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Schane, Welts. & Co.

Submit report as to Mr. Isaac Holzgoffl. does not feel justified in expressing an opinion as to desirability of permitting him to obtain control of the property.

W. Thompson

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Wait for replies from the Gals. & the W.O.

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You and I saw Mr. Griddle to-day. The subject of our conversation was that Mr. Griddle did

It is requested that any reply to this Letter may be addressed to the Comptroller of the Companies Department, 55, Whitehall, London, S.W. (Telegraphic Address: "Companies, London.") and that the following number may be quoted: 9918

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10th January 1917

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 6th January (77/1917) transmitting a copy of correspondence relating to the proposed liquidation of the firm of Messrs. Schauer, Walter & Company in the East Africa Protectorate, I am directed by the Board of Trade to state for the information of Mr. Secretary Long that Mr. Max Holsapfel was up to the date of declaration of war acting as German Consul in the City of Newcastle-on-Tyne. At that time he was ill with heart trouble and in November 1914 he left England for Norway.

Mr. Max Holsapfel was also the Chairman of a Company called Holsapfels Limited and his brother Mr. A. C. A. Holsapfel was Vice-Chairman of that Company. He left England for New York in December 1914.

In June 1916 the Board of Trade appointed an Inspector in the case of Holsapfels Limited and I am to forward to you an extract from the Inspectors Report relating to Mr. Max Holsapfel and his brother.

I am to add that apart from the facts disclosed by the extract of the Report the Board of Trade have no information as to the character of Mr. Max Holsapfel and they do not feel justified in expressing an opinion as to the desirability of permitting him to obtain control of the property of Messrs. Schauer, Walter & Company.

I have the Honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*H. W. ...*

HOLZAPFELS LIMITED

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EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT DATED 23rd JUNE 1916  
of MR. THOMAS HARRISON THE INSPECTOR.

On examining the correspondence with Mr. A.C.A. Holzapfel, now in New York, I find that a strong attempt had been made by him to persuade the company to give financial assistance to an Austrian chemist named Tiber, who had been employed by the Italian company, but who fled to Switzerland on the rupture of friendly relations between Italy and Austria. The company, however, replied to Mr. Holzapfel stating that they had no intention whatever of assisting this man.

In another letter Mr. A.C.A. Holzapfel expressed strong objections to any subscription being made by the company to any War Loan floated by the allied powers of England, France, and Russia. Mr. Holzapfel, also, in further correspondence put forward a scheme for the sale of the Holzapfel business to a new company in which the shareholders would be exclusively Englishmen, with the possible exception of Messrs. Petri & Levin. The vendor company would take shares in the new company in payment of the consideration, such shares being held by English nominees. The other directors have fully discussed the proposal which was ultimately rejected by them.

In the course of my investigations I have come across the name of Mr. Ernst Ottó Maempel who is German-born but became a naturalised Englishman in 1904. At the time when war was declared Maempel was the Newcastle Manager of the Scandinavian, Turkish, Grecian, and Roumanian branches of the Company's business, but shortly afterwards he left for Norway and Sweden, and has been generally looking after the Company's interests in the Scandinavian countries. He is persona grata with

Messrs. Max and A.C. Holzapel, but is regarded by the Newcastle officials as being pro-German. In fact, the directors complained to Mr. Max Holzapel that a report reached them from Norway that Maempel had been heard in a Norwegian hotel giving expression to anti-British sentiments, and they wished Mr. Holzapel to censure and warn him. Mr. Holzapel replied that he attached no importance to such rumours. The directors also requested Maempel to return to Newcastle, but he refused on account of the prejudice which he stated had been aroused against him in England. He was in New York in March 1916 and is now in Batavia on the company's business in the Dutch East Indies.