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- 4.1 Letter from T.P. Caldicott to F.D. Webber dated 25th May 1967 regarding the wharf labour problem and the consideration of the proposal and arrangement for a representative to attend any discussion that will take place.
- Attached: A proposal for Cargo working on Brunei Town Wharf dated 22nd May 1967 from the Straits Steamship Co. Ltd.
- 4.2 Letter from A.P. Gardner to J.R. Steele dated 1st November 1966 regarding the Straits Steamship plans, congestion in Brunei, talk between Wingate with the Chambers of Commerce, Dato Lee and the Sultan about the need for a temporary extension of the wharf at Brunei Town and for an early start on coastal berths at Muara, while Wingate also met the Chief Minister and Ivor Freathy to talk about the secure of land.
- 4.3 Letter from Ong Kim Kee to the State Marine Officer dated 29th October 1966 regarding the congestion of Brunei Town Wharf and the suggestion for a Port User Committee sponsored by the Government to be formed.
- 4.4 Letter from A.P. Gardner to F.D. Webber dated 21st October 1966 regarding the extension at Brunei Town and the proposed port authority.
- 4.5 Memorandum from Jack Turner, the State Marine Officer of Brunei to the High Commissioner of Brunei dated 23rd July 1966 regarding the report on the Brunei Town Wharf and the facilities for handling cargoes.
- Attached: Report on the Brunei Town Wharf and the facilities for handling cargoes.

- 4.6 Memorandum by the State Marine Officer of Brunei dated 14th July 1966 of a detailed survey giving some bird's view map Brunei Town Wharf Area.
- 4.7 Letter from R.D. Ross to H.E. the High Commissioner of Brunei dated 18th October 1966 regarding letter attached.
- Attached: Letter from R.D. Ross to The President Council of Ministers dated 18th October 1966 regarding the port congestion and the need to improve it or the Straits Steamship will announce that freight on all cargoes for Brunei will be increase by a minimum of 15%.
- 4.8 Letter from R.D. Ross to the Private Secretary and the High Commissioner dated 11th October 1966 regarding the attachments of correspondence about the Port.
- Attached: Letter from R.D. Ross to the Director of the Straits Steamship dated 10th October 1966 regarding the Port Congestion, construction of a wharf to cut down congestion and minimize costs.
 - Letter from R.D. Ross to the State Marine Officer dated 10th October 1966 regarding the possible increase in freight rates, suggested solution provided and improvements to be done at the wharf.
- 4.9 Letter from F.D. Webber to A.P. Gardner dated 4th August 1966 regarding the development around the Brunei Town Port.
- 4.10 An analysis of the Brunei Town Wharf by the Straits Steamship Company Limited dated 29th June 1966 regarding the performance of 24 Straits Steamship Company vessels and related problems.

- 4.11 Letter from Jack Turner to A. Peter Gardner dated 14th May 1966 regarding the discussion on the Muara Deep Water Port Scheme.
- 4.12 Letter from A.P. Gardner to J. Turner dated 24th May 1966 regarding the risks of adopting Scheme V and the need for a long term plan for another port to be made, development of container ships, and suggested the immediate, short term and long term aspirations about the port.
- 4.13 Letter from A.P. Gardner to F.D. Webber dated 20th May 1966 regarding the plans to develop Port of Muara, effects on Labuan, and discussion on the long term and short term developments and the immediate problems.
- 4.14 Letter from A.P Gardner to F. D. Webber dated 17th May 1966 regarding the proposal to build new container ships.
- 4.15 Report from A.P. Gardner to R.C. Bryant dated 13th May 1966 regarding the proposals to establish a deep water port in Muara with focus on the background, UK interest, the Consultants' proposal, economic viability of the proposals, basis for advice or further discussions, short term problem and the registration of ships.
- Annex A: The final Bruce White report – April 1966.
 - Annex B: Development of Muara – notes by Counsellor (Shipping)
- 4.16 Record of a meeting held in the High Commissioner's Office to discuss about the Muara Harbour submitted by M.J. Adams dated 11th and 12th May in the presence of F.D. Webber, A.P. Gardner, J.L. Firth, J. Turner, M.J. Adams, High Commissioner of Brunei, British Government Shipping representative for the Far East, Brunei Commissioner of Development, Brunei State Marine Officer and the First Secretary of the High Commissioner's Office regarding the questions about the Muara port, reasons to suggest deep-water berths, recommendation of Scheme V, and related matters about the Muara Port.

- 4.17 Memorandum from Jack Turner, the State Marine Officer to the High Commissioner dated 9th May 1966 regarding the Muara Deep Water Scheme, Small Ship repair industry, newspaper cutting and the Admiral Chart no.2134.
- 4.18 Notice from the Land Officer dated 9th July 1966 regarding the Land Application Enactment and the passing of resolution by the State Council on a specified area for establishing a deep-sea port, residential area and factory areas.
- 4.19 Letter from Jack Turner to Sir Bruce White dated 30th April 1966 regarding the Muara Deep Water Port Scheme , to discuss the translation of the report into Malay language, minor errors in the English text, general comments on the final reports on issues such as the small ship repair industry, comments on the land survey drawing, marine base, development of Pulau Muara Besar, Roll-on Roll-off Berth for Containerised Cargo, capital cost of Phase I of Scheme 5, notes on port administration, preparations of contract documents and the portable table model of the propose Deep Water Port.
- 4.20 Enclosure No.2 to the Marine Department's Development estimates 1966 dated 22nd September giving comprehensive details on the provision of a marine base for Government owned ships and crafts, management of the Marine base, facilities available to the Marine department, review of Government owned ships and crafts, sitting of the marine base, cost of building the marine base and the approval in principle.
- 4.21 Letter from A.P. Gardner to F.D. Webber dated 7th May 1966 regarding the development of Muara and the question of congestion at the port, development on the cargo handling berth and cargo discharge by the Straits Steamships at Brunei.
- 4.22 Supplementary notes made by Counsellor Shipping on the development of Muara with references to specific paragraphs.

- 4.23 Letter from P. Scanlon to F.D. Webber dated 5th May 1966 regarding the port scheme and the remark made by Gardner where he believes that the development would not be in the interest of Her Majesty the Queen and the people of Brunei.
- 4.24 Letter from A.P. Gardner to F.D. Webber dated 29th April 1966 regarding the development of Muara.
- 4.25 Notes by Counsellor (Shipping) on the development of Muara.
- 4.26 Letter from F.D. Webber to W.H. Drysdale dated 30th March 1966 regarding the Muara port to be developed to provide port facilities for coastal craft and ocean-going ships, the possibility of Conch International Methane Ltd to have a contract to export liquefied gas to Japan and the problem of international boundary through Brunei bay.
- 4.27 Notes dated 29th March 1966 regarding the possibility to dredge a channel through the Eastern end of Tanjong Pelompong Spit.
- 4.28 Letter from F.D. Webber to A.K. Mason dated 19th March 1966 regarding the scheme launched and the agreement of a deep water port to be built.
- 4.29 Letter from F.D. Webber to A.P. Gardner dated 19th March 1966 regarding the British Government's objection of the deep water port scheme after years of investigation.
- 4.30 Letter from Jack Turner to Sir Bruce White, Wolfe Barry and Partners dated 14th March 1966 regarding the discussion taken place during Mr. J. Tapp's visit to Brunei about the Muara Deep Water Scheme, description of the Sea Area, the main surmise, the barrier, the separation of Pulau Muara Besar from the Mainland, possible explanation for the existence of the shallow water in this sea area, the importance of the Anson pressure, dredged channel from Brunei bay and Land reclamation, territorial boundary between Brunei and Sarawak in Brunei bay, advantages of the Southern side of Tanjong Pelompong and conclusion of the possibility to carry out the proposal.

- 4.31 Envelope containing Enclosure No.2 to the memorandum from the State Marine Officer dated 18th January 1966 where the plans in Brunei bay are laid out.
- 4.32 Draft letter from the Commissioner of Development to Sir Bruce White, Wolfe Barry and Partners dated November 1964 regarding the terms of reference for the Muara Port Scheme in the form of agreement with the Brunei Government, information provided on the Muara Port Scheme, proposed location, design and construction of the deep water port and the master plan for the long terms development.
- 4.33 Letter from A.P. Gardner to Mr. F.D. Webber dated 11th March 1966 regarding the believe that the proposal for the construction of a deep water port at Muara are not in the interest of H.M.G and the people of Brunei and the visit to Brunei.
- 4.34 Letter to E.C. Laird dated 26th August 1964 regarding the update on the economic or commercial angle of correspondence about Muara port.
- 4.35 Letter from E.O. Laird to W.D. Drysdale dated 4th July 1964 regarding the discussion that had taken place with Nagorski and Gould about the Muara port.
- 4.36 Letter from E.O. Laird to W.D. Drysdale dated 22nd June 1964 regarding the appointment of Consulting Engineer where the government had receive 48 applicants, report recommended the building of the port and tenders for the actual work of constructing the port.
- 4.37 Letter from E.O. Laird to I.H. Harris dated 27th January 1964 regarding the proposal by the Brunei Government to build a deep sea port at Muara which was the best site in Brunei and the assumption that Mr. Price is gathering ideas for the long term trade prospects around Borneo.