

Colonial administration records (migrated archives): Ceylon

Following earlier settlements by the Dutch and Portuguese, the British colony of Ceylon was established in 1802 but it was not until the annexation of the Kingdom of Kandy in 1815 that the entire island came under British control.

Ceylon became independent in 1948, and a member of the British Commonwealth. Queen Elizabeth remained Head of State until Ceylon became a republic in 1972, under the name of Sri Lanka.

Secret and confidential despatches sent to the Secretary of State for the Colonies

FCO 141/2098-2129: the despatches consist of copies of letters and reports from the Governor and the departments of state in Ceylon circular notices on a variety of subjects such as draft bills and statutes sent for approval, the publication of orders in council, the situation in the Maldives, the Ceylon Defence Force, imports and exports, currency regulations, official visits, the political movements of Ceylonese and Indian activists, accounts of conferences, lists of German and Italian refugees interned in Ceylon and accounts of labour unrest. Papers relating to civil servants, including some application forms, lists of officers serving in various branches, conduct reports in cases of maladministration, medical reports, job descriptions, applications for promotion, leave and pensions, requests for transfers, honours and awards and details of retirements. 1931-48

Secret and confidential telegrams received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies

FCO 141/2130-2156: secret telegrams from the Colonial Secretary covering subjects such as orders in council, shipping, trade routes, customs, imports and exports, rice quotas, rubber and tea prices, trading with the enemy,

air communications, the Ceylon Defence Force, lists of enemy aliens, German and Japanese reparations, honours and appointments. Files covering the period towards independence cover constitutional reform, the opening of the new Parliament, British nationality, Ceylonese representation in London, Parliamentary elections, Indo-Ceylon negotiations, trade unions and press and publicity. 1914-47

Secret and confidential telegrams sent to the Secretary of State for the Colonies

FCO 141/2157-2161, 2164-2171: secret telegrams regarding civil servants, honours and awards, bills, rules and regulations, public relations in the colonies, draft orders in council, press broadcasts, constitutional reforms, costs of living estimates, imports and exports, Indian labour, the Maldives, rice and rubber production. Files covering the Second World War include telegrams regarding aircraft requirements, shipping and supply, rationing, war loans, enemy aliens and the repatriation of German citizens. 1924-47

Independence: secret and personal telegrams received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies

FCO 141/2162: secret and personal telegrams covering ministerial oaths, Ceylon's import and export programme, the opening of the new Parliament, new bills, the drafting of the new constitution and the creation of the post of UK High Commissioner in Ceylon.

The binder also contains messages from the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State for the Colonies to Mr Senanyake on 3 February 1948 upon his becoming Ceylon's first Prime Minister and a message from the British Government to the people of Ceylon. 1947-48

Register of despatches sent to the Secretary of State for the Colonies

FCO 141/2172-2179: register books of despatches to the Colonial Secretary regarding civil servants, ordinances to be confirmed, duty payments, imports and exports, capital punishment, the Maldives, military matters, accounts of the colony, hospitals and asylums and sanitary improvements. The volume for 1897 includes messages regarding Queen Victoria's diamond jubilee and the volume for 1901 contains messages of sympathy regarding her death. 1897-1903, 1906

Colonial administration records (migrated archives): Cyprus

Formerly part of the Ottoman Empire, Cyprus was handed over to Britain by Turkey for administrative purposes in 1878 though not formally ceded. Responsibility for Cyprus affairs was transferred from the Foreign Office to the Colonial Office on 6 December 1880. Following the outbreak of the First World War, and the decision of the Ottoman Empire to join the war on the side of the Central Powers, Cyprus was annexed to the British crown. The annexation was recognised by both Turkey and Greece under the 1923 Treaty of Lausanne and in 1925 Cyprus became a British Crown Colony. Cyprus became an independent republic on 16 August 1960 and a member of the Commonwealth on 13 March 1961.

The fourth tranche of records relating to the administration of Cyprus covers the years 1940 – 1960. The records are arranged below within subject areas based on the non-standard registration system used within the Administrative Secretary's Office, the Colonial Secretary's Office and the Commissioner's and Governor's private office.

Named Individuals

FCO 141/3254, 3268, 3731-32, 4125-26, 4137: A series of files covering allegations of unprofessional conduct against Zenon Rossides, advocate; the withdrawal of a passport from Spyros Achilles Kyprianou; the suspension of Mr C. E. Liassides following disturbances at Paphos College; death sentence given to Michalakis Karaolis and subsequent appeal; the activities of Andreas I Pappas, Consul General for Greece in Cyprus; and Dr Themistocles Dervis, Mayor of Nicosia. 1950-59.

Education Policy

FCO 141/ 3255-58, 3267, 3284, 3286: A series of files covering technical education in Cyprus; the management and control of the English School in Nicosia; secondary education policy; the provision of evening schools for Turkish girls; and rioting at Paphos College during Coronation week. 1952-60

Earthquake, Paphos District

FCO 141/3271-74: Three files dealing with the aftermath of the 1953 earthquake including a report of the Reconstruction Committee including photographs; messages of condolence and offers of help; and worries concerning communist infiltration

into Paphos district. 1953-56

Commissioners Reports

FCO 141/3277-81: a collection of monthly reports from the Commissioners stationed at Paphos, Nicosia and Kyrenia, Limassol, Famagusta, and Larnaca. The issues covered in the reports include agricultural returns, crime figures, ecclesiastical and political affairs, imports and exports and public health. 1953-54

Counter Propaganda

FCO 141/3709-29: a series of twenty files detailing counter propaganda activities and policy. The files include responses to EOKA leaflets threatening death to collaborators; the use of captured documents for propaganda purposes; a dossier on Athens Radio broadcasts; correspondence with the Controller of the Cyprus Broadcasting Service; activities in the United States; the state of Greece-Turkish relations and the use of psychological warfare. 1955-59

Cyprus Constitution

FCO141/4621-29: a run of files concerned with completion of the draft Constitution for the independent Republic of Cyprus. Issues discussed include civil administration within Sovereign Base Areas; the work of the Transitional Committee; relations with ministers; and questions of nationality and citizenship, 1959-60

Executive Council

FCO 141/4776-80: a collection of minute books covering the work of the Executive Council between 1940-60, duplicates material in CO 69.

Colonial administration records (migrated archives): Kenya

After the Anglo-German Agreement of 1886, the area which became Kenya was administered by the British East Africa, with the Foreign Office assuming control of the East Africa Protectorate in 1895. In 1920, the territory became the Kenya Colony under the administration of the Colonial Office. An insurgency against colonial rule, which became known as the Mau Mau 'rebellion', began in Kenya in 1952, causing the colonial government to declare a state of emergency which lasted until 1960. Kenya became an independent state within the Commonwealth in 1963 and a republic in 1964.

The majority of the files in this release date from the 1950s and concern aspects of the insurgency and the response of the Kenyan government. Many of them originate in the Kenyan Ministry of African Affairs. These records are in addition to the tranche of Kenya files in FCO 141 which were released in April 2012.

The files supplement others already held by The National Archives, which relate to the Kenya emergency of 1952-60 and are described in our online catalogue, particularly in the following series:

CO 822: Colonial Office: East Africa: Original Correspondence
WO 216: War Office: Office of the Chief of the Imperial General Staff: Papers
WO 276: War Office: East Africa Command: papers
CO 1066: Colonial Office: Kenya Information Service: Photographs

Council of Ministers

FCO 141/5595-5597, 5609-5610, 5614-5615, 5618-5621, 5626-5627, 5630, 5638-5640:

Council of Ministers, agenda and memoranda: papers considered by Council of Ministers on all aspects of administration, many relating to Mau Mau 1954-58

Mau Mau activity and operations

These files include information about operations against Mau Mau on the ground, including screening (process of evaluating commitment of individuals to Mau Mau and of obtaining 'confessions') and denial of resources to Mau Mau, the use of surrendered Mau Mau activists and about official perceptions of Mau Mau organisation and activities. They include minutes of District Emergency Committees, details complaints and allegations against security forces and statistics relating to the state of emergency, including names and numbers of individuals held in different types of camps.

FCO 141/5673-5682: Nairobi Extra-Provincial District Emergency Committee, Rift Valley Province Emergency Committee, Central Provincial Emergency Committee minutes 1952-55

FCO 141/7172: minutes of Provincial/Extra Provincial District Emergency Committee 1954-56

FCO 141/7173-7174, 7176: Mau Mau unrest; minutes of Provincial Emergency Committee 1954-57

FCO 141/6155-6163, 6459, 7202: minutes and complaints Central Province Emergency Committee; minutes of meetings 1954-56

FCO 141/6156: minutes of Central and Southern Province Emergency Committee, Nairobi District Emergency Committee, Mombasa District Emergency Committee meetings 1953-57

FCO 141/7175: application for Governor's detention orders 1954-56

FCO 141/5683-5685: offer of amnesty and treatment of surrendered terrorists 1952-56

FCO 141/5686-5690: emergency organisation, War Council Instructions and operational directives, statistics 1953-54

FCO 141/5691-5692: capture and interrogation of Kaleba; allegations of brutality against Kenya Regiment and security forces 1953-61

FCO 141/5693-5704: Operation Chui, Operation Anvil and removal of surplus and disloyal Kikuyu, Embu and Meru, phase III operations 1954-56

FCO 141/5875-5888: Mau Mau organisation, its history and activities, links with Dini ya Msambwa, infiltration into neighbouring territories and areas, oathing practices, Sociology Committee report,

Mau Mau Association and Kenya students

FCO 141/5894-5898: Mau Mau organisation, Fort Hall, South Nyeri, Naivasha, South Kenya 1952-55

FCO 141/5910-5911: Unrest in Nyanza Province 1949-59

FCO 141/5919-5929: security of Central, Nyanza, Coast, Rift Valley provinces and Northern Frontier Districts, Galubba tribe and Degodia prisoners 1950-61

FCO 141/6124-6142, 6146: emergency, control of movement of Kikuyu, Embu and Meru and others, passbook system, restrictions on trade, relaxation of restrictions, rehabilitation 1953-60

FCO 141/6143-6145, 6147-6153: forfeiture of terrorist property, Governor's powers, corporal punishment, revocation of emergency measures, rewards for elimination of terrorists, movement of terrorists, Provincial and District Security Committees 1953-1960

FCO 141/6164-6170, 6173-6179, 6251, 6455: screening camps and operations; complaints by Mr J W Stapleton, Mr T J F Wisden, P R Meldon, Major W R Foran, complaints and allegations concerning screening teams and camps, petitions from detainees at Takwa Special Detention Camp, Manda Island, inquiry into camps by Sir Vincent Glenday, screening of Africans

under Operation Anvil, Mau Mau Investigation Centre; screening and release of Mau Mau convicts, including Review Committee of Mau Mau Prison Sentences 1953-59

complaint by Mr G C Wiley of Mweiga; complaint by Mr G C Wiley of Mweiga; complaint by Mr Titus Mwangi Ngatia; alleged offences by District Officers (Kikuyu Guard); irregularities in Kenya Prisons 1954-59

FCO 141/6220-6226, 7216: statistics on aspects of the emergency; monthly returns of detainees, statistics 1953-61

FCO 141/6180-6184: scheme for anti-civil disturbance organisation in Nairobi; Bulldog Operation Instruction No. 4, control of the Kikuyu, Embu and Meru (KEM) in Nairobi; ' security of Nairobi 1954-60

FCO 141/6227-6234: psychological warfare; anti-Mau Mau propaganda; administrative action in Central Province; release of convicts; progress reports, detention camps; removal of Kikuyu, concentration in Nakura township; removal of the old African Location at Thika 1954-61

FCO 141/6185-6195: Kikuyu, Embu and Meru (KEM) Guards: arms and equipment, prison accommodation, position of Director, YMCA Hostel incident, 3 January 1955, Embu Guard strong points, rewards for Kamba Home Guards, Chuka incident – killing of 22 members of Meru Home Guard by King's African Rifles, 17-18 June 1953, suspects held, establishment matters 1953-58

FCO 141/6235-6248, 6252: arrangements for War Council meetings; War Council directives – plans for Central Province, Rift Valley Province, Farm Guards, Nairobi Extra Provincial District, Northern Province; measures against female terrorists and sympathisers and Mau Mau passive wing, social problems arising from Emergency 1953-56

FCO 141/6196-6204, 6208: Kikuyu illegally living in Masai District, influence of communism, amnesty of disposal of surrendered terrorists, construction of tactical roads and bridges, denial of food to Mau Mau, compensation in the Kikuyu Native land Unit and arising out of the emergency; killing of five members of Kikuyu Guard on Consolata Mission 1953-57

FCO 141/6433: Supreme Court of Kenya at Thika; Regina versus Chief Mundia and others accused of killing Nuhu Hiuhu son of Kabugi 1955

FCO 141/6450: surrender terms for Mau Mau terrorists 1955

FCO 141/6205-6207, 6209-6212, 6215-6219, 6507-6511: complaints against Security Forces; Ndithini Camp incident, incidents at Ndoma Market and Ndioni Village, prosecution of Chief Mundia for assault, the death of Kamau son of Gichina and conduct of Mr H W Richmond, District Officer; allegations of brutality in Embu District committed by Special Branch officers;

FCO 141/6523-6537: Mau Mau in Ukambani, Machakos, Mombasa and Tanganyika, Kitui, Narok, Masai, Kajido and Ngong 1953-54

FCO 141/6545-6547: Mau Mau infiltration into Masai country, Tanganyika Border; Uganda, admission of Kikuyu, Embu and Meru (KEM) students to Makerere College 1954-55

FCO 141/6748-6749: memorandum of investigations carried out in the Maji Mazuri area, in connection with unsettled affairs between members of Kikuyu Home Guards and others 1953

FCO 141/6749: correspondence of District Officer, Londiani, Nakuru District 1953

FCO 141/6806: murder of Senior Chief Nderi and two police constables; seizure of cattle from Karagia, Unjiru and Thegenge; attempted murder of senior Chief Kasina Ndoo in Mwigani location, Kitui District on 22 September 1953, 1952-53

FCO 141/7171: requirement and filling of a full time post of Executive Officer in Thika District 1954

FCO 141/7187-7188, 7190-7194: complaints against Kenya Police, Fort Hall District; shooting incident in Naivasha District, two Masai killed by pseudo gang; alleged theft of money by Mr Powell, District Officer at Embu; passive resistance at Mwanza, July 1958; alleged rape; Nakuru, police case file RAA; CID investigation Messrs Bartlett and Potgeiter; manslaughter charges against Embu Guard 1955-59

FCO 141/7201: relocation and enquiries of missing members of family of Gideon Kimanga, Vice-President of Kenya Ports Authority (KPA) 1953

FCO 141/7211-7212: report and note of Mr Justice Holmes and Colonel Young, Commissioner of the Police, Kenya; inquiry into the Bruxner-Randall case; case of Regina versus Njuguna son

of Kimani and three others; Regina versus Mwololo son of Ngwili; murder of Mrs Winifred Medcalfe 1954-56

FCO 141/7214: Mau Mau unrest; parliamentary questions 1953-54

FCO 141/7215: casualties to Security Forces 1953-54

Planning and operations

Files relating to higher level policy and planning of operations against Mau Mau, including manpower and civil policy, and some files on Operation Anvil.

FCO 141/6460-64: Deputy Director of Operations' Committee minutes and miscellaneous papers; Operation Anvil planning and plan to rid Nairobi of surplus and disloyal Kikuyu, Embu and Meru (KEM) 1953-54

FCO 141/6473: Psychological Warfare Staff; minutes of meetings 1955-56

FCO 141/6475-77, 6484-6486: War Council; manpower review and planning; Manpower Working Programme; Working Party minutes and papers 1954-58

FCO 141/7203-7204: staff for War Council members; agenda for Emergency Joint Staff meetings 1954-57

FCO 141/7213: visit to UK by Mr M Blundell, European Minister without Portfolio as a Member of Kenya's War Council 1953-54

FCO 141/6478: Asian manpower call-up to relieve the demand for European 1953-54

FCO 141/6479-6481, 6483: Cabinet Committee on Manpower; draft Sessional Paper; Council of Ministers Manpower Committee, minutes, memoranda, final report on requirements 1955

FCO 141/6482: correspondence with unofficial members of the Legislative Council 1954-55

FCO 141/6487-6488: Special Meetings at Government House, Nairobi; minutes and papers, telegrams to Secretary of State 1953-54

FCO 141/6496-4698: Emergency Council; weekly and fortnightly appreciations, papers circulated, minutes 1953-54

FCO 141/6500: post Emergency planning; Government's Eighteen Point Statement of Policy for the future; progress reports 1955

FCO 141/6503: possible staff resignations in the event of Jomo Kenyatta's release from restriction 1961

FCO 141/6505: treatment of Government employees in the Emergency; policy 1954-60

FCO 141/6508: additional demand and recruitment of European manpower 1954-57

FCO 141/6557-6559: campaign to encourage terrorists to surrender; denial of food, compensation to farmers, reduction of loss of firearms by public 1953-54

FCO 141/6560: sabotage and security of the railways 1953-54

FCO 141/6567: charges against members of security forces and civil indemnity;

Chief Secretary's Complaints Co-ordinating Committee 1954-55

FCO 141/6568-6569, 6571-6573: charges against members of security forces and civil indemnity; Chief Secretary's Complaints Co-ordinating Committee; Phase VII operations; reduction of security forces; implementation of War Council Directive No. 9; Operations Wedgewood and Anvil; surrender offer to Mau Mau 1955-59

FCO 141/6610: minutes of the Deputy Director of Operations' Committee on food denial measures to terrorist gangs 1955

FCO 141/6611: Report of the Social Security Committee of the Council of Ministers; Capital Cases Committee - procedure 1954-58

FCO 141/6614-6615: Emergency Organisation; procedure on matters requiring action by the Central Government and future 1954-55

FCO 141/6688-6690: staff recruitment and security vetting 1954-60

FCO 141/6750: African Home Guard; screening policy 1953-54

FCO 141/6751, 6757-6758: correspondence of District Officer, Londiani, Nakuru District 1953-54

FCO 141/6791-6792: responsibilities of Special Branch, security liaison officers in East Africa 1955-62

FCO 141/6979-6980: memoranda for the Council of Ministers on the security situation in Kenya; security situation 1960-63

FCO 141/6999: Kenya Information Service; public relations and publicity

information services in Kenya 1952-63

FCO 141/7006: Preservation of Public Security Ordinance 1960; abolition of forced labour 1961-62

FCO 141/7148: internal security 1961-63

FCO 141/7200: retention of Red Cross workers in the Central Province 1956

FCO 141/7223: initiatives to assist government in dealing with Mau Mau terrorists; suggestions from the public 1953-54

State of Emergency

FCO 141/6540: review of the Emergency in Kenya 1949-61

FCO 141/6552-6556, 6561-6566: Emergency Committee; Emergency Joint Staff, papers, minute, correspondence 1953-54

FCO 141/6594-6595: declaration of state of emergency, internal security problems; emergency regulations and assises 1952-53

FCO 141/6596-6609: Emergency period; terrorist methods and tactics; passive wing, statistics of murders and casualties; surrenders; murders in the field; spread of Mau Mau in neighbouring territories; firearms; control of labour; rehabilitation camps; activities of secret society called Kiama Kia Muingi; situation report, District Officer (Lokitaung), R D F Ryland's working file; rehabilitation screening; financial implications 1952-58

FCO 141/6739-6742: review of current Emergency Legislation; Kikuyu, Embu

and Meru passbooks and loyalty certificates; Kikuyu, Embu and Meru passbooks and loyalty certificates; confiscation of land in Elburgon of detainee, Paulo Thiongo 1953-61

Collective punishment

A series of files on individual farms, locations, villages and districts, which can be searched by keyword or browsed on the catalogue. They include details of the alleged reasons for the imposition of punishment (alleged support for Mau Mau) and of the nature of the punishment.

FCO 141/5930-6084: Mau Mau unrest; collective punishment under the Emergency Regulations 1952; forfeiture orders/monetary fines 1953-54; files are arranged by named divisions, locations, villages and farms.

FCO 141/6809-6811, 6818: forfeiture of land and property of Mau Mau terrorists; native Land Rights Confiscation orders; The Forfeiture of Lands Ordinance, 1953; Emergency Regulations, 1952; Emergency Regulations 4(a) (b); Collective and Communal Punishment 1953-63

Detainees, camps, 'rehabilitation', resettlement and reconstruction

These files include details on detention and works camps, including overall policy on camps and the processes of their establishment. They include investigation reports into incidents in detention camps, including Hola camp, and statements by individuals on their treatment. They include information on the classification of detainees and their suitability for 'rehabilitation' and resettlement, and details of plans for the movement of detainees and their

families.

FCO 141/6153-6154: Mau Mau unrest; rehabilitation of released detainees; Probation Service 1953-55

FCO 141/5651-5672: conditions and inquest on 11 deaths of detainees at Hola/Galole detention camp 3 March 1959, Aguthi camp and riot at Manyani camp, Athi River camp, camps on Mageta and Siyusi Islands, emergency regulations, conditions in camps more generally 1953-59

FCO 141/6253-6263, 6499, 6570, 7189: Works Camps; rehabilitation of young Kikuyu and women; resettlement of Kikuyu in Coast Province, Nairobi West transit camp, detainees at Makutano and Margate Works Camps, future of Athi River detention camps, policy of rehabilitation, resettlement/reabsorption of detainees, detention of Justin Njuguna son of Kahoro, ex Athi River Detention Camp; irregularities at Athi Camp 1953-57

FCO 141/6264-6268: Council of Ministers and Official Resettlement Committee; memoranda and papers, minutes 1954-58

FCO 141/6269: Youth training; future of Ujana Park, Langata 1954-56

FCO 141/6270: minutes of liaison meetings on co-ordination of rehabilitation - Prisons Department and Special Branch 1955-57

FCO 141/6271-74: illegal movement of Kikuyu, Embu and Meru (KEM) by rail, East African Railways; return of women and children to Rift

Valley Province; progress reports on rehabilitation 1954-59

FCO 141/6275-6290: exile settlements at Hola/Galole, Garsen, Mkowe and Lodwar; policy; Hola and Turkwell Irrigation Schemes; possible sites; exile settlements; Mageta Island and Saiyusi Island; minutes of Hola Working Party meetings; death of eleven detainees at Hola, 3 March 1959 and report of committee enquiring into conduct of Superintendent M G Sullivan of Kenya Prisons Service 1954-59

FCO 141/6454: Hola Camp incident on 3 March 1959 - death of eleven detainees and allegations of beatings 1959

FCO 141/6298-6307: detainees and detention camps 1954-58

FCO 141/6309-6131, 6313-6314, 6316: release of detainees and convicts; policy, Advisory Committee on Detainees; Appeal Tribunal 1954-58

FCO 141/6308, 6312, 6315, 6317-6326: disposal of self-confessed murderers and alleged murderers in detention; Nyanza detainees, Mau Mau activities; payment of wages and families of detainees, security of camps and prisons; report by G H Heaton, strikes and go-slows, use of detainee labour; detention camp for women and rehabilitation – Kimiti Camp, movement of detainee; intakes of 'Z' category detainees to Mwea camps 1955-58

FCO 141/6327-6329, 7183-7184: movement, release and reabsorption of

detainees 1957-59

- FCO 141/6330-6331: detainees; proposals for Emergency Probation Orders; juvenile detainee 1954-57
- FCO 141/6332-33: death of convict Kibabe Macharia at Gathigiriri Camp after interrogation; allegations by Mr V C Shuter of ill-treatment of detainees 1959-59
- FCO 141/6334-6337: complaints and petitions from detainees; complaints (other than land) 1958-59
- FCO 141/6338-6340, 6398: Fairn Committee on Emergency Detention Camps, report, implementation of proposals 1957-61
- FCO 141/6393: possible criminal charge against Mr R Kenninson of Dagoretti Approved School re: death of Nyaa Kingola Mvaa 1957
- FCO 141/6399: case of Kamau Gichina, Kikuyu prisoner who died after ill-treatment received in police custody 1955-56
- FCO 141/6424-: Council of Ministers Resettlement Committee and Official Committee on Resettlement; minutes of meetings, papers, agenda 1954-58
- FCO 141/6489-6494: Reconstruction Committee; minutes, papers, organisation of government machinery; African Agricultural Development and Reconstruction; projects for the Rift Valley Province; Emergency (Scheduled Areas) (Expatriation) Regulations, 1954; legal powers to control suspects and undesirables of meetings 1953-55
- FCO 141/6501-6502, 6504: rehabilitation policy; general; Mau Mau exile

settlements in Kenya; post emergency legislation 1955-58

- FCO 141/6517: treatment of African civil servants detained under the Emergency Regulations; Kikuyu, Embu and Meru (KEM) railway employees 1953
- FCO 141/6519-6521: allegations by Mr D G MacPherson, former head of Kenya CID, concerning detention, conditions in detention camps and prevention of CID investigations; detention camps; policy Detention Camps (Amendment) Bill, 1960; screening camps; Mau Mau Investigation Centre, Embakasi 1954-60
- FCO 141/6538-6539, 6541-44: re-employment of Kikuyu; reabsorption and repatriation of Kikuyu, Embu and Meru 1953-58
- FCO 141/6551: repatriation of Kikuyu from Tanganyika; disposal of displaced Kikuyu 1953-54
- FCO 141/6745-6747: procedure for the disposal of Mau Mau convicts due for release; the Detention Camps (Amendments) Bill, 1960; Detention and Restriction Orders Mau Mau convicts due for release 1955-61
- FCO 141/6775-6777: enquiry into complaints and allegations of assault by prisoners at Lokitaung Prison, Turkana 1958-59
- FCO 141/6835: Land Consolidation; Nyanza Province 1956-60
- FCO 141/7198: draft Detained and Restricted Persons Regulations, 1960 Ordinance 1960

FCO 141/7199: Regina versus W D Northcott, District Officer of Mkowe Kikuyu Settlement 1957

Land/land settlement

Most of the files relate the post Mau Mau settlement of land.

FCO 141/6913: report of Cabinet Committee on emergency measures to combat landlessness and unemployment, Central Region 1963

FCO 141/6914-6927: Central Land Board; scheduled areas and reports; Land Development and Settlement Board; land tenure and control; non-scheduled areas; revised Land Settlement Scheme 1961-63

FCO 141/6972: land policy 1962-63

Intelligence

The files consist largely of material collected by District Officers, but also include some Special Branch and police reports. The focus is on political activity, with accounts of meetings and activities of individuals, but they also include more general observations of economic and social conditions.

Kenya Intelligence Committee/Director of Intelligence

FCO 141/5641, 6812-6817, 6819, 6822-6824: Kenya Intelligence Committee; monthly appreciations, reports 1958-63

FCO 141/5737: Director of Intelligence and Security (DIS) internal intelligence

summaries 1941-44

FCO 141/5739-5740: Secretariat Circular on collection of intelligence; reports on African affairs 1945-54

FCO 141/6456, 6522: reorganisation of intelligence services in Kenya Colony 1952-58

FCO 141/7002-7003: Joint Intelligence Bureau; reports on Kenya 1958-63

FCO 141/7205: extracts from digest of external intelligence 1959

FCO 141/6295-6297: Kenya connections with anti-colonial organisations in the USA: appreciations by Director of Intelligence and Security 1959-60

FCO 141/6583-6585: reports from Districts on Mau Mau and administration, intelligence organisation during emergency 1948-59

District intelligence reports:

FCO 141/5718-5722, 5724, 5726-5727: Nyeri, Nanyuki, Fort Hall, Thika, Nairobi, Kiambu, Kitui, Machakos and Embu districts of Central Province 1945-54

FCO 141/5723, 5725, 5728: Nyanza Province 1945-53

FCO 5729-5731, 5733, 5743: Rift Valley 1945-55

FCO 141/5732: Coast Province 1945-53

FCO 141/5734-5735: Northern Province 1945-55

FCO 141/5744: Northern Frontier District 1940-44

FCO 141/5717, 5745-5747: Turkana 1938-43

FCO 141/7196-7196: Mombasa, Jan-Mar 1952; Masai 1951-53

FCO 141/5736: special intelligence reports on Narok, Kajiado and Masai Districts 1949-53

FCO 141/5738, 5741-5742, 5744-5745: monthly intelligence reports on the Coast Province; Northern Frontier District; Turkana 1939-43

FCO 141/5717-45, 5801, 5807-5808: intelligence reports from Turkana, Central Province, including Nyeri, Nyanyuki, Meru, Fort Hall, Thika, Kiambu, Kitui, Machakos and Embu districts, Nyanza Province, Rift Valley Province, Northern Province, Narok, Kajiado and Masai districts 1945-53.

District/Province Intelligence Committee summaries

FCO 141/5746, 5748-49, 5780: Central Province 1953-61

FCO 141/5750-54: Nanyuki 1953-57; FCO 141/5755-60: Nyeri 1954-61

FCO 141/5761-5762: Fort Hall 1953-54; FCO 141/5766-69 Embu 1953-61

FCO 141/5770-73: Meru 1953-61; FCO 141/5774-5778: Kiambu 1953-64

FCO 141/5779, 5781-5782: Thika 1953-61

FCO 141/5783: Southern Province 1954-61

FCO 141/5784-85: Machakos 1953-61

FCO 141/5786-5787: Narok

FCO 141/5788: Kajiado 1953-61

FCO 141/5789-5790: Kitui 1953-61

FCO 141/5792: Masai 1953

FCO 141/5791-5796: Nairobi City 1953-61

FCO 141/5797-5799, 6755: Isiolo, Marsabit, Lokitaung, 1954-61

FCO 141/5800, 5803: Northern Province 1954-61

FCO 141/5802, 5806, 5811-14: Nyanza/North Nyanza 1953-61

FCO 141/5815-16: Kisii and South Nyanza 1953-61

FCO 141/5817-5817: Kericho 1953-61

FCO 141/5819-5821: Kisumu/Central Nyanza 1953-61

FCO 141/5822-5823: Elgon Nyanza 1955-61

FCO 141/5824-5828: Rift Valley Province 1953-1961

FCO 141/5830-33: Laikipia 1953-61

FCO 141/5834-5838: Eldoret/Uasin Gishu 1953-61

FCO 141/5839-5843: Nakuru 1953-61

FCO 141/5844-5845: Trans Nzoia 1953-61

FCO 141/5846-5849: Elgeyo-Marakwet, West Suk, Kapenguria, Nandi, Samburu
1953-61

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