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enclosure letter from Mr. A. O. Gillepsie
alleging construction should be proceeded
with at once to develop inland country.

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See on 9/45697. Mr. Gillepsie was
originally a liaison manager. He speaks
for a committee S. African element
of administration.

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Sir

In the East African Protectorate Great Britain possesses a colony which, with proper development, could produce an unlimited amount of raw material. Sir Gordon realized this as no other man before him had done, and was on the way to achieving great things in this connection, when unfortunately he had to resign, because the more conservative and retrogressive counsels of the officials prevailed with Downing. It is a very unfortunate circumstance that the Government have now to connect the railway line to the South African railway system, and this is a very important matter for the future of the Protectorate. The Government have decided to connect the railway line to the South African railway system, and this is a very important matter for the future of the Protectorate. The Government have decided to connect the railway line to the South African railway system, and this is a very important matter for the future of the Protectorate.

It is reported that it has been boot-
legged since the war, which is a great pity
if the line were completely right up
to the Congo (via Victoria Nyanza & Idku), it would
open up the rich cotton lands of
Uganda, but would be
means of developing the extensive coal
fields lands of the Uasin Gishu & Trans-
Nzara districts tremendously.

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Although this communication is from
an unknown source, it would be worth
our while to look into this matter, from
which I have no doubt the British
cotton trade will materially benefit.

I have the honor to be Sir
Your obedient servant.

A. B. Orlepp

N.B. The present Lord Kitchener can tell
you a lot about the above 140

Sir A. Steel-Maitland
Board of Trade
London.

DEPARTMENT OF OVERSEAS TRADE,
72, BASINGHALL STREET,
E.C.2.

May 19th 1919.

Dear Private Secretary,

Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland has asked me to send you the enclosed letter in regard to the development of British West Africa.

Yours very truly,

John Hule

The Private Secretary to:
Secretary of State for the Colonies.