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Italy Jan Tel  
19189  
10 Jan.  
Last previous Paper.  
Gov  
60454  
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Italian Aspirations

Submits more suitable boundary.

Mr Robinson Mr. Guider  
Mr. Beckmley

vide map attached to 60454/17

No alteration suggested appears to be a ~~detached~~ one of detail, if adopted w<sup>d</sup> involve no change of principle in the proposals already made. I take it that if it sh<sup>d</sup> be decided to make territorial concessions to Italy, on the lines suggested in 60454, the actual <sup>new</sup> boundary would be settled afterwards as the result of a joint commission.

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Next subsequent Paper.

Copy to go in photo with, no doubt, considerable number to communicate this to our delegates at Paris. En 18/19

That is all we can do, but the change marks  
an alteration of principle instead of a boundary  
through a doubtful zone we have a line from  
well to well.

C.C.A. 20.1.19

ES 20.1.19

Alton P. 20/19

(I think we must have a  
brief memo for the business's impression  
as to what is proposed)



suggestion  
~~suggestion~~ for certain concessions, the  
most substantial of which was the  
proposed cession to Italy of the  
strip of territory colored mauve  
on the map herewith. He has  
just <sup>amplified</sup> ~~amplified~~ this suggestion by pointing  
out that the western boundary line of  
the mauve piece might be modified  
slightly in ~~the~~ favour of the Italians  
so as to give them better places to  
establish ~~frontier~~ frontier posts in  
order to facilitate the administration  
of the territory if it is ceded to them.

The main objection to the  
cession of the territory in question  
is ~~the~~ its <sup>potential</sup> value for  
strategic purposes.

\* A strip 5-10 miles  
wide along the W. bank  
of the river south of  
Soleto - 500,000 acres.  
Ces.

Eno 22/2/19

Wed. ev. 2.19.

When we get Mr. Salfer's reply to the  
let. in 7360 we shall see whether a  
PostScript to the I.O. memo is required  
dealing with the suggested division of  
Abgoussia into four.

27.2.19

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PARAPHRASE TELEGRAM from the Officer Administering the Government of the East Africa Protectorate to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

(Received Colonial Office 3.43 p.m. 11th January, 1919)

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January 10th.

36/17

I inadvertently omitted reference in paragraph 7 and 12 of my secret despatch of October 29th 1917 to an important factor suggested by Kittermaster and approved by Commandant namely that opportunity of establishing frontier post at most easterly well of El Wak area by the alienation of such well without allowing Somalis access thereto should be given to the Italians. Commandant considers that with a view to facilitating their more effective administration of Somalis who would be east thereof the Italians should have such a post. In substitution of boundary given in paragraph 7 of my secret despatch following boundary is transmitted after consulting with Commandant and Kittermaster "From Malka Re through Dumasa to El Wak and thence to Dieff" Thence as before. Commandant considers that from military aspect this proposed boundary would be much more suitable.

BOWRING.

Gen EAP

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22 Jan 1919

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Sir

The U.S. of  
Foreign Office

with ref to the letter from their  
Dept No 60554/17 of the 14th of  
Dec. 1917, I am to transmit  
to you, to be laid before Earl  
Curzon of Kedleston, the acc. copy  
of a telegram from the O.A.S.  
of the E.A.P. relative to the  
possible territorial adjustments  
between British & Italian  
territory in East Africa.

Ref. 21. 1. 19

Mr. Robinson 2.1.19

*[Handwritten flourish]*

~~10 Jan 1919~~

Reircanlet to  
Mr. G. G. G. G.

memo  
*[Handwritten signature]*

(S<sup>d</sup>) G. G. G.