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18 MAY 25

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15th May 1925.

DR. SELIGMAN,
ROYAL ANTHROPOLOGICAL
INSTITUTE.

RE: THE QUESTION OF

Mr.

Mr. *Hyden*

Mr.

Dept. U.S. of S.

W. H. H. Stanley

From U.S. of S.

Part U.S. of S. 21-5-25

Secretary of State.

NATIVE DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION.

States views with regard to policy, which should be varied according to differences of outlook and mental development of the various races. Willing to arrange for members of his Council to discuss matter.

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MINUTES

This has been considered with the old hands' recommendations, coming out of the Commission's Report, but Dr. Seligman does not seem to have seen the Report.

It is a matter, rather, of the Education C^o, and I venture to think that that C^o, which has done for the maintenance of the S. H. fund provided for local application, will find itself too greatly increased in detail if it takes into consideration

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W.H.H.

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Oct. 19.5.45

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Philip Stokes report &
the Memo. on Africa

[M] 19.5.45

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What. The letter has been copied
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seem to be any general conviction of what should be equally obvious, that it is hopeless to try to prepare a scheme suited to native mentality unless the body responsible for the scheme has a real knowledge, not only of native habit and custom, but also of native modes of thought. My Council believes that the only way for the responsible body to attain this knowledge is for it to have among its members an Anthropologist who has gained his knowledge of natives by actual field work in the continent concerned, for experience suggests that there are very considerable differences of outlook and of mental development between the various groups of black men

Apart from its opinion on these two points upon which my Council has asked me to write to you, it asks me to state that, if so desired, it would always be ready to arrange for one of its two members who have a first hand knowledge of African tribes, to discuss any matter with you, either officially or unofficially as you might wish, and it believes that the knowledge and opinions thus placed at your disposition might be of special value to this or any other Committee dealing with matters affecting the native populations.

Yours sincerely



Capt. The Hon. Ormsby Gore.

J. G.
18th May, 1925.

Dear Doctor Seligman,

Mr. Ormsby Gore asks me to thank you for your letter of the 13th of May in regard to East Africa Native Policy; he is carefully looking into the special points which you raise and he hopes to send you a reply in the course of a few days.

Yours sincerely,

Private Secretary.

A. GOR O. G. SELIGMAN, M. D., F. R. S.