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CIRCULATION:—

Mr. ~~Grigg~~
Mr. ~~Williams~~
Mr. ~~Bottomley~~
Asst. U.S. of S.

CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS.

Enquires whether it would be possible to secure services of a special officer on secondment for three years, on conditions stated. Consider's Gardner could act until termination of Battiscombe's leave.

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Secretary of State.

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May we have two officers on this as the first instance? To all we don't consult Truop Dept if necessary; as some candidates are together also to be considered.

[This cannot be taken as an authority] G. offr [1005]

W. Allen

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Mr. Allen:

I spoke to you and to Mr. Bottomley on the telephone, and at Mr. Bottomley's request I consulted Professor Truop by telephone also.

1. Professor Truop thinks that it might not be at

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at all impossible to get a good man from India for a period of secondment, but he advised me to inquire whether the Government of India had a maximum period beyond which they would not allow men to be seconded.

2. He also agreed with me that, before we approach the Government of India, through the I.O., it would be advisable on all grounds to try and find out a bit more what were the intentions of the Kenya Government when the period of secondment was over, as it might make a good deal of difference to possible applicants and also to the Governments concerned whether it was practically certain that at the end of the period of secondment the man would return to India, or whether there was a considerable probability that Kenya would want to retain him permanently if he was agreeable.

I then rang up Mr. Laithwaite of the India Office as to (1). I merely asked him whether the Government of India had any limit to the period for which they may be prepared to second men. He told me that he thought that it was just possible they would agree to a period of three years, but he thought it was unlikely that they would go beyond two years. This was the limit fixed in the case of the Indian Forest Officer who has gone to British Guiana as Conservator of Forests.

I gather from the previous papers that that it is in any case doubtful whether this appointment could be filled satisfactorily from the Colonial Service. If it is a matter of secondment for two or three years, I presume that would ~~in our case~~ rule ~~our~~ ^{out} men ~~the same~~ ^{out}, as I doubt whether any Colonial Government would be prepared to lend a good man for so long. Mr. Williams should, however, probably see this minute?

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In the circumstances we could telegraph to Kenya on the lines that it might be possible to get a suitable officer seconded for a period from the India Forest Service, but that it is unlikely that the 494 Government of India would agree to a longer period than two years, and that, in any case, before we approach them we should like to know, as far as possible, what ~~were~~ the intentions of the Kenya Government at the end of the temporary period - i.e., whether it was likely that they would wish to take the seconded officer on permanently, if satisfactory, or whether the probability was that he would then return to his own service and the Department be taken over by Mr. Gardner?

R.S. Furse

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This could be complicated
Draft here with caution. [I doubt if any specific reference to the Gardner's advisable have omitted it].

J.M. Allen

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I still think it very unlikely that any Col. Govt which persons a Forest Officer of the required standard would be willing to ^{let} purchase him for be seconded.

Robert Williams

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