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In any further communication
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No. 159496/W/50.

Address,
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FOREIGN OFFICE

17th December 1919.

The Under-Secretary of State,
Foreign Office,
London, S.W.1.

Sir:-

With reference to the negotiations with the
representatives of the Italian Government conducted by
Lord Milner in Paris last summer, I am directed by Earl
Curzon of Kedleston to transmit copy of a telegram
No. 1656 from Lord Allenby and of our reply thereto No.
1328 of 11th of December.

Lord Curzon desires to draw the attention of
the Colonial Office to the fact that His Majesty's
Government is not entitled to conclude with Italy any
transaction involving the cession of Egyptian territory
without the consent of the Egyptian Government and it
is essential that aspect of the question should not
be lost sight of whenever the time comes to resume the
negotiations which for the time being are suspended.

I am,
Sir,
Your most obedient,
humble Servant.

Gerald Spicer

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

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Decypher, Lord Allenby (Cairo) December 2nd, 1919.

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Statements have appeared in local Press to the effect that (an) agreement has been concluded between Great Britain and Italy in regard to Western frontier of Egypt. I should be glad to know facts as soon comment has been aroused in native circles.

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Cypher telegram to Lord Allenby, (Cairo),
Foreign Office, December 11th. 1919. 6.15.p.m.
No.1328.

Very Confidential.

Your telegram No.1656.

No agreement with Italy has been concluded with regard to Cyrenaica frontier and negotiations on the subject are at present suspended.

Eventual adjustment of this frontier in order to secure for Egypt sufficient elbowroom in neighbourhood of Sollum may involve cession to Italy of Nofia with frontier to South of this point following latitude 24 degrees thirty minutes as far as latitude 29 degrees thirty North but it is not proposed to make any definite arrangement with Italians except as part of a general settlement affecting frontiers and spheres of influence in Asia, Africa, and Adriatic.

Any such adjustment must involve recognition by Italy of British Protectorate as well as formal consent of Egyptian Government in order that His Majesty's Government may possess title to conclude transaction with Italy over Egyptian territory.

Show to Lord Milner.

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Cyprus telegram to Lord Allenby, (Cairo),
Foreign Office, December 11th. 1919. 6.15.p.m.
No. 1653.

Very confidential.

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