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German East Africa

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Observe as to proposed instructions  
to General Saut.

Mr. Saut  
Mr. Reed

It is that we should agree in  
the modifications suggested by W.O.  
(1) amounts to a more exact definition  
and as for (2) I suppose that this  
is not what we want it is  
desirable for a long time as  
opportunity of considering a resolution  
submitted. I suppose that we  
are that from the Germans to hand  
as to make them surrender unconditionally.

? After I say we propose W.O.  
will now communicate case instructions  
to General Saut.

I doubt about (3). If necessary the instruction  
could be modified on the spot if the  
occasion

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The Secretary,

War Office,

London, S.W.

and the following number quoted.

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War Office,

London, S.W.

4th April 1916.

0165/7481. (M.O.2.)

Sir,

I am commanded by the Army Council to acknowledge the receipt of Colonial Office letter No. 15408/1916 of 1st April, on the subject of Instructions to be issued to the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief in East Africa as to the policy to be pursued by him.

In reply I am to state that the Council concur in the draft instructions forwarded with the above-quoted letter, with the following amendments, which I am to suggest:—

(1). The last sentence of the second paragraph should read:—

"This instruction has been given in every case of an expedition against German Colonial possessions in the present war"

(2). The last sentence of the third paragraph should read:—

"...and if you are approached, you should make it clear that you can accept nothing short of unconditional surrender without reference to His Majesty's Government."

The reason for making this latter suggestion is, that it is not inconceivable that the military situation may develop in such a way as to make it desirable that His Majesty's Government should have the opportunity of considering the question of conditional surrender. It does not therefore appear to the Council desirable wholly to exclude the possibility of conditional surrender from the instructions issued to the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

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

W. D. White

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that these instructions  
are now to be transmitted  
to Lt. Gen. Smith from

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