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STON-GRIFFITHS SIR J.

UAMIN GISHU RAILWAY

1920

7th APRIL

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Fwds copies of tels sent to NAIROBI . Considers
MACDONALD should not come home yet but should put
in a few weeks making preliminary enquiries as to
local conditions

*Registered for record - Sir H. Reed has seen.
[The D.O.T. have a tel from the Trade
Co. at Nairobi reporting that the
contract has been given to Griffiths Ltd.
They say Sir J. Norton Griffiths
has denied it. I explained the position
and they advised that they might be as
in advance of any contracts being
offered to tender. I told Sir
Egerton also that if D.O.T. could
add any useful names to those
known to C.A. etc., but he will probably
get in touch with D.O.T. (I said we
were exactly what they want.)*

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WESTMINSTER, S.W.1

27th April, 1920. 520

Sir Herbert Read, K.C.M.G.,
Colonial Office,
S. W. 1.

Dear Sir Herbert

As Mr. Alick Macdonald, the Engineer whom you will remember I instructed to proceed direct from Australia to East Africa, arrives at Nairobi on the 3rd May, I have, of course on my own responsibility, cabled to Mr. Gailey and to Mr. Macdonald as per copies enclosed.

As it is probable that the contract will be settled at an early date, I think it would be a mistake to tell Mr. Macdonald to come home, as he can very well put in two or three weeks out there making preliminary investigations and inquiries as to local conditions.

Yours sincerely,

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COPI OF CABLE SENT TO MACDONALD, C/O HAMAX, NAIROBI

27th APRIL, 1920.

Report to Galley Director of Griffiths and Company
Nairobi for instruction who will explain present
position.

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Translation of Cable to Galle, Nairobi, 27th April, 1934.

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Negotiations proceeding satisfactorily contract providing for resources and detailed estimate before construction contract can be signed (stop). No plans on this side (stop). With view to expediting construction we have suggested division of line four sections first section Nakuru to Eldoret Alick Macdonald our chief construction engineer is due to arrive Nairobi May 3rd with orders to report to you as Director of Griffiths & Company for instructions (stop). Pending signing contract advisable Macdonald utilize time preliminary investigation first section.

Jenegrif.