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The Under-Secretary of State,  
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The Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs presents  
his compliments to the Under-Secretary of State for the  
Colonies, and, by direction of the Secretary  
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Foreign Office.

Mar 23, 1915

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War Office, 24 APR 15  
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10th March, 1915

The Director of Military Operations presents his compliments to the Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and begs to forward a statement made by Mr. D.L. Braithwaite, who has just returned from Portuguese East Africa, on the subject of contraband dealings between that country and German East Africa.

Report on Contraband, dealing between Portuguese East Africa and German East Africa.

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Mr. O.L. Braithwaite of Parkside, Meanwood, Leeds, having just returned from Portuguese East Africa with the intention of offering his services to the Government called at the War Office to-day and stated that he was employed firstly as engineer, 74 miles up the Rovuma, on a rubber extraction plant at Nangadi and afterwards at Palma where he was manager. He resigned at the outbreak of war but was only able to return March 4th.

He states that though the sea blockade is effective, food supplies are easily bought in Portuguese territory, between R. Lugenda and Palma on the coast - a strip of very fertile land along the German-Portuguese frontier.

Two Englishmen, Messrs. Sutherland and Jones are being employed by the Portuguese, with a certain number of natives to obtain intelligence in the North West,

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about the junction of the Lugenda and the Nouvassa, and it is suggested that if the Portuguese would assent to the employment of native troops under the direction of Englishmen experienced in the language, geography and means of transit of the country, much could be done to watch and stop this export of goods. At present the Portuguese do little or nothing to prevent these food supplies from reaching German territory.

Mr. Braithwaite states that there is convincing proof that news is regularly conveyed along the coast from Portuguese territory into German East Africa, and recently cases of European provisions and some essential parts of a wireless installation arrived at Palma in transit to German East Africa. This fact was reported to Consul Mc. Donnell who will doubtless report it as he was desirous of sending someone to the German frontier to investigate the matter.

Mr. Braithwaite's primary intention in returning to England was to obtain a commission in His Majesty's service but Mr. Mc. Donnell led him to believe that his services might be required in East Africa, and he would

be willing to place his services at the disposal of  
the Foreign Office should they be required.