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BRITISH PRISONERS IN GERMAN WEST AFRICA

1915

30th July

This copy of Note from the American Ambassador enclosing copy of Note from German Govt. as to exchange of lists of prisoners of war.

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~~Mr E. D. ...~~
Mr Stichey

Sir John ...

As regards the Cameroons

I suppose that the best way will be for W.O. to tell Gen Dobell to endeavour to arrange with the German military authorities for an exchange of lists of prisoners of war - copies of the list given to the

4 August

to W.O. cons
Bread P/A

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Germans to be sent to England
 for transmission to Germany
 as asked.

Of course most of the
 prisoners taken by the British
 in the Cameroons have been sent
 to England + the POWs Dept.
 Baran has no doubt sent to
 Germany particulars of these

Gen Dobell can get the
 list of POW taken by Nigeria
 from the Nig Govt

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The F.O. have advised a similar letter to the W.O. so
 we are in danger of a three-cornered correspondence
 ? We'll to W.O. as proposed to ask them to let us have a copy
 of their reply to F.O.
 I send F.O. a copy of our letter to W.O.

CS.
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at once
 22.11.15

In any further communication
on this subject, please quote
No. 100448/1015
The Under-Secretary of State
Foreign Office
London.

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The Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs
has compliments to the Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies
of State, in view of the receipt of the under-mentioned
paper, for his observations.

Foreign Office
30, July 1905

Reference to previous correspondence

Letter from Foreign Office 24, April 1905

Description of enclosure

Name and Date.	Subject
From US Ambassador, July 23	List of British subjects taken prisoners in Lanar Africa.

(Similar letter sent to W.O.)

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The American Ambassador presents his compliments to His Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and has the honor to transmit herewith enclosed a copy of a letter he has received from the Embassy at Berlin, dated the 27th instant, referring to Sir Edward Grey's Note of the 8th of April last and subsequent correspondence, and enclosing a copy of a Note Verbale from the German Government relative to the furnishing of a list of British subjects taken prisoner by the military forces in the German African Colonies.

American Embassy.

London, July 27th, 1915.

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

B E R L I N,

July 20th 1915.

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Sir,

With reference to your letter of 9th April last and to subsequent correspondence, relative to the furnishing of a list by the German Government of British subjects taken prisoner by the military forces in the German African Colonies, I have the honour to forward to you, herewith enclosed, a copy of a Note Verbale in the premises which the Imperial Foreign Office requests that you will be so good as to transmit to His Majesty's Government.

I have etc.,

(Signed) James W. Gerard.

Excellency,

The Honourable Walter Hines Page,

American Ambassador,

LONDON.

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Note Verbale.

The Foreign Office has the honour to inform the Embassy of the United States of America, with reference to their Notes Verbales of April 16th, Foreign Office No. 3075 and of May 3rd Foreign Office No. 3301, that after a careful examination of the case, the Colonial Administration do not see their way to send instructions to the Governors of German Protectorates in the manner proposed by the British Government, seeing that these officials could possess no certainty that telegrams en clair coming over enemy lines, really contain instructions from their superior officers. As, meanwhile, the Colonial Administration share the British Government's anxiety to obtain, for the purpose of exchange, lists of prisoners-of-war of both sides in the overseas possessions, the German Government proposes that a direct agreement should be concluded between the commanders of the respective military forces in the theatres of war in East and West Africa in the same way as this took place between the Government

Government of the South African Union and that of German South-West Africa. With a view to informing prisoners' relatives, it would be of the greatest value if the lists handed to our Governors by the Commanders of the enemy's forces were to be also transmitted here.

The Foreign Office respectfully begs that the above may be brought to the notice of the British Government.

Berlin July 13th 1915.

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July 30

16th Nov 1915

Dear Sir

I am sorry to hear you is

informed the F.C. that he has received

from the 70 a copy of the notes

from the American Embassy dated

the 23rd of July, with enclosures

relating to the suggested exchange

of lists of prisoners taken in the

hostilities between Prussia and

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Secretary
War Office

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Well 12/11/15

Mr. Harding 13/8/15

Mr. G. Eddles

Mr. R. J. St.

Mr. Anderson

Mr. Steel-Maitland

Mr. E. W. Laro

Copy 70. 14 Aug 1915

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