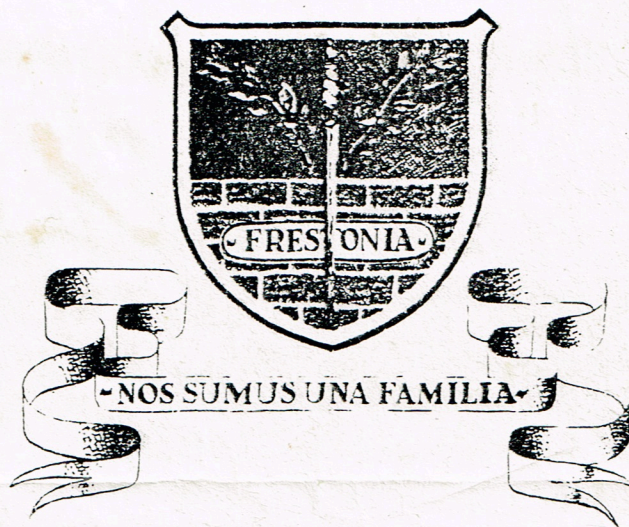
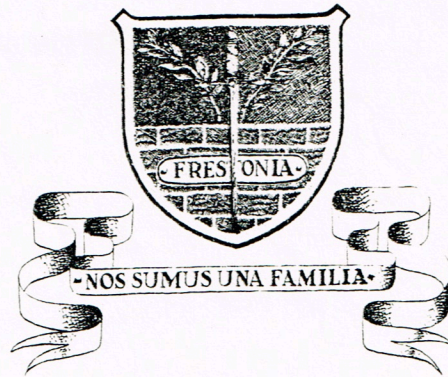


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Application to the United Nations

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To: The Secretary General,  
The United Nations,  
New York City, U.S.A.

October 30th., 1977

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP:

We, the Free Independent Republic of Frestonia, herewith apply for full membership of the United Nations, with autonomous nation status.

REFERENDUM:

A Referendum of each inhabitant of Frestonia was held on Sunday, October 30th., 1977, and the overwhelming majority was in favour of self-determination for the people of the area, and independence from the previous rulers, Great Britain.

EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY:

We intend to maintain cordial relations with Great Britain, and to allow free access to all friendly visitors from abroad, with negligible customs and passport formalities. Frestonian passports for travel to countries requiring them will be issued to all residents who care to apply and to any honorary citizens outside the country who have the best interests of Frestonia at heart. All citizens will be permitted to retain multiple nationality.

Subject to referendum, we are also applying for membership of the Common Market, the European Economic Community.

CURRENCY AND POSTAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Over a period of time, and subject to referendum, we may need to develop our own currency.

We shall print our own First Class stamps, and we shall apply for membership of the International Postal Union. Foreign letters will be delivered free within Frestonia, and we will expect the same courtesy from foreign postal services.

### TRIBAL UNITY:

Our national newspaper is called 'The Tribal Messenger' and the motto of our country is "Nos sumus omnes una familia" ("We are all one family"). In celebration of this desire for unity, every citizen has been granted the honorary surname of 'Bramley'.

### GEOGRAPHY OF FRESTONIA:

Frestonia is a very small nation, following the precedent of Luxembourg and Monaco, and the precept of the late Dr Schumaker: "Small is Beautiful".

Frestonia is an area of approximately 8 acres, a distinctly isolated island of near-dereliction, surrounded by the West 10 and 11 sectors of London, England.

### HISTORY:

The first residents of the area were pig keepers who settled here early in the 19th century. Later on, when the railways were built, they were joined by Irish brick-makers. The area also developed into a centre of laundry work.

The area was more recently acquired by the Greater London Council, an organ of the British Government, and by their own confession, the area was allowed by them to deteriorate over the years into a derelict site, with tenants moved out of their homes, the well-established community destroyed, and empty sites of demolished buildings fenced off with corrugated iron and used for dumping rubbish, with half-demolished houses next to people's homes.

The G.L.C. and the British Government thereby demonstrated their lack of concern for the area and their unfitness to remain as its rulers and to plan for its future.

Over the last 4 years, the present inhabitants of Frestonia moved in and took over the empty houses as caretakers and pioneer homesteaders, and have renovated their homes to a remarkable extent, including putting roofs on houses which lacked roofs. Our architect's report confirms that, if the present period of uncertainty could be ended, it would be possible for the residents to give their buildings a long lease of life - and eventually of course to rebuild.

Two large areas of building rubble have been cleared for open space and horticulture. Greenhouses have been erected and a waterfall created.

### POPULATION:

Presently the population of permanent residents has climbed to approximately 120, involved mainly in light industrial work within the Frestonian boundaries, although some work abroad. Examples of established and developing light industries in Frestonia include lute-making, weaving, sign-writing and pottery. With industries blossoming all the time, and with more derelict houses yet to renovate, the population will no doubt expand in the future.

Our population and land-mass are both relatively small. There is no international law which requires nations to be of a certain minimum size.

BRITISH AND G.L.C. IMPERIALISM:

The G.L.C. announced in 1977, without prior public participation and consultation, that they had put out tenders to lease off the whole area for industrial development. It was left to the Hammersmith Council to produce a belated newsletter explaining these proposals, which was circulated to all residents in Frestonia and to other local residents in the W.11 and W.10 areas abroad, inviting everyone to a public meeting to discuss these proposals.

At this public meeting on the 26th October 1977, at which over 100 local people were present, the unanimous vote was against the G.L.C.'s proposals.

Our case is that the G.L.C. and the British Government, through a long history of neglect and mismanagement of Frestonia, have forfeited the right to determine the future of the area.

We appeal to the United Nations and ask for our application to be debated by the General Assembly at the earliest possible opportunity; and for the United Nations to recognise the will of the inhabitants of Frestonia and our free decision for independence from Great Britain. We ask that our evident and expressed desire for self-determination as a tribe and as a people, be respected, and that our existence as a nation state be officially recognised.

FRESTONIAN GOVERNMENT:

Our Frestonian government is egalitarian and democratic. We have adopted as our National Bill of Rights the United Nations' own Declaration of Human Rights. All major proposals for action are submitted to referenda. All citizens have freedom to do whatever they wish, as long as it does not injuriously conflict with the freedom of another. There will be no conscription or involuntary service.

Government is by a large cabinet of Ministers - a list of the present Ministers of State and their portfolios is appended, as are the names of other government officers and the ambassadors to Frestonia.

Ministers will surrender their portfolios every three months, and roles will be rotated, to allow maximum experience of government to all inhabitants of Frestonia. At any time, ministers can be dismissed by a referendum's majority decision - any citizen is entitled to issue such a referendum.

FRESTONIA'S RESOURCES:

We realize that for many years still Frestonia will be unable to attain self-sufficiency in food and other requirements - the same is however true of many existing small nations. We shall over the years concentrate on developing our own resources, and we hope that tourism will prove to be a major growth industry. We shall also endeavour to generate our own power supply.

RADIO STATION:

We shall also develop our own national radio station, which will in no way interfere with the broadcasts of neighbouring nations.

U.N. PEACE-KEEPING FORCE:

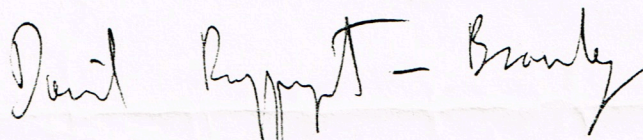
We appeal to the United Nations, in particular to other small, emerging and non-aligned nations, to treat our application with the utmost seriousness and urgency. If delay in processing our application occurs, an invasion into Frestonia and eviction by the Greater London Council and other organs of the British Government may occur, in which case there will exist a crisis with international ramifications, and the necessity may arise for Frestonia to require the U.N. to send a token peace-keeping force. These are developments which we must at all costs avoid.

U.N. REFERENDUM:

If necessary, we would of course co-operate with a repeat referendum of Frestonian citizens, supervised by the United Nations, which would again reveal the desire of the overwhelming majority of inhabitants for self-determination and independence from Great Britain.

We await your swift reply.

Yours Faithfully,



David Rappaport-Bramley

Minister of State for Foreign Affairs,  
on behalf of the Free Independent Republic  
of Frestonia, 113 St Anns Rd, Frestonia,  
(via London W.11, England).

The full cabinet consists of the following Ministers:

Home Secretary: Sean Gibbings-Bramley  
Chancellor of the Exchequer: Enrico Webber-Bramley  
Minister of State for Social Services: Una Murphy-Bramley  
Minister of State for Defence: Ray Still-Bramley  
Minister of State for Employment: Neil Wilkinson-Bramley  
Minister of State for Education: Francesco Bogina-Bramley  
Minister of State for Science: Phillip Cornwell-Bramley  
Minister of State for Industry: Bryan Assiter-Bramley  
Minister of State for the Environment: Lu Pradere-Bramley  
Minister of State for Energy: Marisa Rueda-Bramley  
Minister of State for Prices and Consumer Protection: Hattie Lukens-Bramley  
Minister of State for Foreign and Overseas Aid: Ray Collingham-Bramley  
Minister of State for Health and Nutrition: Hedley Freake-Bramley  
Minister of State for Sport and Recreation: Mick McLean-Bramley  
Minister of State for Cultural Affairs: Hilary Anderson-Bramley  
Minister of State for Agriculture and Recycling: Teresa Bell-Bramley  
Minister of State for Social Security, Customs and Excise: Norman Coe-Bramley  
Minister of State for Transport: Josefina Speyer-Bramley  
Minister of State for Posts and Telecommunications: Eleonora Budden-Bramley  
Minister of State for Propaganda: Antonio Yeo-Bramley

Minister of State for Public Health and Street-Cleaning: Caroline Yeo-Bramley  
Minister of State for Animal Welfare: Marianne Yeo-Bramley  
Minister of State for Tourism: Jane Floss-Bramley  
Minister of State for Housing and Construction: Gordon Gibbs-Bramley  
Minister of State for Mental Welfare: Ginny Page-Bramley

Other Government officials appointed to date include:

Justice of the Peace: Carmello di Piazza-Bramley  
Garter at Arms, President of the College of Heralds: Richard Adams-Bramley

Ambassadors resident in Frestonia and accredited to the Frestonian Republic:

His Excellency Henry Guernaud-Pinet-Bramley, the French Ambassador  
Her Excellency Veronica Thompson-Bramley, the American Ambassador  
Her Excellency Dirma Visser-Bramley, the Dutch Ambassador  
His Excellency Nicholas Durant-Bramley, the British Ambassador  
His Excellency Prince-Bramley, the Nigerian Ambassador  
Her Excellency Rossana Tamagnini-Bramley, the Italian Ambassador  
His Excellency Nelson Corradini-Bramley, the Portuguese Ambassador  
Her Excellency Sheffi Biderman-Bramley, the Israeli Ambassador  
His Excellency Geoff Gough-Bramley, the Argentinian Ambassador  
His Excellency Benny Murphy-Bramley, the Irish Ambassador.

Frestonian Ambassador abroad:

His Excellency Heathcote Williams-Bramley, Frestonian Ambassador to Great Britain, the Frestonian Embassy, 2 Blenheim Crescent, London W.11, England.

# MAP OF FRESTONIA

