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CIRCULATION:

Mr. B. Hanley

Mr. [unclear]

Mr. [unclear]

Mr. [unclear]

Mr. [unclear]

Secretary of State

French Scientific Mission
in
Central Africa

Previous Paper

MINUTES

See note within.

We can refer in the Appendix to the evening
in para. 3 of the 20th letter, as per the Tanganyika,
Nyasaland & N. Rhodesia are concerned.

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I want say nothing about the game meeting. The point
is not raised by the French letter, as to the 10.

I agree as to the [unclear] &
Hanga - also as to H.

Wed 1 x. 24.

~~See [unclear]~~ 9.8 1-10. [unclear]

Subsequent Paper

To
47517

See off. to speak to Smith [unclear]

Mr Allen

See subsequent

Op. down to FO 19600/25A

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See also both Parkers' minutes on 19600/25 -
'make - open'

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M. Allen

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S.A.

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JMM

11/5

at all

Mr. Brashey.

Mr. Bottomley.

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General Swinton came to see me
about this a day or two ago. It is all
rather complicated. The expedition which is
being organized by a French firm has mapped a
route which will not touch British territory
in Africa except the Soudan. They have also
prepared (or are preparing) a second route
which will take them through several of the
East African Colonies. They will not know
whether they will take the second route until
they start from their base in North Africa.
What they want is

- (1) an assurance from the British
Government that there is no objection to
their going through the East African
Colonies, if they wish to;
- (2) a promise that, if and when they
notify their intention of taking the
second route, (which they will do from
North Africa just before they start)
telegrams will be sent to the East
African Colonies concerned asking them
to give facilities.

General Swinton made it quite clear that the
party would pay for these telegrams if required.

A point upon which General Swinton
laid great importance is secret: ~~Apparently~~
One main object of the expedition is ~~to~~
advertisement of a particular type of attach-
ment which can be fastened on to any kind of
mechanically propelled vehicle and will enable
it to negotiate all types of country.
Apparently they ~~are~~ ^{convinced from what} robbed of the fruits of
~~the former~~ ^{to former} enterprise ~~in this kind~~ by allow-
ing the details to get out beforehand. The
members of the expedition are ~~therefore~~

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to find we have
to find with them
to find security of
to find plans of
to find

~~are therefore~~ particularly anxious that nothing should be sent out to the Colonies about them until they have decided which route to take and that, ~~even~~ ^{if they go through any of our Colonies} --- the telegrams sent to the Governors should be treated as very secret.

I pointed out to General Swinton that the British Colonies might not be very keen to assist an enterprise primarily designed to ~~advertise or to~~ advertise French motors. His reply was that inland transport across rough country is going to be of very great value to the British Colonies: that there is no British expedition of this character; ~~and~~ that in any case the expedition is not meant to advertise the make of motor engine (that is Citroen) but the type of attachment; and that arrangements have already been made for this type of attachment to be manufactured in England ^{by British labour} for use of British machines. Another point I mentioned was the question of big-game shooting and General Swinton gave me to understand that the party wish to shoot big-game and want to know what formalities are necessary and what restrictions are imposed.

General Swinton drew attention to the fact that a Russian artist is included in the party and wants to be assured that there will be no objection to his entering any of the Colonies.

The expedition is due to leave Europe very shortly and the matter has become one of very great urgency. General Swinton is himself making personal arrangements to see Mr. Thomas about it.

ABF 20/9.

In any further communication on subject, please quote

No. E 8308/5585/16

Address:

not to any person by name.

The Under Secretary of State,
Foreign Office,
London, S.W. 1.

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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

29th September, 1924.

URGENT AND SECRET.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Ramsay MacDonald to transmit to you, herewith, to be laid before the Secretary of State for the Colonies, a copy of a letter from Major-General Sir E. D. Swinton, K.B.E., regarding a French scientific mission to Central Africa.

2. Correspondence on this subject has already passed between this department, the French Embassy, and Major-General Sir Lee Stack, K.B.E., Governor-General of the Sudan, and copies are enclosed for Mr. Secretary Thomas' information.

3. I am to enquire whether Mr. Thomas is prepared firstly to give a general covering assurance that there is no objection in principle to the passage of the expedition through Uganda, Kenya, Tanganyika, Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland, and secondly, on receipt of a more detailed request from the expedition, to send instructions to the authorities of the above-named colonies and protectorates to give facilities to the expedition.

4. In deference to the desire of the expedition, it is requested that this correspondence be treated as urgent and secret.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Laurel Ophant

Under-Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

United Service Club, S.W.1.

26th September, 1924.

/SECRET.

/5585/16)

Dear Oliphant,

I should be much obliged for your assistance in the following matter: You will remember that at the request of the French Ambassador the Foreign Office gave the consent of the British Government to the crossing of the Soudan by an Expedition of French Citroën-Megresse Caterpillar-track Cars.

This Expedition's route was to be southward from the Mediterranean across the Sahara to Timbuctoo and on to Lake Tchad, and then eastward to the Soudan border, across the Soudan via Khartoum to Abyssinia, etc., finishing at Djibouti.

Since then the promoters of the Expedition have been considering if possible to altering their route to include some or all of the following British Colonies or Protectorates, viz:

Uganda, Kenya, Tanganyika, Northern Rhodesia, Nyasaland.

I have been asked to assist, as before in the case of the Soudan, to obtain the necessary permission which, in this case, would be given by the Colonial Office.

It will probably make matters clear and assist to a quick decision by the Colonial Office if copies of the letters which have already passed between the Foreign Office and the French Ambassador can be seen by the Colonial Office, and I write to enquire if you could forward copies of this correspondence to the Colonial Office with this letter.

For....

Oliphant, Esq., C.M.G.,

FOREIGN OFFICE.

For certain reasons the promoters of the Expedition are very much averse to the proposed alteration in their route even in outline, being made known until they have started and reach a certain point on their journey. But they are extremely anxious to know for certain that they have the sanction and goodwill of the British Government to crossing these British Territories before they actually do start, in a few days time, and wish to know if some form of general covering assurance can be given them now by the Colonial Office that there is no objection in principle, and that later on, when they reach a certain point (which will be notified) instructions will be sent by the Colonial Office to the authorities of the above-named Colonies and Protectorates to give facilities to the Expedition, as has already been done by the Foreign Office in the case of the Soudan. At the same time details of the proposed routes will be furnished.

I attach a list of the members of the Expedition. It will be seen that one is a Russian artist. I mention this in case it will be necessary for him to have any special permit. I am assured that he is not a Bolshevik Emissary, but is one of the Russians driven out of Russia.

I trouble you in this matter personally because you know about it and the question is very urgent from the point of view of those running the Expedition, and it seems that as the French Government has already approached the British Government officially, through their Embassy, it may be possible by direct action between the Foreign Office and Colonial Office to obviate the loss of time required to take up this extension of the proposed tour through the same channel.

I shall be extremely grateful for your good offices in passing the matter on as soon as you can. At the same time I shall try to enlist the sympathy of the Secretary of State

For...

for the Colonies.

Yours etc.,

(Signed) E.D. Swinton.

P.S. I enclose a copy of this in case you wish
to send it on to the Colonial Office.

LISTE DES MEMBRES DE L'EXPEDITION CITROEN CENTRE AFRIQUE.

2ème Mission HAARDT - ANDOUIN DUBREUIL.

ETAT - MAJOR.

M.M.

G.M. Haardt, Directeur Général des Usines Citroën.
Chef de Mission.Andouin Dubreuil, 2ème Chef de Mission.Bettembourg, Adjoint au chef de Mission.Docteur Bourgeon, Chargé du Service Médical.Jacovleffe, Chargé de la documentation artistique. (Russian).Foirier, Chargé de la documentation cinématographique.Specht, Opérateur de cinéma.Brull, Ingénieur attaché à la Mission.MECANICIENS.M.M. Maurice Penaud.
Maurice Billy.
Fruchonnière.
Rabaud.
de Sudra.
Bernard Billy.
Piat.
Triat.

LEGATION DE FRANCE

LONDRES. le 21 Juin 1924.

EN ANGLETERRE.

Monsieur le Secrétaire d'Etat,

J'ai l'honneur de porter à votre connaissance qu'après entente avec le Gouvernement Français, M. André Citroën, constructeur d'automobiles en France, est sur le point d'entreprendre une deuxième mission d'auto-chenilles au centre de l'Afrique, sous la direction de M.M. Haardt et Audouin Dubreuil, qui assurèrent l'an dernier le succès de la première traversée du Sahara en automobile.

La mission dont il s'agit qui est analogue à celle accomplie en 1924 par le Capitaine Buchanan dans le Damerghou et dans l'Air, à celle du Colonel Gordon en 1923 à travers le Sahara, ainsi qu'à celle de l'Américain Guerrit Forbes à travers le Cameroun, a un but à la fois artistique et scientifique.

En effet, en plus des opérateurs cinématographiques, un peintre de talent sera adjoint à l'expédition. Un service spécial sera d'autre part chargé d'exécuter les investigations de toutes natures demandées par le Muséum d'Histoire Naturelle de France, dans le but d'enrichir ses collections ethnographiques, anatomiques, entomologiques et géologiques.

Comme le verra Votre Excellence par la carte que j'ai l'honneur de lui adresser ci-joint, la Mission Citroën serait désireuse de terminer son expédition à Djibouti, l'amenant ainsi à traverser le Soudan Anglo-Egyptien. Au cas où le Gouvernement britannique ne verrait pas d'objection à la traversée de cette colonie, le Directeur de l'expédition

Excellence

serait

le Principal Secrétaire d'Etat
Pour les Affaires Etrangères.

serait très heureux de s'adjoindre un ou deux officiers ou fonctionnaires anglais susceptibles de l'accompagner à partir d'Adré, dernier poste français près de la frontière du Massalit, pendant tout son séjour dans le Soudan anglo-Égyptien. Les diverses suggestions qui pourraient être faites par ces deux officiers, ne manqueraient pas de présenter un vif intérêt pour les organisateurs du voyage.

J'ai donc l'honneur de prier Votre Excellence de bien vouloir intervenir auprès des autorités compétentes pour que la mission dont il s'agit soit autorisée à accomplir la traversée du Soudan anglo-Égyptien et qu'elles veuillent bien me faire connaître les noms et qualités des officiers qui seraient éventuellement désignés pour l'accompagner.

Veillez agréer les assurances de la très haute considération avec laquelle j'ai l'honneur d'être

Monsieur le Secrétaire d'Etat
de Votre Excellence

le très humble et très
obéissant serviteur.

(Signé) SAINT-AULAIRE.

5585/5585/16)

FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

8th July, 1924.

Your Excellency,

With reference to Your Excellency's note of 21st ultimo concerning the proposed expedition through Africa of Messieurs Haardt and Dubreuil with Citroen cars, I have the honour to inform you that I am consulting the Sudan Government and hope to be able to give you a definite reply shortly in regard to that part of the journey which is to traverse the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan.

2. I shall not fail to communicate further with you when I have learnt the views of the Sudan Government who will take great interest in the progress of this adventurous expedition.

I have etc.,

(For the Secretary of State)

(Signed) LANCELOT OLIPHANT.

Excellency

Mount de Saint-Aulaire,

etc., etc., etc.,

SUDAN GOVERNMENT,

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Abbey House,

Westminster,

London, S.W.1.

26th. July, 1924.

My dear Murray,

With reference to Messieurs Harat and
Dubreuil's projected journey through the Sudan, I send
you a copy of the wire I have sent on the subject to
Sterry at Khartoum.

Yours sincerely,

(sgd.) Lee Stack.

Murray Esq.,

Egyptian Department,

Foreign Office, S.W.1.

Copy of telegram.

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From, Governor General
London

To, Sterry,
Khartoum.

July 26th, 1924.

W. 15. Reference Foreign Office despatch No. E 5585/5585/16 of July 25th to French Ambassador on subject motor expedition by Harat and Dubreuil. I have seen them and told them they can continue their preparations and that we will assist in any way we can. This to enable you to reply to High Commissioner when he passes papers to you for Sudan Government's views.

1st August 1924.

Your Excellency,

With reference to your note of June 21st, relative to the proposed expedition through Africa of Messieurs Haardt and Dubreuil with Citroën cars, I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that I have now learnt that the Sudan Government have no objections to offer to the proposed expedition, and will be prepared to afford such assistance as they can to its promoters.

I have, etc.,

(For the Secretary of State),

(sgd.) LANCELOT OLIPHANT.

Excellency

Count de Saint-Aulaire,

etc.,

etc.,

etc.

Le Chargé d'Affaires de France a l'honneur d'accuser réception à Son Excellence le Principal Secrétaire d'Etat de Sa Majesté britannique aux Affaires Etrangères de Sa lettre No. E 6475/5585/16, du 1er de ce mois, dont il a communiqué la teneur à M. Citroen.

Ce dernier vient de prier cette Ambassade d'exprimer au Gouvernement britannique ses remerciements pour l'aide ainsi accordée à son entreprise dans la traversée du Soudan./.

M. de Montille saisit cette occasion pour renouveler à Son Excellence Monsieur Ramsay MacDonald les assurances de sa très haute considération.

AMBASSADE DE FRANCE.

Albert Gate House.

Londres.

29 Août 1924.

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URGENT AND SECRET.

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(Signed) LANCELOT OLIPHANT

Under-Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

United Service Club, S.W.1.

28th September, 1924.

SECRET

10/2525/14)

Dear Glynant,

I should be much obliged for your assistance in the following matter: You will remember that at the request of the French Ambassador the Foreign Office gave the consent of the British Government to the crossing of the Sudan by an Expedition of French Citroën-Kegresse Caterpillar-Truck Cars.

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Per....

Glynant, Esq., C.M.S.

FOREIGN OFFICE.

United Service Club, S.W.1.

20th September, 1924.

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SECRET.

4/5525/16)

Dear Elephant,

I should be much obliged for your assistance in the following matter: You will remember that at the request of the French Ambassador the Foreign Office gave the consent of the British Government to the crossing of the Sudan by an Expedition of French ~~Ultramarine~~ ~~Legation~~ Caterpillar-truck Cars.

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Yours...

Elephant, Esq., S.W.1.

FOREIGN OFFICE.

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Yours etc.,

(Signed) E. S. Stanton.

P.S. I enclose a copy of this in case you wish
to send it on to the Colonial Office.

LISTE DES MEMBRES DE L'EXPEDITION GIBBERN EN AFRIQUE.

Sous Mission HANOT - ANDOIN DUBREUIL.

ETAT - MAJOR.

M.N.

G.N. HANOT, Directeur Général des Travaux Citroun.
Chef de Mission.

Andoin Dubreuil, Sous Chef de Mission.

REYBERG, Adjoint au Chef de Mission.

Docteur BERGSON, Chargé du Service Médical.

Jacovleff, Chargé de la documentation artistique. (Rusian).

FRIER, Chargé de la documentation cinématographique.

SPICHT, Opérateur de cinéma.

BRILL, Ingénieur attaché à la Mission.

MECANICIENS.

M.N. Maurice Fennel.
Maurice Billy.
Fruhmann.
Raboni.
de Saire.
Fernand Billy.
Piat.
Yriat.

LIGNÈRES. le 21 Juin 1934.

EN ANGLETERRE.

Monsieur le Secrétaire d'Etat,

J'ai l'honneur de porter à votre connaissance qu'après entente avec le Gouvernement Français, M. André Citroën, constructeur d'automobiles en France, est sur le point d'entreprendre une deuxième mission d'auto-chenilles au centre de l'Afrique, sous la direction de M.M. Haardt et Audeuin Dubreuil, qui assurèrent l'an dernier le succès de la première traversée du Sahara en automobile.

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En Excellence,
le Principal Secrétaire d'Etat
Pour les Affaires Étrangères.

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J'ai donc l'honneur de prier Votre Excellence de bien vouloir intervenir auprès des autorités compétentes pour que la mission dont il s'agit soit autorisée à accomplir la traversée du Soudan anglo-Égyptien et qu'elles veuillent bien me faire connaître les noms et qualités des Officiers qui seraient éventuellement désignés pour l'accompagner.

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Monsieur le Secrétaire d'Etat
de Votre Excellence

Le très humble et très
obéissant serviteur.

(Signé) SAINT-AULAIRE.

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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

8th July, 1924.

Your Excellency,

With reference to Your Excellency's note of 31st ultimo concerning the proposed expedition through Africa of Messieurs Haardt and Dubouail with Citroën cars, I have the honour to inform you that I am consulting the Sudan Government and hope to be able to give you a definite reply shortly in regard to that part of the journey which is to traverse the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan.

I shall not fail to communicate further with you when I have learnt the views of the Sudan Government who will take great interest in the progress of this adventurous expedition.

I have etc.,

(For the Secretary of State)

(Signed) LANCELOT OLIPHANT.

Excellency

Comte de Saint-Aulaire,

etc., etc., etc.,

SUDAN GOVERNMENT

Abbey House,

Westminster,

London, S.W.1.

26th. July, 1924.

My dear Murray,

With reference to Messieurs Harbit and Dubreuil's projected journey through the Sudan, I send you a copy of the wire I have sent on the subject to Sterry at Khartoum.

Yours sincerely,

(sgd.) Leo Stack.

Murray Esq.,

Egyptian Department,

Foreign Office, S.W.1.

Copy of telegram.

From. Governor General
London

To. Storry,
Khartoum.

July 29th. 1924.

W. 18. Reference Foreign Office despatch No. F 5525/5525/16 of July 5th to French Ambassador on subject meter expedition by Kaart and Dubreuil. I have seen them and told them they can continue their preparations and that we will assist in any way we can. This to enable you to reply to High Commissioner when he passes papers to you for Sudan Government's views.

1st August 1934.

Your Excellency,

With reference to your note of June 21st, relative to the proposed expedition through Africa of Messieurs Haardt and Dabrouil with Citroën cars, I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that I have now learnt that the Sudan Government have no objections to offer to the proposed expedition, and will be prepared to afford such assistance as they can to its promoters.

I have, etc.,

(For the Secretary of State),

(sgd.) LANGELOT OLIPHANT.

Excellency

Comte de Saint-Aulaire,

etc.,

etc.,

etc.

Le Chargé d'Affaires de France a l'honneur d'acquiescer
 réception à Son Excellence le Principal Secrétaire
 d'Etat de Sa Majesté britannique aux Affaires Etrangères
 de Sa lettre No. N 6475/3535/16, du 1er de ce mois, dont
 il a communiqué la teneur à M. Citroen.

Ce dernier vient de prier cette Ambassade d'exprimer
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AMBASSADE DE FRANCE.

Albert Gate House.

Londres.

29 Août 1924.

URGENT & SECRET

46419/24.

Downing Street,

3 October, 1924.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Thomas to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th of September marked "Urgent and Secret" on the subject of a French scientific mission which contemplates traversing Uganda, Kenya, Tanganyika Territory, Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland.

2. I am to state, for the information of Mr. Secretary Ramsay MacDonald that there is no objection in principle to the passage of the expedition through these dependencies, and that on receipt of full details as to the proposed route and approximate dates, Mr. Thomas will inform the Governors of the prospective movements of the party and will instruct them to afford such facilities as may be required.

3. No communication will be made to the Governors

until

The further details referred to have been received.
I add that Mr. Thomas presumes that the necessity
of secrecy will not exist after the Governors have
received their instructions, as it will not be practicable
to keep secret any local arrangements which it may be
necessary to make with officers in charge of outlying

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

W. F. C. [unclear]

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to keep secret any local arrangements which it may be
necessary to make with officers in charge of outlying
posts.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

W. G. Arnold

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Uganda Scout.

DRAFT.

Secretary of State
Foreign Office.

MINUTE.

Sir,
I am directed to state to you
the receipt of your letter of the 29th
of September marked "Uganda + Scout"
on the subject of a French scientific
mission which contemplates traversing
Uganda, Kenya, Tanganyika Territory
Northern Rhodesia
and Nyasaland.

2. I am to state, for the information
of Mr. Leo S. MacDonell that there is
no objection in principle to the passage
of the expedition through these dependencies,
and that on receipt of full details
as to the proposed route and
approximate dates, Mr. Thomas will
upon the Governors of the prospective
movements

- Mr. Stanley 2/10
- Mr. ~~Butcher~~ *Lawson* in C/Sec on afternoon
- Mr. ~~Butcher~~ *Butcher* *ES on 2/10/24*
- Mr. ~~Butcher~~ *Lambert* 2/10/24
- Mr. G. Grindle.
- Mr. H. Read.
- Mr. J. Masterton Smith.
- Mr. Arnold.
- Mr. Thomas.

speaking to Mr. Lambert.

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