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Trans para tel from Govt. of India commenting on policy in E.A. and trusts modifications will be secured.

Sir Alfred In-J. Fiddes.

The principal paper - i.e. the secret
directly to the Govt. - has been completed
with the mortgage on, I believe, with
the Principal Secretary. The copy of the
dispatch has been sent to Mr. Hooper on
the understanding that it should not
be made known further here or in India,
but I think some has been sent to
bribe ^{contacts} of the commercial to
the navy, or has been done.

Assuming that the telegram to
India followed the order of the dispatch,
decision 1 is a copy of the information
with the telegram, I present a decision 5
on the representation.

No action necessary, but
reference should be made.

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Dissemination Paper.

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Further communication on this subject should

Secretary of State for India,
Public Department,
India Office,
London, S.W. 1.

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INDIA OFFICE,

WHITEHALL,

C O LONDON, S.W. 1.

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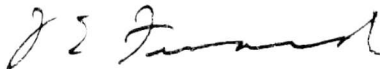
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Sir,

With reference to previous correspondence regarding the position of Indians in British East Africa, I am directed by Mr. Secretary Montagu to enclose for the information of Viscount Milner paraphrase of a telegram that has been received from the Government of India in reply to one addressed to them on the 15th June communicating to them briefly the decisions embodied in Lord Milner's recent secret despatch.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,



Secretary,
Judicial & Public Department.

Under Secretary of State,

Colonial Office.

From Viceroy, Comms
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Secretary Department

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Clear the line.

P.—Indians in East Africa. Re your telegram dated 15th August 1919. It is feared that on their publication of your letter of 15th August 1919, and also in view of the decision of the Council of the India Office to Colonial Secretary, on 30th January 1920 in the Indian Council, our position will be very difficult. We trust that modifications, especially of decisions 1 and 5, will be secured. With respect to franchise we strongly agree with the view set forth in your letter dated 15th August 1919 that Colonial Secretary, in our opinion, franchise should be a common franchise on educational basis together with an educational test, and there should be no discrimination against Indians, subject to these qualifications. There are, however, strong reasons on grounds of general policy for deprecating the placing of Indians in a Protectorate in a worse position than that guaranteed to them in adjoining mandated territory. We are afraid that demands for retaliation, resistance to which will be difficult, may result from these decisions regarding East Africa, and that emigration to other colonies requiring Indian labour may be seriously reacted upon.