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~~W. Lambert~~  
Dr. J. Fidler

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Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 28th ultimo, No. 155912, I am commanded by My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to request that you will inform the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs that in their opinion the situation in East Africa and the Naval and Military operations to be undertaken there require to be considered as a whole. My Lords concur with the Secretary of State that it is impossible to deal properly with the question by correspondence; nor does the despatch of a single Officer to Havre appear likely to lead to any satisfactory result.

2. For the purpose of an immediate reply to the Belgian enquiry, My Lords would only remark that they are satisfied that the Naval and Military Forces at present available on the East African Coast would not permit of a Naval Demonstration of sufficient force to be of any use in diverting German troops from Lake Tanganyika. It might, however, be added in any communication to the Belgian Government that the desire of the Belgian Military Authorities will be kept in mind.

*A copy of this letter has been sent to Colonial Office and War Office.*

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Sd) W. GRAHAM GREENE.

Secretary of State,

FOREIGN OFFICE.