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Situation in Jabalanaad.

Report on situation, & request immediate operations agst. Anlikan.

Last previous paper.  
for  
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Les Bittlesley  
Les Butler

Copy to CIA 13 Sept 1977  
Thru tel 19 Sept 45902  
JFK:tbw

Li G. Zidda's prophecy in his message  
on 9w/35544 is now realized  
and we have to decide whether,  
in addition to the re-occupation of  
Serenli, active military measures  
against the Anlikan etc. are  
not yet to be sanctioned.

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Esq 11/9/17

W.O. 11.9.17

W. Long

With ref. to the last para:  
of the Sft., see our ltr to W.O.  
on 43987 + W.O. reply 19th  
Sep: (45023)

H. J. R.

11/18/17

MW

12.12.17

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Esq 11/9/17  
W.O.S. 11.4.17

Mr Long

With refer to the last para:  
of the 8th, see our ltr to W.O.  
on 43987 & W.O. reply of 9th  
Sep: (45023).

H. J. R.  
11/13/17

MMK

12.11.17

Paraphrase of Telegram from the Officer Administering  
the Government of the East Africa Protectorate to the  
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

(Received Colonial Office 5.37 p.m. 10th September 1917.)

9th September.

My cypher telegram 15th July paragraphs 3 and 4 and your  
cypher telegram 23rd July: on 28th August troops left Kismayu  
to co-operate with Barrett. They should reach Serenli about 12th  
September. By the Somali tribes as a whole our occupation of  
Serenli will undoubtedly be regarded as the first step in connection  
with punishment of Aulihan. Other Somalis will regard active meas-  
ures against the Aulihan as the natural course to take and their  
suspicions will be renewed by any delay on our part. Waterholes are  
drying up and wells are only source of water supply for stock; the  
season of year is therefore propitious. The Juba and Raha Rivers  
are still in flood thus preventing the tribes from crossing to and  
from north and also facilitating the carriage of supplies. We  
cannot however rely on these conditions for more than two months  
longer and even delay of one month now may mean postponement of all  
carriage of supplies for six months as the river will be low and the  
road incomplete.

The attitude of Mohamed Zubeir is causing uneasiness espec-  
ially in the neighbourhood of Wajheir: this has been reported fully  
in my confidential despatch of 10th August. In the dry season  
they are confined to the well areas and can be sufficiently easily  
controlled there: successful operations against the Aulihan before  
next rainy season will have excellent effect on them. On the other  
hand if delay now it is a likely contingency that they will join  
the Aulihan in which case some tribes will be drawn in. By them-  
selves north-eastern Aulihan are a comparatively small force estim-  
ated at between 500 and 1,000 men and it is essential to take

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energetic measures against them at once in order to prevent disaffection from spreading.

The result of propaganda of Sheikh Mohamed Yusuf - see my earlier telegram 7th June is an unknown factor in the future. He recently suffered a reverse in Abyssinia which has probably resulted in temporary set-back, but it is likely that he will gain strength by delay and may entirely change attitude of tribes at present friendly.

Until operations against the Aulihan are completed no effectual steps can be taken to check Somali immigration from the north. Influence of the immigrants is consistently hostile to us.

Before he left Nairobi Acting Governor consulted Executive Council on this matter and decided to ask sanction for Barrett to be given free hand in dealing with Aulihan with the forces at his disposal as seen as your reply regarding transfer of the 1/6th King's African Rifles had been received.

Kittermaster arrived here on 5th September and is emphatically of opinion that these operations should be undertaken immediately. Commandant King's African Rifles considers that Barrett's force is sufficient for the purpose. I trust therefore that your sanction will be given.

HUNSON.

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Sir,  
with ref. to your letter.

No 0165/7898 (1702) of  
July 20<sup>th</sup> & connected

corresp. I am etc to Mr.  
to you, to be laid before  
the A.C. the accompanying  
copy of a further  
telegram from the O.A.G.

of the case regarding  
the situation in Ireland  
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that the instructions  
forwarded very strong  
reason why the  
occupation of Ireland  
is to be...

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No Secretary  
was offic

MINUTE.

- Mr. Reid 11/9/17
- Mr. Butler (away)
- Mr. Grindle.
- Mr. Lansbury.
- Mr. Reid 11/13/17
- Sir G. Fiddes.
- Mr. Steel-Maitland.
- Mr. Long 12.14.17

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