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Passport Office (Conf)

8<sup>th</sup> August, 1924.

FOR CIRCULATION :-

Mr. *Walters*  
Mr. *Leffler*  
Mr. *Sturley*  
Asst. U.S. of S.

David Beresovsky  
Russian national proceeding to  
East Africa  
No. *...* on his record

Perm. U.S. of S.  
Part U.S. of S.  
Secretary of State

Previous Paper

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Access as proposed on the matter within  
Don't expect to see *...* as far as  
inform E. A. Govt. about action taken  
6. regarding *...*  
As regards E. Africa the board has not  
enable him to be suitable, deal with it  
La. Home, Senegone.

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His Constable of the Passport Office came over this afternoon and left the attached memo. relating to a Russian, D. Beresovsky, who is going to E. Africa.

The information contained in the memo was obtained from D. M. I. Home Office and Scotland Yard.

Passport Office have informed that the U. of S. Africa in the same sense and are awaiting a reply as to whether he will be admitted to the Union, but they say that, whatever view the Union may take, they do not consider sufficient grounds exist for withholding the visa so far as E. Africa is concerned.

I think it will be sufficient if we proceed as in one or two similar cases since the war, viz. send out to all S. A. Posts in secret despatch a copy of this memo.

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East Africa Department Colonial Office.

David Beresovsky (Russian national)

The above has applied for the grant of a visa for East Africa and the Union of South Africa as representative of Isaac Modiano Brothers & Sons, of 3, Rangoon Street, E.C.3, Importer of African and Indian produce. A confidential report was received from the Ministry of the Interior, Cairo, dated the 7th of February, 1921 to the effect that in serious commercial circles in Egypt, Beresovsky was considered a man devoid of all scruple. He is stated to be an advocate of Bolshevism and Communism and to believe that such regime will carry all before them sooner or later, a creed which he contrived to couple with pronounced pro-German sentiments. In Egypt he was openly hostile to the Russian refugees in whom he saw enemies of Bolshevism and persecutors of the Jews.

A later report stated that he was an uncle of Stekloff, a prominent Soviet Commissary at Moscow, but although a theoretical follower of advanced socialistic ideas he did not appear to be carrying on Communist propaganda, his efforts being devoted to money making.

Beresovsky seems to be a thoroughly undesirable person but his short-comings appear rather personal than political.

It appears that he had resided in England about ten years before going to Egypt in 1920, and during this time and since his return no attention has been drawn to his political activities in this country.

5th August, 1924.

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Mr,

I have etc to transmit to you, for your information, the accompanying confidential memorandum relative to Mr David BERESOVSKY, a Russian national, who has applied for the grant of a visa for East Africa and the Union of South Africa

2. The question of granting a visa for the Union of South Africa has been referred to the Govt. of the Union for a decision; but, whatever

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- Mr. Lambing 11.5.24
- Mr. Williams 11.8.24
- Mr. [unclear] 11/8/24
- Sir C. Dainton
- Sir G. Grindell
- Sir H. Ross
- Sir J. Masterion Smith
- Lord Arnold
- Mr Thomas

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view may be taken by the Union Govt. with regard to his admission to South Africa, the Passport Office do not consider that sufficient grounds exist for withholding a visa for East Africa, the passport being endorsed meanwhile as not available for the Union of South Africa.

3. I think it desirable that you should be in possession of those particulars regarding M. Benciovsky, as you may wish to exercise some surveillance on his activities in the territory under your administration.

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