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SECRET

Major Legge

D.S.O.

1915

24 Feb

Last previous Paper

F.D.

L. J. Fiddes.

5 ft. tel. herewith.

I have consulted F.D. & they agree.
 They tell me that they have already
 asked the "Finn" Co. to limit
 the shipment of the material
 which is going from the country.

L. J. F.

31/1/15

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British East Africa Corporation, Limited

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AND AT
MOMBASA

AND EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

96, GRESHAM HOUSE,

LONDON, January 29th, 1911.

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In your reply please refer

to No.

CONFIDENTIAL.

Dear Sir,

re BELGIAN COLONIAL OFFICE WAR STORES.

I have not been able to reply before to-day to your personal letter of 26th. inst., asking for particulars of the above, upon which you kindly say that you will telegraph to Sir Henry Belfield, who has undertaken to provide all facilities for the transport. Your letter has been shown by me to M. Renkin, Minister of State for the Belgian Colonies, who is in London from le Havre this week, and he desires me to convey to you the hearty thanks of himself and his Government for your most valuable assistance.

The items ordered forward for Kasindi (Congo State) via Kilindini (Mombasa), Kampalla, and Fort Portal are as follows -

For s.s. "CHINY CASTLE".	} Sailing from London February 2nd.,	
Union Castle Line.		" " Lisbon February 6th.,
		" " Marseilles February 9th.,
Due Kilindini March 1st.		

- (a) 300,000 Mauser Rifle Cartridges, to be shipped in London.
- (b) Seven (7) Colt Automatic Machine Guns, to be shipped in London complete with feed-belts, etc.
- (c) 105,000 Colt Machine Gun Cartridges, to be shipped in London.
500 Knapsacks for soldiers.
- (d) 5,000 Mauser Rifles (in 2,000 cases) " " in Lisbon.
- (e) 3,000,000 Mauser Rifle Cartridges (in 3,000 cases, to be shipped in Lisbon.
- (f) Two or Four (2 or 4) Mountain Guns, with their Carriages and accessories, to be shipped at Marseilles.
- (g) 3,000 Percussion Caps (one case to be shipped at Marseilles

For s.s. "NATAL".	} Sailing from Marseilles February 4th.
Marseilles Marseilles.	

2,000 or 4,000 rounds of Gun ammunition (cartridge and shell) being.

1,000 rounds for each of the 2 or 4 Mountain Guns.

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TRANSIT DUTY. The Belgian Government instruct me to submit to the (British) Secretary of State for the Colonies, their request that the British Colonial Governments (S.E.A. and Uganda) may kindly waive the usual charges for customs and/or transit dues, and allow all these War stores to pass free of such duties through British territory, seeing that they are for use by an Allied Nation in joint operations against our common enemy. Can this point be decided on this present letter, or do you require me to address an official letter to the Secretary of State please? I presume that, if decided in favour of the Belgian Government request, the intimation would reach Sir Henry Delfille and Sir L. Jackson per your Office.

MILITARY ESCORT. ARMED ESCORT THROUGH UGANDA. No doubt the decision whether such escort is required, for military reasons, would be with Sir L. Jackson and his military authorities, but the Belgian Government would be glad to know through us if this is so, and perhaps you could kindly assure me.

ROUTE. It is proposed that, on being landed at Kisindi by the S.E.A. Corp. Ltd. to whom the official shipping and Transport Agents of the Royal Belgian Colonial Office, all the items are consigned, everything should be forwarded to Kampalla, by Uganda Govt. Railway, and Lake steamers, by the earliest possible opportunity within the convenience of the S.E.A. Govt. In matters of Railway rolling stock and Lake steamer space, all consigned from Kisindi to S.E.A. Corp. Ltd. Kampalla. Our Kampalla Manager, Mr. Garnham, has been instructed to arrange for porters, wagons, to forward the goods with least delay to Fort Portal.

HANDING OVER GOODS TO BELGIAN CONGO AUTHORITIES. The Belgian Colonial Office asks us to obtain the approval of the British Colonial Office for the Governor General of the Congo to send a party from Kisindi to Fort Portal, consisting of armed escort of Congotroops and the necessary number of Congo porters, to complete the overland transport from Fort Portal to Kisindi. Will

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Letter 609908

H.J. Read Esq., C.B., C.M.G.,
Colonial Office,
Downing Street, S.W.

Sent. 8.45
9.00

38.15

DRAFT

Telegram to Cypher
Lover
Nairobi.

MINUTE

Mr. Read. 30 Jan 7/5

Mr

Mr.

Mr.

• Sir G. Frides

Sir H. Judd

Sir J. Anderson

Lord Islington

Mr. Harcourt.

With reference to your letter
of January 10th 1928
following stores are
being sent by Chung
Castle due Kiliadimi

for content

Then circulate on - March 1st 1968

John

50.1.16

7 Colt machine gun
with 105,000 cartridges

6,000 Mauser Rifles
(in 2,000 cases) with
3,300,000 cartridges

7 408/6 + thin tal.
70. + p.o. for inf.
June 1897

2 or 4 mountain guns
with accessories

500 knapacks.

Following stores being
sent by Messageries

last S.S. "Natal"
due Kilindini February

20th

2,000 ~ 4,000
shell for mountain
guns.

Annual charges for
customs dues on E.A.P. and
transit dues in
Uganda should be
remitted.

Uganda and Government
Uganda will hold

consider in consultation
with military authorities

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whether military escort is
required. Let me know

as to this

All stores are consigned
to B.E.A. Corporation

at Kilindini. Who

will forward as soon

as possible by Uganda
Railway & Lake to

Kampala. Company's
manager Kampala

will arrange for porters &

baggage to forward

goods with least delay

to Fort Portal

It is proposed that
Congo fort should
send armed escort
force with adequate
number of porters from
Muganda to Fort Portal
to complete overland
transport.

Company's agent here
been instructed to observe
absolute secrecy also
to send local telegrams
to and from Congo
authorities through LBSA.

Kenya and Uganda ports
so as to have advantage
of fort cipher.
Communicate then tel to Fort Uganda

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P. a. O.

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2 Feb. 1915

Dear Leggett

~~Dear Sir~~
I receivedyour letter of 28th

January about the

transport of the

military stores to the

Belgian Congo and

about the dispatch

of gold from the

Congo to the Cape.

We have telegraphed

the necessary instructions

upon both matters

to the Governor of

the P. a. O. & have
asked him to report to
the Gov. of Uganda.Quarto for his
Read's signatureDRAFT.Major Ethel Leggett
D.S.O.MINUTE.

Mr. Ellis 1/2/15

Mr. Bottomley 1.2.15

Mr. Read 1

Mr.

Sir G. Fiddes.

Sir H. Just.

Sir J. Anderson.

Lord Islington.

Mr. Harcourt.

L.F.F. to Simmons still required.