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ARREST OF MR. K. WINKELMAN  
ACTING CONSUL OF NETHERLANDS

1915

MR. A. WINKELMAN  
NETHERLANDS SUBJECT

14th June

The copy of Note from Netherlands Minister and  
requests enquiries be made.

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*Act: + refer to the copy  
of the despatch (which was) enclosed in our  
l<sup>tr</sup> of the 29<sup>th</sup> of March  
which contained a report from the  
In<sup>tr</sup> of the S.A.P. on this subject  
above.*

*H. J. R.  
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Foreign Office

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Sir:-

I am directed by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, to transmit to you herewith, to be laid before Mr. Secretary Bonar Law, a copy of a note from the Netherland Minister calling attention to the arrest at Mombasa in October last of Mr. K. Krulder, Acting Consul of the Netherlands, and Mr. A. Winkelman, both being subjects of the Netherlands.

I am to request that Mr. Bonar Law will be good enough to cause enquiries to be made into the matter and that the Secretary of State may be informed in due course of their result.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient

humble servant,



The Under Secretary of State  
Colonial Office.

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LONDON,

June 7th, 1915.

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Sir:-

I have been instructed by my Government to bring the following facts to the notice of Your Excellency.

On October 2nd, 1914 the acting Netherland Consul at Mombasa, Mr. K. Krulder and another Netherland subject Mr. A. Winkelman residing at the town were taken prisoner by the local police authorities of British East Africa. No reason whatever was given for this arbitrary proceeding on the part of the British authorities, and the repeated requests of Mr. Krulder as well as of Mr. Winkelman to be taken before the magistrate in order to defend themselves against the charges brought against them, remained without any answer. When asked by the provincial commissioner, Mr. Hamsted, whether he was acting consul for the Netherlands, Mr. Krulder confirmed such; the temporary transfer of the consular affairs to him having been communicated to the same acting Provincial Commissioner by official letter of July 18, 1914. The two gentlemen continued to be kept in the severest seclusion and every request to

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to telegraph or write either to the Netherland Government or to the head Offices at Rotterdam of the commercial concern in whose services they were, was refused.

The imprisonment lasted until November 4th, when they were released after the personal interference of Mr. Ryken, the representative of the "Centraal-Afrikaansche Handelsmaatschappij" at Kampala.

Mr. Krulder was ordered to leave Mombassa immediately and he was not allowed to settle his affairs for which he had asked permission, not even to close his house.

In bringing this to Your Excellency's notice, I have been instructed to draw Your Excellency's special attention to the fact that:

- 1) by the arrest of Mr. Krulder, acting consul for the Netherlands, the consular post at Mombassa had to remain during a long time without any occupant and Mr. Krulder was not allowed to settle his affairs before being taken to prison.
- 2) Contrary to the elementary principles of law, the prisoners who until this date ignore the reasons of their detention were not heard.
- 3) when released no satisfaction whatever has been given to the prisoners.
- 4) the prisoners were never allowed to get into any communication

communications neither with their Government nor with the  
representatives of that Government abroad. 2

The fact that Messrs. Krulder and Winkelman were released as soon as Mr. Rykan had interfered on their behalf, indicates that their imprisonment could not be justified by any valid reasons and as both the gentlemen assure that they never gave the slightest reason for the proceedings of which they have been the victims, Her Majesty's Government would feel obliged if the British Government would order an investigation to be made and they feel confident that eventually Your Excellency will be good enough to give some expression of your regrets, if such investigation might prove the innocence of the two Netherland subjects. Especially for Mr. Winkelman, who continues to live in Mombasa and who by the action of the police authorities has been practically ostracised, an expression of Your Excellency's opinion, if it be such, that no grounds of suspicion remain against him, would be of vital importance.

I have &c.,

(Signed) R. de Marees van Swinderen,

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I am directed by the Secretary  
to acknowledge the receipt  
of the letter of the 11th of  
June 1915

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request you to refer  
to the attention of  
deputy Sir Edward Fry  
to the copy of a despatch  
from the Govt of the  
EAP, which was  
forwarded to you on  
the 29th of March  
containing a report  
relating to the  
imprisonment at  
Mombasa of ...

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