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NATIONALS OF STATES FORMERLY PART OF THE EMPIRE

Requests general filing as to status. Question has arisen locally on case of Mr. J. Schwenta who is seeking to prove nationality as a Pole.

Mr. Schwenta
11/1/20

Mr. Botwin
see also 41 833
release of property vested in the
Custodian was nothing to do with the
Office (which is concerned with the collection
payment of pre-war debts) This has been
explained in para 2(A) of def. on 1/1/20

The rules which we are about to
in case of people claiming to belong to a new
State, if possible, to make the applicant
valid in his application through the diplomatic
channel if not, we require a cert from his
Govt to prove that he possesses the

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My Lord,

In connection with the work of the Local Clearing Office, I have the honour to request that a ruling may be given on the subject of the status of individuals who at the outbreak of war were enemy subjects and now claim to be subjects of one of the group of states previously forming part of the Enemy Empires and now separated and recognised as friendly to the Allied Governments.

2. This question has arisen locally in the case of Mr. G. Schwentafsky, on the subject of whose property in Mombasa Sir Henry Belfield addressed a despatch No. 478 to Mr. Bonny Law on August 4th 1916, whose nationality was Austrian before and during the time of hostilities and who is now seeking to prove nationality as a Pole.

3. In the event of his succeeding in such proof, the Controllers of this Local Clearing Office are at a loss as to how to treat his property and

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P.C., G.C.B., G.C.M.G., &c., &c.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
DOWNING STREET,
LONDON, S.W.

would therefore ask that a decision on the general question of such cases may be given by the Central Clearing Office and conveyed to me in due course.

I have the honour to be,
Your Lordship's
humble, obedient servant,

Edward Northey

GOVERNOR.

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recovery of property in S. Africa

that the [unclear] has been instructed

that their claim to Polish nationality may be

regarded as [unclear] that any property

which [unclear] in [unclear] of

that [unclear] was [unclear] to be [unclear]

should [unclear] of them

3. same to suggest that the Polish Council [unclear]

may do so [unclear] [unclear]

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