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S. Abyssinia Conference

honorables Mr. & Mrs. representatives Mr. R. Sperling who wish to plead to receive Co representative Mr. Hope at any time which may be agreed upon.

Mr. G. Ziller.

I suppose that I had better attend on behalf of the Co.?

H. J. R.
22/1/15
Yes, please

W. G. R.
22/1/15

Mr. Read

Oh is not from Mr. Hope (attached) after speaking to you I have ascertained from Mr. Sperling that Tuesday 3.30pm will be convenient and have written Mr. Hope asking him to call for you at the C.O. on that date.

Mr. G. Ziller
22/1/15
H. J. R. 22/1/15

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Dr. J. Fisher

Dr. Spelling, Capt. Neugier, Mr. Hope,
I myself talked matters over this afternoon at the F.O.

Capt. J. was mainly anxious to see no fuss
on the northern frontier increased with a view
to dealing effectively with aboriginal raid.
I explained that the scheme for the better admin.
of the N.F. district & Gubaland had been
sanctioned & that we were engaged in carrying
it into effect when the war broke out & that
now we were compelled to slow. He said that
if the Police force on the N.F. was only
increased by 50 men, it would be of great
assistance; but I said that this was a matter
on which we had to leave to the Govt. &
finally he came to the conclusion that his best
plan was to wait until he got back
to Akas Akaba (he leaves in a few days) &
see what the position was on the frontier, &
then write officially, if necessary, to the
Govt. In the meantime Mr Hope (who leaves
for the S.A.P. on the 6th of Feb^r) will mention
Capt. J.'s views to the Govt. when he
sees him in the Port.

The other point on which Capt. J. laid
stress was the necessity of procuring the
modern police force on the frontier with better
arms. He got hold from Mr Hope that it
had been proposed to do this, but that the
new arms had been directed for use against
the Germans. It appears that the F.O.
can buy them here on some .303 arms & ammⁿ?
which belonged to some Mr. Jones at present
but what had to be disposed of when
the recent armistice for the control of the

arms traffic at present that port
came into force I asked Mr Spelling
to let us know officially about this,
if the F.O. had it already and
50, as some of the kind might be
understandable if we have in other
quarters than the N.F. district.

Put by

J.R.

26/1/15

Jan 27, 15

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let us know what is
heard of these rifles and
cartridges.

28.1.15

Spelling put
the 200 regular
I have had
made & I have
them & I have
regiment & committed
to the
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In any further communication
on the subject, please quote

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and address—
The Under-Secretary of State,
Foreign Office,
London.

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January 27th, 1915.

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Sir:-

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In continuation of my letter, 4244, of the 15th
instant, I am directed by Secretary Sir E. Grey to state
that Captain Theisger and Mr. Hope have discussed the
Southern Abyssinia boundary question and that they are
of opinion that the proposed interdepartmental conference
on the question might usefully be held.

The Foreign Office will be represented by Mr. R.
Sperling who will be pleased to receive the Colonial
Office representative and Mr. Hope at any date or time
which may be agreed upon.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

Ralph Paget

Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

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25 January 1915

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Mr. Downie (1.15)

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Sir J. Anderson.

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I am etc. to acknowledge the
receipt of your letter of 22nd/15
of the 21st of January and
to state that the C.O.
will be represented by Mr.
H. J. Read at the proposed
interdepartmental conference
on the S. Abyssinian
boundary question.

It has been decided
that on Sunday, the
26th of January, at 3.30 p.m.
will suit the convenience of
the F.O. representatives
and Mr. Read will be