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The Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs presents
his compliments to the Under Secretary of State for
Colonies and by direction of the Secretary
of State, transmits herewith copy of the under mentioned
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1. Letter from Foreign Office

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Name and Date	Subject
Mr. Thorne July 22	Scandinavian East Africa S.S. Line

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THOR TROENSH 24. 10. 1915 Ltd
6, Kirkegaden,
Christiania,
No. 1
50, Rensburgh Street,
London. 2nd July, 1915.

Sir,

RE: SCANDINAVIAN-EAST AFRICA LINE

We have recently heard that statements have been made in East Africa and Madagascar to the effect that the above Steamship Line is under German control.

On behalf of Mr. Thor Trosen of Christiania, we beg to state that these statements are without the slightest foundation. The whole of the capital invested in these steamers is held by Mr. Thor Trosen and his Norwegian and Danish shareholders.

The only connection the Scandinavian-East Africa line had with the German Steamship Line was in regard to an agreement between the Deutsche-East Africa Line (on behalf of the German and British Steamship Line) and the Scandinavian-East Africa Line, by which the sphere of operation of the latter line was limited

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to certain ports. The Scandinavian-East Africa line has been in existence for about 3 years, and during the war has been of assistance to the shippers from East Africa to U.K. and France, by carrying cargo which the British lines were not able to carry owing to the smaller number of steamers they were able to place at the disposal of the East African shippers, and the Scandinavian-East Africa line is continuing to assist in this respect.

In addition to this, large quantities of material for the manufacture of munitions and armament by the British and Allied Governments contractors, are being carried by the Scandinavian-East Africa line.

We shall feel pleased if you will be good enough to take notice of the information contained in this letter, and if any other departments of the Government to whom such information might be given to useful purpose, we will be glad to address and report upon hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,
 THOMSON JR. (U.S.) Ltd.,
 (Signed) C.P. ...
 Director