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Yours sincerely,

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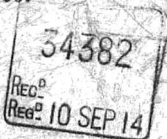
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The Director,
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Dear Sir,

We should like to bring to the notice of the department the exceptional circumstances connected with the Fibre trade relating to GERMAN EAST AFRICA.

This Colony has become an important and valuable contributor to the World's fibre supply. Last year the value of their export to Europe was at least £750,000 of Sisal Fibre alone. This was growing at a striking rate and in the course of a year or two it was expected that this might be double. We should like to emphasise the fact that although the collecting of the harvests are now dependent on the supply of twine, no British colony is producing fibre suitable for this purpose except New Zealand which only produces about 20/30,000 tons out of 250,000 tons that the World requires.

The bulk of the fibre produced is in Mexico and the Philippines, but German East Africa seemed likely to become one of the most valuable and important fibre growing countries in the World. Now that it will be stopped there seems every reason for urgent developments in British East Africa of the

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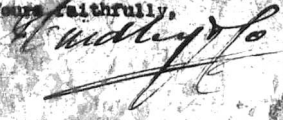
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fibres trade, but this has been remarkably slow compared with
the rapid strides made by German producers.

Any other information you might require we shall be
very pleased to supply to you.

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Yours faithfully,

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W.H.H. ^{Bq7} / 34382/1914
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12 September 1914.

~~Sir,~~
Gentlemen,

I am etc. to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of
the 20th of August, ~~on~~
~~and to inform you that~~
the subject of the
fibre industry in
East Africa, which
has been referred to
this Dept. by the
Director of the Commercial
Intelligence Branch of
the Board of Trade

(Signed) _____
for the Under Secretary of State

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Wm Hindley & Co

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