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To Reports from Ag. Prod. Comm. Kismayo  
reporting on the raid on [unclear]

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Munich  
15/1/08

Dear Mr. Reed

After the boys  
have cleared up their  
private time to read  
over the enclosed, just  
received from his major,  
in reference to our

allegations of the 4th Infantry

in Munich -

In my letter

Yours faithfully  
Wm. B. ...

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Provincial Commissioner's Office,

K I S M A Y U .

9th January 1908

CONFIDENTIAL No 2.

Sir,

Since writing my Confidential No 1 of 6th January, I have received the following information,

Lugh is said to be besieged. Capt Molinari wounded but not killed and a prisoner.

Half the Bardera garrison about 70 men have marched on Lugh under Lieut Cibelli and grave fears are entertained for their safety if the raiders are still in the vicinity of Lugh.

The Italian garrison about 200 men on the left bank of the Juba are being rolled up and march on Lugh. One of the Company's steamers carries them.

The Abyssinian labourers of Signor Carponetti who has a concession on the left bank are to temporarily do garrison duty.

Italian naval officers now here inform me they think a landing party may on the return of the R.M.S. ship Staffetta from Zanzibar be put into Guimbé.

The raiding party are now reported to be partly Abyssinians and partly Her Afgab Sulihan Ogaden.

I do not suppose they will move far Southwards.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir

Your most obedient Servant

*R. P. Samuel*

Ag Provincial Commissioner

The Secretary

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Provincial Commissioner's Office.

K I S M A Y U .

6th January 1908.

Confidential No 1.

Sir,

The local Italian authorities have given me the following information.

On the 11th December a raiding party of about 1,000 men with about 300 rifles raided near Lugh and took a large amount of stock.

The Lugh garrison about 150 rifles under Captains Bongiviani and Malinari moved out and surprized the raiders, who were driven back; about 300 Rahanweini spearmen who were with the Lugh garrison were then loosed to recover the stock. The raiders then attacked again and drove the spearmen in and carried the attack on against the Italian troops. At this moment apparently Capt Bongiviani was killed and the troops fell back. Soon after Capt Malinari was killed and the troops finally retired. The raiders are supposed to have lost a large number for they appear to have made no pursuit.

Both officers are reported to have been decapitated and the troops are supposed to have lost nearly 100 men.

Lugh is now held by the remainder of the garrison and armed town guard under Signor Segre the only European left in the town, an agent of the Italian Trading Co.

No fears are entertained as to the actual safety

The Secretary

Nairobi.

of Lugh

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of Lugh as it is fortified and the raiders have fallen back. The intentions of the Italian Government are not yet known to the local Italian authorities at Gumbo.

If it was proposed to reinforce Lugh and Bardera and to use the river as a line of supply I said I thought His Excellency would have no objection to a British Officer reconnoitring the river on the Steam Launch "Rose" to ascertain the possibility of steamers reaching Bardera. At present the river however is falling rapidly and I think in a short time the bars will be impassible.

In the event of such a move being feasible and undertaken, the Italian Government would probably charter the Company's steamers and barges. If they did so, should the Manager make his own arrangements with the Italian Government to place himself or part or all of his employes and material at their disposal and act entirely under their orders and fly the Italian flag or should any supervision be exercised or conditions laid down by the local British authorities.

Captain Ferrari tells me he thinks the raiders were Ogadins from Abyssinia territory.

Further news is expected shortly.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant

R. P. Scull  
Ag. Provincial Commissioner