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London, E.C. 3. 27th June, 1918.

Mr. D. L. Lacombe,

RIO DE JANEIRO.

Dear Mr. Lacombe,

I wrote you last on the 15th inst., and have meanwhile received your favor of the 14th ~~May~~, for which I thank you.

The object of the present lines is to mention to you that I am at the present moment in negotiation with Mr. K. V. Mellin and Messrs. E. Gihl & Co., to form a little syndicate for the "after the war" business with Sweden and Russia. Of course it is very doubtful yet whether the project will materialise but if it should, Messrs. Jessouroun would be placed ⁱⁿ an exceptionally favourable position as we should naturally have the benevolent support of the Johnson Line. You know Mr. Mellin is the London Manager of the Johnson Line and Messrs. E. Gihl & Co., occupy a semi-official position and conduct all negotiations with the Foreign Office and Procurator General regarding the release and shipment of prize court coffees. The syndicate would naturally be subject to the approval ^{by} the British Government. There is, however, no doubt that the approval will be obtained and in this case, Messrs. Jessouroun may hope for an exceptionally large slice of the Scandinavian and Russian business. Please consider this communication as strictly private, but of course you are at liberty to mention the matter in strict confidence to

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Mr. D. L. Lacombe, RIO.

Messrs. Jessouroun who we have no doubt will be pleased at the great efforts which we are making on their behalf. The whole business would be based on mutual confidence and it would have to be understood that we can always rely upon the quality of the shipments.

We are also conducting other negotiations which we trust will eventually result in a very large business with Messrs. Jessouroun, but it is too early to speak about it.

I am sorry that I have not been able to send you any large Mandioca orders of late, but you have no idea how difficult the business has become owing to the large number of consignments which have arrived and which are now offering. At present it is practically impossible to find buyers, but we have no doubt that fresh business will be possible before long. We are doing all that is humanly possible to promote business with Messrs. Jessouroun.

As regards the 2,000 bags per s/s "SUTTON HALL", you know that Martin's Bank have instructed the Credito Italiano to make a special application to the Italian Government for permission to import and we can only hope that this permit will be granted. I must say I cannot understand yet how you could possibly have sent a consignment to Italy without consulting us.

Trusting that you are in good health,

I remain, dear Mr. Lacombe,

Yours very truly,

Charles L. Lobenhoffer