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The clings were quite satisfactorily disposed of.

Why all to F.O. with ref. to their letter to I.O. in 1324, for communication to U.S. Ambassador, saying that the S. of H. concurs in the view of the local authorities that this prisoner should not be allowed to return to E. Africa during hostilities.

Copy of letter to F.O. 1 encl. to I.O. for info. etc.

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EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE  
No. 10 ..

GOVERNMENT HOUSE 16  
NAIROBI.  
BRITISH EAST AFRICA

MARCH 1, 1916

Sir,

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I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your separate note of the 14th January relating to Willi Federowski a German prisoner of war now interned in India, and to transmit herewith a copy of the correspondence which has taken place on the subject. The originals have already been forwarded to the ~~Attorney~~ <sup>Adjutant</sup> General in India.

It is my honour in the opinion that he should not be released.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

*W. Rowley*  
GOVERNOR'S SECRETARY

ENCLOSURE  
in file of the above  
shown on file in  
sent to H.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE  
ANDREW BONAR LAW, P.C., M.P.,  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,  
DOWNING STREET,  
LONDON, S. W.

INCLOSURE

In Despatch No. 188 of March 22 1916

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No. K.L.9/7

Entebbe.

1st February, 1916.

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Sir,

In returning the correspondence agent W. Federowski I beg to enclose report by Lieut. Phillips.

From a perusal of the report and a conversation I have had with the writer, I feel quite convinced that W. Federowski a German prisoner of war has no cause of complaint for the manner in which he was captured nor for his subsequent treatment. On the contrary I think it argues well for the discipline of the Native Police that he was treated so well.

Had an armed Englishman been captured by a party of German askaris, I fear, - unless a German Officer had been present - he would not now be in a position to make any complaint.

In view of para 6 of Lieut. Phillips' report it seems to me that the question of his release at the present time does not arise.

Yours faithfully,  
Edw. H. B. TOWSE, Lieut. Col.

Commanding Kagera District

The Provost Marshal  
of Uganda.

air.

With reference to the attached letter from Federowski:

1. My orders were to hold the five (5) large river at SOULAK, and to let KAMINIU go down the river and seize all boats of the area 14/3/14.

I proceeded myself to KAKA, KUMU, Kasabia, and after departure of KAMINIU ferry, on the arrival there by the heathen, KUMU, or Fitzer, and also at KAMINIU Ferry on 10/3/14 where I found that Federowski had been arrested at 4 p.m. on the 14th. The masters at KAMINIU Ferry, to go to the river, permitted of the detachment of an escort of his men, and would I have arrived previously at KAMINIU, Federowski's health appeared to me to be such that he should be permitted to report himself sick, or refer to it.

On the 15th arrival at KAMINIU Ferry three Kasabia crossed the river to the right bank and brought him back. He was asked, but he said to have waved a white flag which when the men were passing the river, the plantation at KAMINIU is 2 miles north of the Kasera which state that date has been seen by British and German troops on their respective sides.

On considering he was returned by me that a man KAMINIU seemed to be in the same late area of operations as I had apply to return to his share.

The KAMINIU post is still in a frequent contact with the enemy than any other in Uganda.

I proceeded with Federowski's boat to the ferry to the house where he was permitted to pack the things which he needed for his journey. He made a complaint as to his treatment during the time that he was at KAMINIU Ferry to me or subsequently to the G. C. Southern Frontier, Captain Critchley-Salmonson, or Major F. as though he had an opportunity. He however complained about the property created by the search of his house. As to the property, a pair of top boots were lost, and the native who sold to me given 15 shillings for 3000 sh. Other damage which was done was trifling and occurred during the search for arms and ammunition necessarily instituted on the previous camp Kugaraga having been met with and captured at KAMINIU and KESHUURUM.

The dog resisted the search party and had to be shot. A typewriter and a camera were damaged, and the Native N.C.O. of the party was punished, and reprimanded for having permitted it. The little property in the hands of native slaves consisted of trade cloths, but from a soldier on outdoor. This was all restored by my orders.

2. Furthermore, during my occupation from that date to 20th November, Federowski's native clerk and headman kept the keys of the store and shop, and everything taken for private use, such as stores, was paid for in cash at current prices.

prices, entered by his clerk, and the money handed to his native wife for maintenance of his children.

A full list of all goods requisitioned for military use was made out by me and submitted to the Staff Officer, this list is now filed here.

4. However subsequent to our evacuation of YAKA Fort, the enemy occupied KAKINDU.

From the date of my retirement from KAKINDU 23/11/14 I am not in a position to give any information as to the property. KAKINDU was re-occupied by a detachment of Uganda Police on 9/12/14.

I arranged however for pay for 8 of Federowski's men to work on upkeep of the coffee plantation until July, 1915, when it was found impossible to continue the arrangement.

5. Federowski's two servants Hamisi and Abdulla were released from prison by me on 12/7/15 and are now in my employ.

6. In Federowski's house were found letters to him from the local chief, Mumbazi, giving information, obtained by spies of our forces and dispositions. Federowski had had some 10 years' service in the German Army and had recently retired from the position of Unter-Offizier in the 2th Company of FUKOBA. The position of his plantation placed him in an unique position for obtaining information of military value at that time. His boys and labourers state that when paying their wages at the end of June he warned all Uganda Natives to return to the British side of the frontier or was was "due".

This I trust will be at least sufficient to prove the undesirability of his return at the present juncture.

Ed. J. B. PHILLIPS, Lieut.

Intelligence Officer, Uganda.

The Officer Commanding,

Kagera District,

SIMBA.

From .... Chief Secretary, Uganda.

To.....G. S. O.(2).Force Intelligence.

No. 4619 dated 13th February, 1946.

W. Federowski, German Prisoner of War.

Explanation of circumstances re his capture.

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I concur with the remarks of Chief Secretary and of Intelligence of Uganda. From para 6 of latter's letter it appears that Mr. Federowski was extremely fortunate to be interned and not treated as a spy, for he was a peaceful inhabitant when captured.

The question of his release should not be considered.

sd/ H. Meimertzhausen, Major  
C/I.

Copy of a letter from the American Consul, Bombay, dated 14th October, 1915, to the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Political Department, Bombay

At the request of the American Consul General Calcutta dated 14th September, 1915, I beg to enclose herewith copy of a letter handed to him by Willi Federowski, a German Prisoner of War interned at Ahmednagar, protesting against the manner in which he was captured, also requesting that he be released. I respectfully request that same may kindly receive the consideration of Government.

Copy of a letter from E. O. Jukes, Esq; Deputy Secretary to Government of Bombay, No. 7184-W dated 18th October, 1915, to the Secretary to the Government of India Home Department.

I am directed to forward for disposal a copy of a letter dated 14th October, 1915, from the Consul for America at Bombay, and of his accompaniments, regarding a protest from a prisoner of war Willi Federowski against his capture and his request to be released.

Copy of a letter from the Adjutant General in India to the General Officer Commanding Indian Expeditionary Force "D" No. 31340/1 (A.G.7-G) dated 1st November, 1915.

I am directed to forward a copy of the marginally noted correspondence relative to the treatment and capture of W. Federowski a German Prisoner of War.

2. I am to request that you will kindly cause enquiries to be made with regard to the statements made by the prisoner in his petition and communicate the results to me.

No. 232/33-1.

Command Head Quarters  
Mairchi, 29th November, 1915

To/  
Chief Secretary  
Uganda

For report please

sd/ R. Meinertzhagen, Major  
General Staff.

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WHEN REPLYING  
PLEASE QUOTE  
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AND DATE



THE SECRETARIAT,  
NAIROBI,  
EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE

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*the date 1911*

The following is a copy of the letter from the  
the Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies  
dated 15th May 1911, in reply to a letter from  
the Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies  
dated 15th May 1911, with reference to the  
proposed alteration of the duties of the  
Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies  
in the first line of paragraph 1 of the  
"adjutant" may be substituted for the  
"secretary"

*No Bottomley  
Correction made  
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5 May, 1916.

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The U.S. of S.  
Foreign Office

Sir,

With reference to

your note No 587/16/P of  
the 5th of January to the  
Under-Secretary of State for India,  
regarding the case of Mr.  
Willi Federowski, a German  
prisoner now interned in  
India, I am glad to transmit  
to you, for communication to  
the U.S. Ambassador, the  
accompanying copy of a  
desp., and enclosure, from  
the Gov. of the E.A.P. dealing  
with Mr. Federowski's complaint.

A.C. 4/5/16  
Mr. Bottomley 4/5/16

Gov. No 188 22/3/16  
see enclosure

Copy of this & enclosure  
to 3/O. LFing.

P. S. *copy to 3/O. LFing*

(2) Mr. Bone Law Commission  
in the view of the local  
authorities that this prisoner  
cannot be allowed to return  
to E. Africa during the war.