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German East Africa

towards copy of telegram from H. M.  
Ambassador at Bordeaux reporting steps  
which French Government proposes to take  
as regards assistance against German East Africa

Mr. Bentley rec'd W.O  
Mr Read rec'd Fielder 48481

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Thank goodness (not W.O) (R) 7/2/14

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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 a telegram, as marked in the  
margin.

*Berlin  
27 Dec 3.*

Foreign Office,

December 5, 1914.

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Decipher of telegram from Sir F. Bertie Home A.

Admiral of the Fleet

(c) 11 20 p.m. Dec. 3rd.

1st Dec. 1914. 1000 hrs.

No 524 P

East Africa

In addition to six ships mentioned in telegram No. 524 of December 2nd French Government has sent two Senegalese battalions at least 1,500 men each which has until recently been fighting in France. This battalion will be ready to disembark themselves or be landed if no ship is available until January 4th when His Britannic Majesty's Government can proceed to do so.

Two Senegalese battalions of 1,500 men each have been sent as soon as possible from French West Africa. The former report Governor General of Mauritius that they are instructed to keep in touch with Government of India, British force either directly or through the Governor of British East Africa with a view to maintaining supplies of men and munitions of war to French contingents.

French Government enquire at what port various units of the French contingent should be disembarked, how and under whose command it will be employed present position of British force operating in German East Africa, and name and rank of general officer commanding it.