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KENYA

Italian Occupation of Ethiopia

Transfer of currency to Ethiopian notables on behalf of Ethiopian Emperor

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To Gov Kenya Tel 819 Secret 10 April 1937

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To Gov Kenya Tel 814 14 April 1937

State only 2,500 dollars available. Indicates difficulties in way of making effective payment to Zande Area.

The telegram on Saturday was sent at the pressing request of Mr. Lambert of the Foreign Office who came over and talked. The Emperor is very anxious to get his relation Ayla out of Ethiopia and the latest information was that he had been driven out of Maji and had taken refuge at Fako. The Emperor thought that he could get away himself but he might be massacred by his own troops unless he was able to give them some back pay or bribe some of them to help him. Hence this urgent request. I pointed out the various drawbacks and was met stiffly with the remark that the Foreign Office were aware of the diplomatic objections, and I added thoughtfully that there were plenty of physical objections in that I doubted whether there would be enough dollars in Kenya and then it would be very difficult to get them up to some place like Lokitaung. They would have to be guarded and there would be an awful lot of fuss. I have sent a copy of Kenya's reply to Mr. Lambert and I think that we should now proceed to follow it up officially, saying that in view of the circumstances set out the proposal appears quite impracticable apart from the diplomatic objections, of which the Foreign Office are of course fully cognisant. (The

Secretary

Secretary of State will wish to see as he commented (on the telegram to Kenya).

J.R.O. Kent

14.4.37.

State - If it were a question of
Lohitany only the scheme
might be practicable. Also, if
the Sudan had administered
the Khoros Triangle

As at A?

W.S.

14.4.37.

J.R.O.

14/4/37

W.S. 15.4.37

(the fastest)

To F.O. (W.C. 175) - P.O. 14/4/37

To F.O. (W.C. 175) - 16/4/37

[Faint handwritten notes and scribbles]

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To: J. 1857/153/11

25 Apr 1937

No copy till 27/2 from Cairo regarding
Cape Whalley concerning facilities for refugees to Zanzibar.
(Dep) - Orig on 38202/37 (Kya).

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Copy See No 248 from H.M. Cairo

13 Apr 1937

Indicates what facilities can be made available to Zanzibar
Kya, enquiries for instance.

The suggestion at X in No 7 was not achieved
for purposes for which these dollars were required.
Original in F.O. have not aimed us to do
anything so? This can be put by.

J.P. Passer
27/4

Yes. The Sudan's views are the same as Kenya's and ours.

But we had better

4/4/37

? Tell Kenya we have suggested to Z.O. that
the proposal had better be dropped. And send a copy of S.
by air mail to confirm it, giving the substance of No 7.

J.R.O. Kent

27/4

W.S. 27.4.37 atms

As No 7 is a fortnight old, I rang up Mr Lambert
(F.O.) to enquire whether they had said anything
to the Sudan Govt. - He was out. Nothing has
yet been done but Mr Lambert told me that
Col. Sandford is coming to see him this afternoon.
He was preparing to tell Col. Sandford that
\$5,000 can be made available - the Sudan
\$2,500 - Kenya \$2,500 - near the respective

frontiers, in case Zande people should make
his way to either of those territories.

After speaking to the Flood I told
Mr. Lambert that, owing to the difficulties
of transporting these dollars, & guarding
them near the Northern frontier, of Kenya,
we could not at this stage agree to his
saying that they will be made
available near the frontier, just in the
off chance of Zande people turning up.
For the present the most he can say
is that these dollars can be made
available somewhere in Kenya, probably
at Nairobi.

Mr. Lambert agreed that this was
reasonable, & he will let me know
in due course what passes between
him & Col. Sandford.

Mr. Lambert added that the F.O. are
satisfied that it is no use pursuing the
proposals to try to send any money
to Zande people across the frontier.

He also stated the proposed deal
to Kenya must await the decision
from Mr. Lambert.

J.P. Pascoe
28/4

Mr. Lambert told me today that
his discussion with Mr. Col. Sandford was
inconclusive, & that by Col. Sandford
asking that he be kept informed
of any news of Zande people.
I believe that the idea of sending

some money across the frontier may,
possibly be revived if circumstances arise
in which it might be practicable to do so.
The proposal cannot
therefore be regarded as dead but
merely as abeyance. Mr. Lambert
has promised to send a letter with
from the Home of a communication
to Kenya.

J.P. Pascoe
3/5

This represents one of the more ^{subtle} ~~subtle~~ aspects of the F.O. - trying
to get us to agree to, and take responsibility for, something that
they know as well as we do is wrong. But they are in a
bad dilemma.

J.P. Pascoe

3/5

Why do they want us to take all the
blame for a refusal?

~~Send~~ Wait for their letter. We
must then send on.

W.P. 3.5.

8 Mr. Lambert To J 1769121, # May 37

Gives summary of points discussed with Col. Sandford on 28/4/47.
Note made is important intelligence, but would like to be kept informed of
movements of Zande people if any such information is received.

I have spoken to Mr. Lambert on the
matter & he has indicated that we do not
we do not seem clearly that Col. Sandford
said in his message to me that he

I pointed out that, for all we know, the Emperor may turn up at the frontier expecting to receive 200,000 dollars, however it came to the Emperor that we can hardly do more to provide for this contingency than the last sentence in the off. telegram herewith.

[? the off. tel. covers sufficient info as to the situation at this end & it hardly seems necessary to follow it up with a dep.]

J.J. Oastman
c/s

Sir C. Göttemby

I think this is all we can do. If Zaude comes into Kenya this would be no objection to our paying to him money sent by his cousin the Emperor. That is a different thing from giving him money to pay his troops who are fighting in Ethiopia.

Even if the money has been expended since

Recd. by Sir J. H. ...

D. to Kenya Tel (109 Secret 7.5.37)

Copy to ...
10 to ...

B. S. 37

Gov. Kenya Tel. Secret 27 May, 1937
Reports arrival of Zaude Ayala and followers at Lokitaung. Requests in this States any remittances should be forwarded through Gov't.
(Copy regd. on 46597/1/37)

The following points appear to arise from No. 11.

(1) Will the Emperor still wish to send money to Zaude Ayala now that the latter has arrived safely in Kenya. This is for the Foreign Office to find out. In any case the question of supplying Maria Teresa dollars is disposed of, since the payment can be made in sterling.

(2) What is to be done with Zaude and the other higher Ethiopian dignitaries. Zaude's presence is likely to cause embarrassment in Kenya. One solution ^{would} be that Zaude at least should be permitted to join the Emperor. The Emperor may suggest this; otherwise their disposal must be considered in connection with the refugees in Somaliland.

(3) The disposal of the 350 refugees who are presumably remnants of Zaude's unpaid troops, must in any case to be linked up with the question of the refugees in Somaliland. The refugees papers are circulating in the P. and M. and Middle East Departments.

? Put the above points to the Foreign Office by letter.

C. J. ...

28.5.37.

In Flood
We discussed this briefly and in order to save time I submit herewith a draft letter to the Foreign Office which covers the points on which
immediate

Immediate action is necessary.

We can consider further action in regard to the refugees as a whole later - thus it may be desirable for us to endeavour to get assistance for them from the Abyssinian Refugees Relief Committee, in the same way as we have obtained assistance for our Abyssinian refugees in Somaliland. The general paper about Abyssinian refugees should be sent to me as soon as possible so that I can take this matter up.

copy of 11 to report on
of 5/11/37 is work
to be left

Phase

28. 5. 37.

Yes: this will be a real nuisance. The S. ops. should see later as he may easily be attacked about them.

v.c.o. 29

28 come

12 to F.O. (4/6/11) Secret 29/5/37

13 "Teas. (4/12/37) Secret 3/6/37

Action of at X above.

Decree via draft 12
P.H. (50)

R297

S.O.S. has no time to see this at present. Ph-recive. done in a week.

Cyprus

1/4/37

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M. Lambert To 2634/43/1 June 37

To copy of tel 352 from base reporting these developments has obtained supplies reinforcements & program to counter Italian air.

Capt Whalley's informant is not up to date in so far as Jauze is concerned. Jauze crossed into Kenya on or about the 26th May. The message reports the earlier reports that Ras Desta is still alive.

See No 11

Put by
C. J. Ross Smith
3/6/37

M: Lambert (F.O.) rang up to suggest that in view of this tel., the Govt. you should be given the substance of No 11, & he suggested that Kenya should be asked to repeat that tel. to them. I pointed out that the tel. in No. 11 had been repeated to Nairobi & that it was material to support that Kenya and, on their own initiative, tell the Sudan that Zande is now in Kenya. M: Lambert was inclined to agree, but for an idea that Kenya (like Addis Ababa) had been told not to telegraph direct to Khartoum. I do not recollect any such instructions, but on having it looked up I found that M: Lambert agreed that we need not make any mention of subject other than that of

See No 15

See on air mail
letter despatch
to be repeat all
and inf. to
Khartoum
11.11.37

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3/6

Re: Mr. James to Kenya Letter (11/Jan) — 8 June 1937

McLachlan
Receives 9/6
has again later

17 FO 2594/21 — 8 June 1937

Indicates wishes of Ethiopian Emperor regarding Kalem work

Since the FO say nothing about finance it would be reasonable to assume that Dejazmach Ande has funds, or will be provided with money by the Ethiopian Legation, to enable him to fly to Kenya to collect his wife. It would be as well to clear up this point with the FO. Dejazmach Ande should have no difficulty in securing a passage ^{to Kenya} by ~~any~~ ^{any} ~~any~~ ^{any} ~~any~~ ^{any} Airways on payment.

Mr. E. Dept will perhaps say whether there is any objection to the entry into Palestine of Kalem Work, the wife of the Dejazmach.

C. J. Ross with
9/6

10.1.12.12.1
or 17

Mr. James

We are asked whether we have any objection to a certain Kalem Work, one of a party of Ethiopian officers recently arrived in Kenya, joining her husband in Jerusalem. The F.O. ask for the transfer, so I don't think we or the Palestine Govt. would have any reason to object, but? It might be as well to let the H.C. know by tel. that she is coming.

J.S. Bennett
9.6.37

Dejazmach Ande is a recognized member of the Emperor's suite (see No 13 on list Volume 142 on 75541/35)

I do not think there can be any objection (even in the consular No 150 on the above file) ~~as~~ it will be sufficient to say as far as Palestine is concerned to tell the F.O. that the S.P.S. says no objection to its entry joining her husband in Palestine & that a copy of the cover is being sent with the formal writ & request that all proper facilities should be accorded to her & her husband for that purpose. Prof. C. P. C. should go by bus available air mail.

S. I. James
10/6

I have given to Mr. Bennett (P.S.) who has verified my assumption

that the arrangements for these
journeys will be made by the
persons concerned that neither
Kenya nor Palestine are expected
to help by booking passages etc.

All that the F.O. want to
know is whether the proposed
moves will be permitted in
Kenya & Pal.

Apparently in a previous
case there was some difficulty,
under the immigration laws of
Pal., in readmitting some
Ethiopian who had been
allowed by the H.O. to come
to this country only on the
understanding that they will
be allowed to go back to
Palestine.

? Proceed as in 27th.

J.P. Brown
11/6

In further details on about the
1) the outbreak of the case
which is a serious matter & which
I do not think there is any danger
it would be able to be stopped.
S. J. Jones
11/6

11/6

18 To H.C. Palestine Tel. no. 306 cons

19 To Gov. Kenya Tel. no. 134

20 To Gov. Kenya Tel. no. 135 (Dated)

DESTROYED UNDER STATUTE

21 To F.O. (492 18. 19. 20) 19 June 37

22 To J 2505/43/1 9 June 37

Two copies of let from H.M. Cairo No. 50
reporting information telegraphed by Capt Whalley regarding
activities of Mrs. Dora Zandbergen & 6 dependants.

This is out of date - see No. 11.

? let by
C.P. Brown
19/6

23 H.C. for Palestine Tel 296 19 6. 37

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objection to granting facilities to Kalam
hours to your husband

Cfr to F.O. Kf. Ref. 21.

I think we must assume that the
H.C. Palestine has informed the Gov. Kenya.

C.P. Brown
21/6

It is dangerous to assume
anything will be done
at the moment
S. J. Jones
22/6

J.P. Brown
21/6

DESTROYED UNDER STATUTE

To Palestine Tel. 322 22/6 at 22. 6. 37

O.B.G. Palestine Tel. No. 300 23.6.37

Ref (24) Reports that Kenya has been informed.

Good! The copy of No 23
is fit to go. It can be
made dependent to present
Kenya is informed

(Approved with)
24/6

J.J. Cassin
24/6
amr

26 To F.O. (Ref 23) B/1a - 25.6.37.

The S.O. is not available at present; as he is very busy & in any case some time has elapsed without any representations being made, I do not now think that it is necessary for him to see this paper unless some difficulty actually crops up.

Put by
Cyberstans
26/6/37 amr

27 FO. J. 2938/43/1 - 25.6.37.

(copy tel copy 38066/17/37 copy)

Trs. copy tel No 384 from H.M.R. Cairo confirming that 2a - Angela with Kenya with 370 other refugees

Put by
E.B. Gromm
28/6
amr

28 FO. J. 2961/2/1 29.6.37

Trs. copy tel. No. 353, dt. 28.6.37 H.M.R. Cairo requesting issue of visas to Dejezmatich Amde & enable him to proceed to Kenya return to Palestine with his wife.

Put by
E.B. Gromm
30/6/37
amr

(H.M.R. Cairo
has seen)

Transf. to
38066/15/37

29 F.O. J. 2824/229/1 - 26.6.37

Trs. copy tel. No. 40 (Saurin) (H.M.R. Cairo regarding occupation of Boma Plateau & Namoropark by British forces.

29 F.O. (J. 3262/2/1) - 21.7.37
Trs. copy of telegram No. 74 (2) of 10.7.37 recd from H.M. Rep., Cairo regarding travel facilities for Dejezmatich Amde & his wife Kalen Work.

(The telegram is addressed to Kenya)

Put by
E.B. Gromm
23/7

J.J. Cassin
23/7
amr

Mr. Jones to see
24.7

J

30. F.O. (J. 3319/2/1) 25.7.37
True copy of tel. No. 87(B) of 19.7.37 rec'd from
H.M. Repr. Cairo regarding travel facilities for
Dejazmatch Amdo, his wife and nephew.

1) Paddy
C. K. Worswick
4/8

Mr. [unclear] to see
9/8
4/8

J. J. Parnin
4/8
at [unclear]

31. F.O. (J. 3451/2/1) 5.8.37
True copy of tele. N. 94 + 95 of 27th July, received
from H.M. Repr., Cairo, regarding travel facilities
for Dejazmatch Amdo and party.

1) Paddy
C. K. Worswick
7/8/37

Mr. [unclear] to see
9/8

J. J. Parnin
7/8
at [unclear]

(2)

In any further communication on this subject, please quote

No. *J3451/2/1*

and address — not to any person by name, but to—

"The Under-Secretary of State," Foreign Office, London, S.W. 1.

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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 copy of the under-mentioned **RECEIVED**

Foreign Office,

5th August, 1937.

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6 - AUG 1937
C. O. REGY

Reference to previous correspondence :

C.O. letter No 38066 / 22/37 of 25th June, 1937.

(26)

Description of Enclosure.

Name and Date.	Subject.
Tel. from H.M. Representative, <i>Bairo</i> , No 94 (5), 27 th July, 1937.	Travel facilities <i>Dejazmatch Amde</i> and party.
Tel from ditto, No 95 (5), 27 th July, 1937.	

Similar letter sent to ✓

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Telegram (en clair) from Sir H. Lampson (Cairo).
27th July, 1937.

D. 28th July, 1937.
Rd 5rd August, 1937.

No. 94 Saving.

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Following received from Nairobi No. 487 of 20th July
1937.

Begins.

Your telegram of July 17th.

No objection to grant of visa to Au. or for
the purpose in question. Kalem Work wishes with
her Workwana her niece aged 14, Mulanabriti female servant
and probably Negradas Kefle her nephew. Grateful if you
telegraph if the whole party can be admitted into Egypt.

Ends.

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Telegram (en clair) from Sir H. Lammson (Cairo)
27th July, 1937.

D. 27th July, 1937.

R. 3rd August, 1937.

No. 95 SAVING.

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Addressed to Nairobi (Saving).

Your telegram No. 487 [of July 30th].

Amde's nephew will arrive at Mombasa by French steamer "Compiègne" on August 14th, and not as stated in my telegram of July 17th.

Amde does not wish the niece and her mother to accompany him in your telegram under reference to accompany him to Egypt. It seems therefore unnecessary to enquire into the possibility of their admission. The female servant cannot be admitted to Egypt as permission has been obtained for her to accompany Amde and his wife to Palestine in due course.

Repeated to Foreign Office No. 95 (Saving).

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No. *J3319/2/1*

and address—not to any person by name, but to

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SECRET *30.*

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Foreign Office,

26th July, 1937.

Reference to previous correspondence:

7.0 letter of 21st July (J3262/2/1)

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Description of Enclosure.

Name and Date.	Subject.
<i>Tel from H.M. Representative Cairo.</i> <i>No 87 (5)</i> <i>19th July 1937</i>	<i>Travel facilities for <i>?</i> Amde and his wife and <i>...</i></i>

Similar letter sent to

14-6130 14649 (4)

J3319/2/1.

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~~By cable~~ Sir M. Lampson (Cairo).

July 19th 1937.

D. Wifless.

July 19th 1937.

R. 11.0 a.m.

July 22nd 1937.

No. 87. Saving.

Addressed to Nairobi.

Your despatch unnumbered of June 22nd.

Owing to recent illness Amir feels unequal to a long
of journey to Kenya and would prefer to send his r
Membereu Yayeh Yrad to accompany his wife to Egypt. Please
telegraph whether visa may be granted to Amir's nephew for this
purpose.

Amir has booked passage for either himself or nephew
on French ship "Angers" due at Mombasa August 1st. He will
come himself if authorisation cannot be granted to nephew.

Repeated to Foreign Office No. 87 Saving.

In any further communication on this subject, please quote

No. J 3262/2/1

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"The Under-Secretary of State," Foreign Office, London, S.W. 7.

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Foreign Office,

21st July, 1937.

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22 JUL 1937

Reference to previous correspondence:

C.O. letter No 38066/22/37 of 25th June, 1937. (23)

(J2961/2/1)

Description of Enclosure. (25)

Name and Date.	Subject.
Tel. from H.M. Representative Carro No 74 (5) 10 th July, 1937.	Travel facilities for Dejazmatch Amde and his wife Kalem Work

Similar letter sent to

14-6130 14649 (4)

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Telegram (en clair) from Sir M. Lampson (Cairo).

D. (By Bag) 10th July, 1957.

R. 19th July, 1957.

No. 74. (Saving).

Addressed to Nairobi.

Jerusalem telegram No: 98.

Amde is awaiting reply to a letter which he has sent to his wife before deciding upon arrangements for her journey. In any case he is at present confined to his house owing to illness and if he decides to go to Kenya himself to fetch her must wait a little time until he is sufficiently recovered. Amde wishes his wife to be accompanied by one female servant and permission for the grant of visa facilities for the servant is being sought from Government of Palestine.

Repeated to Foreign Office No. 74 (Saving) (with reference to Foreign Office telegram No. 808 .

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17 JUN 1937
C. O. REGY

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Foreign Office,
29th June, 1937.

Reference to previous correspondence :

- (1) T.O. letter of June 8th J2574/2/1
- (2) C.O. letter of June 25th No 38066/22/37.

Description of Enclosure.

Name and Date.

Subject.

Tel. to H.M. Representative,
Cairo
No 303
28th June 1937

Travel facilities for Dejazmatch
Amde and his wife Kalem
Work

Similar letter sent to ✓

(J 2961/2/1).

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~~Cairo~~ telegram to Sir M. Lampson (Cairo).

Foreign Office, 28th June, 1937. 5.30 p.m.

No. 303.

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Permission has been given for Dejazmatch Amde (Zamalek, 12 Rue Amis Pasha, Cairo) to proceed to Kenya and return to Palestine with his wife, who recently fled into Kenya from Abyssinia.

Please issue to Amde necessary visas to enable him to proceed to Kenya. He is being informed of grant facilities direct. As regards journey he is responsible for arrangements.

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Foreign Office,
25th June, 1937.

Reference to previous correspondence:

(14) F.O. letter of 2nd June 1937 (J2634/43/1).

Description of Enclosure.

Name and Date.

Subject.

Tel. from H.M. Representative
Cairo
No 384
24th June, 1937

Military situation in
Ethiopia: fate of Zande
Ayella and Ras Desta.

Similar letter sent to

W.O.

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~~Decipher~~

Sir M. Lampson (Cairo).

24th June, 1937.

D. 1.53 p.m.

24th June, 1937.

R. 2.10 p.m.

24th June, 1937.

No. 384.

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(14)

My telegram No. 352.

Following received from Khartoum No. 71 June 22nd
begins:-

My telegram No. 15 saving May 28th.

Entry of Za....ayella into Kenya with 370 other
refugees is confirmed from Nairobi.

There is no further information respecting Ras Desta.
but persons recently arrived from Addis Ababa have no
doubt that he is dead.

Reports of hostilities against Italians are not
confirmed.

In any further communication on this subject, please quote

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SECRET

No. J2505/43/1

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10 JUN 1951
C.C

Foreign Office,

June 9, 1937.

Reference to previous correspondence: As before

14/38066/57/37

Mr. Lambert's letter (J2634/43/1) to Mr. Paskin of June 2nd.

Description of Enclosure.

Name and Date.	Subject.
From H.M.R. Casio Tel. No 50(S) of May 19.	Military situation in Ethiopia

Similar letter sent to

This Document is the Property of His Britannic Majesty's Government, and should be returned to the Foreign Office if not required for official use.

From EGYPT.

Sir M. Lamson. (Cairo).

May 19th, 1937.

D. May 19th, 1937.

R. May 24th, 1937.

No. 50. SAVING.

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Following from Khartum No. 15 Saving of May 14th.

Captain Whalley has telegraphed following information obtained from various Maji sources:

- 1. Ras Desta is alive and has been joined in Bako by Fitaurari Zaude Ayella and six Dejazmaches. He is preparing to attack Italians or to start guerilla warfare during the rains.
- 2. The Eritrean troops are disaffected as they and newly enlisted native troops in the army would support any effort to drive the Italians from Ethiopia.
- 3. There has been serious revolt in Shoa Gemirra.
- 4. 100 native troops have left Maji for Lake Rudolf. The name of the Commander is not known.

Captain Whalley has received a formal letter from Lieutenant-Colonel Ragazzi, Officer Commanding Maji area, saying that he has been informed by local chiefs that Murle country (Boma plateau) has since last year been gradually brought under jurisdiction of Sudan Government and that chiefs of Tirma, Tid, and Zulmanu tribes received verbal instructions three months ago to present themselves to frontier officer and give up their arms. (Note. This probably refers to efforts of Captain Whalley to secure an exchange of captives taken in N..... statements. Khartum despatch No. 107 of 1936 refers).

The Colonel requests Captain Whalley to relinquish protection of former Ethiopian tribesmen who have now become subject to dominion of Italian Government.

Captain Whalley has sent only a formal receipt for this document. It is not wholly clear from text, which will follow, whether this is a claim to Boma plateau area or not.

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Mr. Plamin 11/6

Mr. James 11/6

Mr. Flood 11/6

Sir C. Parkinson

Sir G. Tomlinson

Sir C. Bottomley

Sir J. Shackleton

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Parly. U.S. of S.

Secretary of State.

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James D. ...

6 June 1937

Sir,

I am re. to ack. the receipt of your letter No. J. 2574/12/1 of the 8th of June in regard to the desire of the Ethiopian Legation that facilities shd. be accorded either in Kenya or Palestine to enable Dejazmatch Amde to proceed to Kenya & return to Palestine with his wife or to enable her to proceed to Palestine alone to join her husband there.

4 DRAFTS.

The U.S. of S.

F.O.

To Pal. Tel. (Sh.)
To Kenya Tel. (Sh.)
(i.e. code Tel. only)

FURTHER ACTION.

So far as m:

Ormsby Gore & the Govt of Kenya are concerned there is no objection.

either of your proposals. In
some instances there may be
some technical difficulties
under the Immigration laws
of Palestine it has been
thought desirable to consult
the H.C. of Telegraph Office
of the telegrams addressed to
the H.C. for Palestine & the Gov.
of Kenya an enclosed.

(Sgd) Hilda Flood

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Mr. Parnell 11/6
Mr. James 11/6
Mr. Flood 11 11/6

Sir C. Parkinson.
Sir G. Tomlinson.
Sir C. Buttley
Sir J. Shudeburgh.
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Secretary of State.

No. 1314
Husband of KALEM WORK
refuse
now in Palestine, and
Ethiopian Legation have
assured that facilities may
be accorded either to
enable him to proceed ^{to}
to Kenya and return
to Palestine with wife
or for her to proceed ^{to}
to Palestine to join her
Legation being informed
that no objection
subject to concurrence
of High Commissioner
Palestine who is
being asked to
inform you direct
Understand arrangements
for journey would be

(4) DRAFT. Tel. (Code)

Governor
Nairobi

Sendes cypher
Tel. List.
b. to (2)

FURTHER ACTION.

made by persons concerned

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Mr. Pagan 11/6

Mr. James 11/6

Mr. Flood 11/6

Sir C. Parkinson

Sir G. Tomlinson

Sir C. Boltonley

Sir J. Shuckburgh

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Secretary of State.

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Lo. 306



KALEM WORK wife of
DEJAZMATCH ANDE

(4) DRAFT. Tel.

Highcoms

Jerusalem

(No 13 on list
enclosed with
you dated
16 August 1937)
No. 116M to
High Commission
(Egypt)

is now in KENYA
and Ekiopian Legation
have asked that facilities
may be accorded to either
to enable him to proceed
to Kenya and return
to Palestine with his
wife or for her to
proceed to Palestine
alone to join him
Legation being informed
that no objection
is subject to your
concurrence. Please
inform Kenya directly
at Addis Ababa whether person
named will travel

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by air or otherwise. Repeat
to me. Understand that
arrangements for journey
would be made by
persons concerned.

In any further communication
on this subject, please quote
No. J 2574/2/1
and address—
not to any person by name
but to—

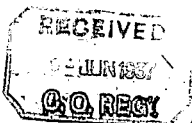
The Under-Secretary of State,
Foreign Office,
London, S.W.1.

IMMEDIATE.

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FOREIGN OFFICE

S.W.1.

8th June, 1937.



Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Eden to acknowledge
12 the receipt of your letter No. 38066/22/37 of the 29th May on
the subject of the arrival in Kenya Colony of Fitaurari Zaude
Ayella and a party of Ethiopian dignitaries and refugees, and
to inform you that the circumstances were brought to the
knowledge of the Ethiopian Legation with an enquiry whether
the Emperor of Ethiopia had any desires to make known with
regard to the disposal of this party of Ethiopians.

2. The Secretary of State has now been informed by the
Ethiopian Legation that Dejazmatch ~~Arude~~ ^{Amde}, the husband of Kalem
Work, is at present in Jerusalem, and that it is desired that
Kalem Work should herself proceed there. The Legation state,
however, that it is desired that Dejazmatch ~~Arude~~ ^{Amde} should travel
to Kenya, if possible, by air, in order to accompany his wife
to Palestine. It has been pointed out unofficially to the
Legation that it may prove difficult in practice to arrange that
Dejazmatch ~~Arude~~ ^{Amde} shall fly from Palestine to Kenya, since no
regular air service connecting these two territories exists;
and the Legation realize that in that event it will be necessary
for Dejazmatch ~~Arude~~ ^{Amde} to make the journey by land and sea.

3. Mr. Eden sees no objection to Kalem Work travelling
from

The Under-Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

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from Kenya to Palestine and he would be glad if the facilities desired by the Ethiopian Legation could be extended to her and to her husband for that purpose.

4. The Ethiopian Legation have undertaken to communicate with Mr. Eden again with regard to the other points mentioned in your letter, and a further letter will be addressed to you as soon as the Legation's communication is received.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Ronald Campbell

C. O.

Mr. Grosmith
Mr. *Pushkin*
Mr.

5/6/37
7/6 p.

MR. MAIL

Sir C. Parkinson.
Sir G. Tomlinson.
Sir C. Bottomley.
Sir J. Shuckburgh.
Perm. U.S. of S.
Parly. U.S. of S.
Secretary of State.

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Downing Street,

8th June, 1937.

Sir,

I have etc. to acknowledge the

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KENYA.

SECRET.

GOVERNOR.

(11)

receipt of your Secret telegram of the 27th of May regarding Pitaurari Zaude Ayeit and others, and to inform you that I am in communication with the Foreign Office, on the various points raised.

2. It is not clear from your

telegram whether the information regarding ~~the above named~~ *their arrival with Kenya* has been communicated to the Governor-General of the Sudan, and having regard to the

report contained in the telegram from

(14)

MEMO to Cairo
Khartoum dated 28th of May I shall be obliged if you will ensure that all such information is repeated to the Governor-General *of the Sudan*.

FURTHER ACTION.

I have, etc.

(Sign)

Mr. Gossard.

In connection with the Khartoum tel. about Zande, Mr. Lambert (F.O.) was inclined to suggest that Kenya shd. be asked to repeat to ~~the~~ Khartoum their tel. reporting that Zande was in Kenya.

I pointed out that the Khartoum tel. had been repeated to Nairobi & that it was therefore natural to suppose that Kenya wd. take this action on their own initiative.

Mr. Lambert was inclined to agree except that he had an idea that Kenya (like Addis Ababa) had been instructed not to telegraph direct to Khartoum. I shd. not recollect any such instructions but said I wd. look into it.

Have you any recollection, or can you trace any, such instructions?

Nov 22 23.26
38066/22/37

J.J. Pascoe

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The only instruction is that Nairobi should not communicate with Addis Ababa except in very exceptional cases.

The Gov. Kenya does in fact repeat the Gov. Gen. Khartoum, but usually says that he has done so. C.A. Gossard 4/6

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IMMEDIATE

(J 2634/43/1)

Ref. C.O. Letter No: 38066/22/37
12 of 29th May, 1937.

With Mr L e's
compliments.

Foreign Office, S.W.1
2nd June, 1937.

J. J. Packer, Esq, M.C.
Colonial Office

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NO DISTRIBUTION.

Sir M. Lampson (Cairo),
2nd June, 1937.

D. 1.25 p.m. 2nd June, 1937.

R. 1.55 p.m. 2nd June, 1937.

No. 352.

Following from Khartoum.

Addressed to Cairo No. 15 Saving May 28th, repeated to
Nairobi and Addis Ababa.

Secret.

Captain Whalley has received the following information
from Bako via Lake Rudolf.

Zaude has received from Dejazmatch Bayena war materials
and reinforcements and intends to attack Maji.

All Italians in Woolamo and Sidamo have wit'
account of Galla hatred.

Amongst many thousand Italian deserters with Abyssinians
there are 8400 Erytreans. All have joined Ras Desta who now
intends to attack Jimma.

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Mr. Lee 28/5

Mr. Flood 28/5

Mr.

Sir C. Parkinson.

Sir G. Tomlinson.

Sir C. Bottomley

Sir J. Shuckburgh.

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Secretary of State.

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DON'T BE BORED

Hand 17+

29TH Dec, 1957.

Sir,

[Signature]

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THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE

FOREIGN OFFICE.

Rel from Gov. 27/5

Copy to Trans. (13)

connected correspondence, I etc. etc.
transmitted to you, the said before
Mr. Secretary, each a copy of a letter
the said Secretary of State...
the said Secretary of State...
2. It has been seen that...
is made that...
should be...
of...
About the...
~~information~~ ^{party} (Kalen work) is...
information from the Emperor...
to the present...
sound.

FURTHER ACTION.

Reinculcated to send on for
info.

Copies of letter (with
enclosure) to Treasury
✓ L.F. inf.

husband Mr. Eden will no doubt arrange to communicate ~~the matter~~ to the Emperor and to ascertain from him what reply should be returned to the enquiry made by Kalem Work.

It is assumed that, now that Zaude Ayela and his companions have safely arrived in Kenya, the Emperor may no longer wish to send money to them. ~~But~~ No doubt ~~the Emperor~~ will make his wishes known in this respect.

3. It will be seen that the Governor of Kenya states that the continued presence of Zaude Ayela is likely to cause

embarrassment to ~~the~~ Government of Kenya and he asks, therefore, that instructions may be sent

to him at an early date in regard to the future movements of Zaude Ayela and the other important Abyssinian dignitaries who have ~~now~~ crossed into Kenya.

Of course would be glad to learn as soon as possible what advice should be conveyed to the Governor of this point.

4. It will be appreciated that the arrival of this body of Abyssinian refugees into Kenya will constitute a somewhat difficult problem for the Government.

Advising the British Government the arrival of the Abyssinians in Kenya.
There will no longer be any need to consider the supply of silver dollars to them, though.

C. O.

- Mr.
- Mr.
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- Sir C. Parkinson.
- Sir G. Tomlinson.
- Sir C. Bottomley.
- Sir J. Shackleton.
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- Secretary of State.

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Government of the Colony ^{which} ~~is~~ already has over four hundred Eritrean deserters from the Italian Army on ~~its~~ ^{the} hands. The question of what future arrangements ~~are~~ ^{should} be made for them will clearly require careful consideration in connection with the similar problem which arises in the case of the Abyssinian refugees who are at present being sheltered in British Somaliland. It is probable that a further letter will be sent to you at a later date in regard to this ^{general} question.

I am, etc.

FURTHER ACTION.

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REGISTRATION
12 28 MAY 1937
C. O. ROY

11/30
38066/22/37

CYPHER TELEGRAM from the Governor of Kenya to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Dated 27th May, 1937. Received 1.35 p.m., 27th May, 1937.

Unnumbered.

Secret.

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Your secret telegram of the 8th May Zaude Ayela now at Lokitaung and receiving every possible courtesy.

He requests that the Emperor may be informed of his safe arrival with Negradas Kefile Dadi, Negradas Ba'ala, Hapte Gavril, Anaye Daudi, Lij Alemayou Balaina & his wife of Dezmach Amde. Last named asks for information from the Emperor in advance of present whereabouts of his husband. It is proposed to concentrate these and 370 other Ethiopian refugees at Kapenguria near Kitale as soon as arrangements to move them from Lokitaung can be made. In the meantime, as his presence is likely to cause embarrassment to this Government, earliest instructions regarding disposal of first person named and any other higher Ethiopian dignitaries would be appreciated. Any remittances from the Emperor should be preferable through the Government.

Copy to 6 Members of 28/5/37
Copy to F.O. (1)
- 7000 - (2)

Answer Tel. 11/VI/37 (20)

Copy reqd on 16597/1/37 East Africa
(for details see above)

C. O. R. 10 MAY
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*Recyphered & sent
10.0 am
7.5.37
7/11*

Mr. Paskin. 6/5
Mr. Flood. 7-5

No. 109

Secret.

Mr.
Sir C. Parkinson.

(3)

Your telegram No. 84 Secret.

Sir G. Tomlinson.

X Sir C. Bottomley 7-5 *ultra*

Col. Sandford has been informed that

Sir J. Shuckburgh.

in view of (c) H.M.G. cannot take

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responsibility of letting money go

Partly U.S. of S.

into Abyssinia from Kenya or Sudan.

Secretary of State.

Proposal may therefore be regarded as

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(re-cypher)

in abeyance but may possibly be

GOVERNOR

revived and may have to be reconsidered

NAIROBI.

in the light of circumstances then

existing. Alternatively it may be

necessary to request you to arrange

for sum of money, though perhaps not

dollars, to be made available for

2/20/37

ZAUDE AYELA

Zande Agela in Kenya. Undertaking

has been given that any news of person

named will be transmitted to Emperor.

As he is cousin of Emperor Foreign

Office request that if he should ^{appear} turn

up at frontier he should be admitted

and cared for pending arrangements for

his disposal. Understand that as a

FURTHER ACTION.
Copy to F.O. 1.f.

result

result of message from Sandford,

interpreter of person named may

present himself at frontier. In

that event you should report by

telegram any message or information

which he may have to deliver.

FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

4th May, 1937.

(J 1769/2/1)

Dear Paskin,

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With reference to Colonial Office official letter No. 38066/22/37 of the 16th April and your telephone conversation with me of the 3rd May about the Emperor of Abyssinia's desire to send money to Fitaurari Zaude Ayela, I write to let you know that Colonel Sandford called here on the 28th April that I spoke to him, under instructions, as follows.

Since I had last seen him we had received information to the effect that there were Italian troops both between Bako, where Zaude was last reported to be, and the Kenya frontier, and between Bako and the Sudan frontier. In these circumstances we could not take the responsibility of letting money go into Abyssinia for Zaude from Kenya or the Sudan. We could, however,

J.J. Paskin, Esq., M.C.

however, if desired, make available 5,000 dollars in the Sudan (on the Boma plateau) and 2,500 dollars in Kenya (say at Nairobi, but not on the frontier) in a week or two. On Colonel Sandford pointing out that in that event it might be necessary for money to be made available in other currencies than Maria Theresa dollars, I said that no doubt this could be arranged.

Colonel Sandford took this news rather better than I had expected. He explained that he had sent a message to the Emperor's interpreter and that if the message got to him the interpreter would present himself at the Kenya or Sudan frontier, whichever he was able to reach. Colonel Sandford said, however, that he would transmit our decision to the Emperor. He added that he would be very grateful if we could keep him informed of any news we might receive of Zaude. If circumstances became more favourable, he might approach us on the Emperor's behalf again; when we could, of course, if we wished, return the same answer as now. As we are transmitting

to

to Ethiopians now in the United Kingdom any news we may receive as to the fate of their relatives (as opposed to friends and other Ethiopians) in Abyssinia, I replied that we would certainly pass on to Colonel Sandford any news we received of Zaude.

You will see therefore that the whole matter is temporarily in abeyance. We may hear no more of it; but this rather depends on the news we receive of Zaude. You have very kindly let us have any news we have been able to obtain of him in the past, and I am sure you will be good enough to let us have any news we may get of him in the future. It seems unnecessary to add that, should Zaude in the meantime turn up at the Abyssinia-Kenya frontier, we hope that, as he is the Emperor's cousin, he will be taken in and cared for by the Kenya authorities until arrangements for his disposal can be made.

Yours sincerely,

Peitambur

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(J 1714/2/1)

Mr. Cairns.
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NO DISTRIBUTION.

Decypher Sir M. Lampson (Cairo) 13th April, 1937.
D. 11.18 a.m. 13th April, 1937.
R. 11.30 a.m. 13th April, 1937.
No.248.

Immediate.

Following from Khartoum No.37 April 12th begins.
Foreign Office telegram No.186.

5,000 dollars could be made available at Boma or elsewhere in a minimum period of from 3 to 5 weeks according to steamer departure from Boma.

In view of Italian occupation of Gambia it seems however improbable that Capeside could or should arrange to transmit or even communicate with Zaude across Italian belt of occupation.

Sudan Government would have no objection to hold 5,000 dollars or its equivalent in Sudan currency to Zaude's credit against his arrival in this country and I would suggest Ken might be requested to make similar contingent provision in case he may wish to enter British territory at Lake Rudolf.

In the meantime I should be grateful for instructions whether I should take the step of asking Captain Whalley to attempt to let Zaude know that provision is being made by the Emperor for his assistance in the manner stated.

(Original 2820/37/44) 20 Apr 37 640

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Sir M. Lampson (Cairo).
19th April, 1937.

D. 1.28 p.m., 19th April, 1937.

R. 1.50 p.m., 19th April, 1937.

No. 272.

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Following from Khartoum No. 44.

Addressed to Cairo telegram No. 44 of April 16th;
repeated to Nairobi.

My telegram No. 35.

Whalley has received a friendly letter from ex-Father
Goletto at Hajj giving the following information: The
Consulate is now under a guard of Italian soldiers. The
flag was pulled down by Italian authorities. The Italian
missionary buildings at Hajj were looted and burnt. Whalley
proposes to send a reply with some provisions on April 17th.

The following is text of my instructions to him.

Begins.

There is no objection to your establishing friendly
relations as proposed but you should not take the initiative in
the question of frontiers and you should at present avoid raising
any political or administrative questions and refer to Khartoum
any which they may raise.

Sandford is anxious for safety of Zaude. Please obtain
any information you can. If opportunity offering facilities
for refuge should arise, please submit urgently to me your
recommendations on ways and means.

ends.

C. O.

Mr. Flood V6/4/37

Mr.
Mr.

- Sir C. Parkinson.
- Sir C. Tomlinson.
- Sir C. Ballonley
- Sir J. Shuckburgh.
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- Party, U.S. of S.
- Secretary of State.

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Downing Street,
April, 1937.

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Sir,

With reference to previous ^{communications} semi-official correspondence, I am etc. to transmit to you, to be laid before Mr. Secretary Eden the enclosed copy of a telegram despatched to Kenya on the 10th following upon discussions with the Office and a copy of the reply which has now been received from the Governor. In view of the circumstances set out in Sir Robert Brooke-Popham's telegram, it appears altogether impracticable to arrange for the provision of the necessary amount of dollars near the Ethiopian frontier and in view of the fact that Italian forces are now between Bako and the Kenya frontier it is most improbable that communication could be

established

DRAFT.

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
FOREIGN OFFICE.

To Gov. Kenya 10 April
NO 1

From Gov. Kenya 11 April
NO 3

FURTHER ACTION.

established with Fitaurari Zaude Ayela.

In view of this and of the diplomatic
considerations mentioned by the Governor, of

which ~~no doubt~~ ^(of course) Mr. Eden is fully cognisant,

Mr. Ormsby Gore trusts that the ~~proposal~~ proposal may

~~now be dropped not to be pursued.~~

I am, etc.

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14th April, 1937.

Dear Lambert,

Herewith an advance copy of Kenya's telegram in reply to the one which was sent on Saturday, a copy of which I enclose also for convenience. You will see that Kenya takes the diplomatic point, as indeed I did, and there is also a complication that there are not enough dollars in Kenya and the Italian troops are now between Bako and the Kenya frontier. I was with Mr. Thompson, the Kenya District Officer who works on the frontier, and asked his opinion about it. He said that he thought it would be quite impossible in practice to get the coins up to Zauze Ayela or for him to get down to Kenya to collect them. If the Italians have got round there then it seems quite impossible and I hope the suggestion will not be pressed.

We shall write officially

Yours sincerely,

Th. G. ...

J.H.U. LAMBERT, ESQ.

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14 APR 1937

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CYPHER TELEGRAM from the Governor of Kenya to the
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Dated 14th April, 1937. Received 10.46 a.m., 14th April.

No. 84. Secret.

Your 79 secret. Only 2,300 dollars obtainable from
Kenya but presumably to be found Aden or elsewhere.

(a) Italians presumably regard Zaude Ayala as rebel and if
we help him to obtain money for payment of troops relations
with Italy will be strained. If Ayala enters Kenya he
must presumably be interned. This is a problem already
difficult (c) Italian troops on the border between
frontier so unlikely in any case dollars would reach Ayala.

copy to [unclear]

C. O.

Mr. Pasun 12/4

Mr. Flood 12-4

Mr. ^{Stone}

Mr. Parkinson.

Sir G. Tomlinson.

Sir C. Ballomley.

Sir J. Sauchburgh.

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Party, U.S. of S.

Secretary of State.

DRAFT. Tel. Re-
(Cypher).

Governor
Nairobi

[Sent at request of
Mr. Lambert (F.O.)]

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12/4/57

no. 81 Secret

my tel. no. 79 Secret.

suggestion at all
of ~~the~~ practicable

please telegraph rate of

exchange which would

be suitable for

necessary transaction

the here

FURTHER ACTION.

Copies to go.
+ Mr. Lambert to go.

Y.

Mr. Flood 10.4 at once

After discussion with Mr. Lambert
of F.O.

38066/16/37

PARAPHRASE TELEGRAM from the Secretary of State for the Colonies
to the Governor of Kenya.

Sent 8.30 p.m., 10th April, 1937.

No.79. Secret.

It is understood from Foreign Office that Ethiopian Emperor
is desirous of remitting 5000 Maria Theresa dollars to Fitamari
Zaudē Ayela who is believed to be in the neighbourhood of Bakō.
The remittance is to be sent for the purpose of enabling him to
leave Ethiopia. He might not be able to do this unless he could
give some back pay to his troops. With the remittance the
Emperor will give a direct order to leave Ethiopia.
Please inform me by telegraph as soon as possible whether you can
arrange to make necessary sum in dollars readily available at
Lokitaung or at some other suitable point in the neighbourhood of
the frontier. Payment in first instance would be made to
Government here and then credited to Kenya.

Copy to F.O. and
Mr. Lambert F.O. L.F.

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L. Lambert
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