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The Under-Secretary of State,
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Foreign Office.

March 27, 1915

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Name and Date.	Subject
<i>To</i> <i>Belgian Mission</i> <i>March 25</i>	<i>Financial Position of</i> <i>Govt. of Belgian Congo</i>

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FOREIGN OFFICE.

March 25th, 1918.

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Sir:-

I have the honour to inform you that a telegram has been received from the General Officer Commanding in East Africa stating that, in view of the financial difficulties in which the Government of the Belgian Congo now find themselves owing to the war, it would be desirable that ten thousand pounds should be placed to the credit of the Congo Government with the National Bank at Nairobi and that General Henry should be authorized to draw on this credit for current expenses in connexion with the troops under his command.

I understand that the Belgian Government have already arranged, with the assistance of the British Colonial authorities, for the shipment of gold from Nile to South Africa with a view to open a credit for the Congo Government with the Standard Bank of South Africa at Capetown and Buluwayo.

I shall be glad to learn whether the Belgian Government

Monsieur Paul Hymans,

Ac., Ac., Ac.

Government consider that this will meet the needs of the situation or whether some further arrangement will be necessary.

I have the honour to be,

with the highest consideration,

Yours,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,