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FOREIGN OFFICE. S.W.1.
6th February, 1925.

In any further communication
on this subject, please quote

No. J 352/103/66

and address—
not to any person by name.

sent to
The Under-Secretary of State,
Foreign Office, S.W.1.

Immediate and Confidential.

Sir,

With reference to the letter from this department of the 7th of October last, regarding the Haardt-Dubreuil scientific mission to Central Africa, I am directed by Mr. Secretary Chamberlain to transmit to you, herewith, a copy of a further letter on this subject from Major-General Sir E. D. Swinton. Mr. Chamberlain will be grateful if he may be informed in due course what action Mr. Secretary Amery has taken in this matter.

2. Major-General Swinton has requested that the warning of the impending arrival of the expedition in British colonial territory may be telegraphed as soon as possible to the authorities concerned. It will be observed that he is anxious that the ultimate destination of the expedition should not be disclosed to the general public.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

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Under-Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

E.E.S./162.

United Service Club,
Ball Hall, LONDON, E.W.1.
November, 1924.

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2nd February.

My dear Captain,

I am now able to reply to your personal letter No. E.3557/5558/16 of the 29th October. The Haardt-Dubergill Citroen-Kegresse Expedition has now arrived in the neighbourhood of STANLEYVILLE and will shortly reach the frontier of UGANDA.

Secrecy is now no longer ^{so} essential, so if you can kindly approach the Colonial Office to telegraph to the Governors of

UGANDA,
KENYA,
TANGANYIKA,
NYASSA.

as promised, will you please now do so.

2. We have found, owing to the tour having unfortunately been arranged for the rainy season, that it may not be possible to continue it into TANGANYIKA and NYASSA until later in the year. This has upset the original itinerary sketched out, and the new route will have to be settled locally by H. Haardt when he reaches UGANDA upon the latest information.

He may decide to spend some time in UGANDA and KENYA, and then, when the rains are over, to go on to TANGANYIKA and NYASSA; or he may decide to omit this latter part of the trip and go down to the Coast at MOMBASSA or DAR-ES-SALAM and embark there.

3. But, whichever course he takes on, it will not vitiate the dispatch of the telegram by the Colonial Office worded tentatively to deal with the eventuality of his entering each Dependency. If he does not do so no harm will be done. If he does so,

Yours faithfully,
Colonel, R.A., C.M.G.

FOREIGN OFFICE, Downing Street, S.W.1.

each Government will get ample warning in advance of the progress of the Expedition as it approaches.

a. I attach herewith a suggested telegram to each Governor which should meet any case, for despatch after concurrence by the Colonial Office.

I understand that the Colonial Office may prefer to telegraph to the Governor of UGANDA alone, asking him to communicate details to the other Governors as soon as he obtains them from M. Haardt. This course will meet the case equally.

b. For convenience I send this letter in duplicate and two copies of the proposed telegram.

Yours sincerely,

E. D. Swinton

Enclos.: 1 Copy letter.
2 copies draft telegram.

*Should include appendix & send a copy
of the foregoing with a copy, which
to send to the*

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The ultimate destinations of the expedition should not be disclosed.

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- " French Scientific Sporting Expedition sixteen persons
 - " eight Citroen-Kegresse Caterpillar Motors eight Trailers under
 - " M. Harard and Audouin Dubreuil on its way across Africa way
 - " traverse portion of Uganda Kenya Tanganyika Nyasa in that
 - " order entering Uganda at Butiaba about 5th MARCH. Please
 - " give every assistance. Harard has been asked to inform you
 - " direct of itinerary as early as possible. He invites one
 - " Official selected by Governor to accompany Expedition through
 - " each Territory."
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Governor
En Lebbe

French Scientific Stations

MINUTE.

- Mr. Seel 9.2.25
- Mr. Jeffries 9/2
- Mr.
- Mr. J. Shuburgh *Atome*
- Mr. C. Datta
- Mr. G. Gifford
- Mr. J. Masterton Smith
- Mr. L. Arnold
- Mr. Thomas

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March 5th - Request you will

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Governor
En. Lebbe

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- Mr. Jeffries 9/2
- Mr. [unclear]
- Sr. J. Sturges *Attorney*
- Sr. [unclear]
- Sr. [unclear]
- Sr. J. Masterton Smith
- [unclear] Arnold
- Mr. Thomas

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afford all proper facilities.
wards will inform you of
it in any direct as early as
possible and writes one official
selected by Governor to
accompany expedition through
east territory. Not desired
that ultimate destination
should become generally known.
Please inform Governor Kenya
if any other measures may
be necessary.

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Confidential

The U.S.G.S.

F.O.

Sir

10 Feb. 1925

MINUTE.

Mr. Seal 9.2.25

Mr. Jeffries 9/2/25

Mr.

Sir J. Shackburgh.

Sir C. Davis.

Sir G. Girdle.

Sir J. Masterton Smith.

Lord Arnold.

Mr. Thomas.

Mr. Laloo

Mr. Lusa (et) of the Government

receipt of your letter No.

J 352/103/66 of the 6th

Feb. and to be laid before the Secretary

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Chamberlain. The acc.

copy of a letter which he

has sent to the Govt. of

Uganda on the subject of

the proposed transport

Scientific mission to Central
Africa.

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(2) W. S. Stomley.