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Gazi (B.E.A.)  
Rubber & Fibre  
estate, Ltd

ESTATE AT GAZI

1914

9th November

Last previous Paper.

Trs extract from letter from local Manager  
as to military occupation. States as to action taken.  
Asks Govt may be informed. Presumes they will be  
informed when they may resume occupation.

Trs. Acc't. Sir G. Fisher.

Mr. Rideal called before his meeting  
on Monday + wanted to know whether  
the tel. of Nov. 8th meant that the  
plantation, in which they had spent £60,000,  
was to be left desolate or whether the  
Govt could make provision for keeping  
it in such order as would prevent its  
being seized. Without going into  
details I told him that questions  
of military exigency must be left  
to the war on the spot and that we  
could say nothing without consultation  
with the Govt - that in any case  
half an hour's notice was inadequate.

As he seemed rather helpless -  
I advised to be tactful - I suggested that  
it would be enough for the purpose of  
his meeting if he said that they would

Ans'd  
To Gov. tel.  
12 Nov. 14

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Next subsequent Paper.

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Communicate with the C.O. & ask  
(Gazis did this) for a tel. to be sent  
to the Gov. as to the Company's position.  
Explained that I am not in a position  
to promise that a tel. would be  
sent.

• They don't ask anything very definite in  
this letter (I said they must tell us exactly  
what they wanted <sup>as</sup> (to do), but we might  
perhaps telegraph:

"Gazis Rubber Company have represented  
inquiry which they expect a state will  
suffer through military expenses. They have  
instructed manager to leave it in hands of  
military authorities and their legal  
interests in hands of Touks. Report by  
hospital as to position of this and  
similar Companies."

and of Company.

G.C.S. 11/11/14

GKZ1 is about 30 miles from  
the German boundary & near the  
Coast.

as proposed?

K. J. R.

11/21/14

W. J. R.

11/11/14

P. J.

11.16.14

B. J. R.

The representative of the German interest.

morning, and asked whether we would remind  
The Gov. as we had not had a reply yet.  
(The tel. went on 12 Nov?). I told him  
that the Gov. would have to make  
enquiries before replying and that this  
might account for delay; and that I  
would put <sup>forward</sup> the question of reminding  
for com. .

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? remind of no reply by Thursday  
morning.

H. F. D. 23.11.14

~~Write up on Monday~~  
We asked for a reply <sup>by 2.15 p.m.</sup> by despatch

Our Read.

I have had D. Rideal & his  
Secretary here again today. They have  
had a tel. from the representative of the  
East African Estates Co. (who hold direct for the  
Gov. & sub. let to Gazi) asking them to instruct  
Mr. Toke, to release books to one Bayeman  
or Bayemann, who is also an E. A. Estates man  
but would have acted for the Gazi manager, Mr  
Long, during his leave.

Dr. R. read all parts of Govt. intervention  
into this tel. This seems to be his habit, &  
there was some discussion as to whether I at the  
last interview I had criticised in the terms  
of his tel. of to Mr. Long or indeed in any  
tel. to Mr. Long before they wrote to say it  
was absolutely clear that I didn't.

As a result of this discussion, I said that  
if they would put in a letter exactly what they  
wanted as to my letter to Gov. by way of enquiry,

Don't want to see  
in case again  
Ved.

(we would not give construction) we would  
read it out by tele at their cost. Eventually

They decided that they would telegraph to  
Mr. Toombs direct as follows: "Release books  
to Bergmann if Governor permits work".

? Pugh was 24. 11. 14

[The secretary is who the Secy of E. A. Estabrook &  
asked how we were getting on with their loan.  
I said we were struggling, but that there were  
points of doubt as regards substance & whether of  
drafting to be considered].

at once

H. J. R.

24/11/14

GAZI (BRITISH EAST AFRICA) RUBBER & FIBRE ESTATE, LIMITED.

TELEPHONE NO  
794 GERRARD.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS  
GAZIRUCO, PIDCV, LONDON.

Carlton House 44222  
Regent Street  
London. S.W. November 6th 1944  
REC'D  
NOV 11 1944

The Under Secretary of State for the Colonies,  
Colonial Office,  
S.W.

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Sir,

At a meeting of this Company held to-day, Dr. Rideal, the Acting Chairman, reported his visit to the Colonial Office this morning when he informed the Department of our Plantation Manager's cable of November 6th reading:-

"Provincial Commissioner now thinks no work  
"Gazi sometime, instruct. Lery"

As arranged at that interview I have the honour to submit copy of an extract from our Manager's letter dated October 12th describing the military occupation of the Estate at that date. Since Dr. Rideal's interview with you we have received a further cable asking permission for our Manager to enlist.

Having in view all the circumstances we <sup>have</sup> cabled a reply to our Manager as follows:-

"No objection your enlistment leave Estate in hands  
"of military authorities; inform Provincial Commissioner  
"Lodge Estate documents with Tonks as legal  
"representatives."

Perhaps you will be good enough to inform the Governor

( by cable if necessary) of the steps we have taken in this matter, in order to comply with what we understand to be the requirements of the Government, who, we take it will inform us and our legal representatives (Messrs. Tonks, Daly and Figgis, Mombasa) when we may resume occupation.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

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Your obedient servant,  
FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE CAZI (BRITISH EAST AFRICA)

RUBBER & FIBRE ESTATE LTD.

*H. P. P. P.*  
Secretary

(Letter 9/12 Oct)

On the 7th inst. our outposts were fired on by some skirmishing parties. On discovering the position of our trenches the ~~th~~ Germans advanced in force on all sides; from mid-day onwards the firing was brisk and the maxims started to play, while between 4 and 5 p.m. "hail" is the only word to describe it, especially in the trenches at the cross-roads just below the bungalow, where the Germans seemed to have a special desire to get through, and would have done so had they tried a final charge after our four officers were wounded.

All the natives fled through the mangrove swamps and vanished for some days.

Since the fighting/<sup>the</sup> forces have been concentrated, and new trenches made in the Rubber close to the village, being practically a narrow circle enclosing the village, our camp and ~~at~~ the dwelling house.

Natives are not allowed outside by the O.C. and ~~even~~ <sup>even</sup> if this were repealed and the few boys who have returned were allowed passes, some of the Indian troops would be practically sure to fire on them if seen in the distance and not on the main road. They are at present weeding the coconut nurseries and can be loaned to the O.C. for trench work etc for a few days.

The Expeditionary force ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> expected across from India in about a week and after this arrives I believe the intention is for the troops at Gazi to move south, shift the Germans out of B.E.A. and co-operate across the border. They seem to doubt if they will be strong enough to move south and to even shift the Germans out ~~is~~

of B.E.A. till this force from India arrives. As far as the natives are concerned I fear it will be difficult to restore confidence in them again till our troops move across the border and get a victory of sorts, and one can scarcely blame them as up to the present we have made a decidedly feeble show, which is to be regretted from a local point of view.

Yours faithfully

(Signed) J.J.LORY

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12 Nov. 1914

Sir,

I am directed by

Mr. Seay: Harcourt to  
ack: the receipt of your  
letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> of Nov.  
and to inf. you that  
he has communicated  
by telegraph with  
the Govr of the S. A.P.

DRAFT.

The Secretary,  
The Gazi (B. S. A.) Rubber  
& Fibre Estate, Ltd.

MINUTE.

- Mr. W. S. [unclear]
- Mr.
- Sir G. Fiddes.
- Sir H. Just.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Lord Emmott.
- Mr. Harcourt.

On the subject of the  
position of the Gazi  
(British East Africa) Rubber  
and Fibre Estate, Ltd.,  
in the Protectorate.

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Sent 2:55 pm. 12. 11. 14

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Tel.

General  
to Nairobi

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- Mr.
- Mr.
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- Sir H. Just.
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- Lord Emmott - Islington.
- Mr. Harcourt.

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Gazgi Rubber Company have

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