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Attack on Serenti, Wagher
o Vasso.

Sends despatch from Rome embodying the info
as has reached Italian post.

W. Beckley
W. Rogers

Fri G. Puddles

This contains an earlier telegram
from Sir R. Ross, now in circulation
but it does not add much to
what we know - The Italians seem
very pleased with themselves.

Putty?

From the map of "Vasso" must
showed by E of the lower swamp. & on 2/3/16
It is evidently connected with the "Guaso" Nyina
though that river is called the Lakdera
Lakdera E of the swamp. W.S. 20.3.16

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Translation of Note from the Italian Government
conveying information received from the Governor of
Italian Somaliland.

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On the night of February 3rd a party of about 100 Ogaden surprised the English post at Serenli on the right bank of the Juba. The garrison consisted of 115 Asmari who were asleep scattered about in the huts of the village. 50 were killed or dispersed, and 75 crossed over to the left bank of the river into Italian territory. The Resident, Captain Elliott, was killed in his quarters. Serenli was set on fire. The Ogaden carried off one maxim gun, many rifles and 150 ball cartridges. The attack was led by Abdurraman Mursal, head of the Ogaden tribe.

The Asmari who took refuge in Italian territory have been taken under the protection of the Italian Resident at Bardera. The body of the Resident at Serenli has been recovered and buried with all honours at Bardera.

The Somaliland Government have received information that the Ogaden have also attacked the English post at Uagher (Lat. 2, Long. 40 E. G. English Map Bagheier) as well as the English post at Yassd (Lat. 1, Long. 40 E. G.). The English Resident escaped in the direction of Marsabit. At the request of the English commander at Kismaju the Italian authorities sent the Asmari and other personnel of Serenli who had taken refuge at Bardera, numbering 150, to Kismaju by internal roads of the Italian colony.

The English authorities have proclaimed the state of siege and formed entrenched camps at Kismaju and Janta.

The Government of Italian Somaliland have communicated all information in their possession and will continue to communicate all further news which they receive to the English authorities at Kismaju who have thanked them for the action taken by the Government of the Colony.

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