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Disposition of German forces in
German East Africa
forward statement of position
as far as the B.S.A. Company
are affected.

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This is for the S. African
Dept., but you will see
what two we say as to
the German dispositions
near to S.A. Dept.

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For further communication on this subject should be addressed to

The Secretary

War Office

London S.W.

under the following number quoted:

079/5095. (M.O.1).

War Office,
London, S.W.

15th December 1914.

Sir,

With reference to War Office letter No. 079/5095 dated 12th December 1914, I am commanded by the Army Council to transmit, for the information of the Board of the British South Africa Company, a statement of the present situation in regard to the German East Africa Protectorate, in so far as that situation appears to affect the territories administered by that Company.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. H. Curzon

The Under Secretary of State,

Colonial Office,

Whitehall, S.W.

SITUATION IN EAST AFRICA.

The following are the estimated strengths and dispositions of German Forces in the neighbourhood of Lakes TANGANYIKA and NYASA.

(A) TANGANYIKA.

<u>HEADQUARTERS OR BASE.</u>	<u>FORCE OF NATIVE TROOPS WITH EUROPEAN OFFICERS.</u>
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Usumbura	250	} and four guns.
Kigoma and Ujiji ...	250	
Bissegardburg	400	} and three-guns

Armed steamer
 ("Hedwig von Wissmann") - One 1.4" gun.

(B) NYASA.

Neu Langenburg ...	800
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At the commencement of December the bulk of the German Forces in the German East Africa Protectorate were on the USAMBARA RAILWAY (TANGA-MOSHI).

It is not probable that any large portion of these forces will be detached to reinforce the German troops about Lakes TANGANYIKA or NYASA.

The general policy of offensive operations against German East Africa is under consideration.

In order to assist in the formulation of plans for subsequent operations, the Army Council will be glad if the British South Africa Company will keep them fully informed of any further intelligence regarding the hostile forces that they may receive.

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acknowledge the receipt of your letter

of 1st inst. in relation
to the proposed 100 shares

the estimated strength
of the force at the present

moment of the German force
in the neighborhood of Lake
Langanyika & Nyasa

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Mr. Siffert (all)
Mr. ... to ... to ...

Sir G. Fiddes

for the information of your Director

Sir H. Just

27/12/44
27/12/44 prepared ...

Sir J. Anderson

Lord Islington

Mr. Harcourt

showing the attached strengths

is sufficient of the same

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