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some kind of paper being similarly opened  
because not marked "encl" - Mr Butler  
tells me he has had the same experience

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War Office.

Whitehall,

S.W.

5th December, 1914.

The Director of Military Operations, presents  
his compliments to the Under Secretary of State for  
the Colonies, and forwards for his information copies  
of telegrams dealing with operations in East Africa.

Rec.  
to  
D.M.O.

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*From General Wapshure, Mombasa, to War Office.*

(No. S. 72.)

4th December, 1914, 7.10 a.m.

Remain Mombasa pending reply to my No. S. 66 of 2nd December

*From War Office to General Wapshure, Mombasa.*

(No. M.O. 126.)

4th December, 1914.

Your No. S. 66, 2nd December. Until arrangements can be made to reinforce East Africa offensive on any considerable scale is impracticable. It is not possible to say when reinforcements will be available, but ultimate resumption of offensive must not be lost sight of and meanwhile defensive attitude should be adopted coupled with such minor offensive measures as you find practicable, e.g. the proposals in your paragraph 2. Under these conditions distribution in your Command should be arranged as indicated in your paragraph 4, that is, a General Officer Commanding in command of the whole with two area commands and Uganda as sub-area. You should effect redistribution accordingly. Further retention of all the transports seems unnecessary and you might return greater part, if not all, to India. Please report your complete proposed arrangements, including disposal of railway personnel and material. (General Aitken has been recalled and you will in the meantime remain in command. He has been so informed directly.)

*From War Office to General Aitken, Zanzibar.*

(No. M.O. 127.)

4th December, 1914.

The Secretary of State desires that you will hand over the command in East Africa to Brig. General Wapshure, who has been so informed, and that you will proceed to England at the first opportunity.

*From Sir F. Bertie, Bordeaux, to War Office.*

(No. 527 R.)

3rd December, 1914, 11.20 p.m.

In addition to six units mentioned in my telegram No. 524 of 2nd December French Government will send Senegalese battalion, at least 500 rifles strong which has until recently been fighting in France. This battalion will be ready to leave Marseilles on 15th December, but no ship is available until 24th December, unless His Majesty's Government can provide one.

Two Senegalese battalions of 600 each will be sent as soon as possible from French West Africa to form reserves. Governor-General of Madagascar will be instructed to keep in touch with Commander of British Force, either directly or through the Governor of British East Africa, with a view to maintaining supplies of men and munitions of war to French contingent.

French Government inquire at what port various units of the French contingent should be disembarked, how and under whose command it will be employed, present position of British Force operating in German East Africa, and name and rank of general officer commanding it.

Secret

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The Secretary  
War Office.

MINUTE.

- Mr. Egan 8/24/14
- Mr. Batten 8/24/14
- Mr.
- Mr.
- Sir G. Fiddes.
- Sir H. Just.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Lord Islington.
- Mr. Harcourt.

See with care study  
(this is interloper)

The U.S. of S. for the  
presents his compliments to  
the Sec, who steps  
to inform him that  
recently several letters  
from the W.O. containing  
secret information as  
to projected operations  
against German East  
Africa have been  
sent in ordinary  
envelopes with the  
result that they have  
been opened in the  
Registry at the Office.  
Sir J. Anderson considers  
that this might lead  
to undesirable results.

and be w<sup>d</sup> therefore  
be glad if letters  
containing secret  
information of this  
nature might in  
future be placed in  
two envelopes and  
that two inner  
envelope might be  
marked "secret"

C. O.  
8 Dec. 1914