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*From Lieut.-General Smuts to Chief of the Imperial General Staff.*

(No. G.O.F. 366.)

11th April, 1916, 4.40 p.m.

My No. G.O.F. 314. A telegram from the Governor-General of Portuguese East Africa has now been received through the Consul-General, Lorenzo Marques, to the effect that the Portuguese propose to cross Rovuma with the object of invading German East Africa as far as Rufigi with force composed of 2 battalions of infantry (1,000), 4 regiments of artillery (each of 4 guns), 4 batteries of machine guns (4 each), 150 cavalry and 6 companies of native troops (each company, 240). The employment of this force will not affect the co-operation of the British north of Nyassa, but will effect a diversion and paralyse part of the German forces south of the line Tabora—Dar-ee-Salaam. I concur in the above proposal and have notified the Governor-General to that effect through the Consul-General.

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*From Lieut.-General Smuts to Chief of the Imperial General Staff.*

(No. G.O.F. 377.)

12th April, 1916, 10.20 p.m.

There is no change to report.