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Last previous Paper.

Military preparations
in Abyssinian border.

Leads for Italian invasion from Italian
Embassy [unclear]

Information in the Guide
and [unclear]

There is of course no foundation for
the suggestion that we are contemplating
any operations against Abyssinia from
the East. We have heard various
rumours about the intention of the
Italians to attack Abyssinia from
Ethiopia. These two statements are
really heard exaggerated rumours
about the possibility in the Tigray
country and at Rosale and elsewhere
they are making less [unclear] as a
kind of [unclear] point to war off

Cop. [unclear] to [unclear] 5-20-19
Cop. [unclear] of [unclear] to [unclear]

Next subsequent Paper.

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Enclosed are what they

are going in Eribea, I wish

obvious.

Repl. as in Dy. ...
of the ...
Note our letter to Gov. ...

Jan 30 '19

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In any letter communication on this subject, please refer to

79171/W.
The Under-Secretary of State,
Foreign Office,
London.

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THE Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs presents his compliments to the Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies, and, by direction of the Secretary of State, transmits herewith copy of the under-mentioned paper for observation.

Foreign Office,

Jan 21st 1919

Reference to previous correspondence

Letter to Foreign Office:
from

Description of Enclosure.

Name and Date	Subject
Caused by the Italian Embassy Jan 8	Military preparations & building of roads by H. M. F. in frontier between British E. Africa & Abyssinia

(Similar letter sent to W.O)

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No. 110.

Italian Embassy, JAN 19 1919

8th January 1919

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The Italian Government learn that the Authorities of British East Africa are making military preparations and building roads along the whole frontier between British East Africa and Abyssinia.

They have not the slightest doubt that these preparations are measures of purely local importance carried on for the protection of the border-lands, and they are confident that if there were an intention to undertake operations on a larger scale and with wider objects such as would react on the status of Abyssinia the British Government would certainly not have failed to consult the French and Italian Governments in accordance with the stipulations of the 1900 Agreement.

Downing Street,
January, 1919

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Under Secretary of State,

FOREIGN OFFICE.

Sir,

I am etc. to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 7917/1/W of January 21st forwarding for his observations, a Note from the Italian Embassy regarding the situation on the frontier of the S. A. F. and Abyssinia.

2. As the E. of S. for A. agree, there is no foundation for the suggestion that any military measures on this frontier, which would involve the future of Abyssinia, are in contemplation. I am to suggest that the reply to the Italian Govt. should be that apart from steps taken to administer British territory, to protect the border and to uphold British authority in British territory, no military action has been, or is being taken in this neighbourhood.

- Mr. Dore
- Mr. Lambert
- Sir H. Reid
- Sir G. Fiddes
- Mr. Haines
- Mr. Long

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3. Copies of all reports upon the situation on the frontier have been forwarded to the F.O. from time to time as they have been received. The S. for F.A. is aware that the rebellious

Aulihan

African tribe in Jubaland was completely overthrown
some months ago as the result of operations in which
the local Italian authorities themselves co-operated
by holding the left bank of the Juba River. In con-
nection with these operations the road from Kismayu
to Serenli was begun some time ago and is probably now
nearing completion, but Lord Milner has received no
information that the construction of any other roads
near the frontier are in contemplation. The situation
on other parts of the frontier, i.e. in the Turkhana and
the Moyale districts, has formed the subject of con-
siderable corres. recently with your Department, and in
order to invite reference to the letters from
your Department No. 46251/18 of October 12th and No.
46252/18 of November 29th.

I am, etc.,

CLAUDE G. GRINDEN

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South Africa. In the first a by attached
to W. Union. The delay in my dealing
with the paper is due to the fact that only today
have I been able to lay my hands on the
Circular.

I see no occasion why we shd. consult
the ~~file~~ concerned by telegram. Our S. African
cases come mainly from the U.S. They are
sent by post & referred to the Union by post.
No use of telegraph.

The circular says some of the
applications are the sent via F.O. S.C.O.
but in this case I think that the
brigade might send the form of application
direct to the S.G. & ask for a let. ref. if
he wants me.

Would not the same procedure
sent for Sumatra, S. A. & Banjibar

G. P. H. G.
Yes. Off accordingly to S. G.

(S. G. 10-2-19 at 11)

In any further communication
on this subject, please

No. 5465/11060PT
address
The Under-Secretary of State,
Foreign Office,
London, S.W. 1

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Reference to previous correspondence

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Letter to Foreign Office 19/6/1918. January 21.

The Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs presents
his compliments to the Under-Secretary of State
for the Colonies and is directed by the Secretary of
State for Foreign Affairs to transmit the accompanying copy
of a telegram which has been received from
His Excellency the Consul-General in Egypt
respecting the cemetery in the district of
Sakha, priests of the church.

The Secretary of State would be glad to be advised
what answer should be returned to Sir Reginald Curzon.

Foreign Office

January 27 1919

(Similar letter sent to

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Decypher. Sir R. ... January 11th 1919.

S. R. ...

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... have signed declarative ...
Circular February 5th last.

No objection exists here.

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27 January 1919

Sir,

I am re to ask the tech

your letter 6465/344/1919 T

27th of Jan regarding the

desire of certain Turkish pro

of the Greek Church to remain

to mainland Turkey the

the H. G. S. A. & to suggest

create a new High Commission

Byz. should be asked to

send the relevant forms

application direct to the

local ports concerned

NOTE.

Secretary H. M. B.

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Mr. F. G. B.

Mr. H. E. B.

Sir H. B.

Sir G. E.

Col. A.

Lord A.

then wishes in the matter by
telegram if he should think
it all proper & likely desirable

G. G. BENTON