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(Subject.)

Diamond Prospecting

Transmits copy Report by Mr. Muff
on result of geological exam. of area of 25
sq miles in Elgeyo Valley & Kamasia applied for
by Lord Warwick & area not likely to prove diamondiferous
Lord Warwick might like to see a copy

(Minutes.)

Mr. Read

I am not sure that it was very
wise to send the Geol. Geologist
to report on this area before Lord
Warwick asked that he should do so.
Butler Mr. Muff nor any one
else can be sure that diamonds will
not be found unless the area has
been thoroughly tested by digging
& if they had been found
by some one else after the report
had been made the result on the
strength of the report would have
been different. You might want to
communicate this report to Butler
& to Muff in the course of the day.

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(Incl. 1)

My Lord

With reference to Your Lordship's letter
 No. 1 of January 23, 1934, I have the honor to report
 that Lord Warwick applied some time ago for a
 right to prospect for coal on the lands of
 Valley and Hamlet
 yet been
 of the
 to re
 I have
 herewith,

Special Secretary of State
 for the Colquhoun,
 Downing Street,

W. J. D. O'N, S.W.

By articles of agreement
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As the report does not
 hold out any expectation of
 diamonds, I see no objection
 to letting Lord Warwick see
 it. It would be different
 if it held a hope which
 might be taken after
 money had been spent on
 the strength of it. But I
 think that there is no
 occasion to give any action
 and to put it

W.H. - Oct.
 at once

the proceeds of the sale of the land and that it seems
probable that the country will have to be diamon

CONFIDENTIAL.

36176
August 3rd 1906

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 40 dated June 5th 1906 requiring a confidential report on the prospecting area in Elgeyo applied for by Mr. Curtis acting on behalf of others, I have the honour to inform you that I have made traverses across the district in question partly in the company of Mr. Curtis.

The area lies on the eastern side of the Sag Valley and embraces a portion of the western foothills of the Kamasia range. The boundaries have not yet been defined, but the area seems to include parts of the districts of Karaveta, Satcho and Imorn or Amman.

The area is intersected by a number of deep valleys carved out by streams flowing from the heights of Kamasia on the east. On the flanks of these valleys, the country is seen to be composed of a succession of lava flows and volcanic tuffs dipping westwards at an angle of about 10°. The lavas vary in composition and include trachytes, monolites and basalts, but are in the main phonolites. The volcanic tuffs are formed of fragments of the above mentioned kinds of lava. Generally, the rocks are of the same types as those which may be found along the course of the Uganda Railway between Nairobi and Naivasha.

The

Assistant Deputy Commissioner,

Naivasha.

The rock which is termed 'blue ground' in this district and though it may contain diamonds is a bluish and mottled volcanic tuff. So far as my observations serve, this tuff occurs in beds and not in 'pipes' or 'nooks' as in the diamondiferous areas at Kimberley. It is not impossible that this bluish tuff may be found in 'pipes', but even then, since its composition is closer to that of the accompanying phonolitic and trachytic lavas than is different from the 'blue ground' of Kimberley, it is not at all likely to prove to be the source of diamonds. It may be added that up to the present the washing of the tuff has yielded only a few crystals of quartz and feldspar.

I have, Sir,

Yours faithfully,
H. Drantwood Muff.

Government Geologist.