

1932.

No. 18012. (Part 3.)

SUBJECT CO 533/419

Locusts.

Previous

Part 2.

Subsequent

3014/35

3014/1/35

129 V.H. Woods 5/10 _____ 18 Nov. 32

States that an official reply concerning in the proposal in No 125 is being sent, but suggests that the question of spraying locusts must be watched & indicates his scepticism of the scheme.

130. Treasury. _____ 6 Dec. 32.

Approve postponement of field experiments until the spring of 1933.

131. Governor Byrne 1106 (Air Mail) Leaf. _____ 3 Dec. 32.

Ack. No 125 & states further dispatch is awaited. Suggests locusts could be sent from Kenya by Air Mail at less expense than would be involved in breeding stock in England.

No. 131. I have conveyed Gov's suggestion in para 2 to Mr. Hemming. He thinks that it is too late, but is enquiring from Sir Guy Parshall and will let me know.

We can now ack. 131, saying that the suggestion has been communicated to the lowest Control Committee. Enclose copy of 119, from which Gov. will derive the reasons which led up to the postponement of the programme which was notified to Gov. in 125. Add that the formal concurrence of C.A.C. & T.G. in the postponement has now been recd. & promise to keep him in touch with developments.

sub-enclosing copy
of 15 on 19012/3

Copy above (without encl) to $\frac{CDME LF.}{T. T.}$
 and to E.A.C. / encl also copy of
 131 and 120.

J.P. [unclear]

15/12/32

132 To Gov. Conf (2) — 20 DEC 1932

(w/ces 119 on file + 15 on 18012/3/32)
 131 amended

To Treary

E.A.C. } (w/ 132) B/16 — 22/12/32

L.A.C. (w/ 110, 111, 132) B/16 — 30/12/32

? as regards informing other E.A.C. (to which insertion please see your note on slip above) it seems desirable to wait and see if anything positive emerges from the experiments.

H.S. [unclear]
 21/12

I think it would be best to send copies of the Locust Cont. of C. [unclear] Report (Encl. to 63 - copies could be obtained from the B.A.C.) and of 119 to be sent to other Govts interested for inf. from which further inf. is due course.

send accordingly to

- Uganda
- T.T.
- Somaliland
- Nyasaland
- N. Rhodesia
- Nigeria
- Gold Coast
- S. Leone
- Gambia

Seen

R.R. [unclear]
 5/1/33

a D. to see also.

G.F. Seal
 2/1/32

12/1/32

Pharyng
 2/1/32

J.P. [unclear]
 9/1/32

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| 136 | To Gov. Uga Conf | (w/ces 63 & 119) |
| 137 | - - T.T. | (- - -) |
| 138 | - - E.A.C. Somal | (- - -) |
| 139 | - - Gov. Nyas | (3) (- - -) |
| 140 | - - N. Rhod | (- - -) |
| 141 | - - Eng. | (- - -) |
| 142 | - - G.C. | (- - -) |
| 143 | - - S.L. | (- - -) |
| 144 | - - Gamb | (- - -) |

26-1-33

Handwritten initials

6/10/33

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Kenya. ^W ~~FD~~

C. O.

Mr. Priestman. 21/1 Mail
Mr. ~~Croley~~ 21/1.33
Mr. Seal 23. p.
Mr. Parkinson.

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DOWNING STREET,

26 January, 1933.

Mr. Tomlinson.
Sir C. Bottomley.
Sir J. Shuckburgh.
Perms. U.S. of S.
Parly. U.S. of S.
Secretary of State.

Sir,

I have, etc., to transmit to you,
for your information, ~~the accompanying~~
copy of the Fifth Report of the ^(Locust Control) Committee
~~on Locust Control~~ of the Economic
Advisory Council, ~~together with a copy~~
~~of the conclusions of the first meeting~~
~~of the Kenya Experiments Sub-Committee~~
~~of that Council regarding proposals~~
for the control of locust swarms by the
discharge of poison dust from aircraft.

DRAFT.

- UGANDA
- TANGANYIKA TERRITORY 26
- SOMALILAND 22
- NYASALAND Conf(3) 23
- NORTHERN RHODESIA 23
- NIGERIA
- GOLD COAST
- SIERRA LEONE
- GAMBIA

~~Water~~
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CONFIDENTIAL

Fifth Report... in (10) - 18012/32
To E.A. Comm 2-11-32 (10) - 18012/32
[initials] 1-9
K.C. [initials]
[initials] in file
[initials]

I have, etc.,
a copy of a subsequent letter from
the Council is also used on d.

2. I will keep 3
of each of further 2 copies made
in this matter.

Received at 20/14/33

(Sgd.) P. CUNIFFE-LISTER

18-12/32 Kenya

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C.D.
R 7 DEC
B 20

Mr. Priestman
Mr. ~~Drake~~ 16 p.
Mr.

Mr. Parkinson.
Mr. Tomlinson.
Sir C. Bottomley.
Sir J. Shuckburgh.
Permu. U.S. of S.
Parly. U.S. of S.
Secretary of State.

20 December 1932

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Sir,

I have etc. to acknowledge the receipt of your ^{Conf.} ~~Adv.~~ despatch No. 146 of the 3rd of December on the subject of the arrangements to be made for the conduct of experiments in Kenya for the control of locust swarms by the discharge of poison dust from air craft.

2. The suggestion contained in para. 2 of your despatch under acknowledgement has been communicated to the Locust Control Committee.

3. I enclose, for your information, a copy of a letter with enclosure from the Secretary of the Economic Advisory Council, together with a corrigendum sheet to the latter, from which you

will

DRAFT.

(131)

KENYA

Conf. (2)

GOVERNOR

Transy
cont. of 22/12
L.C.C. of 30/12

~~14/12/32~~
~~15/12/32~~ Copy to
L.C.C.

Copy (with enclosure)
CDRC LF
and
make 2 copies
(31-74) enc.

(119)

(15/12/32)

will observe the reasons which have

led to the postponement of

the programme which was notified

to you in my ^{Confidential} telegram No. 239 of

(25)

the 15th of November.

4. The formal concurrence of

the C.D.A.C. and the Lords

Commissioners of the Treasury in

the postponement has now been

received.

I shall not fail to keep

you informed of any further

developments.

I have etc.

(Sgd) P CUNLIFFE-LISTER.

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RECEIVED
13 DEC 1932
COL. OFFICE

KENYA.

No. 146

BY AIR MAIL.

CONFIDENTIAL.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
KENYA.

3rd December, 1932.

Sir,

No. 239

With reference to your Confidential telegram No. 239 of the 15th November, I have the honour to inform you that I have learnt with interest of the arrangements which have been made for the conduct of experiments in Kenya in the control of locust swarms by the discharge of poison dust from aircraft.

The further despatch referred to in your telegram is awaited.

2. In the meantime, attention should, I suggest, be given to Item 8(c) of the revised estimate of expenditure, namely, £100 on account of breeding of locusts required for experimental purposes by the Chemical Defence Research Department. Locusts required for this purpose could be sent from Kenya by Air Mail at considerably less expense than would be involved in breeding the necessary stock in England and, unless there is any objection of which I am not aware, it appears that money could be saved in this direction.

Answered (132)
Copy to C.A.S. 20/12

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient, humble servant,

BRIGADIER GENERAL,
GOVERNOR.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
MAJOR SIR PHILIP CUNLIFFE-LISTER, P.C., G.B.E., M.C., M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
DOWNING STREET,
LONDON, S.W.1.

Any reply to this letter should be addressed to—
THE SECRETARY,
TREASURY,
WHITEHALL, LONDON, S.W.1.
and the following number quoted:



TREASURY CHAMBERS.



S. 34609/0240.

6 December, 1932.

Sir,

No 123

I have laid before the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury Mr. Allen's letter of the 12th ultimo (18012/32) and the accompanying copy of a letter from the Economic Advisory Council on the subject of the experiments to be carried out in Kenya, with the aid of a grant from the Colonial Development Fund, in the control of locust swarms by the discharge of poison dust from aircraft.

My Lords note that unforeseen difficulties are being experienced in providing the requisite apparatus, and that consequently, in the opinion of the experts, it will be necessary to postpone the field experiments in Kenya until the spring of 1933.

In reply I am to request you to inform the Secretary of State that My Lords are willing to approve this change of plan, in which the Acting Chairman of the
Colonial

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

Telephone No. : WHITEHALL 1234.



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129 ^{FD}

In reply
please quote Regd. No.

TREASURY CHAMBERS,
WHITEHALL, S.W.1.

S. 34609 / 0240

18th November, 1932.

Dear Freeston,

We are sending an official reply concurring in
the proposal made in Colonial Office letter 18012/32 of
12th November, about locust experiments in Kenya.

No 123

The purpose of this note is to suggest that we
ought to keep a watch on this business. I confess that
I have always ^{felt} ~~put~~ the ignorant layman's scepticism about
the value of squirting locusts with gas from aeroplanes;
and the fact that difficulties are being experienced with
the apparatus does not encourage me to take a more
optimistic view!

Yours sincerely,

M. Wood,

L. B. Freeston, Esq.,
Colonial Office.