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Harvest in Sereuli, Sida

Sends despatch from Abba Ababa reporting as to probable effect of recent raids in Abyssinia.

See also 15425
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I append a brief summary of the more important points in these four reports:

1. Situation before attack on Sereuli.

In December last, before the Sereuli incident, the Arabian Somali made a raid on the Samburu. Treasures were at once taken to deal with the two sections concerned. The Jibral submitted to a fine, and had by February paid a large portion of it. The two irreconcilable Turadja were pursued by Lieut. Rague

and the Council Corps and the greater part of the stock they had seized was recovered.

2. Attack on Serebi.

The attack on Serebi, occurring complicated two situations. It was extremely sudden and appears to have been almost entirely unexpected, though there are some indications that Sirub. Elliot was given warning that trouble might occur. Abdul Rahman humsal, a dangerous and slippery chief of the Anlikan, who is described as a potential second humsal, was the leader of the attack.

3. Its Causes.

The Provincial Commissioner (New Power) definitely states his opinion that the Anlikan and Abdul Rahman humsal were encouraged by the Abyssinians. German agents in Abyssinia were probably responsible, and it may be added that Abdul has a son fighting with the German East Africa forces. Turkish agents may also have been working through Sheikh Ali Kainoli who lives at Bandera in Italian Somaliland.

Another potential humsal.
H. J. K.

The two most important tribes in
 the district are the Antiban, the
 Marshan, and the Indan. 189
 The Antiban are less hostile than
 the Marshan, and are usually at
 amity with them. Above the Antiban
 are comparatively harmless, but it was
 feared for a time that the Marshan,
 a powerful tribe of fighters, which
 has given much trouble in the past,
 might join them. A Marshay Council
 was held after Sarant to consider the
 position but a union with the
 Antiban was apparently not effected
 and the Marshan have now begun
 raiding the Antiban. The Indan
 have also maintained a waiting
 attitude, the position being that their
 chiefs are loyal, but that the younger
 members of the tribe are inclined
 to be troublesome.

5. Present position

Troops and a warship have been sent
 to Kismayu and on position on the
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which they have been treated by the
Govt. of the E.A.P.

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Action suggested

1. I think it is desirable (and perhaps politic in view of possible developments further north) that we should ask the F.O. to express to our Italian allies the thanks of being for their assistance to & co-operation with the E.A.P. authorities during the Somali trouble, explaining that full reports on the matter have not been received from the Govt. of the E.A.P.
2. I ask the E.A.P. the dispatches received, say that the S. of S. have been glad to learn of the improvement which has taken place in the position owing to the comparative isolation of the responsible Arabian & to the presence of additional troops and of a warship at Kisumu, and add that he notes the news that the re-occupation of Somali and the punishment of the tribe concerned cannot be carried out at present in view of the impossibility of collecting a sufficiently large force that we must await a

In any further communication on this subject, please quote
R. N. 54896
and address
The Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs

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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 copies of the under-mentioned
paper.

Foreign Office,

April 3 1916.

Reference to previous correspondence:

Letter ^{no} from Foreign Office: February 26

Description of Inclosure

Name and Date	Subject
Hon. Minister at Adis Ababa, No 26 March 1	Murder of District Commissioner at Berendi

(Similar letter sent to

March 1, 1900

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Sir,

With reference to your telegram No. 7 of February last I have the honour to report that copies of the telegrams sent to Rome by the Authorities in Benadir, which he at once communicated

There is at present no reason to believe the Serenli incident will have any effect upon Abyssinia although, should the Somali tribes which attacked the garrison move across the Dawa, as it is said they would do but for the refusal of the Merahan tribes to allow to pass through their country, they may add to the unpopularity of the position in the Arussi or Ogaden districts.

I have no information to guide me in deciding what would be their idea in coming north into Abyssinian territory but there are three centres of disorder which might attack them. In the Arussi country the Moslem propaganda has created a certain amount of excitement which has Sheikh Mohamed for its centre; the Ogaden Res Ali, who killed the Abyssinian garrisons in October last, still remain unpunished and apparently intend to defy the Government should any action be taken against them; and lastly there is the Sultan who has undoubtedly been sending his emissaries into British East Africa for some time.

The Right Honourable

Sir Edward Grey Bart. K.G., M.P.

etc. etc. etc.

His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State
for Foreign Affairs,

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The first suggestion may, I think, be excluded as matters appear there since the Government sent troops down in consequence of the troubles between the Gallas and the Guragis, and it is more probable that, if these tribes do cross into Abyssinian territory, they would go to the north east and join either the Jarichas or the Ogaden tribes. Should they do so it will be impossible to exercise any influence over their movements from here, as the Abyssinian Government has no control whatever over those districts.

I have repeatedly urged upon the Government the danger of allowing Turkish agents a free hand in spreading their propaganda among the Somali tribes, pointing out that, if they are sufficiently excited against the Christians, it will be purely a matter of chance whether they attack the British or the Abyssinians first. Both the Bituaded and the Fitarari fully agree but do nothing, and I believe myself that nothing short of a threatened attack on Harrar will move them to take action.

As I have said before, all these intrigues with the Gallas tribes are entirely Lij Yasa's work, and the Ministers are left in total ignorance of the reasons which underlie his policy in this respect.

Since the Sereni incident occurred I have had no runner in from Moyale, and I am still unaware to what extent the Southern frontier district is likely to be affected. I wrote, however, on receipt of the news to Mr. Hodson to say that, in the event of there being trouble, he should place

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his services, if necessary, at the disposal of the District
Commissioner at Mysore where Mr. Kittermaster is, I believe,
very short-handed.

I trust my action in this respect will be approved.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

with the highest respect,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

W. M. M. M. M.

13 April 1946

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Ref No 281

M.C. Bedford

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15432, 15403 and 15400

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Comd. Cyens base
to Director of Intelligence
Division, Admiralty

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(13228) 16 of 16 Feb No 136 of

(15432) 29 Feb No 140 of 154

(15298) March and No 147 of

(15400) 8th March relating to
the recent Ogasawara raid
upon
at Sasebo and the (message)

(15400) Initial incident in Japanland
also of your dispatches 140 of Feb 14 of March on
subject of the raid by the Aulika Smalls on the
Samburu (2) I have been glad
to hear that an improvement

has taken place in the
situation in Japanland
comparatively isolation of
the responsible parties
to be and to the

presence of additional troops
and of a warship at

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Capt. James G. ...

Kidnapping I etc
the view that the
to occupation of Siam
and the punishment of
the tribes concerned
cannot be carried out
at present in view
of the unpopularity of
collecting a substantially
large force, and that
this must await a
more favorable opportunity.

I am asking the
J. of A. for Foreign Affairs
to cause the transfer of
H. M. Govt. to be
deposed to the Italian
Govt. for the assistance
rendered to the Govt. of

to the Govt. by the 147
on the part of Italian
Siam (L. L. L.)
I desire to express
my appreciation of the
good work done and
the energy displayed by
Mr. Ashken, Mr. Stone
and other officers in
their recent safari of 484
miles in 17 days through
the difficult country which
the road appears
to have been a very
fine performance.

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14 April 1946

Sir

With ref. to your note
 No. 6158896/46 of April
 3rd & previous correspondence
 as to the situation in
 Jubaland, I am glad to
 transmit to you to be
 laid before Sir S. Gray, the
 accompanying copies of
 despatches upon the
 matter received from the
 Gov. of the East

2 Mr. B. L. ...

obliged if (provided Sir
 P. Gray sees no objection)
 the Italian Govt. could
 be informed that full
 reports upon the recent
 military unrest in the
 Jubala river have now

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Re O.S. 228

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Returned by 11.4.46

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Sir
 In continuation
 of my secret despatch
 of March 27th I have
 the pleasure to transmit to you
 copies of public reports
 received from the Gov. of
 the East & from the
 Minister at Addis Ababa
 upon the recent Oromo
 raid in Somali and the
 consequent tribal unrest
 in Jubaland.

Yours
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 W. Johnston 14.16/16

- Gov. East 29 Feb ✓
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- Gov. East 1 March ✓
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- Gov. East 6 March ✓
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- Mr. Thomson 1 March
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received from the
 Gov. of the East, and
 the Hon. Secy. desire
 to express their thanks
 for the assistance
 and cooperation afforded
 to the Gov. of the East
 by the authorities of
 Uganda.

I am
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(Signed) H. J. BEAD