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Under-Secretary of State,
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The Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs

his compliments to the Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies - and, by direction of the Secretary of State, transmits herewith copies of the under-mentioned paper telegram

Foreign Office,

October 17, 1914

Reference to previous correspondence:

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Description of Inclosure.

Name and Date.	Subject
H.M. Ambassador at Bordeaux No. 408, October 15	Neutralization of Free Trade Zone in Africa

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Sir F. Bertie to Sir Edward Grey.—(Received October 15, 5-10 P.M.)

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Bordeaux, October 15, 1914.

(October 15, 3-21 P.M.)

YOUR telegram No. 108 to Sir F. Villiers and your telegram No. 738 to me of 14th October: Neutralisation of Free Trade Zone.

French Government replied to message conveyed by United States Embassy on 28th September, and sent copy of their reply to French Ambassador at London on same day. They have not been approached by Belgian Government [?] since the United States message. I have communicated to Ministry for Foreign Affairs your proposed reply, which they will examine with a view to possibility of altering their reply, which only referred to conventional basin.