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the 21st November (sent after discussion with the Treasury and Air Ministry) said "it was agreed that the normal procedure should be for Imperial Airways to approach H.M.G. in the U.K. in connection with proposals for any major changes in the existing arrangements; but that there would be no objection, and indeed much advantage, in their sounding the individual E.African Govts. beforehand". This

(Enc. to No.73) arrangement was communicated to Imperial Airways Out, so far as we know in the present case Imperial Airways have not observed the want procedure, and we should be quite justified in taking no action until they have approached H.M.G. In any case, it would be quite premature to put the application before the C.D.A.C. until we know the Air Ministry's views.

(b) The application itself is framed with the ineptitude which we have come to associate with Kenya's requests for C.D.F. assistance. The sum applied for is £10,000; of this £4,500 is Labsorbed by the cost (C.I.F.Mombasa) of the building. The contractor's estimate, however, quotes four prices £5,495, £6,850, £4,455 and £5,695 for different specifications. These tenders have been obtained through a Mairobi firm from a single contractor in this country. No details are given of the remaining

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expenditure of 25,500. Slipshod estimating of this kind will certainly not satisfy the C.D.A.C. and the Govts. procedure is not in accordance with Colonial Regulations.

estimate is given of the additional revenue to be derived from the expenditure. According to the Blue Book, the annual fee for housing a multi-engined acroplane on the Govt. acrodrome is £432; and the tangar is to be capable of accommodating three such mechines, besides smaller onds. It is, of course, conseivable that all the revenue derived from these fees will be absorbed in maintenance of the hangar but if this is the case, Kenya Govt, should have said so.

October 1930 does not, of course, apply to faciliate not included in the first Schedule).

Simultaneous action night be taken on the following lines:

enclosures to the Air Ministry with reference to 73 on 4001 E.A. saying that before taking any steps in the matter the Secretary of State will be glad to learn whether the Air Council have been approached by Imperial Airways. If so, ask for an expression of the Air Council's views, and, in particular, for any observations which they may wish to offer on the suitability for the purpose in view of a hanger constructed in accordance with the specification referres to in

the letter of the 20th of June from the Horseley Bridge and Engineering Co.Ltd.

in an air mail despatch to the Governor, which should also request him to communicate with the Crown agents for the Colonies with a view to obtaining alternative tenders for the hangar in accordance with the procedure laid down in Colonial Regulations. Say also that the Secretary of State observes that substantial fees are chargeable for housing facilities afforded to aircraft on Govt. aerodromes, and set to be furnished with an estimate of the new revenue focusing to the Kenya Govt. from this source if the hangar is constructed. A copy of the despatch might go to the Crown igents, l.fr for information.

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manner. So far as the papers go, there is no certainty that the I.Airways really want this accommodation—they "apparently" desire it, and may possibly have "urged" it.

2. If we send on the correspondence, the A.M. will presumably leap at the suggestion that the C D A C should provide "an interest free capital grant of £ 10,000. Incidentally, does Kenya intend to repay this, and if so within what period? I expect they want an out-and-out grant: I'd clear up this point when writing to Kenya. I'd be inclined,

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say that a commn: had been rece: from the G of Menya which suggested that ----we'd like to know what the facts were as regards any request which may have been made to the C of Kenya by I Airways, and to have the views of the A M . This was not an obligation of the G of Kenya, under the agreement; and the infmn: recd: did not suggest that the provision of a hangar was essential for the efficient comduct of the service. The responsibility would in these circs: seem to be upon the Co: to provide the hangar, if they considered that it was required. The main point -- I agree generally with the criticisms in the previous minutes .-is that it would seem undesirable to let the A.M. know at this stage that Kenya was prepared to approach the CDAC for a grant covering the sum required for construction. 3. When we got the A M's views -- and knew what position had actually been assumed by the Co: in the matter -- it would then be time to clear up the details: -- specification of the hangar reqrd: probable cost (as to which the C Ags: would naturally be consulted: exact aid requested: probable revenue: etc. The matter does not appear in any way urgent. The 6-1-34.

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Mr. Flood.

with reference to the last part of my minute of the 1st February overleaf. I am now informed that the C.D.A.C. wish the practice to be continued. I submit a note for the purpose which Mr. Williams agrees will be sufficient; spare copies of the first enclosure are at the back of this paper and may be sent to the Secretary of the C.D.A.C.

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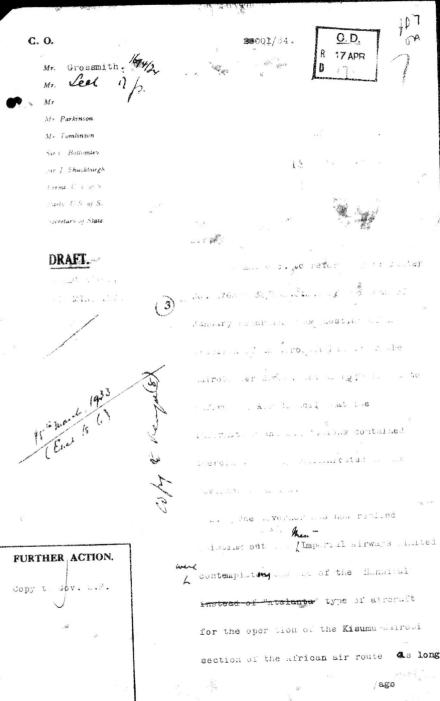
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DOWNING STREET.

pril, 1954.

Sir

I am, etc. to refer to your letter

No. 276378/35/D.D.C. .. of the 30th of

January regarding the question of the

erection of an aircraft hangar on the

Nairobi Aerodrome, and to request you to

inform the Air Council that the

information and suggestions contained

therein were duly communicated to the

Governor of Kenya.

2. The Governor has now replied

pointing out that imperial Airways Limited

contemplated the use of the "Hannibal"

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ago as March, 1933, as will be seen from a letter from the Manager of the Southern Division of the Imperial Airways African air route, dated the 15th of March, 1933, a copy of which is enclosed.

Attention is invited to Sir Joseph Byrne's desputch of the atm of april, 1933, in this commekion a copy of which accompanied Mr. Flood's letter to Mr. Bertrem of the 14th of September last.

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in paragraph 3 of your letter of the 30th of January, the Governor states that a shelter of the nature suggested was built by Imperial Airways Limited upon a plot of land leased from the Government of Kenya on Nairobi Aerodrome when the African air service was first extended to Nairobi, but that in practice the shelter is seldom used; airgraft being pegged down in the open near it.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE, NAIROBL,

KENYA.

13 MARCH, 1934.

Sir.

With reference to your despatch No. 97 of the 8th February, regarding an application by this Government for a grant from the Colonial Development Fund for the purposes of erecting an aircraft hangar on the Nairobi serodrome, I have the honour to state that it is learned with surprise that the Air Council has received no intimation from Imperial Airways Limited that the Company has contemplated the use of the "Hannibal" instead of "Atalanta" type of aircraft for the operation of the Kisumu - Nairobi section of the African air route. It will be remembered that the change of policy was referred to in paragraph 7 of my despatch No. 211 of the 4th April, 1933, and a copy of a letter from the Manager of the Southern Division of the Imperial Airways African air route, dated the 15th March, 1933, advising the change is now enclosed for information.

NOY. 3156/33

> As regards the view of the Ain Council expressed in paragraph 3 of Air Ministry letter of the 30th January, 1934, I would state that a cover of the nature suggested was built by Imperial Airways Limited upon a plot of land leased from Government on Nairobi aerodrome when the African Air Service was first extended to Nairobi. In practice the shelter is seldom used, alreraft being pegged down in the open near it.

Tt is regretted that the term "interest free capital grant" was used in my despatch No. 692 of the 15th December in place of the more usual term "free grant". The application of this Government for a free grant from the Colonial Development Fund was made only in the event of Imperial Airways Limited not themselves erecting a large hangar to accommodate their own aircraft and any other privately owned aircraft which may require housing accommodation on Nairobi aerodrome on payment of fees.

In the circumstances you will no doubt ascertain from the Air Council what are the intentions of Imperial Airways Limited in the matter before approaching the Fund Colonial Development/Advisory Committee.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servent,

Mr. Whore

GOVERNOR'S DEPUTY.

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IMPERIAL AIRWAYS (AFRICA) LIMITED,

RAND AIR PORT,

GERMISTON, JOHANNESBURG.

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15th March, 1933.

The Colonial Secretary, The Secretariat, NAIROMKENYA.

Sir,

Owing to the rapid increase of traffic on the African Air Route, particularly from Nairobi northwards, we are faced with the problem of how to deal with this now that we are using the Hannibal type aircraft on the northern section.

At the present moment there is no hangar accommodation at Nairobl, which in view of the traffic has become the obvious change-over station, from the Atalanta aircraft operating the southern section to the Hannibal aircraft operating the northern section, but owing to the fact that there is no hangarage, also that machines will be there from three days or more on end, little or no maintenance work can be done, particularly in the rains. We are also not very keen on leaving our aircraft out in the open for longer than absolutely necessary.

In the event of our deciding to make Nairobi our change-over station, in which case most of our staff from Kisumu would be moved there, would you consider dismantling and transferring half the present large hangar at Kisumu to Nairobi? This would require lengthening by approximately 30 feet in order to accommodate both Hannibal and Atalanta machines, but this should not cost an excessive amount.

I have the honour to be, Sir, Your obedient servant,

IMPERIAL AIRWAYS (AFRICA) LTD.

Sd. F.R.WALKER. Manager, Southern Division.

C.D.A.C. 1436.

COLONIAL DEVELOPMENT ALVISORY COMMITTEE.

observed that the Secretary of State, with the concurrence of the Air Ministry, has decided for the present not to submit to the Colonial Development Advisory Committee on application from the Government of Manya for assistance in providing hangars at Nairobi aerodrome.

J.B. Williams.

Secretary to ane Committee

Colonial Office.

KENYA.

No. 692

Government House,

Kenya.

15th December, 1933.

Sir,

With reference to your despatch No 880 of the 21st November, 1933, on the subject of the African Air mail route, I have the honour to forward, for transmission to the Colonial Development Advisory Committee provided you see no objection, an application for an interest free capital grant of £10,000 from the Colonial Development Fund to the Government of this Colony for the purpose of erecting an aircraft hangar on the Nairobi serodrome.

Copies of replies to the questionnaire forwarded under cover of Lord Passffeld's Circular despatch of the 13th August, 1929, are enclosed for the information of the Committee.

2. It is presumed that Messrs. Imperial Airways are taking no steps to provide the hangar which apparently, they desire at Nairobi. There is no obligation on this Government to provide this hangar neither has it the necessary funds available. In the circumstances, and assuming that the Air Ministry has approved the change in flying policy which renders a hangar at Nairobi necessary, I trust the application

The Right honourable,
Major Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister, P.C., G.B.E., M.C., M.P.
Secretary of State for the Colonies,
Downing Street,

now made will receive your support. It is unnecessary for me to stress the importance of Nairobi aerodrome as a vital link in the central portion of the Imperial air route to the Cape.

- 3. In the event of no interest free grant being forthcoming from the Colonial Development Fund
 I should be glad, provided you see no objection, if the Air Council could be approached with a view to provision for the service being made on the Civil Aviation Vote in the United Kingdom, an alternative which is suggested in paragraph 3 of your despatch under reference.
- The contents of your depatch supports the riew previously held by this Government that there is no obligation on Kenya to provide flood lighting at Nairobi aerodrome in the event of Messrs. Imperial Airways desiring to accelerate the service and to undertake night flying. The Nairobi aerodrome is not at present served by any power or lighting system and I regret that the financial position of the Colony would not allow of this Government providing any facilities referred to in clause 8(3) (B) of the agreement of Government providing any facilities referred to in clause 8(3) (B) of the agreement of Government providing any facilities referred to in clause 8(3) (B) of the agreement of Government purposes.
- 5. Whilst your despatch makes it olear that there is no obligation on this Government to provide the emergency landing grounds at Sotik and Marok which were mentioned in paragraph 7 of my despatch No.211 of the 4th April I have to inform you that it is hoped to provide an emergency landing ground controlled by Government at Narok

and to licence a private landing ground at Sotik. The provision will be made with little expenditure of public funds and both grounds will encourage local civil aviation.

6. In this connection I would refer to the conclusions on pages 7 and 8 of the record of proceedings at the last Conference of East African Governors held at Dar es-Saleam in October, 1933, when it was unanimously agreed that there should be established an East African Transport Policy Board to advise on question of aerial as well as on other forms of transport.

I have, atc.

(Sgd) H.M.M. Moore.
Governor's Deputy.

23001/34.

Colonial Office,

11th January, 1934.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the correspondence, terminating with Mr.Bertram's semi-official letter to Mr.Flood of the 17th of Movember, in which agreement was reached as to the procedure to be adopted by Imperial birways in connection with any proposals for major changes in the facilities provided at the various stations on the african air mail route.

It is now learned. from a despatch which has been received from the Governor of Kenya that Imperial Airways have expressed a desire for the erection of an aircraft hangar at Mairobi. It would appear that the Company have urged upon the Government of Kenya the desirability of providing at the aerodrome at Mairobi accommodation suitable for housing aircraft of the "Hannibal" type. so that the change-over from the "Hannibal" to the "Atalanta" type of aircraft may in future be made at Nairobi, instead of at Kisumu, as at present. The Governor further states that be understands that Imperial Airways have decided upon this change of policy with the approval of the Air Council and that, although it frequently happens that large aircraft of the "Hercules" type do in practice remain in the open on Mairobi serodromes for days on end when employed on a shuttle service between Kisumu and Mairobi, the latter place will not be made the permanent change-over station until suitable accommodation is available.

The Secretary;

be made available as to the facts regarding any such request by imperial Airways, and as to the views of the Air Council on the subject. It is clear that there is, under the agreement of October, 1930, no configation on the Government of Nenya to provide hangar accommodation at Mairobi, and the information received does not suggest that the provision of a hangar is essential for the efficient conduct of the air service. In the circumstances the responsibility for providing the accommodation suggested would appear to rest with the Company if bey consider that it is required.

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Air Ministry,

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London. W.C.2.

. 30th January, 1934. -

sir,

With reference to Colonial Office letter of the lith January No.23001/34 I am commanded by the Air Council to request you to inform the Secretary of State for the Colonies that they have received no intimation from Imperial Airways Ltd. that the company have in contemplation the use of "Hannital" instead of "Atalanta" type aircraft for the operation of the Kisumu-Nairobi section of the African air route. The Council are, however, interested to learn of the proposal, since it is an indication of an increasing demand for passenger accommodation on this section.

- 2. The Council agree with the view expressed in the third paragraph of the Colonial Office letter under reply that, under the agreement of the 22nd October, 1930, with Imperial Airways Ltd., there is no obligation on the Government of Kenya to provide hangar accommodation at Nairobi.

 The financial terms on which such accommodation can be provided for the company is a matter for settlement between them and the Colonial Administration.
- 3. The erection of a hangar at Nairobi is not, how ver, in the view of the Council, a "sine qua non" as regards the adoption of the proposal referred to in paragraph 1 above. It would, the Council think, suffice if cover were provided to enable work on the engines of the aircraft to be carried out under protection from rain and sun.
- 4. It is suggested that the Covernor may be disposed to consider the question of meeting the company's requirements to this extent on as favourable terms as

The Under Secretary of State, COLONIAL OFFICE. S.W.1. possible, in return for the advantages which may be expected to accrue to the travelling public from the provision of improved facilities for passengers proceeding to and from Nairobi.

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(Sgd) C.R. Brigstock.

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