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The Under Secretary of State. Fereign Office, London. FOREIGN OPPICE

April 12th, 1916,

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Sir:-

With reference to the letter from the War Office, 0165/7490 (M.O.2.B.), of the 7th instant, and to the private letter from the Secretary of State for the Colonies of the 11th instant. regarding the future administration of German East Africa. I am directed by Secretary Sir Edward Grey to state, for Mr. Secretary Bonar Law's information, that he proposes to inform the Portuguese and Belgian Governments that all British and other occupation of German East Africa is to be regarded as temporary and provisional pending a final settlement at the end of the war: but that, in order to avoid confusion and for the purpose of uniformity and convenience, His Majesty's Government think that the whole administrative control should be in British hands until the end of the war.

If Mr. Bonar Law concurs in the foregoing, suggestion, Sir E. Grey will send immediate instructions to His Majesty's Ministers at Lisbon and Le Havre to make a communication in these terms

to

he Under Secretary of State, Gelevial Office. to the Governments to which they are accredited.

A copy of this letter has been sent to the War Office.

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Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

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