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EXPORT OF HIDES

Trs copy of Note addressed to French Ambassador on 26th February containing all information as to firm of Max Klein. Suggests present and all future applications be refused. A copy of Note is being forwarded to War Trade Dept with suggestion that firm should be placed on Schedule A of Black List.

Mr. Davis

re B.O., finding that they had all the info available, chose to ignore their earlier letter 17350.

? Tell the Gov. by telegram to refuse all exports in which firm of Max Klein or its agents are concerned.

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and address—
The Under-Secretary of State,
Foreign Office,
London.

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FOREIGN OFFICE

April 21 1938

Sir:-

I am directed by Secretary Sir E. Grey to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 15730 of the 7th instant, relative to an application to the Governor of the East African Protectorate by Max Klein for permission to export hides to Genoa.

In reply I am to transmit to you, for Mr. Secretary Harcourt's information, copy of a note addressed to the French Ambassador on the 26th February last which summarises all the available information about this firm, and to suggest that the present application and all future applications should, in the circumstances be refused.

A copy of the note to Monsieur Cambon is being forwarded to the War Trade Department with a suggestion that Max Klein should be placed upon schedule A of the Black list.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble servant,

E. A. Lowe

The Under Secretary of State
Colonial Office.

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FOREIGN OFFICE.

February 26th, 1915.

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Your Excellency:

With reference to the notes which Your Excellency was good enough to address to me on the 13th ultimo and 8th instant, and to my memoranda of the 5th instant, I have the honour to state that I have now received from the India Office a letter on the subject of the firm of Klein at Aden.

It appears that at the outbreak of war the firm was in their employment manager and other officers of Indian nationality and thus came within the provisions of the Indian Foreigners Ordinance and rules made thereunder which prohibit the employment of German firms trading in India of whatever description or other. The Indian Government has ordered the liquidation of the firm as a result of which the firm is being liquidated for the deportation of the firm's assets who took over the management of the firm at the outbreak of war.

His Excellency.

Monsieur Cambon

cc.

grave suspicions.

As Your Excellency surmised in your note of the 23rd ultimo, the United States Ambassador in London has approached me on the subject and requested that the liquidation of the firm might be prevented on the ground that the business at Aden is the property of Messrs. Abe Stein and Company of New York and that Mr. Max Klein is a naturalized American citizen. Whether this be the case or not there seems to be no doubt that the activities and connections of the firm both at Aden and, I learn, at Marseilles, were entirely and notoriously German and their presence at a fortress such as Aden cannot be permitted. His Majesty's Government therefore do not propose to ask the Indian Government to reconsider their action and I have informed Mr. Page accordingly of the purport of the Indian Ordinance, pointing out that the Indian Government had no alternative but to order the liquidation of the firm and that it is obviously impossible to relax the regulations in the case of Aden.

I beg that Your Excellency will treat the foregoing

as strictly confidential.

I have, &c.

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(24 April)
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- Mr. Cooper, 24/4/15
- Mr. Cotton, 20.4.15
- Mr. G. Fisher
- Mr. H. Jusi
- Mr. J. Anderson
- Lord Johnston
- Mr. Harcourt

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