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Belgian operations
Forwarded with from Belgium
Liaison, preparing
a mission base for the Belgian case
Sect. should be established at ...
by Belgian Colonel Gen. G. Faidherbe
I spoke with you, as this is
urgent, & was subject of for ...
It seems mainly a War Office
matter but we need some
directions to the proposed I suppose
I replied ^{to} Gen. G. Faidherbe
that he was not to be sent to the front
W. J. R.
6/6/15

Reference to previous correspondence—

~~To _____~~
~~From _____~~
Urgent & Secret

The Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs presents
his compliments to the Under-Secretary of State
for the Colonies and is directed by the Secretary of
State for Foreign Affairs to transmit the accompanying copy of
a note which has been received from the
Belgian Minister, on the subject of a
proposal to establish a secondary
base at Mombasa.

The Secretary of State would be glad to be advised
what answer should be returned to M. Wyman.

Foreign Office.

June 14, 1915.

(Similar letter sent to War Office.)

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LEGATION DE BELGIQUE,

L O N D R E S.

le 2 Juin, 1915.

de argent

Monsieur le Secrétaire d'Etat:-

En vue de permettre le ravitaillement rapide
en munitions des troupes belges agissant à l'aile gauche
du front belge dans la région du Kivu et du Ruanda, il
entre dans les intentions du Ministre des Colonies de
constituer une base secondaire à Mombasa.

Cette base devrait pour le moment comporter
un dépôt de munitions comprenant:

500,000 cartouches Mauser,

500,000 cartouches Gras.

Le Major Leggett, Directeur de la British East
Africa Corporation, auquel Monsieur Renkin s'est adressé,
mettrait gracieusement à la disposition du Gouvernement du
Roi les chargés nécessaires pour remiser ces munitions à
la disposition du Commandant supérieur de nos troupes
mobilisées.

Je me permets de recourir à l'obligeance
habituelle de Votre Excellence à l'effet d'obtenir, dans
le cas où ce serait nécessaire, une autorisation préalable
du Gouvernement britannique pour l'établissement de cette
base secondaire.

Je saisis cette occasion, &c.,

(Signé) P. Hymans.

Son Excellence

Sir Edward Grey, Bart., K.G., M.P.

&c., &c., &c.

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4 June 1915

Immediate
Secret

Sir
I am able to advise
you that the
of June 1915 enclosing
a copy of a note
from the Belgian
Ambassador asking whether
there would be any
objection to the
establishment of an
ammunition base for
the use of the Belgian
troops at Kumbasa
I request
you to inform me as
inform Sir S. P. that
provided the Army Council
concur there is no
objection to the

DRAFT

Re: 20902 S

To

MINUTE

Mr. G. 4/6/15

Mr. P. 4/6/15

Mr. Read 4

Mr.

X Sir G. Fiddes

Sir H. Just.

Sir J. Anderson

Lord Jellicoe

Mr. Haecourt

Mr. L. L. L.

Mr. M. M.

for comment

Copy to Mr. (L.F.)

Copy sent over to Major

in private at his

request

Yours

The proposal & that
we will be prepared
to telegraph to
the Gov. of the U.S.A.
requesting him to
assist the Belgian
authorities all
assistance that can
properly be given in
the matter.

(Signed) H. W. JUST.