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(Subject.)

E.A. Lyndecalle's land near Moson Reserve.

Submit report by land officer on discrepancy between the two maps of Lyndecalle's land. Suggests purchase be bought to bear on Lyndecalle's land to make them to alter northern boundary of area of the reserve land of equal value elsewhere.

(Minutes.)

Mr. Read

I think we had better ask if say we will await the receipt of the corrected map before writing again to the Lyndecalle.

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Commissioner's Office,
Nairobi.

11th May 1907.

AFRICA PROTECTORATE

No. 138.

(Incl. F.)

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt
of Your Lordship's despatch No. 90 of February 15th

and in obedience to the instructions contained therein.

I submit a report by the Land Officer (with enclosures)

on the discrepancy between the two maps of the East

Africa Syndicate's land. I also return the two maps

herewith.

Your Lordship will observe that although the plan

made by Messrs. Galley and Roberts shows the whole of

the Okhlorat as lying within the area leased to the

Syndicate, the papyrus swamp, which really forms a part

of the lake, reaches to the boundary, and as a matter

of fact extends many miles to the north. The

therefore

Principal Secretary of State

for the Colonies,

Downing Street,

No 4674

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The Masai therefore suffer by being obliged to make a large detour when crossing from one side of the Lake to the other.

A more correct plan of the land in question is being compiled and will be forwarded when ready.

I venture to urge that effect be given to my former recommendation, and that, if necessary, some pressure be brought to bear on the Syndicate to induce them to alter the northern boundary of their area so as to include a strip of land at the South end of the Lake within the Masai reserve, the Syndicate to receive in exchange an equivalent, or slightly larger area on their present western boundary. As Your Lordship is aware, the Masai have already been greatly inconvenienced in order that the Syndicate may benefit. They have been forced to relinquish their traditional grazing grounds north of the line, and they have for the last three years been excluded from Lake Masai (vide my despatch No. 54 of January 1904). It would be a gracious act on the part of the Syndicate if they were to exchange the land required by and in actual occupation of the Masai (both now and at the time they

they were removed from the East Valley) or other
 land of equal value, and I think I may say that the
 Syndicate would not suffer by trying to make friends
 of the Masai.

I venture to hope that this matter will be
 settled by the Directors at home as I do not think
 that much good will come from referring it to the
 Syndicate's representative in East Africa, as stated
 in the enclosure to Your Lordship's despatch No. 105
 of February 21st. Mr. Sun, as previously reported, has
 a very little sympathy with the natives of this
 Protectorate.

I have, the honour to be,

With the highest respect,

Yr. Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,

humble servant,

J. J. Faulkner

Acting Commissioner.

ENCLOSURE *2/11*In Despatch No. 117 of *1907*C. O.
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REPORT.

Regarding the discrepancy between the map showing the proposed Masai Reserve and the map made from Messrs. Gailey and Roberts' survey, I would point out that the former is a compiled map, and can only be regarded as a sketch plan. It was asked that a survey be made, but no staff being available for the purpose, from information contained in the office the map was prepared, which shows graphically the suggested exchange, and the proposed alterations in the boundary of the Masai Reserve. Owing to a doubt existing in the mind of the Administration regarding the exact position of the Western boundary of the Syndicate land, Mr. Galbraith, a surveyor, was lately sent up to re-establish Messrs. Gailey and Roberts' original beacons, and at the same time to report on the feasibility of offering to the Syndicate other land to the west of their present boundary, should their northern boundary be altered to be South of Old Coast, to admit of passage of Masai from East to West, and vice versa. His map and report are herewith attached, and though, till we possess a connected survey map showing the Rift Valley faces, the Railway and the Syndicate's land and proposed Masai Reserve, it is not possible to compute the actual area available to the west of the Syndicate boundary, we have sufficient data to be able to say that the area considerably in excess of the area N.Y.E. it is wished to reacquire from the East Africa Syndicate is available, which can be offered in the satisfaction of their claim for the above mentioned area N.Y.E. to be deducted, and it is further considered that the area offered in exchange is as good if not better than that it is proposed to deduct. The

Directors

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Directors of the East Africa Syndicate point out in their letter to the Secretary of State that Messrs. Bailey and Roberts show in their plan that Lake Obbolosat lies wholly within the area leased to the Syndicate. I would call attention to the plan, and it will be seen that they show open water as being entirely enclosed, but that the papyrus swamp is indicated as extending up to the boundary. Further, that Land Surveyors are not called upon to accurately delineate internal topographical features. The important features being the boundary lines, and corners determining the area leased. As a matter of fact, the swamp, and this is shown in our sketch plan sent, extends many miles North even of the Equator, consequently the statement that a hardship is inflicted on the Masai in being forced to make a very large detour to the Northward is substantially correct. This will be more readily understood when it is explained that the Thompson Falls to the North of the swamp are fed by the Lake, and unless the water disappears underground to reappear again before reaching the Thompson Falls, it is obvious that the water must be crossed.

Mr. Marini wishes me to further state that it was clearly explained to the Assistant Deputy Commissioner that the sketch map prepared was approximate only, as it had no means of connecting the relative positions of the Masai Reserve Reconnaissance survey made by Mr. Campbell, and Railway line and Rift Valley farms survey. Under these circumstances it is regrettable that this fact should not have been clear when forwarding the plan to the Secretary of State.

I would accordingly suggest that the Directors of the Board be approached by the Colonial Office with a view that they issue instructions that the exchange be effected by their local manager by arrangement with the local authorities, and that it is clearly understood that sufficient land be left between the Northern boundary

boundary of the Syndicate's land and the Southern limit of Olbolosat Lake at high flood level for the passage of the Masai and their flocks.

I would further add that the map was originally prepared with a view of showing the suggested Masai Reserve on Mr. Campbell's reconnaissance survey map. Later on we were asked to show roughly the relative position of the Railway line and the Rift Valley ferga. Having at that time no means of doing this, having no connection between the two surveys, we cannot be held responsible for the error in relative positions of the two surveys.

The map was sent up to His Excellency's office, and apparently the East Africa Syndicate's area was sketched in by him, it being assumed that the Northern boundary was co-incident with the line N.I. which on plan is shown as approximate only. The figures and description are those of Mr. Jackson, and it will be noticed that the shading in blue and red is done in pencil and not by this office. I presume, therefore, by Mr. Jackson, and although showing diagrammatically what it was intended to indicate is absolutely incorrect as regards scale. I think with information at present at our disposal it would be possible to compile a map, which, though still approximate would make the matter much clearer. If you agree I would suggest that the Director of the Central Branch would be asked to furnish this. I have discussed the matter with him and he understands exactly what is required.

Sd/- R.E. Wright.

Land Officer.

Nairobi.

April 4th 1907.

In Despatch No. *146* of *11/11/1907*

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REPORT

I beg to report having pointed out the western boundary of the East Africa Syndicate's land to the Assistant Collector of Nalvasha, Mr. Lawson.

We started at Gilgil Station and followed up the boundary which has been fenced off for about 4 1/2 miles. After leaving the fence I re-established all the old beacons I could find any trace of, adding a few direction beacons on the tops of the ridges.

For the last four or five miles, at the Northern end, I blazed a track through the forest on the tops of the ridges, the track in some places being four feet wide. In no cases have I cut through the forest in the gullies as this would have cost a considerable time with a large gang of labourers.

The re-established beacons which number about 40 consist of a high pole placed at the centre of an earth mound, generally nine feet in diameter and about six feet high. These can easily be seen at least two miles off.

After building a number of large beacons close together at the N. W. boundary corner I travelled S. E. to lake Kibollosal, and then followed the Mkipia road into Gilgil. For a description of the land travelled over see accompanying sketch.

Nairobi,

February 14th 1907.

S/- T. H. GALBRAITH
District Surveyor.

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[Handwritten signature]

24 May 1907

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Lt. Col. J. Hayes Sadder C.A.

MINUTE.

- Mr. Bottomley 22/5
- Mr. Rand *[Handwritten initials]*
- Mr. Juck *[Handwritten initials]*
- Mr. Astrobv.
- Mr. Cuz.
- Mr. Lucas.
- Sir F. Hopwood.
- Mr. Churchill.
- The Earl of Elgin.

Sir,
I have the honor to
ack. the recd. of Mr Jackson's
despatch no: 142 of the 16th
of April, and to inf. you
that I shall await the
receipt of the more correct
map, referred to in the
fourth para. of the despatch
before causing any further
communication to be sent
to the East Africa Syndicate
Ltd. in regard to the proposed
alteration of the northern
boundary of their union

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Enclosures (Maps)

in

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APPROXIMATE AREA
550000 ACRES ABCD

Great Valley

ESCARPMENTS

Suburbs of ...

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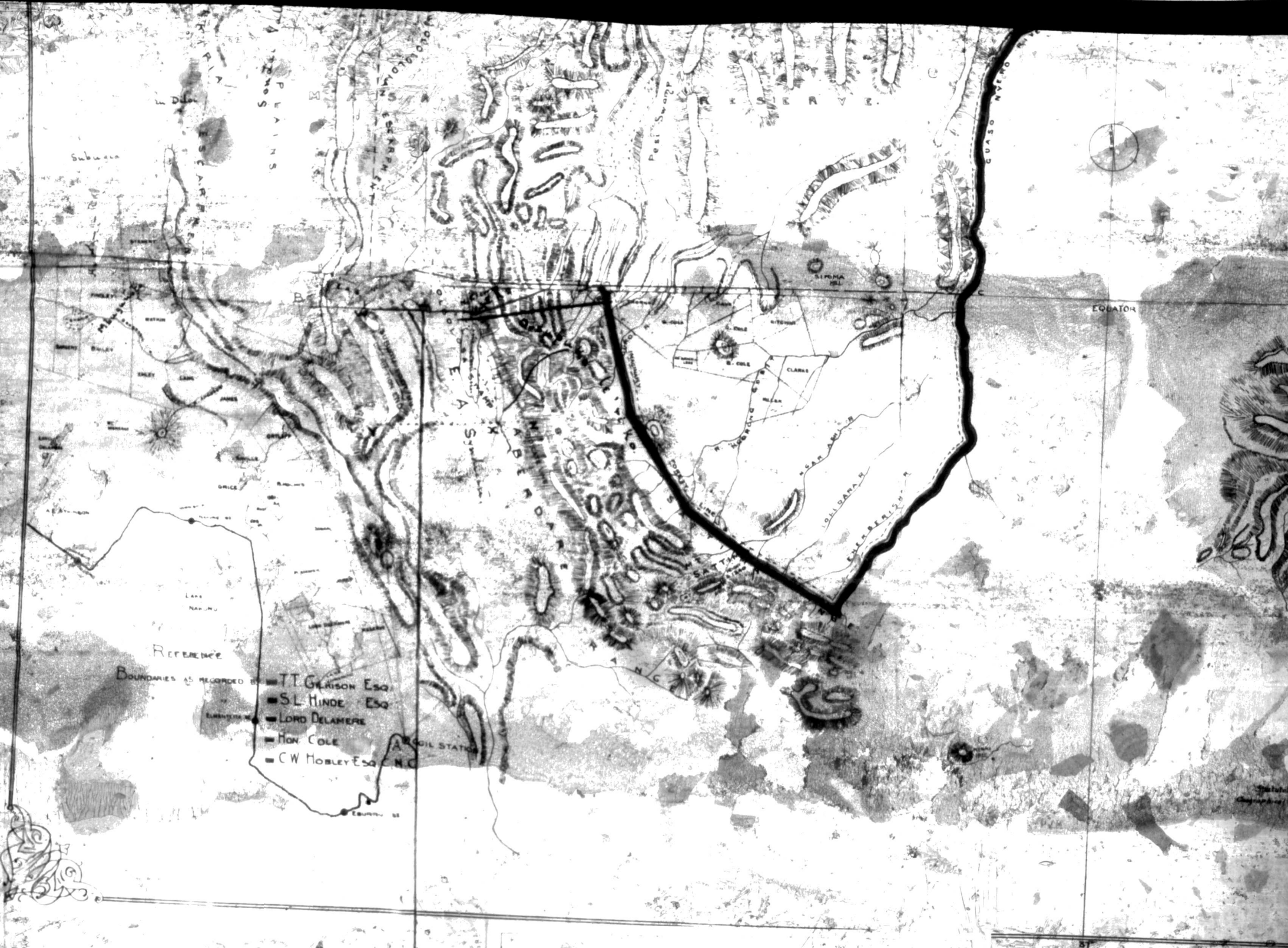
MAP SHEWING MASAI RESERVE

LAIKIPIA



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Subsidiary

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REFERENCE

- BOUNDARIES AS RECORDED BY
- T.T. GERRISON ESQ
 - S.L. HINDE ESQ
 - LORD DELAHEIRE
 - HON. COLE
 - C.W. HOBLEY ESQ

COIL STATION

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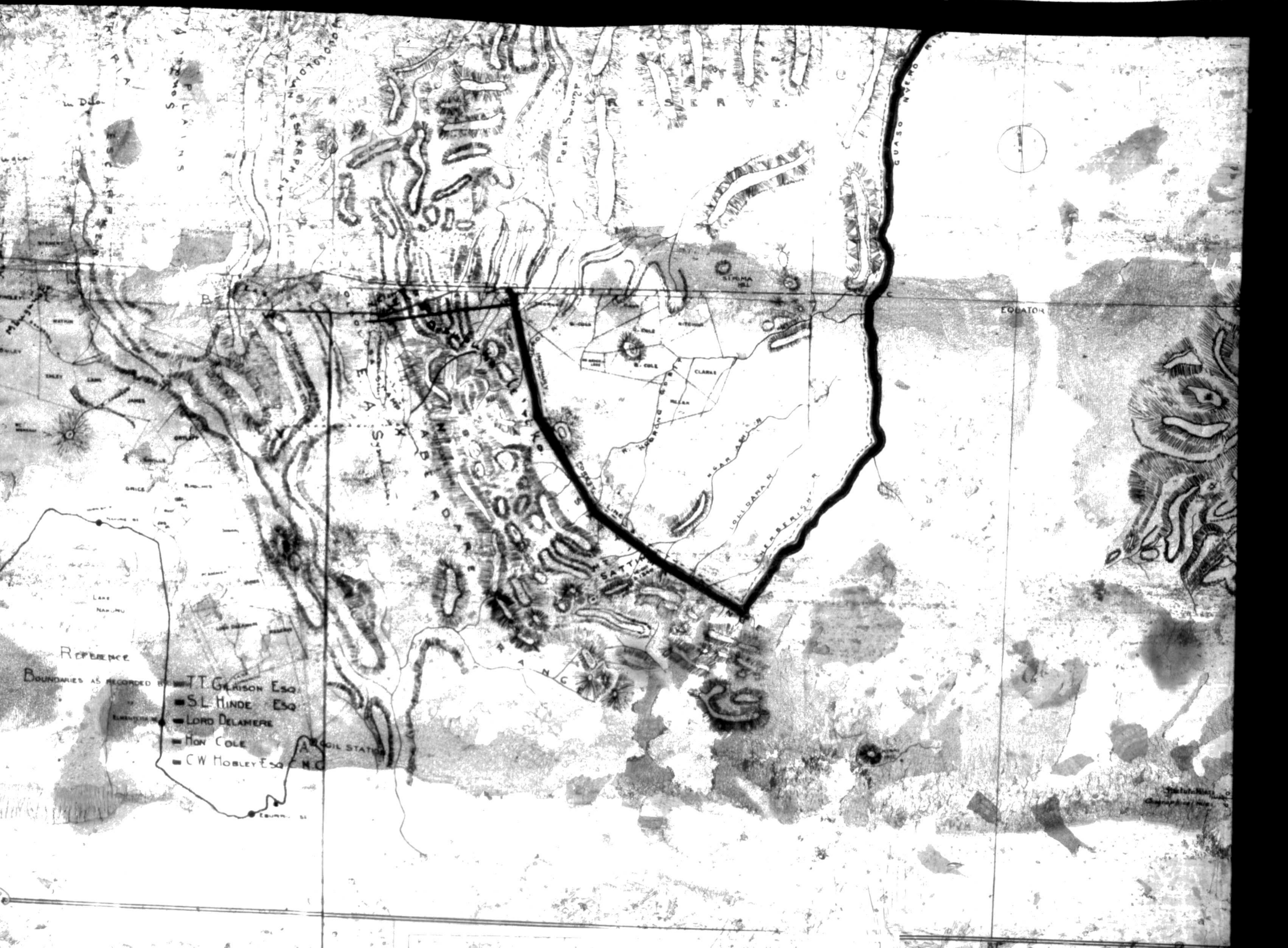
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SOUTH PLAINS



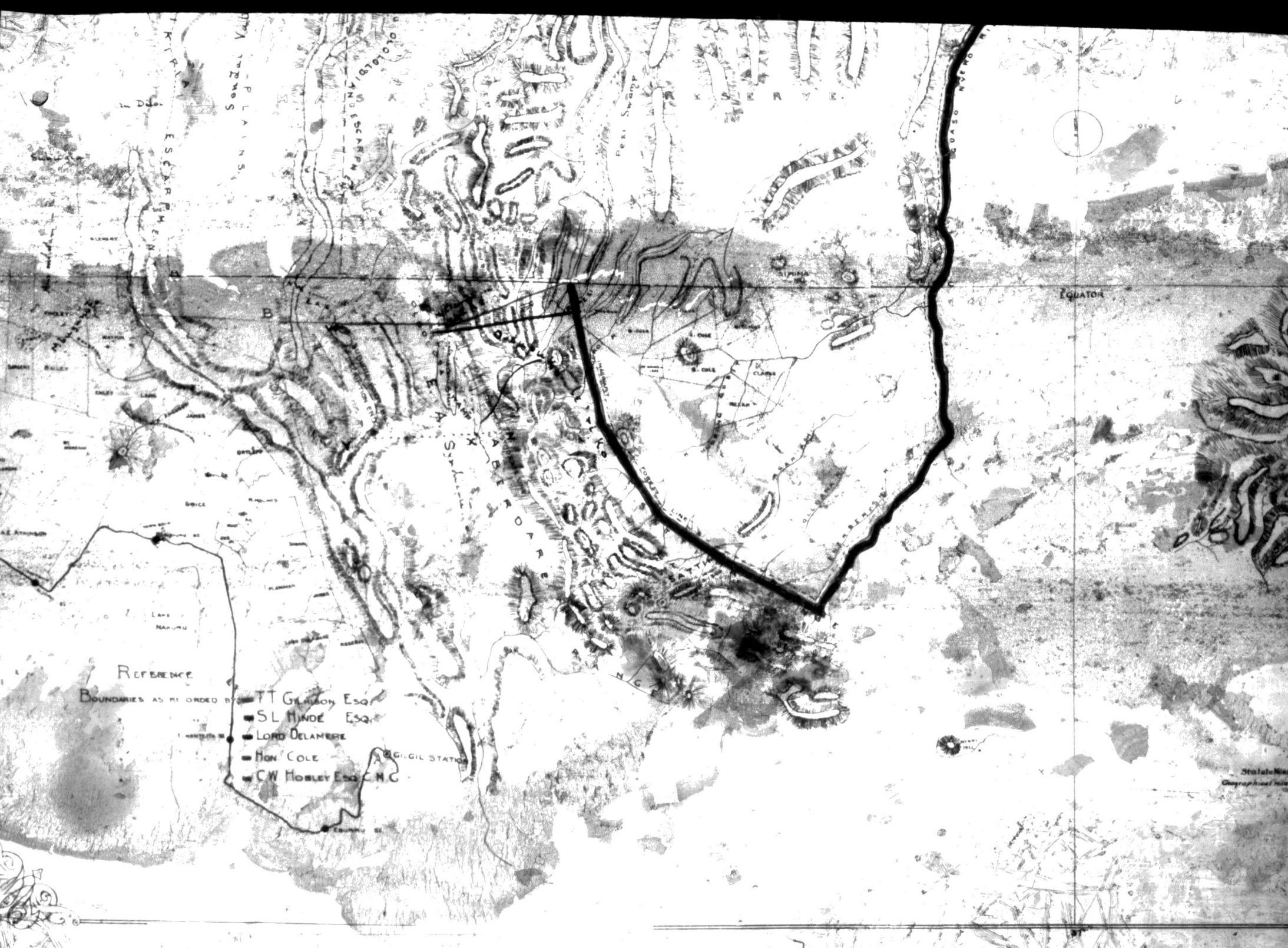
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REFERENCE

- BOUNDARIES AS RECORDED BY
- T. T. GILSON Esq.
- S. L. HINDE Esq.
- LORD DELAWARE
- HON COLE
- C. W. HOBLEY Esq.

RAIL STATION

Scale of Miles



EQUATOR

KIRIATIA
ESSEKEMEN

SOMI VALLEY PLAINS

AND SCARP

Peki Swamp

EQUATOR

GILGIL STATION

REFERENCE

BOUNDARIES AS RECORDED BY

- TT GIBSON ESQ
- SL HINDE ESQ
- LORD DELAMERE
- MON COLE
- CW HOBLEY ESQ C.N.C.

GILGIL STATION

Statute Miles
Geographical Miles



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Scale. 1 inch = 4 Geog. Miles



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Geographical Institute
GIBSON

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Syndicate

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Scale 2 miles = 1"

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 which is about the level of
 the hills
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 And other notes
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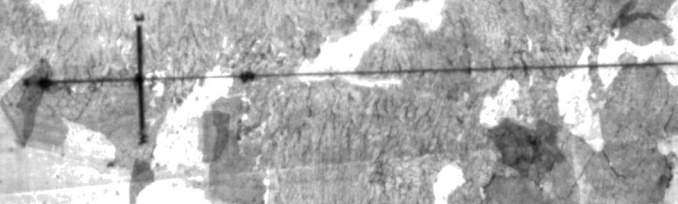
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 FLAT OPEN Grass plain
 Waterless in dry season

EAST AFRICA SYNDICATE

Takes large houses
 reestablished on top
 of ridge

falling from 8500 ft above S.L. to about 7000 ft above S.L.

About 20 miles N.W.



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