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Mr. Thams has further expressed a wish that His Britannic Majesty's Government kindly might let him have a recommendation to the proper Authorities to grant him all the facilities, compatible with law and existing regulations, during his stay and passage through British East Africa and Uganda. He adds that, as Consul General for Belgium, the Belgian Government will furnish him with the necessary recommendations in regard to his sojourn in Belgian Congo.

By order of his Government M. Most ventures to apply for Sir Edward Grey's kind assistance in order to be informed whether His Britannic Majesty's Government may be kind enough to grant Mr. Thams's applications, such as are set forth above.

Norwegian Legation,

London.

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Sir,

I am to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd of November, No. 172935/1915,

and to request you to inform Secretary Sir Edward Grey that he is consulting the Army Council on the subject of the proposed visit of ~~Mr. G. Thoms~~ to East & South Africa of Mr. G. Thoms, Belgian Consul General for Norway

2. A further communication on the matter will be addressed to you as soon as possible.

(Signed) H. J. READ.
for the Under Secretary of State

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Sir,

I am to transmit to you, to be laid before the Army Council, the acc^y copy of a letter from the FO with its enclosure on the subject of the proposed visit to East & South Africa of Mr. G. Thoms, Belgian Colonel General for Norway.

I therefore ^{great} reply ^{to} the FO letter Mr. Bonar Law would be glad to learn the views of the Army Council on the matter.

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