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sympathy take paramount place. His Majesty's Government have the Mosul a case in hand and their directions must be awaited.

C.O' H. T., - 16-11-18.

DENYS BRAY, - 16-11-18.

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Pro. No. 56.

TELEGRAM FROM THE OFFICIATING CIVIL COMMISSIONER, BAGHDAD,

DATED THE 20TH ( RECEIVED 21 ST) NOVEMBER 1918.

Says that Mons. Roux continues to press his demand to

proceed to Mosul, and that he has maintained refusal.

W.G. NEALE, 22-11-18.

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Pro. No. 56 a .

ENDORSEMENTS TO THE ARMY DEPARTMENT AND OTHERS, No. 244 - W.

C. DATED THE 26TH NOVEMBER 1918 .

FORWARDS Pro. No. 1-47, for information.

Pro. No. 56 b.

MEMORANDUM OF PAPERS FORWARDS TO THE INDIA OFFICE WITH

FOREIGN SECRETARY'S LETTER NO. 86-M., DATED THE 29TH  
NOVEMBER 1918.

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Pro. No. 57 .

LETTER FROM THE OFFICIATING CIVIL COMMISSIONER, BAGHDAD,

NO. 22678- 9-2, DATED THE 17TH OCTOBER (RECEIVED 8TH NOVEMBER)  
1918 .

Forwards copy of correspondence with Bin Saud.

For information only. Usual routine action will be taken.

C. O' H. T., - 25- 11- 18.

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W. G. NEALE, - 26-11-18.

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(Notes in the General Staff Branch (Army Department).)

(Vide Deputy Secretary (F.)'s note, dated the 13th November  
1918, on page 27, ante.) See

Seen, thank you.

A. F. HARPER, - 20-11-18.

M.O.L.

C. W. GWYNNE, - 21-11-18

(Notes in the Army Department.)

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(Notes in the Army Department).

(Vide Foreign Secretary's note, dated the 8th November  
1918, on page 19, ante.)

General Staff Branch concurs that we should await  
developments.

F. J. MOBERLY. - 4-11-18.

Director of Military  
Operations.

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C. W. GUYANNE, - 19-11-18.

Foreign and Political Department.

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For information. No orders.

E. A. R. 2- 21-11-18.

W.G. NEALE, - 23- 11 -18.

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Pro. No. 58 .

TELEGRAM FROM THE BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER, EGYPT, No. 1765,

DATED THE 26TH (RECEIVED 27TH) NOVEMBER 1918.

Revival in the Media of rumours of aggressive  
intention of Bin Saud.

For information. Usual routine action will be taken.

E. A. R., - 28-11-18.



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W. G. NEALE, - 28- 11- 18.

DEWYS BRAY, - 29- 11- 18 .

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Pro. No. 59 .

TELEGRAM FROM THE OCCUPIATING CIVIL COMMISSIONER, BAGHDAD,

No, 10555, DATED THE 29 TH (RECEIVED 30TH) NOVEMBER

1918.

Says that Mr. Philby left Basrah for Suez on the

29th November 1918.

For information.

Mr. Philby is on his way to Cairo\* to discuss Bin Saud's

Pro. No. 54.

affairs with the British

High Commissioner in Egypt. He will then go on leave.

E. A. R., - 30- 11- 18.

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DENYS BRAY, - 30- 11-18.

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Pro. No. 60 .

TELEGRAM FROM CIVIL COMMISSIONER, BAGHDAD, NO 10483,  
DATED THE 29TH (RECEIVED 30TH) NOVEMBER 1918.

(ADDRESSED TO SECRETARY OF STATE AND REPEATED  
TO CAIRO).

Communicates Mr. Philby's comment regarding Sheriff's  
aggression against Khurma.

For information. Usual routine action will be taken.

E. A. R. , - 30-11-18.

DENYS BRAY, - 2- 12- 18.

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Pro. No. 61.

TELEGRAM FROM THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, CAIRO, DATED THE 6TH  
(RECEIVED 8TH) DECEMBER 1918.

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Repars a telegram which he has addressed to the London Foreign Office regarding Ikhwan aggression against Khurma .

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Pro. No. 62.

TELEGRAM FROM THE POLITICAL RESIDENT IN THE PERSIAN GULF,  
BAGHDAD, No. 10861, DATED THE 8 TH (RECEIVED 9TH)  
DECEMBER 1918.

Repeats a telegram which he has addressed to the Secretary of State for India regarding the grant of leave by Bin Saud to his troops.

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Pro. No. 63 .

MEMORANDUM FROM THE CIVIL COMMISSIONER, BAGHDAD, No 9054  
- W., DATED THE 21ST NOVEMBER (RECEIVED 9TH DECEMBER)  
1918.

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Forwards, for information, a copy of correspondence regarding relations between the Idrisi and Bin Saud.

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Pro. No. 64 .

TELEGRAM FROM THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, CAIRO, DATED THE

10TH ( RECEIVED 11TH) DECEMBER \*1918.

Reprints a telegram which he has addressed to the London

Foreign Office on the subject of the Ikhwan disturbances

Pro. No. 64 has been added and the file is resubmitted.

Pro. No. 61 and 64 may be read together. For an account of the Ikhwan movement please see paragraph 3 of the notes on page 10 ante. The ~~Arab~~ Bulletins referred to therein are placed in the file for perusal. Riyadh is said to be the centre of the Ikhwan organisation. The khuma trouble is nothing new and it is for His Majesty's Government to

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dictate and the action to be followed. The telegram have been repeated to Baghdad and we may wait and see if Colonel Wilson has anything to urge.

2. Pro. No. 62. - Bin Saud's action is no doubt due

Vide Pro. No. 90 in S.W. DEC. 19  
Nos. 191- 317, and Nos. 3 and  
23, 29, current.

to the instruction  
which stated that  
no further military

assistance was required of him. Except routine no other appears necessary at present.

C. O'H. T..- 13-12- 18.

PRO. NO. 64 a

ENDORSEMENTS TO THE ARMY DEPARTMENT AND OTHERS, No. 253

-W.C., DATED THE 7TH DECEMBER 1918.

Forwarding serial nos. 48- 56 for information.

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Pro No. 64. b.

MEMORANDUM OF PAPERS TRANSMITTED TO THE INDIAN OFFICE

WITH FOREIGN SECRETARY'S LETTER No. 90-M, DATED  
THE 13TH DECEMBER 1918.

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Pro. No. 65.

TELEGRAM FROM HIS MAJESTY'S SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA,

DATED THE 13TH (RECEIVED 14TH) DECEMBER 1918.

Repeats a telegram which he has addressed to the Chief

Commissioner, Baghdad, on the subject of the Ikhwan  
movement.

Notes on Pro. Nos. 61 and 64 may be read. Serial No.  
65 is for information. We may continue to await the view  
of the Chief Commissioner, Mesopotamia.

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2. The proposal about direct communication with Bin Saud vid Jeddah by Colonel Wilson, who is the personal adviser of, or Political Officer with, the Sheriff, is one that needs local consideration and it is for the Civil Commissioner to urge his objection if he has any against the course proposed. The situation clearly demands a firmer attitude and much against the course. It could be done a personal conversation by one conversant with both sides of the case. Mr. Philby is sure to give his own views, and those of the Chief Commissioner in Mesopotamia, clearly to the High Commissioner, Egypt and it will be interesting to learn the result of the proposed consultation.

Usual routine action will be taken.

C.O'H. T., - 14- 12- 18.

The situation is serious. We are so committed to the Sheriff, he is so very much "our man", we are so responsible for the present situation, that we shall be formed, so far as I can see, to stop a Wahabite threat to Mecca at all costs- even at that of turning down Bin Saud.

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W.G. NEALE, - 16- 12- 18.

DENYS. BRAY, - 16- 12- 18.

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Pro. No. 66.

TELEGRAM FROM THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, CAIRO, NO. 1881, DATED

THE 14TH (RECEIVED 15TH) DECEMBER 1918.

Reports with regard to the Ikhwan movement.

For information. Usual routine action will be taken.

C. O'H. T., - 18-12-18.

W.G. NEALE, - 19- 12- 18.

DENYS BRAY, - 19- 12- 18.

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Pro. No. 67 .

TELEGRAM FROM HIS MAJESTY'S SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA,

DATED THE 18TH ( RECEIVED 19TH) DECEMBER 1918.

Repeats a telegram which the London Foreign Office  
addressed to Cairo regarding the reception of  
Feisal by the French Government and their style  
of addressing him.

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Pro. No. 68 .

TELEGRAM FROM THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, CAIRO No. 1909,

DATED THE 19TH ( RECEIVED 20TH) DECEMBER 1918.

Repeats a telegram which he has addressed to the London  
Foreign Office regarding the proposed visit of  
Colonel Wilson proceeding to Nejd.

For information.

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pro. No. 67.- The present titles are comprehensive in  
See Pro. Nos. 54, 62, 68 and 72 in secret view of the  
- War, March 1917, Nos. 734- 819. earlier  
decision. The matter is entirely one for His Majesty's  
Government.

Cairo telegram No. 1894 referred to in Pro. No. 68  
has not been received. Routine action later.

C.O.'h.F., - 20- 12- 18.

Apparently High Commissioner, Egypt did not consider  
Secretary of State's proposal mentioned in Pro. No. 65,  
desirable and said so, followed it up and with Philby's  
opinion.

W.G. NEALE, -21. 12.18

DENYS BRAY, - 21-12-18.

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Pro. No. 69.

TELEGRAM FROM THE POLITICAL RESIDENT IN THE PERSIANGULF,  
BAGHDAD, No. 1066- 13, DATED THE 13 TH (RECEIVED  
14TH) DECEMBER 1918.

Requests that Kowit be now put on the same footing as the  
Persian Gulf ports as regards exports from India.

In this connection please see Pro. No. 4, 11 and  
15 and notes, pages 2 and 5, in S. W. Dec 19, Pro. No.  
191- 317. Exports to Koweit were restricted on the  
recommendation of Baghdad. With the concurrence of the  
Commerce and Industry and Army Departments we may agree  
to those restrictions being removed now, and to Koweit  
being treated like an ordinary Persian Gulf port. Co-  
- mmerce and Industry Department will indicate with  
what terms are to be imposed if they agree to the proposal.

C. O'H. T., - 21.12.18.

DENYS BRAY, 24- 12- 18.

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Department of Commerce and Industry.

Army Department.

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Pro. No. 70 .

TELEGRAM FROM THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, EGYPT, DATED

THE 22<sup>ND</sup> ( RECEIVED 23<sup>RD</sup>) DECEMBER 1918.

Repeats his telegram of the 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER to the London  
Foreign Office regarding the Mission of a British  
Officer to Nejd.

For information. The telegram makes the case quite  
clear and shows that Mr. Philby acquiesced in the views  
held by the high Commissioner.

C.O'H. T., - 23-12-18.

DENYS BRAY - 24- 12-18.

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Pro. Nb. 71.

TELEGRAM FROM THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, EGYPT, DATED THE

23 RD (RECEIVED 24TH) DECEMBER 1918.

Regarding the surrender of the Turkish garrison  
at Medina.

For information. Papers will as usual go to General  
Staff Branch and Army Department.

M. L.H., - 24-12-18.

DENYS BRAY- 26-12-18.

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TELEGRAM FROM HIS MAJESTY'S SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA,

DATED THE 24TH (RECEIVED 26TH) DECEMBER 1918.

Repeats a telegram which has been addressed to Baghdad regarding the instruction to be conveyed to Bin Saud.

For information. The Cairo messages cited by the Secretary of State are at Serial Nos. 67 and 70. Please see Pro. No. 64 and page 24 of the notes, note.

Beyond routine no further action is called for at present, as Colonel Wilson is bound to act on the orders given without direction from the Government of India. Should he not be prepared to act he will explain why.

C.O.H.T., - 27- 12- 18.

DENYS BRAY, - 28- 12- 18.

Pro. No. 73.

LETTER FROM THE OFFICIATING CIVIL COMMISSIONER, BAGHDAD,

No. 26723- 127-44, DATED THE CIVIL 27TH NOVEMBER (RECEIVED

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23RD DECEMBER) 1918.

Forwards copy of a report by Mr. Philby on his  
Mission to Nejd.

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Pro. No. 74.

TELEGRAM FROM THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, EGYPT, NO. 1958, DATED  
THE 27TH (RECEIVED 28TH) DECEMBER 1918.

Repeats a telegram which he has addressed to the Secretary  
of State regarding the despatch of Captain Bray to  
deliver the proposed message to Bin Saud.

Pro. Nos 73 to 75 are submitted.

Pro. Nos 73. - Mr. Philby's report\* on his Mission to

\* has been placed at end of the proceedings. Nejd is  
interesting and should prove useful hereafter. It may be  
seen in the General Staff Branch ( Army Department) who will

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kindly say what number of copies they require. The complimentary remarks recorded by Colonel Wilson may be seen by the Home Department with a view to their being noted. That Department are concerned with matters relating to officers of the Indian Civil Services. An extra copy of the report is placed below in case Foreign Secretary may wish to retain it for perusal. Copies have gone to Egypt and the India office.

2. Pro. Nos. 74 and 75 are for information. The Civil Commissioner in Mesopotamia has noted his objections to the proposed Communication to Bin Saud and justified his advice for caution. The manner in which it should be made is one for him to decide. The deputation of Captain Brayis therefore for local settlement and the Government of India need not interfere. General Staff Branch and Army Department will get copies informally of the telegram and will note the suggested action. Therefore beyond routine no further action appears to be necessary.

C.O'H. T., - 28-12-18,

I have removed Philby's report and will note on it after I've mastered it. We shall have to acknowledge it in due course.



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2. The Bin Saud - Sherif struggle has now come to a head. We are handicapped in following its course by not having a copy of the important telegram between Cairo and the Foreign Office to which the former refers in his Pro. No. 74.

3. One had hoped that the very stiff ultimatum to be

† Pro. No. 64.

now to be addressed†

to Bin Saud to withdraw all militant Ikhwan sent west of Khurma on pain of his subsidy being stopped, &c, would have sufficed to appease the Sherif at any rate for the time being; it would certainly seem to suffice to remove for the time being all threat to the Hedjaz. But it appears that nothing short of the removal of the Ikhwan from Khurma itself will suffice to remove all fear of the Sherif abdicating. We have had this threat before, but it is unfortunately a threat, that we cannot lightly afford to face: the Sherif's abdication would deal a very ugly blow to our whole Arab policy at a highly critical moment. We can only hope that Cairo takes an unduly pessimistic view of the probabilities, and underrates the immense access to

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Sheriffian prestiges that would result from Bin Saud 's acceptance of our ultimatum.

4. But the position is so grave that it is to be regretted that the Colonel~~X~~ Wilson has waited till the eleventh hour to put in his objections, pertinent though they are. They would have been still more pertinent if we had two perfectly rational people to deal with, or simply to adjudicate as a cold impartial judge between two conflicting territorial claims. Unfortunately fanaticism dominates the conflict on both sides; and unfortunately also our own interest, and the interest of a vast majority of ~~people~~ weighs the scale overwhelmingly on the side of the Sherif, whatever the rights

Of my note on page 19 and 20. in Khurma itself may be. It is this aspect of the case which Baghdad seems hardly to grasp in its entirety.

5. But unless Army Department think otherwise, I feel that we can do nothing but look on.

DEMIS BRAY, 30- 12-18.

Army Department. (See notes below)

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Pro. No. 76.

TELEGRAM FROM THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, EGYPT, DATED THE  
28TH (RECEIVED 30TH) DECEMBER 1918.

repeats a telegram which he has addressed to the London  
Foreign Office regarding the suggestion of the King  
of the Hedjaz to Bin Rashid about purchase of supplies  
from Yanbo.

The message is interesting but no action except  
routine is necessary.

C.C.H.T., - 30-12-18.

DENYS BRAY - 31 - 12 - 18

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Pro. No. 77 .

TELEGRAM FROM THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, EGYPT, DATED THE 6TH  
(RECEIVED 7TH) JANUARY 1919.

Reportst intention of Bin Saudto enter Medina and take  
possession of armament there, &c.

For information. Please see in this connection Pro

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(The telegram has apparently been addressed to the London Foreign Office and (antagonism) repeated here and Baghdad but the fact has not been signalled).

The evidence even in this case against Bin Saud is not without a note of antagonism. The giver is said to be a keen partisan of Bin Rashid who is the bitterest enemy of Bin Saud. No action, except routine, appears necessary.

C.O.H.F., - 8-1-19.

Foreign Secretary's (Mr. Bray's ) note\*, dated the 7th

\*page. 19.

November 1918, is

relevant. If there is anything in this report, the prognostication in paragraph 7 seems dangerously near fulfilment. But we may await developments. We may safely assume that the telegram was addressed to Baghdad.

W.G.NEALE, - 9-1-19.

Yes, † but is this the "more reliable information"

† Pro. No. 75.

against Bin saud for

which Baghdad asked, I wonder? It may be true of course but it is tainted at the source; and though Bin Saud may have trafficked with Fakhri, I find it difficult to believe

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that Fakhri, who seems to be a genuinely devout Moslem, would ever connive at the handing over of Medina to the hated Wahabis.

DENYS BRAY, - 10-1-19.

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(Notes in the General Staff Branch.)

(With reference to Foreign Secretary's note of 30 th  
December 1918 above.)

We may concur in paragraph 5 of Mr. Bray's note.  
Kindly supply General Staff Branch with Seven copies  
of the report.

A. SKERN. , - 7-1-19.

C.W.GWYNNE, - 9-1-1919.

Foreign and Political Department.

Action as accepted by General Staff Branch. Routine  
drafts will issue as usual.

C.O'H. T., - 10-1- 19.

W.G. NEALE.- 10-1-19.

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Pro. No. 78

MEMORANDUM FROM THE ASSISTANT PRIVATE SECRETARY TO HIS  
EXCELLENCY. THE VICTORY, NO 80, DATED THE 7TH (RECEIVED  
8TH) JANUARY 1919.

Transfer for disposal copy of a despatch received from  
the High Commissioner, Egypt, regarding the raid  
by Ikhwan on the Emir Shakir's supply base at  
Dahadjah.

For information. In this connection please see  
Serial No. 58, 60, 61, 64, 65, 66, 68, 70 to 72 and 74 to  
77 and notes from page 22.

Routine action will be taken later.

C. O'H. T., - 11-1-19.

Foreign Secretary's note, dated the 30th December  
1918, is relevant.

W. G. NEALE, - 16.1.19.

DENTS BRAY, - 16.1.19.

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Pro. No. 79 .

TELEGRAM FROM THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, EGYPT, DATED THE 10TH

(RECEIVED 11TH) JANUARY 1919 .

Repeats a telegram which he has addressed to the London Foreign Office regarding Bin Saud congratulating Fakhri Pasha on his defence of Medina.

For. information. Routine action later.

The charge, if proved, would put a very bad light on Bin Saud's honesty but there is at present no reason to believe that the Turkish Envoy is not as much embittered against Bin Saud as the rest. The Turks looked for much assistance from him and nothing would please them better than to learn that the British Government have ceased to look upon him with favour.

C.O'H.T.- 13-1-19.

It is difficult to believe.

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Pro. No.

DENYS BRAY, - 14-1-19.

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Pro. No. 80

TELEGRAM FROM THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, EGYPT, DATED THE  
13TH (RECEIVED 14TH) JANUARY 1919.

Repeats a telegram which he has addressed to the London  
Foreign Office regarding the surrender of Fakhri  
Pasha.

For information, We may await the further  
Communication promised.

C.O.H.T. - 14-1-19.

Yes. Fakhri Pasha was worthy of a good cause.

W. G. NEALE, - 15. 1. 19

DENYS BRAY - 16. 1. 19.

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Pro. No. 81 .

TELEGRAM FROM HIS MAJESTY'S HIGH COMMISSIONER, EGYPT, No.71,  
DATED THE 14TH (RECEIVED 15TH) JANUARY 1919.

Repeats a telegram which has been addressed to the London  
Foreign Office giving the text of a communique which  
he proposes to issue in regard to the surrender of  
Medina.

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Pro. No. 82 .

TELEGRAM FROM THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, EGYPT, NO. 72, DATED  
THE 14TH (RECEIVED 15TH) JANUARY 1919.

Repeats a telegram which he addressed to the London Foreign  
Office stating that he was sending a communique in  
as the foregoing telegram.

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Pro. No. 83 .

TELEGRAM FROM HIS MAJESTY'S SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA,

DATED THE 14TH (RECEIVED 16TH) JANUARY 1919.

Repeats a telegram which he has addressed to Baghdad

regarding the desire of Ajaini to go to Iraq to  
make friends.

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Pro. No. 84 .

TELEGRAM FROM THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, EGYPT, No. 83, DATED

THE 15TH (RECEIVED 16TH) JANUARY 1919.

Repeats a telegram which he has addressed to the London  
Foreign Office regarding the possibility of Hostilities  
at khurma.

Pro. Nos. 81 to 84 are submitted.

Pro. Nos. 81 and 82 may be read along with Pro. No.

80. The news is of paramount interest to the Muhammadan

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element and nothing can now be done towards its wording.

\*The version just issuing in Reuter It was to  
is less sensational . DENYS BRAY. have be phl

published \* this morning. Our criticism was not asked  
for. It must be left to filter through to the Indian  
papers as there seems to be no reason to officially flout  
the news before those in India who are antagonistic to

No need. I've shown it to Home Secretary already. DENYS BRAY. officially. f  
the Sheriff.

Home Department and General Staff Branch may see unofficially  
Baghdad has been informed.

2. The occupation of Medina opens up the way for  
a complete Haj and consequently the nes may encourage  
pilgrims who formerly held back till they could visit  
the sacred tombs . It will be interesting to see how  
the news is taken and the Director, Central Intelligence,  
is sure to let this Department see any items of interest  
that come his way.

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3. Pro. No. 83.- The message is not clear but appears to refer to the Ajami tribe. Baghdad will no doubt be able to locate the individual mentioned as also the tribe, and will say whether it is advisable to for the Ajami to proceed Yes to Irk and come to terms.

DEMS BRAY. His reply in any case, may be awaited as it will be clear the position.

4. Pro. No. 84.- Please see Pro. No. 58, 60, 61, 64 65, 66, 68, 70 to 72, to 74 to 77, 79 and 80 and the notes on pages 23, 24, 26, and 27. Colonel Wilson, Baghdad, is it is assumed awaiting further evidence against Bin Saud before sending on the instructions intended for that Chieftain. The ~~present~~ telegram will act as a reminder and either force a further expression of opinion or expedite the transmission of the instruction as the matter is pressing.

Routine action will be taken later.

CC O'H.T., - 16- 1-19.

We have since that Colonel Wilson is awaiting His Majesty's Government's orders on his proposals in Pro. No. 75 to send to Captain Bray with a message. The wait seems in reality superfluous and His Majesty's Government will probably imply as much in their answer.