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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 is directed by the Secretary of State to transmit
the accompanying copies of a telegram, as marked in the
margin.*

*Ababa, No. 65
October 14*

Foreign Office.

October 14, 1954

*Reference to CO Oct 5
from CO Sept 30 (36940)*

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*Lieutenant-Colonel Daughy-Wylie to Sir Edward Grey.—(Received October 15,
3:30 P.M.)*

*Adis Ababa, October 14, 1914.
(October 14, 4 P.M.)*

(No. 66.)

MY telegram No. 58 referring to Gabra Silasse.

Gabra Silasse, under Italian persuasion, approached Erythrean frontier in order to discuss terms of surrender to Lij Yasu, but was suddenly attacked by local authorities without instructions and was routed. Eighty of his men entered Erythrea and were disarmed, but Gabra Silasse is missing. Abyssinian Government assert, and Italians deny, that he is in Erythrea.

In agreement with Italian Minister and me, French Minister advised Lij Yasu to give time to search both sides of the border, and on no account to send troops, seeing that Gabra Silasse has no following now.

Advice seems to have been accepted, and we do not anticipate at present serious difficulties, although incident unfortunate.

Your telegram No. 68.

I have not taken action at present, thinking matter will be arranged.