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and address—
The Under-Secretary of State,
Foreign Office,
London.

Secret

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 to you of the under-mentioned paper.

Foreign Office.

May 6 1915

Reference to previous correspondence:

Letter to Foreign Office: 19575/Secret May 3

Description of Inclosure.

Name and Date

Subject

To Belgian Minister
(from Sir A. Nicolson)
May 3

Communication between
the Belgian Government
and the Colonial Office
copy supplied for the
Belgian Congo

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FOREIGN OFFICE.

May 6th, 1915.

My dear Minister:-

The Belgian Ministry of the Colonies has for some time past been communicating with the Secretary of State for the Colonies through the British East Africa Corporation in London, regarding various matters relating to military supplies ac., in Africa.

I entirely appreciate the convenience to the Ministry of settling such matters by direct communication, and, especially at a time like the present, I am anxious to facilitate any method of transacting such business which may be the quickest and most efficient. As, however, the questions raised in these communications often appear to concern several different Departments of His Majesty's

Majesty's Government, I think it would be an advantage if they were made through you to the Foreign Office in the ordinary way.

I should therefore be much obliged if you could arrange for the passage of these communications through the diplomatic channel, except of course in matters exclusively concerning the purchase of supplies in this country, which can be most efficiently dealt with by the Commission Internationale de Ravitaillement with whom your Government are already in touch.

(222) A. Nelson