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The Secretary,
War Office,
London, S.W.,
at the following number quoted,

War Office,
London, S.W. 1.

0165/8786 (M.O.2.)

15th September, 1917.

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REC 17 SEP 17

Sir,

I am commanded by the Army Council to acknowledge the receipt of Colonial Office letter No. 45147 of 13th September, and in reply to state that in view of the representations made by the Officer Administering the Government of the B.E.A. Protectorate as to the urgency of dealing with the Aulihan Somalis, and by the Commandant of the 1st/6th African Rifles to the effect that no danger is apprehended on the score of propaganda or intrigue influencing the personnel of the 1st/6th King's African Rifles if employed in Jubaland, the Council agree that full discretion should be left to Colonel Barrett to deal with the local situation after the re-occupation of Sereñli, and that 400 rifles of the 1st/6th King's African Rifles should be placed at his disposal for this purpose.

I am, however, to request that it may be made clear both to the Administration of the Protectorate and to Colonel Barrett that no military assistance will be forthcoming from German East Africa, except in the matter of such stores and coastal transport as the G.C.C.-in-C., East Africa, may be able to furnish from his existing resources.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

H. H. White

Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office,
S.W.1.

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PARAPHRASE TELEGRAM

The Secretary of State for the Colonies to the
Officer Administering the Government of the East
Africa Protectorate.

(Sent 6.0 a.m. 19th September, 1917)

September 19... with reference to your telegrams of
9th September 12th September and 14th September.

Having regard to your opinion as to urgency of dealing
with Aullhan, and the assurance of the Commander
King's African Rifles that no danger need be
on account of possible effect of proposed
of 1st/6th King's African Rifles, I
should be given full discretion to deal with the
situation and that 400 rifles of 1st/6th King's
Rifles should be placed at his disposal for the purpose.

It should however be understood and explained
to Barrett that in no circumstances will
assistance from German East Africa be given
except in the matter of such stores
transport as the General Officer Commanding
may require to furnish from the
disposal.

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19 Sept. 49

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that British troops

reached Paris on Sept.

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