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KENYA

Immigration

Immigration from European States into Kenya

Submissions by Foreign Office and Home Office

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Immigration  
Mrs correspondence from Passport Control Office  
Brussels regarding immigration facilities for  
Oskar Stern.

2 30 5/6/96 21/9/38  
Mrs correspondence from Passport Control Office,  
Paris, regarding immigration facilities for  
Ernst Pick

3 12 5/6/96 21/9/38  
Mrs file regarding immigration facilities  
for Harry Herzog

4 12 5/6/96 21/9/38  
Mrs file regarding immigration facilities  
for Harry Herzog

~~DESTROYED UNDER STATUTE~~  
Mrs correspondence from Passport Control Office,  
Berlin, regarding immigration facilities for  
Oskar Stern.

~~DESTROYED UNDER STATUTE~~  
Mrs correspondence from Passport Control Office,  
Helmstedt, regarding immigration facilities for  
Ernst Weinger, Friedrich Rubinstein, Karl Meisel  
and Oskar Stern.

76 Metropolitan Police  
Two copy of Police report in connection with  
Harry Herzog

77 1/1/38

(1) & (2) Copies to Kenya Lf. (marked urgent)  
for Osborn.

(5) & (6) originals to Kenya Lf. (marked urgent)  
for Osborn - asking for return of  
the documents.

(4) encls. in F.O. file in original to

Kenya LF for Obsens (urgent)  
asking for return of the document  
But N.B. The Alien Visa Form (A)  
shd be retyped on to the blank  
duplicate form which P/O have  
sent. The original is to be  
kept here in the file & the  
copy is to be sent to Kenya  
in the LF. And the M.I.S. report  
form in the file is also to be  
retained in the file here - & not  
copied & sent to Kenya with  
the LF.

When LF have gone as above  
pl review to me ref (3), (7)

Amundson

31/12 1947

H. K.

The following para. was  
added to the LFF prepared on  
above info -

"I shall be glad if I may  
receive an early reply to this  
despatch"

T. Richardson

8 Kenya 653 ("1 incl 1 & incl 2") Com A/I. 11. 38

9 Kenya 654 ("Orig memo to 5 & 6") Com A/I. 11. 38

10 Kenya 655 ("memo indicated in memo of 4/10") Com A/I. 11. 38

11 20 5/62779 2/11/38 (3)

63 Nominal

cheque for £0  
this 2.00 retained  
in safe in R 297  
J Jackson  
29/11/47

Dr's correspondence from Passport Control Officer  
Berlin, with enclosure, regarding case of Henry  
Harkner.

(3) (7) & (7A)

Re Pranas

We discussed - also consulting  
the Comtee of the P.O. - & decided  
to proceed as in d.h.  
You indicated the P.O. file in  
(3) back to the P.O. as indicated  
in the d.h.

(11) This shd be referred to  
Kenya LF for Obsens - urgent.

Dr. Mackay  
5/11

Dr. Mackay

12 Metropolitan Police

Its further copy of Special Branch report  
regarding Henry Harkner

13 To: Com of Police of the Metropolis (Ref 77A.12)

14 Kenya 672 ("encls 11") Com A/I. 9. 11. 38  
(and by 21)

Metropolitan Police

29/1/38

Ref 15. finds further Special Branch report regarding Harry Herzog. Any further information will be referred to G.O. and Passport Office.

The Passport Office has copies of the reports, so no action is required until Mr Herzog has been called again at the P.O. - see last sentence of (13).

? Patrick

Clarke White  
12/11

J.J. Pasmin  
23/11

above

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In London, London Office - 30/1/38  
Return file regarding Harry Herzog.

? Now send the FO file for HERZOG in original (in (3)) to Kenya Lt. for obvious, with copy of (16).  
of the papers in the FO file two should be extracted and not sent to Kenya: - first the M.I.5 report (green flag 2) and second the thesis via from A (green flag X) with the letter of which

should be copied on the spare form 4 loose in the file, & the copy only sent to Kenya.

Clarke White

2/12/38

17. Governor 680

29/1/38

Ref 3; in circus stated requests that grant of visa be withheld from Ernst Pich Dispatch follows concerning Oskar Hahn.

18. Governor 686

29/1/38

Ref 9; requests that visas be withheld from all applicants Returns enclosures.

? what as in minute above:

then receive for 17 & 18

Clarke White 2/12

J.J. Pasmin  
3/12  
at once

19. Govt. Kenya (1/12 indicated in minute of 2/12) Govt. 9/11-7/12/38  
20. Governor 693

3/12/38

Ref 8; Dr Oskar Hahn will be admitted on conditions stated.

21. Governor 703

4/12/38

Ref 14; requests grant of visa be refused to Henry Harbner.

22. Govt. 70021

14/12/38

Two copy of letter from Passport Control Officer, The Hague, dated 4/12/38 (with enclosure) concerning Leo Rosenberg and his wife and son

Govt. Nominal.

No reply received to  
No 10  
J. P. Passini  
19/12

? wait a month.

? Send duplicate of (20) Co FO  
LF ref (1)  
? Send copy of (22) + attach in  
original Co Kenya LF cons

Nos 17, 18 & 21 are cases in which  
Kenya does not wish visas to be  
granted. Before passing this  
information on it would perhaps be  
worth while considering whether it is  
possible to arrange for the Jewish  
Office in Kenya to give a guarantee  
that these people will not become public  
charges. This would perhaps be sufficient  
to ensure their admittance.

The file, -2A/-, on which this  
suggestion has been raised will  
be available in 2 or 3 days. The  
action proposed above should be completed  
forthwith and the file then received with  
-2A/-

Clara J. J. 19/12

I have spoken to Mr. Trenton.  
As proposed on 10, 20 & 22,  
I refer to 17, 18 & 21.

J. P. Passini  
21/12

\* see (20), in which  
provision of this sort  
has been adopted.

23 To F.O (No. 10 of 20) - 13/12 24/12/38

Ref. No. Kenya 793 - (1/12.22) - Bona 13/12 26.12.38.

20.12.38  
40.12.38

I have spoken with Mr. Parkin of the Passport  
Control Dept., F.O., with regard to (23) which  
concerns (22). He said that the usual procedure  
action and send (22) to the Passport Office -  
Paris or other, but that in such cases  
Nos 17, 18 and 21 are not recommended  
with regard to the minutes of 19/12 and 21/12  
with reference to the minutes of 19/12 and 21/12  
with reference to the minutes of 19/12 and 21/12

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To Mr. Potholch

action on 17, 18 & 21 has been deferred  
for the reason stated in the letter which  
was sent on 19/12. But at our discussion  
with Mr. Stephany it was agreed not  
to take up this or with the Gov. until  
Mr. Stephany has explored the ground  
with the Nairobi Jewish Centre and the  
Dico. I think that we should have  
to accept the Gov's decision in these  
particular cases.

I have sent copies of 17, 18 & 21  
to Passport Control Office 1/12.

J. P. Passini  
7/12  
6/1

26 To: C Passport Officer {47c. 18 + 1049 cals.} Bja 17-1-39  
17-21

27. Mrs Rothschild

8/1/39

Acno 25

DESTROYED UNDER STATUTE

Partly Closed White stamp 7/1

~~X~~

Mr Sakin

R. 98 still have the cheque  
referred to in the marginal note at  
11. Draft submitted.

Closed White  
3/3

To: 70 Passport Control Dept {47 Cheque } 5439  
2000 Kgs. (No 743773)

~~X~~

38087/26/38

C. O.

Mr. Conroy White 31/3

Mr. Parkin 31/3/38

Mr.

Mr. A. J. Dawe.

Sir H. Moore.

Sir G. Tomlinson.

Sir J. Shuckburgh.

Per U.S. of S.

Parly. U.S. of S.

Secretary of State.



5 APR 1938 28

Sir ~~Sy~~  
I am etc. to refer to the

letter from this office of the 17<sup>th</sup>  
of Jan one of the enclosures  
to which was a copy of a  
dep from the Gov of Kenya  
concerning the application of  
Mr HEINZ KARLINER for  
permission to enter the  
Colony. When this  
application was forwarded to  
this office in the past

instance, under cover of your  
letter S/62779 of the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
of Nov 1938, there was  
included among the various  
papers accompanying the  
application a cheque for

DRAFT.

US of S.

F. O.

(Parly. U.S. of S. Dept)

(Banking Bd. Doc. Cl. Office 733773)  
cheque in R. 98

FURTHER ACTION.

(26)

(21)

(11)

Two Thousand East African Shillings  
(Shs 2000/-). This cheque was <sup>due to an</sup> oversight  
not returned to you in the  
letter from this office under  
reference, & it is therefore  
enclosed herewith. The error  
is not precisely returning it to  
you is requested.

I am etc.

38087/2B/38

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23  
6th January, 1939.

Dear Mrs. Rothschild,

I am sorry that it has taken me some little time to reply to your enquiry about Dr. Hahn. The position now is that we have had a despatch from the Governor of Kenya stating that the Kenya Jewish Refugee Committee has undertaken to provide a guarantee that if Dr. and Mrs. Hahn are admitted to the Colony, they will not become a public charge for a period of three years. In the circumstances the Governor states that Dr. and Mrs. Hahn will be permitted to enter the Colony provided that a deposit of £100 is made on arrival, and that the sum of £1,000 is introduced on their behalf into Kenya before their departure from Europe.

This information has been passed on to the Passport Control Office (where I understand that Mr. Parkin is dealing with the matter) and we have asked them to do everything they can to expedite the action

on

MRS. L. ROTHSCHILD.

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on this case in view of the desire of  
Dr. and Mrs. Hahn to leave by a boat sailing on  
the 25th January.

Yours very truly,

J. J. Pasquin

In any further communication on this subject, please quote

No. S/63021.

and address—not to any person by name, but to—

"The Under-Secretary of State," Foreign Office, London, S.W. 1.

THE Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs presents his compliments to the Under Secretary of State for the Colonies and, in transmitting herewith, by direction of the Secretary of State, copy of the under-mentioned paper, would be glad to be advised what answer should be returned to Passport Control Officer, The Hague.

Foreign Office,

14th December, 1938.

*Reference to previous correspondence*

*Description of Enclosure.*

Name and Date.	Subject.
From Passport Control Officer, The Hague, dated 4th November, 1938 (with enclosure).	Leo ROSENBERG, WIFE ELLY AND SON CLAUS.

Copy to Kenya (2)

*Similar letter sent to*

BRITISH PASSPORT CONTROL.  
THE HAGUE.

PN/2503.

A

Family Name **ROSENBERG** Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Christian Name **Leo** Patronymic \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address **Wife, Elly, nee GARCIA; born Vienna 21.8.09;  
 & infant son, Claus; born Hamburg; 8.8.36.**  
**Haarlemmermeerstraat 85 huis, Amsterdam W.**  
 Place and Date of Birth **Vienna; 20.9.01.**  
 Sex **M.** Profession **Commercial Agent.** Nationality **Austrian.**  
 Arrived in HOLLAND **1.1.38.** Coming from **Germany.**  
 Destination **Kenya & Rhodesia.**  
 Reason for Journey **See below.**  
 Duration of Proposed Visit **One year or longer.**  
 Means at Applicant's Disposal **See below.**  
 Dates of Previous Visits to U.K. **Never been in British** In what capacity  
 territory.  
 Previous Address in U.K. \_\_\_\_\_

REFERENCES IN UNITED KINGDOM

(1) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (2) \_\_\_\_\_  
 No references in British Territory

Husband: 3661 Hamburg 20.12.25 Valid until 19.12.40  
 Passport No. Issued at \_\_\_\_\_ On \_\_\_\_\_  
 Wife & child: 3451/57 " 29.7.35 Valid until 28.7.40.  
 Return Visas to \_\_\_\_\_ Valid until \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Date

REMARKS

4.11.38.

Applicant has been appointed agent for Kenya & Rhodesia for the firm of N. Jacobson & Co., Amsterdam, in accordance with the terms of the attached contract. It will be observed that no provision is made for the payment of applicant's return passage from Kenya to Europe, should he at any time be found unsuitable for further employment.

No other documents have been submitted in support of this man's application. According to his story he has been a partner in the firm of Jacobson & Co since January of this year, but will cease to hold this position when he leaves this country for Kenya.

ROSENBERG states that he has made an application for German passports for himself and his family.

May I have your instructions please?

to *Cg. Rhod*  
 Passport Control Officer  
 THE NETHERLANDS.

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Enclosure in Memorandum No PN/2503 of 4.11.38.

N. JACOBSON & CO.

COPY.

Amsterdam-C.  
Heerengracht 268.

A G R E E M E N T .

1st November, 1938.

Agreement made this 1st November 1938 between Messrs N. JACOBSON & CO, Amsterdam-C, on the one part hereinafter called the principals and Mr Leo ROSENBERG, Amsterdam, of the other part hereinafter called the agent.

Whereas Messrs N. JACOBSON & Co appointed Mr Leo ROSENBERG to be their sole agent for Kenya and Rhodesia it is hereby agreed as under:

- 1) Period: that this agreement shall be made in the first instance for a trial period of one year beginning on the first day of January, 1939, and that at the end of that period it shall be renewed by mutual consent thereafter to continue until cancelled. Residence of the agent shall be Kenya.
- 2) That the agent is appointed as selling and buying agent for Kenya and Rhodesia. The principal articles are: fertilisers, feeding stuffs, chemicals, metals, ores and general export trade.
- 3) That all enquiries that may be received directly by the principals will be referred by them to the agent for attention.
- 4) That the principals will pay the agent for all expenses for maintaining the organisation a fixed amount of pounds sterling 10.0.0. each month.
- 5) That the principals will pay the agent a commission ruling from  $\frac{1}{2}\%$  to  $1\frac{1}{2}\%$  according to articles from each invoice.
- 6) The agent will use every effort to create an increase the volumen of the business.
- 7) After the expiry of the initial period of 1 year this agreement may be terminated or renewed by two months' notice in writing.
- 8) This agreement shall be construed and carried out in all respects according to the laws of Holland.

Witness to the signature of Messrs N. JACOBSON & CO.  
(Sgd) Illegible.

Witness to the signature of Mr Leo ROSENBERG.  
(Sgd) LEO ROSENBERG.



7 December 1938.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 672 of the 9th November, enclosing papers on the subject of an application by Heinz Karliner for permission to proceed to Kenya.

2. In view of the absence of information as to the financial resources of Mr. Karliner, the suggested salary of £12 per mensem for one year appears inadequate and the income from the proposed agency for Messrs. Continental Sales Company, a firm not established in this Colony and the bank reference relative to which is somewhat uninformative, is problematical.

Moreover the applicant will not be permitted to return to Germany once he has left that country.

3. In the circumstances it is not unlikely that Mr. Karliner would become a charge on public funds, and I must ask that the grant of a visa for Kenya be refused.

I have the honour to be,  
 Sir,  
 Your most obedient,  
 humble servant,

*R Brooke-Copham*  
 AIR CHIEF MARSHAL  
 GOVERNOR.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE  
 MALCOLM MacDONALD, M.P.,  
 SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,  
 DOWNING STREET,  
 LONDON. S.W. 1.

*Copy to Postal Office (26)*

KENYA  
No. 693



GOVERNMENT HOUSE  
NAIROBI  
KENYA

RECEIVED  
C.

3 December 1938.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your despatch No. 653 of the 4th November, under cover of which you forwarded a copy of a letter of the 1st September from the Passport Control Officer, Paris, concerning an application by Dr. Oskar Hahn, a stateless person, for permission to enter Kenya in company with his wife and child.

2. Dr. and Mrs. Hahn and child will be permitted to enter this Colony provided that a deposit of £100 is made on arrival, that the sum of £1,000 is introduced on their behalf into Kenya before their departure from Europe, and that a guarantee undertaking to be financially responsible for them for a period of three years is furnished by the Kenya Jewish Refugee Committee.

I am advised that the Kenya Jewish Refugee Committee has undertaken, in writing, to provide such a guarantee if Dr. Hahn is admitted to the Colony.

3. If, therefore, Dr. Hahn will adduce proof of the availability in Kenya of the sum of £1,000, no objection exists to the grant to him and his wife of visas for this Colony.

Dr. Hahn should, however, be informed that, even though he is in possession of a visa for Kenya, admission will be refused unless the sum of £1,000 is available in the Colony.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your most obedient, humble servant,

*E. Brooke-Popham*  
AIR CHIEF MARSHAL  
GOVERNOR.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE  
MALCOLM MACDONALD, M.P.,  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR  
THE COLONIES,  
DOWNING STREET,  
LONDON. S.W. 1.

25139  
693  
2033

KENYA  
No 686



GOVERNMENT HOUSE  
NAIROBI  
KENYA

29 November 1938.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt  
9 of your despatch No.654 of the 4th November, forwarding  
for my observations, papers on the subject of persons  
of foreign nationality who are desirous of emigrating  
to Kenya.

2. As regards Mr. Otto Haas, the applicant has  
produced no evidence of financial resources and his in-  
come from the various pursuits he proposes to follow  
would be problematical. He would, moreover, be unable  
to return to Germany.

In view of the possibility of Mr. Otto Haas  
becoming a public charge, I must ask that his application  
for a visa be refused.

3. Messrs. Ernst Weiniger, Friederich Hubinstein,  
Karl Meisal and Oskar Stern, whose applications were also  
forwarded under cover of your despatch, all apparently  
wish to enter the Colony in search of employment. In  
the absence of proof of financial resources, or evidence  
of offers of employment or other means of support, it is  
not unlikely that they would become charges on public  
funds if permitted to enter Kenya.

I must, therefore, ask that the grant of visas  
be withheld in the case of these persons.

4. The enclosures to your despatch are returned  
in accordance with your request.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your most obedient,  
humble servant,

*Brooke-Popham*  
AIR-CHIEF-MARSHAL  
GOVERNOR.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE  
MALCOLM MACDONALD, M.P.,  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE  
COLONIES,  
DOWNING STREET,  
LONDON. S.W. 1.

*Chief Secretary's Office*  
*29/11/38*

KENYA  
No. 685



GOVERNMENT HOUSE  
NAIROBI  
KENYA

29 November 1938.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 653 of the 4th November forwarding, for my observations, copies of papers on the subject of persons of foreign nationality who are desirous of emigrating to Kenya.

2. As regards Mr. Erich Pick, my advisers are of the opinion that, as Mr. Pick appears to be in possession of only £230, of which £150 would be required for immigration purposes, and as his income from the proposed agency would be problematical, his financial resources are insufficient to maintain himself, his wife and his mother-in-law.

In the circumstances there appears to be a likelihood that these persons would become a charge on public funds, and I must ask that the grant of a visa be withheld.

3. A further despatch will be addressed to you concerning the application of Mr. Oskar Hahn.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your most obedient,  
humble servant,

*City of Kenya (see page 107)*

*AD Brooke-Popham*

AIR CHIEF MARSHAL  
GOVERNOR

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE  
MALCOLM MACDONALD, M.P.,  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,  
DOWNING STREET,  
LONDON. S.W. 1.

Mr. MacDougall,  
East Africa Department,  
Colonial Office.

As arranged over the telephone I return herewith the file of papers regarding Harry Herzog, an Austrian national, who desires to proceed to Kenya Colony.

Since the receipt of the reports from Special Branch we have again seen Mr. Herzog here. After further conversation with him the impression gained was that his statements in his letter dated the 20th September 1938 (marked A) in file are the real facts. The friend referred to is Mr. Erwin Longchits or Longchitz who is said to be still in Kenya and reference is invited. His address is c/o East African Mart, Harding Street, Balfour, Nairobi.

As the information given in the police report is unconfirmed and, indeed, is more or less merely the opinion of Mr. Metz, it is felt that at the present juncture the Special Branch could not be asked to express any view in the matter.

In these circumstances the Colonial Office may wish to refer the case to the authorities in Kenya, pointing out that whilst the suspicions which have been raised regarding Mr. Herzog are in no way substantiated the authorities in Kenya might, in the event of his being allowed to enter Kenya, desire to keep observation on his activities.

  
30th November, 1938.

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# METROPOLITAN POLICE OFFICE

(Special Branch)

New Scotland Yard  
London, S.W.1

Any further communication on the subject  
of this letter should be addressed to—  
THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE OF THE  
METROPOLIS (SPECIAL BRANCH),  
NEW SCOTLAND YARD, S.W.1  
and the following No. cited

TELEPHONE

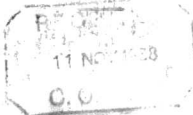
WHITEHALL 1212

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to individuals by name

POSTAGE MUST BE PREPAID

320/NA2/237.

9th November 1938.



Sir,

I am directed by the Commissioner of  
Police of the Metropolis to refer to your letter,  
ref. 38087/2B/38, of the 8th instant concerning  
Harry HERZOG and to forward, herewith, for the  
information of the Secretary of State, a copy of  
a further Special Branch report regarding him.

As requested by you, copies of the previous  
Special Branch reports have been forwarded to the  
Passport Office.

I am further directed to inform you that  
any further information coming to hand regarding  
HERZOG, will be referred to the Colonial Office and  
Passport Office in addition to M.I.5.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

for ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER.

The Under Secretary of State,  
Colonial Office,  
London, S. W. 1.

Harry HERZOG

8th

November

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With further reference to Harry HERZOG, who is ostensibly a representative of the firm of Robert Seyss of Vienna, but who is known to have applied for a visa to enter Kenya, and upon whom previous reports have been submitted under correspondence 320/NAZ/237 :-

I am informed that Robert Seyss of Vienna is a small firm of block makers of good standing, and that it has been in existence for about 20 years or more.

The firm is said to have previously transacted business with firms in the North of England, particularly with Messrs. Sherratt and Hughes of 34, Cross Street, Manchester, and other big booksellers and printers.

*[Handwritten signature]*  
P.S.

Submitted.

*[Handwritten signature]*  
Inspector.

*[Handwritten signature]*  
Superintendent.

38087/2B/39

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C. O.

Mr. Matthews  
Mr. Thomas



S 2

8 NOV 1938

Mr.  
Mr. A. J. Dave.  
Sir H. Moore.  
Sir G. Tomlinson.  
Sir J. Shuckburgh.  
Permt. U.S. of S.  
Partly U.S. of S.  
Secretary of State.

Sir

(7)  
(7A)  
(12)

I am able to acknowledge the receipt of your letter nos 320/MA2/237 of the 26th Novem<sup>r</sup> 1938 forwarded by the S<sup>r</sup> of Malabar. The reports concerning Mr. Harry Herzog whose application for permission to enter Kenya has been referred by the Passport Office to this Office.

The Commissioner of Police of the Metropolitan (Special Branch)

2. The Passport Office being informed of the further Police enquiries & are being requested to defer a decision on Mr. Herzog's application pending the result of your investigations.

3. Provided that the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolitan sees no objection I am to request that a copy of the reports enclosed with your letter ~~also of the report submitted with~~

FURTHER ACTION.

(7) your letter no 320/MA2/237 of the 26th Novem<sup>r</sup> 1938 may be sent to the

Passport Office together with copies  
for information. It would  
be convenient also if a copy  
of any further correspondence  
on this subject ~~may~~ could be  
furnished forwarded to the  
Passport <sup>Office</sup>. It is understood that  
Mr Herzog will be asked to  
call at the Passport Office  
about the beginning of December  
when it is hoped that ~~and~~ it  
will be possible to return a  
definite answer to his application  
for permission to enter Kenya.

Lary

(Signed) J. J. PASKIN.

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# METROPOLITAN POLICE OFFICE

(Special Branch)

New Scotland Yard  
London, S.W.1

Any further communication on the subject  
of this letter should be addressed to  
THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE OF THE  
METROPOLIS (SPECIAL BRANCH),  
NEW SCOTLAND YARD, S.W.1  
and the following No. quoted

TELEPHONE . . . WHITEHALL 1212

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320/NAZ/237.

5th November 1938.

NOV 1938  
O. O. REGD

Sir,

I am directed by the Commissioner of  
Police of the Metropolis to refer to previous  
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Branch report regarding this man.

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I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

for ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER.

The Under Secretary of State,  
Colonial Office,  
East African Department,  
S. W. 1.

*Ask by 113*

Harry HERZOG.

4th

November

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320/NAZ/237

M.I.5. letter

L.180(423)B.2d.

With further reference to correspondence 320/NAZ/237 and to M.I.5. letter L. 180(423)/B.2d., dated 1-11-1938 respecting Harry HERZOG, Austrian, a suspected Nazi propagandist who is endeavouring to obtain a visa to enter Kenya :-

On 1-11-38, Herzog called at Messrs. Longmans Green and Company, Ltd., publishers, 39, Paternoster Row, E.C., and endeavoured to obtain business for the firm of Robert SEYSS, special process engravers of Alserstrasse, 43, Vienna, VIII. A letter dated 15-10-38 was sent from Robert Seyss to Messrs. Longmans Green and Co., Ltd., stating that Herzog would call upon them.

At the time of Herzog's landing in this country on 16-9-38, he informed the Immigration Officer that Messrs. Longmans Green and Company was one of the firms he intended to visit, but he did not put in an appearance there until some six weeks after his arrival.

Herzog offered to make Messrs. Longmans Green and Co., colour blocks for forthcoming publications at very attractive prices. These would be roughly about half the price the same work would cost in England and about three quarters of the amount the work is at present costing on the Continent.

The alien was seen at 39, Paternoster Row by a Mr. Adam, who took the opportunity of asking Herzog whether he was a Jew. Herzog replied that he was not, but

but that he wished he were, as he would then have a reason for not returning to Austria, where he said personal liberties were practically non-existent. He also said that he had permission to remain in this country until about the end of 1938 and that it was his intention to apply for an extension when his present permit expired. To do this, he said that it would be necessary to convince Robert Seyas that it would be worth while retaining his services, and he had accordingly been trying to work up a connection on behalf of his employers.

He also said that for many years the firm of Robert Seyas had done business to the extent of thousands of pounds with English firms, but since the Anschluss this had dropped to nothing. Further, he said that many years ago the firm had done business for Messrs. Longmans Green and Co., but this cannot be remembered by any present member of the firm.

According to Mr. Adam, Harzog was rather dejected at the interview. He seemed, however, to be straightforward, but on the whole reserved, and it took about three quarters of an hour to draw him into general conversation. He appeared to have some knowledge of the commercial side of process engraving, but no technical knowledge.

Little information is at present to hand regarding the firm of Robert Seyas. From the letter this firm sent to Messrs. Longmans Green and Company, it was gathered that the firm was founded in 1912 and that the present staff consists of 40 employees. In the event of further information regarding Robert Seyas being obtained, a report will be submitted.

I respectfully suggest that a copy of this report be forwarded to Mr. McDougall, Colonial Office.

Submitted.

*A. S. S. S.*  
Inspector.

*A. S. S. S.*  
Superintendent.

Caller to see Mr.

Name

H. Lutting - Scotland Road 94  
Kenya.

Dominion or Colony

NATURE OF BUSINESS

we are Harry Henry an  
Austrian who is applying  
for a visa

Date

24-10-35

In any further communication on this subject, please quote

No. S/62779

and address—not to any person by name, but to—

"The Under-Secretary of State," Foreign Office, London, S.W. 1.

THE Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs presents his compliments to the Under Secretary of State for the

Colonies and, in transmitting herewith, by direction of the Secretary of State, a copy of the under-mentioned paper, would be glad to be advised what answer should be returned to the Passport Control Officer, Berlin.

Foreign Office,

2nd November, 1938.

Reference to previous correspondence



*Description of Enclosure.*

Name and Date.	Subject.
From the Passport Control Officer, Berlin, dated the 25th October, 1938. (with enclosure).	Heinz KARLINER

copy sent to King (14)

Similar letter sent to

Passport Control Officer  
Berlin.

October 25, 1938.

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Passport Control Officer.

The Director of Passport Control,  
L o n d o n.

Copy.

The Standard Bank of South Africa, Ltd.,  
Commissioner Street,  
P.O.Box 1031,  
Johannesburg,

17th September, 1938.

The British Consul,  
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Commission Agents

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Johannesburg, 17.8.38.

Hamburg, den 26. September 1938.

An das

Britische Konsulat,

B R E S L A U.



## A. Wichtige und allgemeine Bekanntmachung, gültig für alle Reisende, inklusive Reisende nach Palästina

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Johannesburg, 17.9.38.

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Hamburg, den 28. September 1938.

An das

Britische Konsulat,

B R E S L A U.  
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Bitte in lateinischen Buchstaben zu schreiben

Please write clearly

Visum-Antrag/Application for a Visa

Name und Vornamen Herr Heinz Karliner. and Christian names Mr.

Mädchenname Maiden name Geburtsdatum Date of birth 7 November 1904.

Vorname des Vaters Patronymic (nur bei Russen) Geburtsort Gleiwitz. (Russian only) Place of birth

Stand (ledig, verheiratet, verwitwet, geschieden) Married. Condition (single, married, widowed, divorced)

Beruf (ausführlich u. genau anzugeben) Merchant, fruitjuices. Occupation (full particulars)

Adresse Gleiwitz, Neudorferstr. 2. Address

Tel.

Staatsangehörigkeit: Durch Geburt German Nationality At birth Etwaige spätere Intermediate Jetzige German Present

Reiseziel Kenya. Destination Beabsichtigte Dauer des Aufenthaltes Duration of stay

Voraussichtliches Datum (1) der Ankunft Proposed date of arrival (2) der Wiederabreise of departure

Zweck der Reise: Es ist unbedingt notwendig, den Zweck der Reise mit allen Einzelheiten anzugeben, andernfalls wird die Bearbeitung verzögert, bzw. der Antrag abgelehnt. Allgemeine Angaben, wie "Besuch," "Geschäftsreise" usw. genügen nicht.

Lesen Sie bitte sorgfältig die Bekanntmachungen auf der Rückseite!

Failure to state fully and in detail the reason for your journey will result in delay or refusal of a visa. General expressions such as "Visit," "Business," etc., are insufficient.

You are invited carefully to read the notices on the back of this form!

Bezeichnung des Passes: Nr. 1297/37. Ausgestellt in Gleiwitz. particulars of passport field No. Issued at Am 22. Sept./37. Gültig bis Valid until On Valid until

Wiedereinreise-sichtvermerk nach (falls notwendig) Return visa, if necessary, to Gültig bis Valid until

Name und jetzige Adresse Ihrer Frau oder Ihres Mannes, falls Sie allein reisen Name and address of wife or husband if not accompanying

Referenzen: References:

Ort und Datum etwaiger früherer Anträge angeben State date and place of previous applications, if any

Ich erkläre hiermit, dass die vorstehenden Angaben der Wahrheit entsprechen. I hereby declare that the above statements are true.

Datum Date Gleiwitz O/S. Ort Place

Unterschrift Heinz Karliner. Signature

Please turn over! Bitte wenden!

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# METROPOLITAN POLICE OFFICE

(Special Branch)

TELEPHONE - - WHITEHALL 1212

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THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE OF THE METROPOLIS (SPECIAL BRANCH),  
NEW SCOTLAND YARD, S.W.1  
and the following No. quoted

New Scotland Yard,  
London, S.W.1

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POSTAGE MUST BE PREPAID

320/NAZ/237.

1st November 1938.

Sir,

I am directed by the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis to refer to his letter of the 26th October 1938 concerning Harry HERZOG, and to forward, herewith, for the information of the Secretary of State, a copy of a further Special Branch report regarding this alien.

A copy of this report has been sent to

M. I. 5.

I am,

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Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

for ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER.

*File in (12)*

The Under Secretary of State,  
Colonial Office,  
East African Department,  
S. W. 1.

S.B. No. 1 (Filmsy).

## METROPOLITAN POLICE.

Special Report }  
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SPECIAL BRANCH,

Metropolitan Police,

Scotland House,

SUBJECT

31st day of October 1938

Harry HERZOG

Reference to Papers.  
320/NAZ/237.

Further to report of 25th October 1938 respecting information given by Mr. Gerald Louis Eustace METZ respecting an Austrian named Harry HERZOG who is applying for a visa to enter Kenya, and who is suspected by Mr. Metz of being a Nazi propagandist :-

A further meeting between Mr. Metz and Herzog took place on 29th October 1938, but Herzog created no better impression than at the previous meeting, and Mr. Metz's suspicion that Herzog has an ulterior motive in entering Kenya, was in no sense allayed. Mr. Metz accordingly told Herzog that he was not satisfied that he and his partner could do any useful business in Kenya for Asca Electric, Ltd., and on being so informed, Herzog said that he would get in touch with his partner, and approach Mr. Metz in about a month.

It was gathered by Mr. Metz at the meeting that Herzog's partner is a man named Erwin LONGCHITS or LONGCHITZ, a native of Vienna, and a non Aryan aged 38. This man arrived at Nairobi on 21-10-1938 and is not now expected to return to this country. He is said to be the nephew of one F.M. Neumann, described as being very wealthy and as a director of John Peet and Co., Ltd., tea merchants, 4, Eastcheap, E.C. Neumann's nationality is not known, but he is said to reside at 91, Bardhuisweg, Scheveningen, Holland.

The company which Herzog and his partner intend to form will most likely be registered in this

country. The money necessary to float the concern will be supplied by F.M. Neumann.

During the course of the interview, Herzog told Mr. Metz that there was no restriction on his stay in this country, and that he would stay here so long as his finances permitted him to do so. It will be recalled that Herzog was landed on 16-9-1938 for one month. This condition has now been extended until 16-12-1938.

At the conclusion of the interview, Mr. Metz drew Herzog's attention to an advertisement in the current issue of the "Electrical Review" asking for agencies in Kenya, and Herzog stated that he had inserted the advertisement. If successful in obtaining the agency of Asca Electric, Ltd., he said that he would not be greatly interested in any others which might be forthcoming.

I respectfully suggest that a copy of this report be forwarded to Mr. McDougall of the East African Department of the Colonial Office, who is concerned with Herzog's application for a visa to enter Kenya.

*J. L. ...*  
P.S.

Submitted.

*D. W. ...*  
Inspector.

*...*  
Superintendent.

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26th October 1938.

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*[Signature]*  
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*Acc by (13)*

The Under Secretary of State,  
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## METROPOLITAN POLICE.

Special Report }

SPECIAL BRANCH,

Metropolitan Police,

Scotland House,

SUBJECT

25th day of October 1938

Harry HERZOG.

Reference to Papers.

320/HAZ/237.

On 15-10-1938, a telephone message was received at this office from Gerald Louis Eustace METZ, M.I.E.E., A.M.I. Mech. E., of 16, Little Pluckett's Way, Buckhurst Hill, Essex, to the effect that an Austrian named Harry HERZOG, might be a Nazi propagandist.

Mr. Metz, who is a British subject, is the export manager of Asea Electric, Ltd., of Bush House, Aldwych and Fulbourne Road, Walthamstow, E.17. This company is a subsidiary of the Swedish organisation known as Allmänna Svenska Elektriska Aktiebolaget, of Vastras, Sweden. I am told that this organisation has world wide ramifications, undertakes big electrical and engineering projects, and is comparable with the British organisation known as Metropolitan Vickers. The shares of Asea Electric, Ltd., are held by the Swedish firm mentioned above, and according to Mr. Metz, all the directors of Asea Electric, Ltd., are of Swedish nationality.

The Allmänna Svenska Elektriska Aktiebolaget has branches in all the principal towns in Central Europe, and the firm and its undertakings are particularly well known in Germany and Austria. A short time ago, the Stockholm office of the concern received a letter from one Harry Herzog, a native of Vienna, in which the writer offered to represent the firm in Kenya and Tanganyika. These territories are in the area covered by Asea Electric, Ltd., and Herzog was accordingly referred to this firm.

Asea Electric, Ltd., were duly informed of Herzog's request, and that he had been directed to make his application in London.

On 22-9-1938, a letter was written by Herzog from 19, Cambridge Terrace, W.2., to Asea Electric, Ltd., in which he stated that he was taking up residence in Kenya (Nairobi), that he had a large commercial and technical experience, and in consequence offered to represent Asea Electric, Ltd., in these territories. He concluded his letter by saying that any sum of money necessary as a guarantee could be given.

Following this letter, applicant was seen by Mr. Metz on 14-10-1938. After some conversation regarding Herzog's offer to represent Asea Electric, Ltd, in East Africa, Mr. Metz came to the conclusion that Herzog had no technical qualifications and that he knew nothing about engineering. Even allowing for the fact that Herzog's English was not perfect, he did not seem to understand the simplest engineering terms, and most of Mr. Metz's questions were wasted upon him.

Mr. Metz gathered, however, that Herzog has a partner, a "German (name at present unknown) who is at present on a voyage from Kenya to this country. It appears that Herzog and his partner have the intention of forming a company - in which country is not yet known - and starting a small engineering works in Kenya for maintenance and general repairs. Herzog's partner has apparently been seeking a suitable site for the erection of the works, and investigating conditions in Kenya generally.

In Mr. Metz's opinion, the intended project of Herzog and his partner has little chance of success. There is no heavy industry carried on in either Kenya or Tanganyika. Both territories are agricultural, and the only engineering repairs likely to be necessary there are those to agricultural machinery and implements - the amount of which is considered likely to be small. It is significant that Asea Electric, Ltd., is

adequately represented in the Union of South Africa, but has no representatives in either Kenya or Tanganyika.

Herzog made such a poor impression at the interview with Mr. Metz, that the latter came to the conclusion that Herzog and his partner had some ulterior motive in wishing to settle in Kenya, and he thought it possible that both may be Nazi propagandists.

He bases his suspicions on the following points :

1. That Herzog has little or no technical qualifications.
2. That the intention of Herzog and his partner to start an engineering works in Kenya is unsound and has no chance of success.
3. That the phrase in Herzog's letter to Asea Electric, Ltd. to the effect that any sum of money necessary as a guarantee can be given, indicates that in making such a sweeping statement, the writer has had no commercial experience. Further, this phrase, if true, tends to show that Herzog and his partner have very influential backing which is unusual in the case of two persons making a start in a foreign country.
4. That during the course of the interview, Herzog asked Mr. Metz to keep the matter secret.
5. That Herzog is a German type. According to Mr. Metz, he does not appear to be a Jew, and he did not mention anything to suggest that he is a political refugee.
6. That if Herzog and his partner were successful in becoming the accredited representatives of a big concern such as Asea Electric, Ltd., they would have ample reason for travelling from place to place, and the cover of a reputable firm would enable them to indulge in subversive activities if they were so minded.

Mr. Metz declared that he had informed police of his suspicions as he thought it his duty to do so. He has not informed his directors of these suspicions, and he says that as they are not British subjects, he has no intention of so doing.

The decision as to whether Herzog and his partner shall represent Asea Electric, Ltd., lies entirely with Mr. Metz. He appears to have already decided that there is no business for his firm in either Kenya or Tanganyika, but he will arrange a further meeting with Herzog in order to obtain some

particulars concerning his partner. This meeting will probably take place on Friday 28th October 1938. A report of this meeting will be submitted in due course.

The records at Traffic Index, Home Office, show that one Harry Herzog, who is undoubtedly the person referred to by Mr. Metz, arrived at Harwich on 16-9-1938. He was in possession of Austrian passport No. A. 198230 issued in Vienna on 1-4-1937 and valid until 29-3-1941. This document shows him to have been born in Vienna on 10-3-1903

Herzog was conditionally landed as a business visitor for one month and to take no employment. An extension of his stay has been applied for by the Society of Friends (German Emergency Committee), Friends House, Euston Road, N.W., and an extension until 16-12-1938 has been granted. It is interesting to note that at the time of his landing, Herzog's means were £43.

On arrival here, Herzog told the Immigration Officer that he represented one Robert SEYSS, a special process engraver of Vienna, by whom he had been employed for a month. He stated that in the course of his business here, he would visit Messrs. Longmans Green and Company, Ltd., 39, Paternoster Row, E.C., and Messrs. Schueler and Smith, 18/20, Regent Street, S.W.1.

Messrs. Longmans Green and Company, Ltd., are well known publishers. Enquiries made of this firm show that neither Herzog nor Robert Seyss are known to them, and they have no knowledge of Herzog having called upon them in any connection.

I have been unable to trace any firm named Schueler and Smith. The address 18/20, Regent Street is a large block of offices in which many firms are housed, but the name Schueler and Smith is not known there.

Enquiries at the Foreign Visa Department of the Passport Office show that Herzog has applied for a visa to enter Kenya. The file dealing with his application has been

referred to Mr. McDougall of the East African Department of the Colonial Office.

On 24th October 1938, I saw Mr. McDougall at the Colonial Office and verbally communicated to him Mr. Metz's suspicions regarding Herzog. In consequence, Mr. McDougall stated that Herzog's application for a visa to enter Kenya would, for the time being, be held in abeyance.

I respectfully suggest that a copy of this report be forwarded direct to Mr. McDougall at the East African Department of the Colonial Office.

Metropolitan Police records contain nothing to the detriment of Herzog or Mr. Metz.

*J. L. S. L. S.*  
P.S.

Submitted.

*R. H. Jones*  
Inspector

*C. H. G. G.*  
Superintendent

In any further communication on this subject, please quote

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and address - not to any person by name, but to -

"The Under-Secretary of State," Foreign Office, London, S.W.1.

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THE Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs presents his compliments to the Under Secretary of State for the Colonies, and, in transmitting herewith, by direction of the Secretary of State, a copy of the under-mentioned paper, would be glad to be advised what answer should be returned to the Passport Control Officer, Paris.

Foreign Office,

21st September, 1938.

Reference to previous correspondence.

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Description of Enclosure.

Name and Date.	Subject.
From the Passport Control Office, Paris, dated 8th September, 1938, (with enclosures).	Erich PICK.

Copy made to Kenya (B)

Similar letter sent to

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5th September 1938

M. JEFFES Esq.,  
Director of Passport Control  
Broadway Buildings,  
54, Broadway, S.W.1.

Erich PICK

I enclose an application on behalf  
of the above named Austrian refugee who wishes  
to emigrate to Kenya colony.

May I have your instructions please.

*G. W. Courtney*

PASSPORT CONTROL OFFICER  
FRANCE



Family Name **PICK** Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Christian Names **Erich** Patronymic \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address **304, rue de Belleville Paris (XX).**  
 Place and Date of Birth **Vienna 25.2.06**  
 Sex **M** Profession **Engineer** Nationality **Austrian**  
 Arrived in France **21.7.38** Coming from **Austria**  
 Destination **Kenya**  
 Reason for Journey **Emigration**  
 Duration of Proposed Visit **permanent**  
 Means at Applicant's Disposal **see below**  
 Date of Previous Visits to U.K. **none** In what capacity **--**  
 Previous Address in U.K. **--**

REFERENCES IN UNITED KINGDOM.  
KENYA

(1) **Mr. Ernest BAER**  
**Palace Hotel**  
**Mombassa Kenya**  
 (2) \_\_\_\_\_

Passport No. **4885** Issued at **Vienna** On **21.6.38** Valid until **31.12.38**  
 Return Visa(s) to \_\_\_\_\_ Valid until \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Date

REMARKS

**8.9.38**  
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The above named wishes to emigrate to Kenya colony and produces the attached copies of letters from Mr. L.L. LAWRENCE of METRO GOLDWYN MAYER, who is stated to be a relative. He also produces a letter from the BRITISH BOILER ACCESSORIES Ltd, of which I enclose a copy. Applicant is a qualified engineer and has shown me his engineer's diploma.

He states that his wife, Elise nee LANG, born 11.12.06, and his mother-in-law, Anna LANG nee STIN, aged about 60, are both in Vienna but that they wish to accompany him to Kenya where a friend of his (Reference No.1) is already working. He gives as a reference in the U.K. Mr. Fred HANDEL, 36 Clifton Court, London N.W.8.

*G. W. Courtney*

PASSPORT CONTROL OFFICER  
FRANCE

METRO GOLDWYN MAYER

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L.L. LAWRENCE

Paris 9e, 31 August 1938  
37 rue Condorcet.

Mr. Erich Pick,  
304, rue de Belleville,  
Paris (XXe).

Dear Mr. Pick,

Confirming our conversation in connection with your immigration to East Africa, I wish to advise you that the required £50.- each for yourself, your wife and your mother-in-law, i.e., a total of £150.- are held at your disposal here. For all further formalities in this respect, please communicate with me whenever you wish to do so.

With kindest regards

(s) L.L. LAWRENCE

COPY

METRO GOLDWYN MAYER

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L.L. LAWRENCE

Paris 20 6 septembre 1938  
37, rue Condorcet.

Monsieur Erich Pick  
304, rue de Belleville,  
Paris (XXe).

Dear Mr Pick,

This is to confirm that in addition to the 150 Pounds Sterling about which I wrote you recently and which are required for immigration into East Africa for yourself, your wife and your mother-in-law, I am holding at your disposal a further amount of 80 (eighty) Pounds Sterling i.e. a total of 230 (Two hundred and thirty) Pounds Sterling of which you will either take possession yourself in due time, or which will be transferred to your Bank account as soon as such an account has been opened by you.

Kindest regards

(s) L.L. Lawrence

BRITISH BOILER ACCESSORIES LTD

Windsor House  
46, Victoria Street  
London S.W.1

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26th August 1938

Mr Erich Pick  
P a r i s.

Dear Sir,

We were very interested to learn that you intend travelling to British East Africa.

Should you in fact, make this trip, we should be pleased to appoint you as our representative, for a trial period of one year, for the above named territory. You would then undertake for us the sale of our:-

"Dejectors" Circulating Water Softeners  
Automatic Lifters  
Steam-traps, and  
Accumulator-plants

and we would allow you a commission of 15 o/o of the net invoice amount for each sale.

All sales must be made on the strict understanding of payment immediately on delivery.

Should you be in agreement with the arrangement proposed above, kindly let us know, and we shall then send you a correctly drawn-up form of Agreement, together with all conditions, etc., for the sale of our goods.

Yours faithfully

BRITISH BOILER ACCESSORIES LTD

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Managing Director

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and address—not to any person by name, but to—

"The Under-Secretary of State," Foreign Office, London, S.W. 1.

THE Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs presents his compliments to the Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies, and, in transmitting herewith, by direction of the Secretary of State, a copy of the under-mentioned paper, would be glad to be advised what answer should be returned to the Passport Control Officer, Brussels.

*Foreign Office.*

September 15th, 1938.

*Reference to previous correspondence.*

*Description of Enclosure.*

Name and Date.	Subject.
From the Passport Control Officer, Brussels, dated 1st September, 1938.	OSCAR HAHN.

*Similar letter sent to*

BRITISH PASSPORT CONTROL OFFICE,  
126, Chaussée d'Ixelles,  
Brussels.

1st September, 1938.

HAHN, Oskar : Stateless  
Emergency Passport (Luxemburg)  
No. 257/38; his wife, Lissi, née  
Schless, German passport No. 113,  
and child.

1. The above-named has applied for permission to emigrate to Kenya Colony.
  2. He has produced a letter from a cousin, A.F. MINKEL, who has a farm at Gilgil, Kenya, giving suggestions as to employment and saying that applicant, and wife and daughter could reside with him.
  3. Applicant has produced proof that he has capital of about £1500, i.e., £1000 in a Swiss Bank, £200 on deposit with Barclays Bank at Nairobi. He also has £300 cash.
  4. Apparently applicant already tried to enter Kenya but states that he was refused leave to land at Nairobi as he had no visa.
  5. He is at present living in Luxemburg.
- For instructions, please

*E. Callthrop*

Lt. Colonel  
Passport Control Officer

The Director,  
Passport Control,  
London.