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Messrs Knudsen & Wankelmann

Send copy with address to both the
Messrs explaining action of Prot part of
decision to accede to the Knudsen request
to be allowed to return to Africa.

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

The Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs presents
his compliments to the Under-Secretary of State for the
Colonies and, by direction of the Secretary
of State, transmits herewith copies of the under-mentioned
paper.

Foreign Office,

December 31, 1915.

Reference to previous correspondence.

Letter to ^{Gov} Foreign Office 57835/15 December 20

Description of Inclosure

Name and Date.	Subject.
To Netherland Minister December 30	Arrest of Messrs Kruiser & Winkelman at Bombay

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Sir:-

I have the honour to state that I have carefully considered in consultation with the Secretary of State for the Colonies your notes of the 7th June, July 13th, and September 13th last respecting the treatment of Messrs A. Krulder and W. Winkelman in British East Africa.

His Majesty's Government are informed that Mr. Krulder on the outbreak of war attracted attention by his strong pro-German attitude and by visiting in company with Mr. Winkelman military posts such as the lighthouse and Allindini, and that on one occasion he forced his way into the signal station and made use of the telescope at a time when a notice had been circulated by the Officer in command of the troops prohibiting persons visiting these places.

There was also reason to believe from an intercepted letter that Mr. Krulder had communicated information as to the movements of ships to certain German subjects.

Accordingly when H.M.S. "Ghatham" went ashore in full view of Mr. Krulder's house it was considered

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Esq. &c. &c.

considered necessary to arrest him to prevent this information reaching the enemy, a matter at that time of the greatest importance owing to the German cruiser Konigsberg being in the neighbourhood.

Mr. Winkelman lived with Mr. Krulder and owing to the suspicion attaching to the latter, and the fact that Mr. Winkelman had been associated with him in some of his suspicious actions, it was not considered possible to leave the Emergentleman at liberty.

With regard to Mr. Krulder's status as acting Consul for the Netherlands at Mombasa, although Mr. W. Besseling, Netherlands Vice Consul, in a letter dated July 18th last informed the Acting Provincial Commissioner that the Consulate would be represented by Mr. Krulder no information as to his appointment was received by this Department, and it was not recognised by the Governor of British East Africa and Mr. Krulder cannot therefore be held to possess any Consular status.

During Messrs Krulder and Winkelman's detention they were permitted every privilege consistent with safety, and were visited by two Visiting Justices

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who saw and spoke to them, but they made no complaints.

While much regretting that it should have been considered necessary to detain two Netherland subjects in this manner, I think that you will agree that the local authorities had good ground for their action and that Mr. Krulder's proceedings even if entirely innocent, were in view of the situation existing at the time extremely ill-advised, and calculated to arouse serious suspicion on the part of the authorities.

With regard to Mr. Krulder's desire to return to East Africa I regret to have to inform you that this cannot be permitted.

I have the honour to be,
with the highest consideration,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

Humble Servant,
(for the Secretary of State)

(Signed) A. Law.

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Sir,

Ans'd 10.11.15

I have the honour to transmit to you the

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with its enclosure, on

the subject of certain

missionaries desirous

of carrying on their

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& to request that

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Mr. Bottomley 22.11.15. f

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Sir G. Fiddes,

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Sir J. Anderson.

Mr. Steel-Maitland.

Mr. Bonar Law.

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