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13 Aug.

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CURRENCY NOTE RESERVE FUND

Telegram to Governor stating in view of present high price of silver possibility of abnormal drain should be considered and requesting views why telegraph States as to legislation elsewhere.

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Sir G. Fiddes

With silver at over 42 d. the rupee is in danger of being undervalued at 1/4.

In the U.S. we shall stick to our gold standard - we can and we must.

In rupee using Colonies I see no alternative to sliding on to a silver basis, for a time at any rate.

The only matter in which we can take action, so far as I can see, is as regards our note issues.

Whatever India may be able to do in continuing to cash notes freely, I think that in our Colonies power must be taken at once to defer obligatory payment of notes, by Proclamation from time to time, in the first instance for a period of say six months. Ceylon e.g. has a note issue of 41 million rupees, against which it held at the beginning

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without any responsibility whatsoever on
our part.

Baron B. & Count H., Nairobi

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To the National Bank of South Africa Ltd., London
21/7.1917.

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Copy of Letter.

From:- Skandinaviska Kredit A/B GÖTEBORG.
To:- The National Bank of South Africa, Ltd, Circus Place,
London Wall, LONDON. E.C.2.

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We note what you write regarding the transfer of money to Nairobi through your Branch at this place and beg to say that the arrangement proposed by you is quite agreeable to us. We thank you for the facilities offered and shall be pleased to do these transactions when approached in the matter by the gentlemen in question.

We remain, Dear Sirs,

Yours faithfully,

SKANDINAVISKA KREDITÄKTIEBOLAGET

Directorate of Special Intelligence (Strand House).

No. D 03452.

Date 8.8.17.

Information for WAR TRADE INTELLIGENCE DEPARTMENT,
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Photograph attached.

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Telephone: "C" 2222
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Exact address of communication
"The Chairman"

WAR TRADE INTELLIGENCE DEPARTMENT,

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WESTMINSTER, S.W. 1.

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August 10th, 1917.

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Blockade, Minister of.
B. C. L. Paris.
Colonial Office.
Cornhill Com^{tee}.
Customs and Excise, Bd. of
Food Controller.
Foreign Trade Dept.
Import Restrictions, Dept. of
India Office.
Munitions, Ministry of.
Prosecutor General.
Restriction of Enemy Supplies Dept.
Shipping Controller.
War Trade Statistical Department.

Admiralty—

D. I. D.
T. D.

Board of Trade—

Bankruptcy Dept.
Companies Dept.
Commercial Dept.
Commercial Intelligence, Dept. of
Insurance Intelligence Dept.

Foreign Office—

Contraband Com^{tee}.
Enemy Exports Com^{tee}.

Home Office.

Aliens' Dept.

Local Government Bd.—

Mr. Roundell (Belgium).
Mr. Gibbon (Rationing).

Treasury—

Financial Enquiries, Director of
Solicitors' Dept.

War Office—

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M. I. 1. C.
M. I. 5.
M. I. 6. B.
M. I. 6. D.
M. I. 7.
M. I. 8. (Cable Censors).
M. I. 9. (Postal Censors).
M. I. T.

War Trade Department—

Coal Exports Com^{tee}.
Cotton Exports Com^{tee}.
Rubber and Tin Exports Com^{tee}.

The Chairman of the War Trade Intelligence Department presents his Compliments to

The Under-Secretary of State,

Colonial Office,

Downing Street, S.W. 1.

and begs to submit the annexed papers, which may prove of interest.

Copy of Postal Censors' Information Slip No. D.02452 dated 6.8.17. and the letter to which it relates from Skandinaviska Kredit A/B. Goteborg to The National Bank of South Africa Ltd. Giron Place, London Wall, E.C. with reference to two Swedish gentlemen, Baron Blixen and Count Hamilton of Nairobi, to which place they have gone.