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Rever to refer to paragraph 2 of your despatch No.129 of February 24th and to report the case of an enemy firm in regard to which special reasons appear to me to exist rendering compulsory liquidation unnecessary.

- The firm in question is that of Messrs: Anderson and Mayer, proprietors of the Standard Printing and Publishing Works and of the East African Standard newspaper. The partners at the commencement of hostilities were Mrs. Maia Anderson, of Belgian nationality but a British subject by virtue of her marriage with Mr. A.G. W. Anderson, and Mr. Rudost Franz Mayer, a person of German nationality. The Firm was not at that time classed as an alien enemy concern.
 - 3. Sinon then Mrs. Anderson Was, divorced her Regish husband and married Mr. Mayer a few weeks age thus acquiring the status of a German subject.

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- (a) The firm has been trading since the beginning of the war and it is only recently as shown above, that it has become a purely alien enemy concern.
- (b) Mr. Mayer at the time of his marriage was serving in the Military Intelligence.

 Repartment and was granted as honorary commission as Lieutenant, which he continues to hold.
- (c) Mr.Mayer has for some time been endeavouring to become naturalized as a British subject but is unable to do so owing to the difficulties, which, as you are aware, stand in the way of naturalization in Protectorates.
 - 5. These considerations appear to me to justify an exception being made in the case of Messrs: Anderson and Mayer.

I have the honour to be

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Your humble, overient servant

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