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Recommends Mr Percival, who would make an admirable  
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communications on this subject should

The Secretary,

at the following Number quoted:-

Registered Telegraphic Address:-

IMPERIAL MINERAL RESOURCES BUREAU,

Whitehall, S.W. 1.

Dear Sir Herbert Read,

You will remember that the authorities of University College, Nottingham, approached the Colonial Office with a view of the co-operation of the College with geological work in the Colonies. Although no express undertaking was given it was intimated to the College authorities that it would be considered whether it would not be possible to give the College an opportunity of being associated with the intended Geological Survey in British East Africa and Kenya. The institution of a survey in this Protectorate has since, I understand from financial reasons, been postponed. When it was decided to commence the work in the adjoining territory of Tanganyika it seemed possible that the examination of specimens might be carried out at Nottingham. I discussed the matter with Mr. Teal but it was decided that it was not feasible in his case. I have had an opportunity of discussing the general question of obtaining facilities for working out survey specimens not only with Mr. Teal but also with Mr. Kitson and Dr. Falconer and there seemed to be a general agreement that for the present at any rate the work of the Gold Coast, Nigeria and Tanganyika might be carried out at the Imperial College of Science provided that an additional chemist were appointed by the College so that the analyses and assays should be finished without delay.

There remains the case of Kenya. There seems no reason why the original proposal to carry on the survey in association with University College, Nottingham, should not be adhered to. Mr. Percival mentioned in the enclosed copy of a letter from the Professor of Geology, Mr. Swinnerton, would make an admirable head of a survey. He was trained at South Kensington and has since had experience in economic geological work in India. Professor Watts and Professor Gullis of the Imperial College have the highest opinion of his abilities and he is a *paragon grata* at the Nottingham College.

As I think you are aware I am strongly in favour of co-operation between the surveyors and the teaching staff of the colleges. There is a gain both sides and the results obtained are likely to be of a higher quality than if the work of the survey were carried on entirely independently in a separate establishment.

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UNIVERSITY COLLEGE,  
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Dear Dr. Evans,

Since I saw you on Wednesday last I have heard from one of Mr. Percival's friends, who has been putting out a feeler for me, that he would be quite willing to have a position on one of the Colonial Geological Surveys, especially that of Kenya. Will you please give me directions as to the further steps to be taken in order to secure Mr. Percival for the position of Chief Surveyor for Kenya. An early answer will greatly oblige,

Believe me,

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) H. H. SWINERTON.