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Board of Trade

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### Purchase of Farms of Swedes

States action which we have been taken if a similar case had occurred in this country.

Mr Bout

~~Received etc~~

~~to be read etc~~

1. We have already asked you to make enquiries about the Swedes concerned.
2. We have asked you to report what action is considered possible in order to stop these transactions.
3. I presume that what B<sup>d</sup> of Trade suggest at A can hardly be unless I will have Association...

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2A, LONDON.

Telephone No. 3840 Victoria.

28th July 1917.

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Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 21st July No. 34608 S/1917 relative to the acquisition, or prospective acquisition of land and other property in the East Africa Protectorate by Swedish subjects who are suspected of acting on behalf of enemy aliens, I am directed by the Board of Trade to state, for Mr. Secretary Long's information, that, if a similar case in this country were brought to their notice, they would be disposed to make enquiries regarding the associations of the prospective purchasers through the War Trade Intelligence Department or the Foreign Trade Department, and if the suspicion was confirmed, to warn any interested party in this country that his engaging in the transaction might expose him to the penalties attaching to trading with the enemy.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*H. F. J. J. J.*

His Under Secretary of State,  
Colonial Office, S. W. 1.