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the position of the Aden branch of the firm

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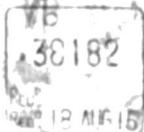
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The Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs presents  
his compliments to the Under-Secretary of State for the  
Colonies and, by direction of the Secretary  
of State, transmits herewith copy of the undermentioned  
paper.

Foreign Office

Aug 16, 1915

Reference to previous correspondence:

Letter from Foreign Office July 27, 1915

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REG. 18 AND 19INDIA OFFICE,  
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With reference to your letter No. 11 and B. 3881/15 of the 9th ultimo and previous correspondence respecting the position of the Aden branch of the firm of Messrs. J. & J. directed by Secretary Sir H. Grey to ascertain the information of Mr. Secretary Chamberlain that while Department has recently been in communication with Mr. Couderc the legal adviser of the gentleman in question, who has been of service to His Majesty's Government in other matters.

It appears from your above mentioned letter that the principal difficulty in the way of arriving at a settlement of the case is the refusal of the firm to apply under the Government of India (Foreigners (Trading) Order for a license

to

Secretary of State,  
India Office.

is, and Mr. Courlet explains their attitude  
 respect by declaring that the whole position  
 would be prejudicial in the eyes of the

Government within whose territory a great part

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of their business is carried on, if while the Arab

Company is not called upon to comply with the

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of the Arab Company, they would by apply-

ing for a license that special suspicion attaches to

their branch.

Mr. Bourlet states that in the years of the

of this point of view they would no longer

state to regularize their position and he has

stated that if it was found possible to inform the

French Government of the case of an application

being made by the Arab Company for a license in

action did not signify that the Government of India

continued to look upon them with suspicion, but was

necessitated by the fact that at the outbreak of the

war the manager who was employed was a German subject

a grant could be afforded of reaching a settlement  
in the matter.

I would state that Sir E. Grey sees no objection  
to the adoption of this course and that he proposes  
subject to the Chamberlain's concurrence to inform  
the French Government of the proposed above and to take  
the necessary steps to induce Messrs. Klein to apply  
for a licence. Sir E. Grey would be glad to be favour-  
ed with a reply to his letter at an early date.

Yours,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

Respectful servant,

(Signed) J. B. ...

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