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Enclosed copy despatch from Ambassador at Rome giving a résumé of a press communique regarding the plans of the Italian Govt. for the appt. of High Commissioner & the future admin. of Jubaland.

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Previous Paper

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The Italians evidently intend to make things keen in Jubaland.

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It seems they will "name" the High Commissioner with it or not.

After 30th of the month.

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"The Under-Secretary of State,"
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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 paper.

Foreign Office,
Aug 26. 1924.

Reference to previous correspondence *in C.*
Colonial Office letter no 24295/1924
of Aug 6th

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<i>Am Representative, Rome no 711 Aug 12</i>	<i>Future administration of Jubaland</i>
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Similar letter sent to

ROME,

12th August, 1924.

Sir,

I have the honour to report the following résumé of a communiqué which appeared in the press on the 9th instant in regard to the future administration of Jubaland.

Signor de Stefani, Minister of Finance, will on his return from London submit the necessary decree-law to the Council of Ministers relative to the incorporation by Italy of the Jubaland territory recently ceded to her by Great Britain. The Minister of Finance will also give his approval to the assignment of the funds required for the first instalment of the administration of the newly-acquired territory.

No decision has yet been taken regarding the division of the territory into 8 Commissionerships. There will only be appointed one High Commissioner who, with the assistance of experts, will deal with the problems of the 'barrage' of the Juba river and the exploitation of its waters and of the cotton crop. Six months after his arrival in the Colony he will submit to the Government a complete scheme for regulating the administration of the Juba territory. The decree of incorporation will have effect when the agreement between Italy and Great Britain has been ratified by the latter. Although it is not possible to predict when that ratification will take place, it is believed that the date is not far distant.

As to the selection of the Commissioner the Press

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The Right Honourable
J. Ramsay MacDonald, M.P.,
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has now announced that Signor Corrado Zoli, Secretary-General at the Ministry of the Colonies, is to be appointed "High Commissioner of the Juba". It is also stated that when the High Commissioner leaves to take up his new duties he will be accompanied by agricultural and engineering experts who will be charged with the duty of preparing plans for ^{drawing} damming the River Juba and utilizing its waters for agricultural purposes, particularly cotton-growing.

Signor Zoli has had a varied and interesting career. Born a French subject, though of Italian blood, he served in a French cavalry regiment, and subsequently, it is said, in the Foreign Legion. He then took Italian nationality, entered the profession of journalism, and acquired a considerable reputation as a special correspondent in various countries. A Nationalist in politics, he served with distinction in the war, and was for some time in the Military Intelligence Bureau of the Third Army under the Duke of Aosta. He followed d'Annunzio to Fiume and became Under-Secretary of State in the latter's "Regency of the Carnaro". He went to the Ministry of the Colonies as Signor Federsoni's Chief de Cabinet (the two were old colleagues in journalism and politics), and was subsequently appointed Secretary-General at the Ministry.

I have the honour to be, with the highest respect,

sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

(signed) ... L. S. ...