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Forwards telegraphic correspondence with  
H. in Am. Canada at Bordeaux as  
regards French assistance from  
Madagascar.

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~~Mr. Botton~~  
~~Mr. Reed~~

Mr. S. Fisher

The ... is useful force they should  
arrive early in January  
when we shall presumably  
resume the offensive.

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The Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs  
presents his compliments to the Under-Secretary of State for  
the Colonies  
~~India~~, and is directed by the Secretary of State to transmit  
the accompanying copies of - telegram 2, as marked in the

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Foreign Office.

December 4, 1914.

*Sir Edward Grey to Sir F. Bertie (Bordeaux).*

(No. 1036.)

*Foreign Office, November 25, 1914, 2 P.M.*

MY telegram No. 367 of 12th August.

In view of the recent developments in the military operations now being undertaken in East Africa, His Majesty's Government have reconsidered French Government's offer of assistance from Madagascar, and would now be glad if French Government could lend them some troops from Madagascar for operations on the mainland. War Office think one French colonial and one Senegalese battalion, with perhaps one Malagasy battalion, as well as a field battery and mountain battery, would be very useful, and ought to assist greatly against Germans. War Office would arrange and pay for all transport.

Pray ascertain whether French Government are still willing to send us this assistance.

*S. J. B. to Sir Edward Grey.—(Received December 3, 3:10 A.M.)*

*Bordeaux, December 2, 1914*

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*(December 2, 11:15 P.M.)*

YOUR telegram No. 1036 of 25th November.

Minister for Foreign Affairs informs me that following troops can be sent from Madagascar:—

1. A mixed Battalion of four companies: one white, one Creole, one Senegalese, and one Comoria, total, 800 rifles.
2. A battalion Malagastes, 1,000 strong.
3. A four-gun battery of 80-millim field guns.
4. A six gun ditto mountain battery.
5. A field hospital unit.
6. An administrative service.

This force, commanded by a colonel, will be ready at the end of December. A reserve will be formed to make good losses if necessary. Force will have provisions for one month and requisite ammunition.