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and address—
The Under-Secretary of State
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The Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs presents 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.

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FOREIGN OFFICE,

April 15th, 1916.

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Sir:-

I am directed by Secretary Sir Edward Grey to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, Q165/7481 (M.O.2.B.), of the 11th instant, enclosing a draft copy of instructions which it is proposed to send to the General Officer Commanding, East Africa, regarding the occupation of German territory in East Africa.

With reference to the first sentence of the fourth paragraph of the draft instructions, I am to observe that Sir E. Grey has proposed to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in consequence of a communication from that Department, that His Majesty's Government should approach the Portuguese and Belgian Governments with a view to obtaining their consent to His Majesty's Government assuming administrative control over the whole of German East Africa, if and when it falls into the hands of any of the Allies, in order to obtain unity of administration and for general convenience.

Sir E. Grey would accordingly propose that after the words "which you occupy" should be added the words "and such other districts as the Belgian

The Secretary

to the Army Council.

Belgian or Portuguese Military Authorities are empowered to place under your provisional administration".

Subject to this addition Sir H. Grey concurs in the draft instructions.

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

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble servant,

P. J. J. J.