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1. A/Col. Sec., Kenya — 3 PM —

15-1-38

This copy of letter dated 26.11.37, from the Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Uganda, on the subject of readjustment of the Kenya - Uganda border.

In No(7) on 1/37 ~~it was agreed~~ Uganda was asked to hold its fire till Sir P. Mitchell got back. The letter to Kenya enclosed in No(8) must have gone off by mistake. It says the matter will be brought up again when Sir P. Mitchell is home, so

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WHEN REPLYING
PLEASE QUOTE
NO. & DATE

G.LND.9/1/1/II/56



THE SECRETARIAT
NAIROBI
KENYA

15 January 1938.

The Acting Colonial Secretary of the Colony and Protectorate of Kenya presents his compliments to the Under Secretary of State for the Colonies, and with reference to the Secretary of State's despatch No.695 of the 29th July, 1937, has the honour to transmit, for information, a copy of letter No.B.20/60 of the 26th November, 1937, from the Chief Secretary to the Government of Uganda, on the subject of the readjustment of the Kenya - Uganda border.

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CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

ENTEBBE, UGANDA.

B.20/60.

26 November, 1937.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No. S/C.LND.9/1/1/II/39 of the 7th October, and to inform you that this Government is not satisfied that there is a prima facie case for the permanent readjustment of the inter-territorial boundary with a view to the inclusion of the districts of Turkana, West Suk and Karamoja under one administration.

2. The attitude of this Government on the whole question was set out comprehensively in this office letter B.20 of the 29th March, 1935, after a personal inspection of the area by Sir Bernard Bourdillon in the light of the recommendations of the Carter Land Commission Report. So far as this Government is aware, such untoward incidents as have occurred subsequently have proved capable of settlement between the Administrative Officers on either side of the common boundary, and any special demarcation on the ground giving effect to the Agreements or to subsequent arrangements entered into between the tribes concerned can be carried out best through the same agency.

3. It is understood that steps have been taken recently to explain the provisions of these Agreements to the tribal representatives, and the Agreements themselves are being translated into the vernacular in an endeavour to facilitate mutual understanding. No reason therefore is seen for the appointment of a joint committee with an independent chairman in this

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The Honourable the Colonial Secretary,
Colony and Protectorate of Kenya,
NAIROBI.

connection, nor would it appear that such a body is essential to deal with any proposed permanent changes in the common boundary to conform to the present working arrangement between the West Suk and Karamojong, an adjustment which, so far as this Government is concerned, does not appear a matter of urgency.

4. The whole position will be kept in view and your Government's recent representations will be brought to the notice of Sir Philip Mitchell on his return to the Protectorate in January next.

I am etc.

D.C. CAMPBELL.

ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY.