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TELEGRAPHIC CONNECTION WITH UGANDA AND THE EAST AFRICA
 PROTECTORATE.

Forwards telegram from the Acting British Agent and
 Consul General at Cairo as to the question of connecting
 Uganda with the Soudan telegraph line.

~~Mr. B. Stanley~~ Mr. G. Fisher

We are at the present waiting
 for a reply from Uganda as
 to the question of connecting
 Uganda with the Soudan line.
 The point here is not the
 desirability of the scheme,
 but whether Uganda or E.A.P.
 can pay for bridging the gap
 between Nimule and Rejaf.
 I fear that we can only
 reply to this in the negative.
 (The portion referred to lies
 wholly within the Soudan)

Mr. 24 Oct 1914
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The Uganda despatch is quoted
 in the General Loan Service despatch, which is
 given 21/10/14

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waiting till the position is clearer
I am, the duplicate, as the original is out.

In your minute you expressed doubt as to
advising the telegraph scheme, which
is for replacing a stretch of wooden pole
line by a permanent iron pole line.

The O.A.G. definitely said, in referring
it, that the Sudan were building a line
South to K. Minule. It now appears that
they are not, & that they could afford to
do so. In the end, I think we must
pursue both schemes till times are
better & such iron communications will
be cut. The gap is about 100 miles.

I propose

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Yes - & say that the matter is
of less importance now as the
W/T installation at Mombasa
is ~~under way~~ ^{under way} & that if the

arrangement has commenced working?
- & copy of message to S.A.P. at Uganda L.F. 7
D. J. R.
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at once
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If any further comments
on this subject, please quote

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Under Secretary of State
Foreign Office
London

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Reference to previous correspondence

Immediate & Confidential

The Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs presents
his compliments to the Under Secretary of State
for the Colonies and is directed by the Secretary of
State for Foreign Affairs to transmit the accompanying copy of
a telegram which has been received from the
Acting British Agent and Consul General
at Cairo respecting the repairing of the
Sudan telegraph line;

them
Oct 19

The Secretary of State would be glad to be advised
wh answer should be returned to Mr Cheetham

Foreign Office,

October 20, 1914

(Similar letter sent to _____)

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Mr. Cheetham to Sir Edward Grey.—(Received October 19, 1917 P.M.)

Cairo, October 19, 1914.

(October 19, 11:20 A.M.)

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SIRDAR has learnt from Uganda that in event of cables being cut near Zanzibar Uganda and East Africa messages would pass over Sudan line, where, however, there is break between Nimule and Rejaf. Sirdar estimates cost of bridging gap at £ E. 1,000, but is unable to find funds in present financial situation.

As matter is one of Imperial interest His Majesty's Government may perhaps be prepared to provide necessary sum.

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24 October 1914

Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary
 Harcourt to acknowledge the receipt
 of your letter of the 20th of October,
~~and to inform you that, No.~~
 61042/14, forwarding a
 copy of a telegram from
 the Acting British Agent &
 Consul General at Cairo
 respecting the ~~expansion of the~~
 Sudan telegraph line and to
 request you to inform Sir
 Sir E. Grey that he regrets that
 the facts of the ~~fact~~ Uganda &

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Mr. Harper 23/10/14

Mr. Portman 23/10/14

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Sir G. Fiddes.

Sir H. J. G. Just.

Sir J. Anderson.

Lord Emmott. Livingston.

Mr. Harcourt.

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E. Africa Protectorate

are unable ~~to~~
as the present time to
provide the funds
required for ^{constructing} ~~providing~~ the
line ~~gap~~ between Nimule &
Rejef.

2. I am to add that
the matter is of less
importance now that
the wireless telegraphy
station at Mombasa has
commenced working.

(Signed) H. J. READ,
for the Under Secretary of State.