundle at Bristol concerning food control in Jersey.

Mr. Rundle wrote to me on 7th October giving your name and suggesting that you may be in a position to offer me some assistance.

By designation of the Island Defence Committee, I am the Civil Emergency Controller in Jersey. Pre 1980, the Controller was appointed from within the Civil Service. On the retirement of my predecessor however, the Defence Committee of the day decided that the Controller should be appointed from within the States of Jersey Police.

At the same time, the Defence Committee decided that certain responsibilities and duties which had been performed by my predecessor, notably the Emergency Control in Peace or War of Fuel and Food, should be placed with Departments other than the Police.

As a result of this decision, responsibility for the control of the latter was placed in the hands of the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries. All the files that my predecessor had built up over the years were forwarded to that Department and had, in fact, been despatched prior to the commencement of my take-over period late in 1979. I did not therefore have the opportunity of even a cursory examination of the information contained therein.

Some time ago, the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries began to express reservations at having the responsibility for the control of food, since it did not have the staff available to implement and maintain any plan/s for the emergency control of food, nor did it have any member of staff who knew how to produce the plan/s. When these reservations were made known to me, I confirmed that relevant Courses were held at the Home Defence College and contacted Mr. Rundle asking if he was able to offer any assistance or advice. To date, I have been unable to make further progress in this important matter.

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I am, as you may have realised by now, in a somewhat delicate situation in that I am being asked to provide assistance to a Department when in fact I do not have the necessary knowledge of, or experience in, the subject. My situation is aggravated by the fact that the subject is something of a hot potato, and the current holders of the potato would be pleased to see it passed to someone else.

I would therefore be extremely grateful if you could offer any assistance or advice which you think may resolve the present impasse. In particular, I would be very interested to hear your views on the following questions:-

1. What, in brief, is the U.K. Food Control Plan during peacetime or war emergencies?
2. Who would be responsible for the implementation of that part of the plan covering approximately 45 square miles and a resident population of 76,000?
3. Assuming that he could not fulfil his responsibilities in peace and war single handed, how many additional members of staff would he require in each situation?

I look forward to receiving your observations in due course and in anticipation of same, feel obliged to apologise for having to ask for so much help and information.

Yours sincerely,



Police Inspector A. Holmes,
Civil Emergency Controller.

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HOME DEFENCE PLANNING - FOOD CONTROL

May I give you a quick and first response to your letter of 12 October. The subject you raise is a very complex and diverse one and it would be difficult to deal with it in a few well chosen words. The security aspect would also not make it any easier. It seems to me the best way would be for you to visit Whitehall or doubtless it could be arranged for me to visit St Helier. We could then discuss the subject in general terms and then pursue in more depth those aspects you are most concerned with. On balance it might perhaps be best if I visit to St Helier because you will have on hand the answers to the questions I will be bound to ask, but the choice is yours.

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Dear Inspector Holmes

CIVIL HOME DEFENCE PLANNING

I apologise for the delay in contacting you since your initial telephone enquiry some months ago asking for assistance on Food and Agriculture Defence Planning. However I have been discussing this with my headquarters colleagues who have in turn been in touch with the Home Office to establish lines of communication etc. I am advised that for Military Defence purposes the Services responsibilities towards the Islands are the same as for any area of the mainland and hence the link that has been established with JSPC No 7 HD Region at South West District Army headquarters, Bulford Garrison, Wiltshire. For civil matters however since the islands look to central government for policy guidance MAFF headquarters in London will deal with your request rather than MAFF Bristol Regional Office.

Perhaps therefore you would contact my headquarters colleague Mr A W Snell, Emergencies Division, Room 18, Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries and Food, Whitehall Place East, London SW1A 2HH (telephone 01-233-3000 Ext 5210 or 7008), who has indicated that he will be very pleased to offer every assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

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Date

8 October 1982

Dear Allix *Peter*,

Thank you for your letter of 17 August from which I note that your branch will deal with the request we have had from Jersey and I have advised my contact accordingly (copy letter enclosed).

As I expect you know the RAO here Frank Thomas is responsible for line managing a number of ADAS officers outstationed on the Channel Islands who apart from normal advisory work also get drawn into Islands policy issues. This agency service is paid for by the Islands. The RAO himself visits the Islands regularly and also sends regional specialists to deal with ad hoc problems there from time to time. In view of this close and continuous link it seems to me that once you have laid down the broad ground-lines perhaps the follow-up peacetime agriculture planning could best be handled from Bristol. Although we haven't yet seen the Laco manual of course it seems pretty clear from the Defence Manual that local knowledge will be essential for the agricultural planning aspects. We shall of course take no further action on this unless we hear further from you and I leave the thought with you.

You may like to know for follow-up purposes that the 2 senior officers in charge who are the RAS's contacts are Mr John Abrahams (Jersey) and Mr Bernard LeFevre (Guernsey). I am copying this letter to the RAO.

Yours sincerely

Dawson Rundle

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DATE : 12th October, 1982.

Dear Mr. Rundle, *DL 21/10.82*
Civil Home Defence Planning.

Thank you for your letter dated 7th October, 1982. Coincidentally, I had intended to write to you shortly to advise you of my current situation in respect of Food Control.

However, since you have very kindly provided me with Mr. Snell's name as a contact, I shall not burden you with my difficulties.

I will certainly make an early contact with Mr. Snell and am sorry that we shall probably not now be able to meet, which of course means that I will not have the opportunity of properly expressing my gratitude for the help you have given me.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Mr Allix

DEFENCE PLANNING - CHANNEL ISLANDS

Further to D Rundle's letter of 8 October 1982 on this subject, I enclose a copy of a letter received from the Civil Emergency Controller, States of Jersey Police.

Yours sincerely


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HOME DEFENCE PLANNING - FOOD CONTROL

May I give you a quick and first response to your letter of 12 October. The subject you raise is a very complex and diverse one and it would be difficult to deal with it in a few well chosen words. The security aspect would also not make it any easier. It seems to me the best way would be for you to visit Whitehall or doubtless it could be arranged for me to visit St Helier. We could then discuss the subject in general terms and then pursue in more depth those aspects you are most concerned with. On balance it might perhaps be best if I visit St Helier because you will have on hand the answers to the questions I will be bound to ask, but the choice is yours.

A W SNELL
Head of Defence
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ADVICE TO CI ON STOCKPILE COMPOSITION.

Jane Evans (E2 Division, Home Office, Queen Anne's Gate - 213 EXT 5331). During a recent visit from very senior officials/Government the Staff of Guernsey said that they held a quantity of 'Stips biscuits' in reserve and asked what we held and on what basis the quantities were calculated.

I explained that we held a range of basic foodstuffs, as stated in Section 11 of the Guidance Circulars, but that the quantity was not disclosed and was not related to population or a specific endurance period.

Miss Evans asked if we would write to her and suggested we could be a little more forthcoming.

I have since told her that this Branch is so large responsible for this aspect of planning, asked if we could write direct to CI but she seemed reluctant on this.

I have discussed with Mr Sandy who would like some guidance on how far he can go in detail.

This seems a good opportunity for a visit to discuss this and other aspects of planning.

C.I. are not so well placed as we are in that they can't rely on the range of foodstuffs from home production that we do; they might need to consider a larger stockpile per capita - perhaps Campo rather like the Swiss?

Mr Hill.

J.P. Hill

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I have spoken to Miss Evans's successor (didn't catch his name) and explained the problems with the Stockpile - I said we would gladly speak to the C.I. people and

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were willing to assist on ~~any~~ aspect of planning.

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26 February 1986

Dear Sir Charles

When you were over here recently, you asked whether we could obtain on your behalf any information about emergency food and fuel stocks held in the UK, for the guidance of the Insular Authorities in their planning to deal with possible civil emergencies.

Colleagues in the relevant UK Government Departments advise that, since UK emergency planning takes significant account of the quantities of food and fuel held at any given time by the processing, wholesale and retail trades and in EC Intervention, and since those quantities are far greater than comparable stocks held in Guernsey, the planning contexts in the UK and in the Island are necessarily very different.

As to food, UK emergency stocks largely comprise high calorie-value basic food commodities, including flour, sugar, refined fat, yeast and special biscuits. Being of such a nature, these goods require no particular storage facilities such as refrigeration, and are held by contractors in leased warehousing. The flour is turned over through the food trade every 4 years.

As to fuel, there are of course plans in the UK designed to constrain demand and to set priority uses if the need arises. However, no Government stockpiles are held against civil emergencies in view of the fuel stocks commonly held by the oil industry as a result of EEC requirements.

All this is perhaps less informative than you had hoped. However, should you consider it helpful, I am sure that we here could arrange for Insular representatives to meet UK officials for discussions on the principles of emergency planning.

Please let me know if you would like to explore that possibility.

Yours sincerely

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— Many thanks for your
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