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Itinerary of East Africa Commission

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Secretary of State.

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Mr. Bromsby Gore has now accepted the chairmanship of the Commission and has submitted the enclosed itinerary. If the S. of S. agrees with the suggestion as to terms of reference at A, particular points which might be put to the East Africa Committee for comment are given on attached sheet.

On the other hand it is clear that Mr. Bromsby Gore attaches much importance to wide terms of reference & to the Commission being altogether independent of the Committee. I think he would

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like the terms of reference  
somewhat as follows: "1908

visit Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika,

Nyasaland and Rhodesia and report

submit suggestions  
report to the S. of S. on economic

development and coordination

of policy with particular

reference to transport and

cotton growing." If the

Commission is given such terms

of reference and reports separately,

it is bound to overlap the

Committee, and I do not

know whether the S. of S. wishes

the Commission to be subordinate

to the Committee or accepts Mr

Grundy's view of the Commission's

status.

As regards itinerary Mr

Grundy's view has suggested

one as attached sheet. It

allows 7 days at Zomba, 4

at Dar-es-Salaam, 7 in Uganda

generally on the views

which they have formed

as a result of their

visits to the various

countries.

The Commission

is to start with a visit to

Rhodesia and Nyasaland,

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better to return to Beira, rail

to Dar-es-Salaam, and

after spending a reasonable time

at Dar-es-Salaam & places

on the Central Railway,

proceed by motor from Tabora

to Mwanza (a 1 or 2 days run)

& sail from Mwanza to Uganda.

Advantages are (1) only branchboat

connection required is from Beira

and 8 for Kenya, 10 days, are  
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allowed for trekking from Lake  
Nyasa to Lake Tanganyika over  
country which has is of no  
particular interest for either  
cotton or transport development  
and the possibility of arranging  
steam connections on lakes  
Nyasa and Tanganyika and  
from Dar-es-Salaam to Tanga  
is very doubtful. If the tour  
is to start with a visit to  
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the Central Railway,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  weeks in  
Uganda & 3 weeks in Kenya  
(including visit to Moshi by Voi-  
Nakuru Railway if desired);

(3) the overland trip from Yuloto  
Mwangi can be done by car  
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and other point of view.

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18.7.24

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11.7.24

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to suggest that the Commission  
should not be easily circumvented  
I have more formal suggestions but  
a bit colder but both Committee,  
and on his husband terms of reference  
to the Commission if it is to be an  
independent body. I gather that  
the former represents the status of the  
Commission but a decision is required  
as to the way, when Mr. Smiley  
Gore could we even make a move  
to gauge the loss of time due to  
the overland route which he preferred.  
The loss is prodigious, & the Caesar's  
alternatives, while leaving out  
nothing of importance, gives time  
for real work that is of importance  
Mr. Calder is looking up steam  
comparisons for later contact.

G.S.S. 17.7.24

H.S.  
17/11/24

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Committee. The members of the main Committee will expect to be consulted about the Commission, and I propose that the Terms of Reference quoted above be submitted to them at their meeting on Tuesday, and also that there be submitted the suggestions of points that might be suitable for local enquiry as set out ~~below~~ <sup>on the next sheet</sup> marked "B".

As regards the route for the Commission, I think that this should in the main be decided by this Office in consultation with <sup>Mr</sup> Ormsby-Gore. The matter of route may be discussed to some extent at Tuesday's meeting, but I would not give them a final voice in it. To do that might lead to all sorts of delays and needless difficulties.

You will remember that we are under pledge to let Mr. Ormsby-Gore have before the first meeting of the Committee a copy of the ~~attached~~ <sup>attached</sup> terms of reference to the Commission. I suggest that we should let him have this without fail by Monday next, together with a copy of the "points that might be suitable for local enquiry."

*The above exactly represents my ideas but I ought to say that owing to great personal trouble I have not been able to give the various points as much consideration as I should like.*

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Terms of reference to the Committee to be  
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Calicut	arr	Tabora	Oct 19 <sup>th</sup>
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