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MAX KLEIN



Tru copy report by Chief Censor, Naitobi re  
corres. between Max Klein and Butcher Mortimore &  
Co.

Copy to T.T.D. (17) for info, with copy of  
my desp. on 29560 referring to T.T.D. letter  
of 11 June (29560). JLAS

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AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

No. 144.

~~CONFIDENTIAL.~~

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

NAIROBI,

BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

August 24th, 1917.

Sir,

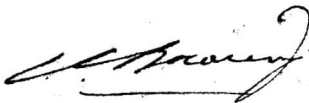
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With reference to your Confidential  
despatch of the 21st June 1917 respecting the  
Report firm of Max Klein, I have the honour to inform  
you that the correspondence enclosed therein  
was referred to the Chief Censor, Nairobi, who  
has now submitted a report, copy of which is  
herewith enclosed.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,



ACTING GOVERNOR.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

WALTER LONG, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET,

LONDON, S. W.

Chief Censor's Office  
Nairobi.

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INCLOSURE

Com.  
In Despatch No. 144 of 24. 8. 1917  
From,

20th August 1917

General Staff Officer

Censorship.

To,

The Chief Secretary to the Government,

Nairobi.

Sir,

I have the honour to bring to your notice certain points in connection with the enclosures sent with your J.S.No.11990/131 dated 11th August 1917.

1. No telegrams have ever been stopped between Max Klein and Boucher Mortimore during the period to which the correspondence refers. In June one cablegram was held as it referred to non payment of certain monies by the Military Authorities, which monies were actually paid almost immediately after the despatch of the telegram, and before instructions could reach Cable Censor to pass. As the monies had been paid, the cable was not only unnecessary but would have led to confusion and misapprehension and an incorrect statement of affairs. This was duly reported.

An examination of the explanatory notes or comments attached by Cable Censor to certain telegrams as reported by him, does not appear to indicate that cables were being stopped. Several were referred to me, or endorsed for Chief Censor London to see, and possibly this led to the impression that cables were being stopped.

2. Referring to letter No.127711/41. It is quite true Cable Censor and myself had not been informed of the fact that permission had been granted enabling Messrs Boucher Mortimore & Co to ship hides from Max Klein, &Co.

This information was not forthcoming until Chief Censor's telegram No.5597 dated 21/3/17 which was sent to me in reply to queries raised as to certain transactions. Since that date instructions as laid down in the letter dated, Downing Street 21st June 1917 (attached to correspondence sent to me) have been carried out.

3. The instructions contained in the correspondence have been communicated to all concerned

4. As some misapprehension would seem to exist as to the action of the Cable Censor, I should be much obliged if it could be pointed out that no cables have been stopped as suggested, which could be verified by the monthly return of stopped cables submitted to the War Office.

I have, etc.,

Sd/- R.B.Hopkins Lieut.Col  
General Staff Officer.Censorship.