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BRITISH LEGATION.

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October 30th, 1919.

In reply to Your Lordship's telegram No 108 of  
 19th and in confirmation of my telegram No 14  
 I have the honour to give my opinion that military  
 occupation of the East African Protectorate frontier  
 is advisable in view of the continued very  
 disturbed condition of Abyssinian territory bordering  
 that frontier.

The Abyssinian Government in the past have regard-  
 ed protestations regarding the state of disorder on  
 the frontiers with more or less indifference. With  
 the occupation of Gaddadume they have been enlightened  
 to the fact that we are no longer to be put off with  
 excuses and, the military administration of the East  
 African Protectorate frontier will confirm this impression.

I have not been asked for my opinion from the  
 military point of view of this change but, I venture  
 to suggest that, in the light of our occupation of  
 territory claimed by the Abyssinian Government as  
 belonging to them we should be well advised to insure  
 the safety of the lines of communication with Gaddadume  
 in view of possible eventualities. This can only be

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efficiently. I take it, by military administration of the frontier.

I do not anticipate, at the present time, that the Abyssinian Government would be foolish enough to attempt to force our evacuation but, it is always well prepared for all eventualities. The fact, moreover, of military administration of our frontier would dissuade them of any such attempt.

Further, I can tell the Abyssinian Government that we have been forced to take this step by their utter inability to make an attempt to establish order on their frontiers and for no other reason.

I believe military administration of the frontier will have a salutary effect in general on the minds of the Abyssinians.

I have to ask that I may be informed when the change is to take place as it will be necessary to explain carefully the reason of this change to the Abyssinian Government.

I am addressing copies of this despatch to Cairo, Haratoum and Nairobi.

I have the honour to be,  
with the highest respect,  
my Lord,  
Your Lordship's most obedient,  
humble servant,

signed J B Dodds.

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