

1938

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Immigration

Immigration from European States into Kenya

Relatives of Rudolph Sertan

Previous

CLOSED  
UNTIL  
1970

297 30/12  
309 ✓  
R. 299 4/1  
98 24/1  
P. 89 20/1  
96 26/1  
97 30/1  
299 1/2  
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Subsequent

Mr. Casky - Berlin 7/12  
Mr. Thomas 8/12  
Mr. Dale 9  
Mr. Thomas 9  
Mr. Frazier 9  
298 16/12  
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98 89 /  
R. 83 Jul /  
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297 20/12  
309 21/12  
Mr. Rankin 24  
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- 2
- C.I. Immigration  
 1. Lady Schuster a/c to S. of S. .... 23/11/38.  
 Requests assistance and advice in connection with  
 immigration of three Austrians.  
 DESTROYED UNDER STATUTE
2. Lady Schuster S/O ..... 29/11/38.  
 States that immigrants have now obtained visas for  
 Kenya.  
 DESTROYED UNDER STATUTE
3. To Lady Schuster ..... 1 and 2 ansd. .... 11/11/38.
4. To Governor Tel Conf 205 ..... 25/11/38.
5. Governor Tel 195 CONF ..... 26/11/38.  
 Refugees named will be admitted subject to guarantees  
 mentioned, and provided that each deposits £50 on  
 arrival reaching Kenya before 31st December.  
 DESTROYED UNDER STATUTE
6. To Mr. Breslau ..... 28/11/38
7. From Messageries Maritimes ..... 28/11
8. To Messageries Maritimes (Ans) - 28/11

No. 4 was sent after consultation with the P.S., as a result of telephone conversations with Mr. Adolf Busch followed by a visit of Lady Victor Schuster and Mrs. Busch on the 26th of November.

No. 6 was necessary in order that the funds, with which the three intending emigrants are being supplied by the Jewish organisation in Paris ("Hicem") should be forthcoming. Mr. R. E. Barclay at the F.O. agreed that in the circumstances, which were pressing, the letter should go direct, i.e. not through the usual diplomatic channel.

Nos. 7 and 8 originated from telephone conversations with the Messageries Maritimes who, after their experience over Mr. <sup>Lieber</sup> Lowenstein, were not prepared to issue to the three intending emigrants the tickets for the passages which they had reserved unless an assurance could be given that the intending emigrants would be permitted to enter Kenya.

See 38087/2E/BS  
 in case

On the 1st of December Mrs. Busch rang up to say that in spite of all this very hurried correspondence, it had been impossible for the three intending emigrants to catch their boat at Marseilles on December 1st. She said that they were going by the Messageries Maritimes liner "Porthus" which leaves Marseilles on the 15th December and arrives in Mombasa on the 31st. She asked whether this would enable them to comply with the last proviso in No. 5, namely that they should reach Kenya before the 31st December. It seems clear that this date can be regarded as a synonym for "the end of this year", since there is a similar reference in other correspondence with Kenya indicating that any particular significance is to be attached to the 31st December. It seems safe to assume that if they arrive on that day there will be no difficulty with the authorities in Kenya.

It is now necessary to obtain in writing the guarantees offered by Mr. Busch and Lady Victor Schuster (see No. 4). (In this connection it is perhaps useful to note that Lady Victor Schuster's husband is one of the directors of the International Provincial Bank). A previous case in which a guarantee of a kind similar to this (but not identical) ~~was given~~ is that of the settlement scheme organised by the Council for German Jewry and known, legally speaking, as Plough Settlements, Ltd.. At No. 58 on 38232/5/38 is registered the guarantee there given. In that case,

however,

<sup>in the place</sup>  
however, the guarantee was ~~instead~~ of the £50 deposit required under the immigration regulations, whereas, in this case, the guarantee is to be in addition to that £50 deposit. I understand from Mr. Dale that he will minute on this.

Clotney White

6.12.38

9 Miss Dakyns — 5/2  
To Messageries Maritimes — 5/2  
DESTROYED UNDER STATUTE

9 Miss Dakyns came into Ous as  
interpreter for Mrs Busch, ~~with~~ whose  
English is not perfect.  
Put by.

10 In view of Ous letter X/ in the  
minute above had perhaps better be  
checked.  
Draft herein.

Clotney White 6/12

11 To Messageries Maritimes — 5/0 — 6/12/38  
DESTROYED UNDER STATUTE  
10 add.

12 To Gov Conf Cel 219 — 6/12/38  
DESTROYED UNDER STATUTE

Mr. Duncan was busy on Monday morning and asked me to discuss this matter with Mr. Costley-White on his behalf, which I did.

I am in some doubt as to what exactly was intended by the telegram at 4 in relation to the guarantees, and what the Department want. In the first place, there appears to me to be no legal justification for asking for these guarantees. The provisions of the Kenya Immigration Ordinance, as amended, enable the Government to extract from an intending immigrant, who is likely to become a charge on the Colony, either a £50 deposit or a bond in the form annexed to the Ordinance. These three immigrants are to make the deposit of £50 and if they do this they apparently comply with the provisions of the Ordinance. There is, of course, no reason whatever why Mr. Adolf Busch and Lady Schuster should not enter into any guarantees they may be prepared to sign, but there will, so far as I can see, be no consideration whatsoever for these guarantees and therefore to be binding on the guarantors they must be executed under seal. The courses open to the Department are, I think, either

- (1) To ask the guarantors to enter into a bond in the ordinary way (with the Governor of Kenya). But a bond is an undertaking to pay a definite sum and if therefore a bond is to be entered into some definite sum which would cover the prospective liabilities of the guarantors will have to be fixed; or
- (2) To ask the guarantors to sign an

agreement to be made under seal somewhat in the form of <sup>the letter</sup> that contained at 58 in 38232/5/38, or

- (3) To ask them simply to sign letters in that form.

The objection to course (3) is, as I say, that such a document will not be legally binding in this case. But I do not know how far the Department relies upon these documents being legally binding since I notice that the letter to which I have referred has not been stamped.

W.D.S.

7.12.38.

I have just advised the Secretary from the report of 5 May 1939.  
I have some doubt whether these provisions are legal.

W.D.

I think that the difficulty of fixing a definite sum must rule out alternative (1). (2) is free from this objection, but appears to be rather over-formal and should perhaps be avoided if possible. If the guarantee in (3) or 38232/5/38 were exactly similar to that now required there would presumably be no objection to alternative (3). Unfortunately however the guarantee referred to was accepted only after experience of the way in which the guarantors observed their pledges (see 43 in that file), whereas in



this case, while there is no reason whatever to suppose that the guarantors will try to evade their obligations, we have only two words to go upon.

I suggest that we should start by asking the guarantors to sign letters like that referred to; then send copies out to Kenya and leave it to them to raise the question of the "legality" of the guarantees: if <sup>Kenya</sup> they do, we could write to the guarantors explaining what has happened and asking them to put the guarantee in the form of <sup>an</sup> alternative (2) in Mr. Dales' minute.

Drafts accordingly herewith (I am afraid from the legal point of view they may seem very unattractive).

Cholby White 7/12

As regards Mr. Dales' P.S., legal advice has already been sought (on 7 Oct/38) on the contract to which he refers, and Dales' coat on its legal validity, see on 30 Oct/38, circulating separately.

The simplest course is clearly to obtain the guarantees by means of a letter,

suggested; and I understand from you that the H.O. regard such letters as acceptable in the case of immigrants to

this country.

A.R. P...  
8/12

As the letters are referring to £50 loan which the Trans. 2 can reasonably be demanded from the guarantors. I have however left it in slightly altered

W. Dales  
9.12.

13 Gen Conf (el 205) — 9/12

13 Draft submitted Cholby White 9/12

Mr. Forster

I have passed the draft to Messrs. G. & J. Martin. I think however that you should see the draft letter to Mr. Busch and Lady Schuster, enclosing a form of guarantee. The draft & enclosures have been passed through the legal adviser.

A.R. P...  
14.12.38

- 14 To: Gen Sec. Messrs. Martin
  - 15 To: Dr. Busch. (with guarantee response draft & envelope (copy retained))
  - 16 To: Lady Schuster. (with guarantee response draft & envelope (copy retained))
- } Cons 16.12.38

- 17 Approved 2/16 Conf. 6/12/38  
Confirms No 5; points out various difficulties connected with case.
- 18 Adopted Busch. 14/12/38  
Undertakes to see that persons named shall not become a public charge. Will pay for removal if necessary. Encloses 2/16 letter from Mrs. Busch.

7 It was realized when (4) was sent that Kenya would have to move quickly. (4) would not have been sent unless it had been known that speed was essential.

? reply that Sofis is grateful for the prompt reply sent to (A), & realized that it was awkwardly stated before, but in the circumstances he saw no alternative but to taking action as in (4)

~~and put  
copy of last para  
in file  
by 23/12/38  
to 4/12/38~~

18 A copy of this (not enclosed) should go to Kenya in the reply to 17. But I want to reply to 16 is in  
Clocky White

I should be inclined to reply, as proposed, at once, explaining that Lord Sutherland's formal guarantee has not yet been received  
Dgt. comm

20/12/38  
atam

19 Lady Sutherland  
undertaking on behalf of Mr R Sutherland  
no 0 Sutherland, his wife  
recd 28/12/38

20 To Kenya Conf (3) (7/12/38) 17 thousand. 21.1.39

19 Copy to Kenya Lf. ref to 20  
Clocky White  
20/1

20 Kenya Conf (4) (7/12/38) A/1 21.1.39 atam

new 10/1/39  
regarding letter of 11/12/38  
atam

C. O.

Mr. Coker White 28/12

Mr. Parkin 29/12

Mr. Freeman 29/12

Sir H. Moore

Sir G. Tomkinson

Sir C. Bottomley

Sir J. Shuckburgh

Perm. U.S. of S.

Party U.S. of S.

Secretary of State

31/12

SH

DRAFT.

Kenya

Respectful (2)

Gov

(7)

18

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Sir

I have etc to ask  
 the receipt of your conf.  
 despatch No 216 of the 5th of Dec  
 on the subject of the  
 immigration into Kenya  
 of Robert Seekin, Oswald  
 Fisher and his wife  
 Lottie Fisher, and to  
 transmit a copy of  
 a letter from Dr Adolph  
 Busch embodying his  
 formal guarantee that  
 these three refugees  
 will not, during the  
 first five years of  
 their stay in Kenya,  
 become charges on

public funds.

3<sup>rd</sup> Lady Victor  
Schuster has been sent the draft  
of a similar letter for signature,  
but has not yet returned it to  
this office: a copy of <sup>the signed letter</sup> it will  
be forwarded to you in due course.

2. I am grateful to you for  
the prompt and helpful reply which  
you returned to my <sup>conf.</sup> Telegram No 208  
of the 25<sup>th</sup> of November. It was  
realised, ~~taken~~ at the time when that  
Telegram was sent, that you were  
being requested to reach a decision  
on the question ~~in~~ <sup>at</sup> the inconvenience  
short space of time. The situation  
in which the ~~time~~ refugees found  
themselves at the time was, ~~however,~~  
~~was given~~ according to the information  
supplied to me, one of great distress  
and ~~some~~ danger, and in the  
circumstances I saw no alternative  
in asking you to give your decision  
concerning their permission to enter Kenya  
with the least possible delay. I thank

C. O.

Mr.

Mr.

Mr.

Sir H. Moore.

Sir G. Tomlinson.

Sir C. Bottomley.

Sir J. Shuckburgh.

Perm. U.S. of S.

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Secretary of State.

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that the ~~time~~ refugees, as  
well as their relatives in  
Europe who were acting  
on their behalf, are  
deeply appreciative of the  
consideration shown to  
them in ascertaining  
so speedily that their  
entry into Kenya would  
be permitted.



28 DEC 1953

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence in connexion with the immigration into Kenya of Mr. Robert Serkin, Mr. Oswald Fischer and his wife Mrs. Lottie Fischer-Serkin, I hereby undertake as follows:-

1. That the three persons named above shall not become a public charge in the Colony.
2. That, in the event of its being found necessary for any of the persons named above to be removed from the Colony to some other country or to some other British Dependency, and in the event of the £50 deposit required under the Immigration Regulations of the Colony to be made in respect of each of the three persons named having been refunded to the said three persons at the time when their removal from the Colony becomes necessary, I will meet the cost of their removal; or, in the event of such deposit not having been returned, I will meet such part of the cost of their removal as is not met out of the said £50 deposit.
3. That the undertaking in paragraphs 1 and 2 hereof shall

Copy to Kenya (21)

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,  
COLONIAL OFFICE.

shall remain in force in respect of each of the  
three persons named for a period of five years  
from the date on which each of the three persons  
arrives (for the first time) in Kenya.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*Lucy Chester*

Sir,

VED  
2 DEC 1952

With reference to the correspondence in connexion with the immigration into Kenya of Mr. Robert Serkin, Mr. Oswald Fischer and his wife Mrs. Lottie Fischer-Serkin, I hereby undertake as follows:-

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COLONIAL OFFICE.

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I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Dr. Adolf Busch.  
Riehen / Basel  
Schmitzweg 58

17. Dec. 1938

in the  
moment

Mythenstrasse 24  
ZÜRICH

19. 12. 38

Dear Mr. Costley - White,

Please do excuse my bad  
English! I feel so deeply,  
that I must thank you  
for another time for your  
great kindness to me in  
the Sakin - Fischer matter.  
If I could speak English  
very well, I would explain



How deep the impression  
was for ~~an~~ German  
born (Thanks God now  
a Swiss since 5 years)  
to see that a big Office  
like the Colonial Office  
has human feeling inha-  
bitants and no machines  
or highbrow people. It  
is no "Zufall" that the  
English people is in this

11  
position in the world.  
• All the other nations can  
learn from the English!  
I am thankful to the  
"Schicksal" and to you  
having seen and learned  
a great deal the hour  
I was in the Colonial  
Office!  
With many thanks  
I am

Yours truly

Dr. Firda Busch



5 December 1938.

REC  
H. 12  
C. O. I.

CONFIDENTIAL

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your Confidential telegram No. 205 of the 25th November and to confirm the reply contained in my confidential telegram No. 195 of the 26th November, to the effect that the three Austrian Jewish refugees, Robert Serkin, Oswald Fischer and his wife Lottie Fischer will be admitted to this Colony, subject to the guarantees mentioned in your telegram being forthcoming, provided that they deposit the sum of 250 each on arrival and that they reach Kenya before the 31st December.

2. I presume that you will arrange for the necessary guarantees to be formally given and accepted and that I shall hear further from you on this point in due course.

3. As regards the stipulation that the persons concerned should reach Kenya before the 31st December, it is stated in your telegram that Austrian passports are possessed by these immigrants; in the terms of your Circular despatch of the 28th September these documents were to become invalid on the 1st December, and normally they should be replaced by German passports issued by the nearest German Consulate. It was understood, however, from the German Consulate in Nairobi that Austrian passports are in fact valid up to the 31st December (this information was subsequently confirmed by your Circular telegram of

the/

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE  
MALCOLM MACDONALD, M.P.,  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,  
DOWNING STREET,  
LONDON. S.W. 1.

*James 20*

*24/3/4/38 General*

*24/3/4/58 General*

the 29th November), and the circumstances set out in your telegram indicated that the replacement of these persons' passports might be impracticable.

4. Although I have, in view of your representations, agreed to the admission of these persons, I desire to invite your attention to certain difficulties that arose in this particular case. In the first place, your telegram was received only on the morning of Saturday the 26th November and you desired a reply the same evening. This obviously did not permit of a full investigation of the case, and in such circumstances the natural inclination is to play for safety and to send a refusal. In addition, therefore, to the interests of Kenya it is in the interests of the immigrants themselves, if suitable, that adequate time shall be given for investigation.

5. Secondly, reference was made to Dr. Irvine of Chogoria and the Reverend J. Ogilvie of Nairobi. The Reverend J. Ogilvie is generally absent from the capital, but happened to be in Nairobi on this occasion. He stated that he had no knowledge of the individuals concerned and had received no request to assist in finding employment for them. Dr. Irvine lives 170 miles from Nairobi and there is no telegraphic or telephonic communication with him. I draw attention to this to emphasise again the difficulty of obtaining information rapidly in this country and the consequent need for adequate time for investigation.

6. Had it not been for the peculiar state of Central Europe at the present time, one might have been disposed to comment on the fact that intending immigrants, starting presumably from Austria, elected to travel to Marseilles



via Lithuania. Another point that gives rise to curiosity is the fact that they obtained their visas from Basle, and I suggest it might be worth while to make enquiries as to why this apparently circuitous method was adopted. It is at any rate conceivable that undesirable immigrants might make use of some similar method in order to obtain visas from places where they are not known.

7. I would take this opportunity of inviting your attention to the fact that nothing has yet been settled as to the future of the Abyssinian refugees who are still residing in this Colony, and I must strongly urge that this problem be not overlooked in the pressure of work entailed in providing for Jewish refugees, who are likely to bring into being a similar problem in this Colony unless the strictest precautions are taken.

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

*D Brooke Popham*

AIR CHIEF MARSHAL  
 GOVERNOR.

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Sir,  
Your most obedient,  
humble servant,

*D Brooke-Popham*

AIR CHIEF MARSHAL  
GOVERNOR.

15 16

C.O.

- Mr. Cooney White 7/12
- Mr. Thomas 8/12
- Mr. Dale 9/12
- Mr. Frank
- Sir H. Moore
- Sir G. Tomkinson
- Sir J. Shackburgh
- Permit U.S. of S.
- Party U.S. of S.
- Secretary of State.

for Mr Cooney White's sig

- ① Dean B. Busch
- ② Dean J. Schubert

When ① Mrs Busch visited  
② you

This office in connexion with the immigration into Kenya of Mr Robert Seikin and Mrs & Mrs Fischer @ she <sup>was</sup> ~~were~~ good enough to say that you would offer a guarantee that the three people concerned would not become a public charge in Kenya during the first five years of their stay there.

If it, as you will understand, is advisable that for purposes of record this guarantee should be put in writing.

DRAFT.

- 1) Herr Adolf Busch  
Basle - Riehen  
Schutterweg 50  
Switzerland.
- 2) Lady (Honor) Schuster  
Fair Crouch  
Wadhurst  
Sussex

accompanying draft in duplicate  
white (with official)  
envelope addressed  
to US ops. Co.

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\* copied ready  
for signature on  
Main white  
paper.

The draft is enclosed herewith of  
a letter doing this. If  
you agree to its terms would  
you please sign it and  
return it to this office in  
the enclosed envelope? Copies  
of the draft are also enclosed  
in case you should wish to  
keep one.

Yours sincerely,  
(L.A.) C. Conley White

C. O.

Mr. Conley White 7/12  
Mr. Thomas of  
Mr. Dale 9.12  
Mr. A. J. Dawe 9/12

Sir H. Moore.

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Secretary of State.

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C.O.

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(To be copied in form indicated  
on acc. aft. to D. Bush & Lady  
Schuster)

SN,

With reference to the  
correspondence in connexion with  
the immigration into Kenya  
of Mr. Robert Serkin, Mr.  
Oswald Fisher and his wife  
Mrs. Lottie Fisher-Serkin, I  
herby undertake as  
follows:-

1. That the three persons  
named above shall not  
become a public charge  
in the Colony at any  
time during the five  
years following their  
first arrival in the  
Colony.
2. That, in the event of



it's being found necessary for any  
of the persons named above to be  
removed from the Colony to some  
other country or to some other  
British dependency, I will meet  
~~the cost of their removal year,~~

and in the event of the £50 deposit  
required under the Immigration Regulations  
of the Colony to be made in respect  
of each ~~person~~ of the three persons  
named ~~not~~ having been refunded  
to the said three persons at the  
time when their removal from  
the Colony becomes necessary, I  
will meet such part of the cost  
of their removal as is not met  
out of the said £50 deposit.

3. That the undertakings in  
paras 1 & 2 hereof shall remain  
in force in respect of each  
of the three persons named  
for a period of five years

I will meet the cost of  
their removal; or,  
in the event of such  
deposit not having been  
refunded,

C. O.

Mr.

Mr.

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Secretary of State.

from the date on which  
each of the three persons  
arrives for the first time  
in Kenya.

I am etc

DRAFT.

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COPY FOR REGISTRATION

38087/2E/38/3

Telegram from the Governor of Kenya to the Secretary  
of State for the Colonies.

Dated 9th December, 1938. Received 9-7am 9th December.

1938

No. 205 Confidential.

12  
Your telegram No. 219 Person named  
will be admitted if travelling by liner Porthos  
due to arrive 31st December even if ship is late.

6 DEVONSHIRE PLACE  
LONDON, W.1  
Welbeck 8906

9<sup>19</sup>

Dec: 5<sup>th</sup> 1938

Dear Mr. Costley White,

This is to convey to  
you my thanks & those of  
Mr. Adolf Busch & his wife  
& of Mr. Rudolf Serkin for  
all the trouble you took  
on behalf of Mr. Serkin's  
relatives.

The courtesy & kindness  
that they experienced at the

Colonial Office made a  
deep impression on Mr. & Mrs.  
Adolf Bursch.

I am very grateful to  
everyone concerned.

yours sincerely

M. Francis Dakys

COLONIAL OFFICE.

Downing Street, S.W.1.

28th November, 1938.

Dear Sir,

I am writing to thank you for your letter of the 26th November (reference P/W/T) in which you confirmed that consequent upon your telephone conversation with your Head Office in Paris the necessary steps had been taken to ensure that Mr. Robert Serkin, Mr. Oswald Fischer and Mrs. Lotti Fischer of Kaunas, Lithuania, be furnished with French visas for their passports.

A telegram has now been received from the Governor of Kenya stating that these three persons will be admitted into Kenya subject to the necessary guarantees

M. Dionis du Séjour,  
Agent-General  
Messageries Maritimes.

guarantees being forthcoming, provided that each deposits £50 on arrival and provided that they reach the Colony before the 31st December. It is understood that the guarantees will be forthcoming and that the persons will be in possession of the necessary funds.

Mr. MacDonald wishes me to say that he very much appreciates the assistance given by you and by Mr. Ivernat in this matter.

Yours truly,

(Sgd.) A. R. Thomas

Private Secretary.

C. O.

38087/201  
Coded + Sec  
Sh 29/11/38  
END  
WMA

Mr. Coker, while 25/11  
Mr. Parker, 26/11  
Mr. (19)

Ans  
No 205

MOST IMMEDIATE.

CONFIDENTIAL.

Sir H. Moore.  
Sir G. Tomlinson.  
Sir C. Bottomley.  
Sir J. Stuckbury.  
Perm. U.S. of S.  
Parly. U.S. of S.  
Secretary of State.

Your telegram 182 Confidential. Understand

that Consul at Basle has issued visas for Kenya to three Austrian Jewish refugees in possession of Austrian passports named Robert Serkin, Oswald Fischer and his wife Lottie Fischer. Each is in possession of about £240. Last named is sister of pianist Rudolph Serkin whose father-in-law Adolph Busch (conductor and violinist) is prepared to offer guarantee for five years that persons named will not become public charges in Kenya. ~~I am furnished with~~

DRAFT.

Governor  
Nairobi

SECRET

Lady Victor Schuster  
with whom I am personally acquainted is prepared to offer a similar guarantee

FURTHER ACTION.

Return to 309.

Persons named due to sail from Marseilles December 1st. Messageries Maritimes will not grant them tickets unless evidence is produced that they will be permitted to land. Understand that

- (1) Kenya agent of British and American Tobacco Company, (2) Dr. Irvine of CHOGORIA,
- (3) Reverend J. Ogilvie of Nairobi have been asked to assist persons named to find work.

Trust

Trust that in circumstances you will  
permit entry into Kenya. Matter is  
urgent as people concerned are at moment  
in Lithuania and are in danger of being  
repatriated to Austria if journey to Kenya  
cannot be made as planned. Grateful for  
reply if possible by tomorrow evening 96th