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FROM Lt-Col: J. H. Trewill,
~~THE~~ POLITICAL AGENT, IN CHARGE
OF SARDAR MUHAMMAD AYUB KHAN.

TO Deputy
THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

Murree
Dated ~~Rawalpindi~~, the 7th June 1892.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to forward the diary of Political intelligence in this Agency for the ~~week~~ fortnight ending on the 2nd June 1892.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

J. H. Trewill Lt-Col:

~~CAPTAIN~~,

Political Agent.

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I. The Political Agent visited the Sardár on the 23rd Ultimo.

On the following day the Sardár visited the Political Agent, and personally handed over the telegram (despatched with my letter No. 207 dated 24th May) offering his congratulation to Her Gracious Majesty, the Queen Empress on the occasion of her birth day.

On the 26th the Political Agent visited the Sardár, and read to him the telegram from the Foreign Secretary No. 935 F. of 25th May, conveying thanks for his congratulatory telegram, and intimating that it would be communicated through the Secretary of State for India.

II. The Sardár has not yet fixed the date of his departure from Sindi, but says he will come up as soon as a down pour of rain removes any fear of scarcity of water.

III. Sardár Mahomed Karim Khán

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under the deputy Commissioner, uncle of the Sardar, (Vide page 118 Biographies) died suddenly on the 29th May. His loss has been much felt by the Sardar, who has defrayed all his funeral expenses, as he is looked up to as the head of the family.

After the Fateh ceremony the Sardar advised the sons of the deceased as follows:- "Weeping and lamentation can not bring him back, and do no good to his soul or to his survivors, you must say prayers to please his soul, and preserve his good name, and the honor of your family by your own good actions."

IV. The Sardar has brought to notice the following arrivals to stay with his followers.

(1+2) Agha Jan and Nizam, Ghilzais from Swat to stay with the Lunnab.

(3,4,5,+6) Pir Abdul Hakim Khan, Pir Ghulam Nabi Khan, Agha Jan and Abdul Samad, Kohistanis from Peshawar to stay with Pir Bacha Khan.

V. The Police Inspector has not reported any arrivals of foreigners across the Indus during the fortnight to stay

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with any followers of the Sardár.

VI. He reports the arrival of Sher dil Afghán of Kunar to stay with Wazir Shá Mahomed a State prisoner under the Deputy Commissioner.

VII. Sardár Abdul Rahman Khán brother of Sardár Ayub Khán, with his family arrived at Rawalpindi from Karachi on the 25th Ultimo.

VIII. The general health keeps good the city and cantonment have been free from cholera, but there is a good deal of it in the district.

Murree and the road from Rawalpindi to Kohala are reported free of the disease but it is said to be prevalent along the road beyond Kohala.

J. N. Merk Lt. Col.
Political Agent.

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Confidential Memo for fortnight ending 2 June

IX. In continuation of para 7 of my last Conf: Memo I have to represent that the marriage is being hastened on. Sirdar Ayub Khan has given presents worth Rs 6000 to the bride elect, and has twice visited her at the father's house.

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Sirdar Taleh Mahomed has confided to the Native Asst, that the Sirdar has now no wife he really cares for. He hopes the coming marriage will make him very happy, so that he may not require another wife.

X. In continuation of para 8 of the last Conf: Memo, the Editor of the C & M Gazette has expressed his personal regrets to the Sirdar for the misrepresentations in his paper of 13 ult. He intimates that his Murree correspondent heard the news at the Club.

When I first wrote to him I asked that no public notice should be taken of my letter. In his paper of 27 ult, the Editor apologised for the error. The Sirdar is quite satisfied with the explanation, and so the matter drops.

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XI. Mir Butcha Khan informs the Native Ass.t he has just heard from some of his Peshawur friends, that the Indian Gov.t has sent orders secretly to the Frontier Officials to watch the movements of the Amirs troops towards Bajaur, and Swat, and to push forwards troops at once if they see any sign of the Amirs' force occupying the country - They will not however interfere if Amra Khan is strong enough to defend his country.

XII. Genl Taj Mahomed Khan informs the Native Ass.t, that very little news just now comes into P'Pindi from Cabul, and that he thinks if the Indian Gov.t does not take early steps to prevent the progress of the outlaw Chikai, it will be necessary before long to send troops into the Kuram to stop the Amirs' aggressions

XIII. After the Fateh ceremony for the wife of Genl Mir Fakir Khan, when Sirdar Ayub Khan, and many leading Afghans were present a Mullah said. "According to our calculations of

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the solar system, the star of Amir Abdul Rahman's fortune should die out at the commencement of the next Mahomedan year, when the star of Sirdar Ayub Khan will arise - Cholera at Cabul, the deaths of so many courtiers, and the Amir's disagreements with the Indian Govt are all visible signs of the approaching end."

J. H. Newell

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FROM Lt-Col: J. H. Newill,
THE POLITICAL AGENT, IN CHARGE
OF SARDAR MUHAMMAD AYUB KHAN.

TO
THE Deputy SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

Dated ~~Rawalpindi~~ Jhelum, the 22nd June 1892.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to forward the diary of Political intelligence in this Agency for the ~~week~~ fortnight ending on the 16th June 1892.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

J. H. Newill Lt-Col:
~~CAPTAIN~~,
Political Agent.

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I. The Sardar has not yet come up to Murree, but says he may do so, if the heat becomes unbearable or his family get ill.

The water supply at Murree has been improved by the recent rain, but it has still to be brought from a distance.

II. The Sardar has not brought to notice any arrivals of foreigners during the fortnight.

III. The Police Inspector has not reported any arrivals of foreigners across the Indus during the fortnight to stay with any followers of the Sardar.

IV. He reports the following arrivals to stay with State prisoners under the Deputy Commissioner.

(1½) Sikandar Shah of Lalpura, and Sher Ghul Khan Afghan

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of Jiah to stay with General Daud Shah.

(3,4&5) Sardar Ahmed Khan, Abdul Rahim Khan, and Sardar Shahbaz Khan, Cabulee, to condole with the survivors of the late Sardar Karimdad Khan.

(6) Bazgul Khan of Usmanpur to stay with Wazir Shah Mahomed.

V. The general health of the followers at Rawalpindi keeps good. There has been some heavy rain, but it is warming up again.

P. H. Sewell Lt. Col:
Political Agent.

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VI. With reference to the recent newspaper telegrams reporting disturbances among the Hazaras etc. when they were read out to the Sirdar at the usual evening gathering at his house, he said, "They require confirmation; we must wait and see what the Pioneer says".

"Ismail Jan is a boy without any experience, and can not succeed against the Amir's troops. If Ishak Khan is allowed to enter Turkestan he might be successful. It is an easy thing for a tribe like the Hazaras to rise, but it is quite another thing to stand up, and fight against trained troops with breechloaders. They are not strong enough to do so".

VII. Another time the Sirdar has made the following remarks.

(a) "I think the report of another Viceroy being appointed is incorrect. It is a great mistake to change Lord Lansdowne as

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he is kind, and good.
I have never met anybody
in such a high position so
courteous and kind – If her
Gladstone sends one of his favorites,
he will spoil Afghan affairs".

(b) With reference to the state-
-ment in the Pioneer 4th inst:,
and the extract from the
Spectator in the Canada Gazette
of 8th inst:, the Sirdar remarks –
"It is wrong to say I was inclined
towards Russia, the nation that
brought about the destruction of
my father and his family – I
naturally hate them – my words,
and actions have proved it" –

(c) With reference to the Statement
in the Pioneer of 12th inst: – "The
opinion is partly correct, but it is
not accurate that the Amir's
personal power is getting stronger
I do not think so, the Afghans
are

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are getting daily more dissatisfied with his rule, and his enemies are increasing. It is useless to think about his successor - events will show, if his son is strong enough to keep a hold over Afghanistan".

VIII. Sirdar Mahd. Hashim Khan has kept up a regular correspondence with Sirdar Ayub Khan since he left R'Pindi. He has congratulated the latter on his recent betrothal to the daughter of Kazi Nur-ud-din.

IX. Abd a recent evening gathering one of the late Ameer Sher Ali's Hindoo Munshis said to the Sirdar - "The English are selfish and export all the wealth of India to England. They make railways, roads and telegraphs, only for their own use and benefit. They pay the native soldiers badly, & give high salaries to their own countrymen". To this Ayub Khan replied - "The English truly are much better than the former invaders of India who took back to their own country all the wealth they acquired - His Natural

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to mankind, that they showed
love their own country folk - The
English naturally wish to enrich
themselves, but at the same time
they spend a great deal for improving
the welfare, and safety of the
natives of India".

X - Jamal Saiyid Mahomed informs
the Native Assistant

(a) Passes have been sent
by the Amir allowing Afghan
refugees to return to their own
country, but the only person
of any importance to accept
them is Shear Abdul Shafur
a follower of Sirdar Hashim
Khan - A few may return,
but not many, as all
Afghans distrust the Amir.

(b) If the Shilgais rise I shall
be able to give information
about them - At present none
of us know what is going on
in the Hazara country -

XI. Vakil

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XI. Vakil Saighani, who came about a year ago to Sistan - Ayub Khan from the Ex Amir's party at Dehra Dun, has just been dismissed on suspicion of being the Amir's agent for reporting news from R'Pindi.

He was a great friend of Sirdar Musa Jan at Dehrawan, and has with the Amir's consent been recently betrothed to the daughter of Mir Lami Khan (Kohistani) at Deshawar, who is also an active news-agent.

J. H. Merk

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FROM

Lt-Col: J. H. Hewill,
~~THE~~ POLITICAL AGENT, IN CHARGE
OF SARDAR MUHAMMAD AYUB KHAN.

TO

Deputy
THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

Murree
Dated ~~Rawalpindi~~, the 4th July 1892.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to forward the diary of Political intelligence in this Agency for the ~~week~~ fortnight ending on the 30th June 1892.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

J. H. Hewill Lt-Col:
CAPTAIN,
Political Agent.

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I. The heat was oppressive at Rawalpindi up to the 27th when a heavy shower cooled the air.

The Sardar has been keeping well, and frequently visit his bride elect at her father's house (Kazi Imam-ud-din.)

He still says he may come up to Murree, if the heat becomes unbearable.

II. Brigade Surgeon Coates visited the Sardar, and made a sanitary inspection of his houses. He reported everything to be satisfactory.

III. The Sardar has not brought to notice any arrivals of foreigners during the fortnight.

IV. The Police Inspector reports the arrival of Jalal Khan, and Noor Ali Khan of Lalpura to stay with Abdul Aziz Khan, a follower of

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Sardar Ayub Khan. (24)

He has not reported any arrivals to stay with State prisoners under the deputy Commissioner.

V. The general health of the followers at Rawalpindi keeps good.

J. H. Hewitt Lt. Col.
Political Agent.

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VI. Sirdar Mah^d. Ayub Khan has made the following remarks at different times

(a) With reference to the rising of the Hazaras reported in the C. & M. Gazette of 20 June –

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"The Hazaras of Kala-i-Nao were very useful, and loyal to me when I was Governor of Herat. They served me well, and I amply rewarded them. They may have 3000 or 4000 families in all. They are discontented, but are afraid of the Amir, and his troops – I do not think they would recognise Ishak Khan, or his son as their Chief, but they might seek help from the Russians to protect them against the Amir

"unless I (Ayub) were on the spot"!

(b) With reference to the Ghilzais collecting near Kalah-i-Ghazni I know nothing about it, but it is a fact They are discontented with the Amir, & will find an opportunity to rise against him or his Governors.

(c) With reference to the statement in the C. & M. Gazette of 29 inst, that the Viceroy in Council was discussing Afghan affairs – "This shows that the Gov^t. of India are going to interfere. If they do not, the Amir will in the long run

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suppress all the revolts"

"I am told General Ghulam Haider Khan is a good man, but he is not an able general. It was a mistake to stop at Asmar, he should have pushed on and defeated Amra Khan. He might then have withdrawn his troops to Kunar after restoring Asmar, & the neighbouring districts to their proper masters. Now it is too late for him to gain any success"

The Sirdar then whispered to Allah Baksh — "I made a similar mistake after Maimana. I wanted to push on at once to Cabul, but my Afghans were lazy, and all, except the Ameenab, proposed to stay for some time at Candahar."

With reference to the Pioneer para of 28 June — "The Pioneer is a semi official newspaper, and what it says about Afghan affairs is with the sanction of Govt — I do not agree with the opinion, that the withdrawal of troops from Asmar will not affect the Amir's influence on the frontier. Such a move will certainly weaken his power with all the frontier tribes"

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(c) Again with reference to the paragraph Pioneer of 2 inst – "I think the Pioneer has now for the first time plainly mentioned the circumstances in connection with the Amir's doings. We shall see what the Amir says. For the good of Afghanistan I would advise the Amir to be friendly with the English, although such advice is against my own personal interests"

VII. Gent Taj Mah.: (Ghilzai) with reference to the foregoing Newspaper statements has remarked to the Native Asst.

(a) "I hear the Khan of Kawagi is going to join General Ghulam Haider Khan against Amra Khan"

(b) "If the Govt would only send me to Kurram I would pick Chikai's brains."

"It is very wise of Govt to bring Ghilzai Chiefs under their protection, they will be very useful some day – If the Ghilzais could be certain that the Indian Govt will not helps the Amir, they would rise tomorrow"

"I and Mir Butcha are firm friends and could by ourselves helps the Govt very much. If the English will only

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occupy Afghanistan, and not put any members of the Afghan ruling families on the throne every Malik of the Afghan Tribes will join with the English, and help them to keep the country - for they know they will never have peace under an Afghan ruler"

VIII. The Native Asst. tells me, that the following persons attend all the Sirdars' gatherings, and discuss with great interest the present state of affairs - Sirdars Fateh Mahd. Khan, Amir Mahd. Khan (brother in law), Sher Mahd. Khan, Shahbaz Khan, and the Lunnab. Also Genl Taj Mahd. Khan, Mir Batcha Khan, Naib Hafizullah, the sons of the late Sipah Salar (Hossain Ali Khan) & some twenty minor persons.

The Mustaufi (Habibullah Khan) has been ill, and unable to attend.

IX. Mr. C. Brown at present acting as Dy Insp Genl informed me he had heard from a reliable source at Peshawar, that Sirdar Mahd Aman Khan, son of the late Sirdar Zaman Khan. Barakzai, had received Rs 3000 through the Amirs postmaster at Peshawar, and

had been appointed News Agent to the Amir

As this person is a protegé of Sirdar Ayub Khan, and receives from him a private monthly allowance of Rs 30/ I informed the Sirdar of what I had heard. He replied — "Sirdar Aman Khan has received a letter from the Amir to say he will be glad to receive him & Sirdars Ahmed Khan, and Amir Khan back in Cabul"

"These persons have always been the Amir's well wishers. When my father (Shere Ali) became Amir, they fled to India, where for sometime they were under surveillance. When Abdul Rahman came into power, he sent for them, gave them high posts at Cabul, but soon after expelled them. They then came to me; seeing they were starving I fixed an allowance ~~for them~~ of Rs 400/ for Sirdars Aman Khan, Habibullah Khan, Mah^d Azim Khan & Mah^d Amin Khan. Sirdar Hashim Khan gave Rs 100/- to Sirdar Ahmad Khan.

I think Habibullah Khan, & Azim Khan will stay here with me.

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Gent Taj Mah.d Khan has since told the Native Ass.t that Sirdar Amair Khan received Rs 2500/- from the Amir for road expenses. The local police have just reported the departure from R.Pindi on 30 June of Sirdars Amán Khan, Ahmed Khan and Amr Khan for Peshawur, on their way back to Cabul.

X. In continuation of para 11 of my last diary Gent Taj Mah.d tells the Native Ass.t he hears, the Amir has sent Rs 800/- to Vakil Saighani towards defraying the expenses in connection with his marriage to the daughter of Mir Sami Khan (Khoshdeni) at Peshawur.

J. W. Dewell

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FROM Khán Sahib Allah Baksh,
Native Assistant,
~~THE POLITICAL AGENT~~, IN CHARGE
OF SARDAR MUHAMMAD AYUB KHAN.

TO Deputy
THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

Dated Rawalpindi, the 16th July *1892.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to forward the diary of Political intelligence in this Agency for the ~~week~~ fortnight ending on the 14th July 1892.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

Allah Bakhsh Khán Sahib

~~CAPTAIN~~,

~~*Political Agent.*~~
Native Assistant.

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I. The Bakra-Id festival came off here on the 5th instant. Ayub did not go to the Idgah, but saw the leading Sardars and other followers at his house.

II. The Political Agent returned from Murree on the 9th instant and visited the Sardar on the mornings of the 10th and 11th.

Ayub visited the Political Agent on the after-noon of the 11th to say good-bye on his departure to England. The Lunab and Sardar Fateh Muhammad Khan accompanied the Political Agent to Railway Station, who left here on the evening of the 11th.

III. The wife of Muhammad Alam Khan, a follower of Sardar Muhammad Ayub Khan, was seduced to Peshawar by his servant and the matter was reported to the Police officer at Peshawar. The

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woman has been conciliated, and she has now returned to her husband.

IV. The Sardár has not reported any arrivals from across the border during the fortnight.

V. The Police Inspector has reported the following arrivals to stay with the followers of the Sardár.

(a) Daranji Lal, Hindu of Kunar, a servant of Sayed Mahmud Badshah to stay with Ját Mahomed Khán.

(b) Mirza Khán of Kabul with two women and one man to stay with Mir Bacha Khán.

(c) Mahomed Rahim Khán of Lalpura with one companion to stay with Abdul Aziz Khán.

(d) & (e) Ghulám Haidar Shah and Safdar Ali Khán to stay with the Dinab.

VI. The heat has been very oppressive here for some days, but the recent heavy rain has cooled the air.

The Sardár has evidently decided

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to stay down this season. He may perhaps go up to Murree without his family for change of air for a couple of weeks in autumn.

This looks somewhat strange. SPL 20/7

VII. The health of the Afghans is keeping fair.

Allah Bakhsh Khan Sahib
Native Assistant.

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VIII. When certain news-paper statements were read out to Sardar Ayub Khan at his usual daily gatherings he made the following remarks:—

(a) "With reference to a letter sent to the Amir by Govt. (vide C. & M. Gazette of 8 July)— "I think that after the receipt of this letter the Amir will not dare to invade Bajaur. It is not only to be regarded as a warning, but also as a threat to check his aggression. Asmar will however remain to the Amir".

(b) "With reference to the invitation sent out by Umra Khan by the Afghan refugees, asking them to join him against the Amir (reported in C. & M. Gazette of 9 July)— "None of the Afghan refugees who are in India would ever think of joining Umra Khan.

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They may be deadly enemies of the Amir, but if they have any sense of honour and patriotic spirit in them, they would not help him against the afghan interests."

(C) "With reference to the death of General Mir Ata Khan who had been given Command of the Amir's Army against the Hazarās. (Vide C. & M. Gazette of 9 July) — "Mir ata Khan Barakzai, son of the late Fateh Khan Kochi one of the Khawanins of Hirat, was first appointed a Khan of 30 Sawars (irregulars) by me. At Maiwand, when nearly all the Hirati officers of the irregular Cavalries were killed, he was, on the recommendation of Naib Hafizulla Khan, raised to the office of Brigadier. He did his work fairly well. When I went to Persia he joined Kuddus Khan, Governor of Hirat

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an whose recommendation the Amir gave him a Colonelcy in his army. He served for some time in Kunar and the Shinwari country and was eventually promoted to General. He was a man of no special ability and was unfit to take command against the Hazaras, but as real good afghan Military Officers are left few in afghanistan it is not improbable that the Amir may himself take command of the army."

(d) With reference to a para in the C. & M. Gazette of 11 July that in the 2nd letter to the Amir, he has been asked to abstain from further advance pending settlement of the Indo-Afghan frontier.— "I am told that the Amir has more than once said that he will not rest until he regains the Afghan territory which was taken during the rules of my father

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and brother by the English. This of course is absurd. But the idea of settling the Indo-afghan frontier is very sound and advisable."

(c) With reference to the news in the C. & M. Gazette of the same date that a large valuable consignment of a battery of quick-firing pattern guns is lying in the Kurrachi for the Amir — "The Amir deserves credit for his endeavours to make himself independent of the English with regard to arms. He seems to improve his army by adopting the latest improvements effected by the modern science and art, but all other acts of his are simply discreditable to him. I wish to see Afghanistan strong enough to repulse any invader. The Afghans can not be of any good to the English unless such is the case".

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IX. The Sardar in the course of ordinary conversation with me said :—

(a) "I hear that the local men who were sent out to Hazara for service by the Amir from Cabul and other places have returned from the way for want of supplies and carriage."

(b) "Sardar Shahbaz Khan has gone to Peshawar to bring his family and in future he will live in Rawalpindi."

(C) "Sardar Hashim Khan has written to say that owing to the prevalence of Cholera in Cashmir he will not go there this season and that he is desirous of seing me as soon as his health and the weather permit."

X. In continuation of the last Entry in the Political agents' Confidential Memo No. 13 – I have to report that Sardar Aman Khan and Ahmad Khan returned

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here from Peshawar on the 8th instant,
but the former has gone there again.
I am told that out of Rs 3500/- sent by
the Amir's agent, Rs 2000/- were for Bibi
Koko Jan and the balance for Sardar
Aman Khan. The Amir is said to entertain a regard for the lady owing to her
having given 3 lakhs of rupees to the
late Amir Muhd Azam khan when he
was at war with the late Amir Sher Ali
Khan and was hard pressed for money.
She is full sister of Sardars Ahmad
Khan and Muhd Umr Khan.

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FROM Khán Sahib Allah Baksh
Native Assistant,
~~THE POLITICAL AGENT~~, IN CHARGE
OF SARDAR MUHAMMAD AYUB KHAN.

To Deputy
THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

Dated Rawalpindi, the 28th July *1892.*

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to forward the diary of Political intelligence in this Agency for the ~~week~~ fortnight ending on the 28th July 1892.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

Allah Bakhsh, Khán Sahib

~~CAPTAIN~~,
Native Assistant,
~~Political Agent~~.

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I. On the night of the 18th July, at 10. p.m. Mir Sikandar Shah Khan (No. 93 in the printed list of Sardar Ayub Khan's followers) younger brother of General Mir Zakir Khan (No. 89 in the same list) was shot while saying prayers on the unroofed platform of a mosque close to his house along the Murree road. He died in my presence at 1.a.m. and was buried in the afternoon. The murderer has not as yet been found out, but the Police are doing their best to trace him.

Proposals for allowance to assist family submitted separately

Before his death Mir Sikandar Shah Khan was examined by the Assistant Surgeon who wrote the following:-

"Certified that I examined Mir Sikandar Shah at about 12 o'clock on night of the 18th July 1892. He was alive and in his senses when I examined him. He had 6 shot wounds on his right back

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and two in front of the same side, the former indicated the points of entrance and the latter bullet and most of them were freely bleeding. He was found vomiting and expectorating blood. I was quite sure his right lung was wounded and he was shot within a distance of one yard. In my opinion he died of a hoemorrhage from the lung in the chest cavity".

His dying declaration was recorded by the Magistrate, as follows.-

"I was saying the night prayers. I had read three 'Rakats' when I was wounded with a bullet from behind. Somebody has wounded me with a bullet."

I sent the following urgent telegram to the Commissioner at Jumee on the morning of the 19th July.-

"Mir Sikandar Shah Ayub's follower murdered last night by gun shot, murderer not known, Police informed, Afghans object to post mortem and ask permission to bury immediately. Assistant Surgeon examined deceased before death and Jemdr. Umar Khan

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recorded his dying declaration. No doubt as to cause of death - orders awaited. Superintendent Police also wired to Deputy Commissioner for orders."

In reply to which the following telegram was received :-

"Under circumstances post mortem not necessary; allow burial".

Note. It is believed here that one or more enemies of General Mir Fakir Khan came here from his village Kadira in Kohistan-i-Cabul, to murder the General. On the night of the 18th, General Mir Fakir Khan, and his three brothers, two sons and one nephew, were saying prayers in one line with an Afghan Mullah before them, when they suddenly heard a shot. They left the prayers and cried out that the General was shot, but soon found that it was not the General who was shot but Mir Sikandar Shah his younger brother who was standing next to the General on the left side. They just stepped a few yards forwards and backwards, but the night being dark

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could not see any one. They did not go any farther after the murderer for fear of being shot.

The foot marks of the murderer are visible on the ground near the mosque, which was wet at the time the murder was committed. The murderer could manage to come very near the mosque to fire from behind the tree which is only one yard from the platform, and then run away through the fields extending to the south of the mosque. The Sardar has directed all his followers to give every possible help to the Police in tracing the murderer.

II. The Sardar has reported the following arrivals to stay with his followers for a short time.-

(a) Mir akbar, Mir Haidar, and Ghulam Hussen with one woman, two sons and two daughters, from Peshawar to stay with Ghulam Mohyuddin Khan Barakzai.

(b) Mir abdul Majid Khan son of Mir Darwesh Khan to stay with Agha Mir Haidar Khan.

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(c) Ghulam Haidar Khán to stay with Abdul Aziz Khán.

(d) Abdul Ghani Khán to stay with Pir Fakir Khán.

(e) Muhd. Nasim son of Mirza Muhd. Kasim to stay with Hazir Hikmatullah Khán.

He has also reported the arrival of Sardár Shahbáz Khán with his family from Cabul to remain here permanently.

III. The Police Inspector besides reporting the arrival of Sardár Shahbáz Khán and his family reports the following arrivals to stay with the Sardár and his followers.-

(a) Jiwan Khán Afghán of Lalpura to stay with Abdul Aziz Khán.

(b) Muhd. Amin and Abdul Sattar with two women and one servant to stay with Sardár Ayub Khán.

IV. He also reports the arrival of (a) Ahmad Khán Cabulee and (b) Ghulam Muhd. Khán of Tirah to stay with General Daud Shah Khán State prisoner under the Deputy Commissioner.

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V. About 50 leading Afghans assembled at Sardar Ajib Khan's house on the evening of the 21st instant to celebrate his marriage with the daughter of Kazi Noor-ud-din Khan. The bride was brought to the Sardar's house the following day. There were rejoicings at the Sardar's place on the nights of the 24th & 25th instant.

VI. The monsoon has set in at Sindi and the weather is mild and cool now.

VII. The general health of the Afghans is fair.

Allah Bakhsh Khan Sahib,
Native assistant.

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VIII. With reference to the recent newspaper statements Sardar Ayub Khan, in conversation with me, made the following remarks:—

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(a) It is very interesting to read carefully two articles in "The Pioneer" of the 17th and 27th July, alluding to 'Afghan Politics' and 'The Amir's position', and the one in C.M. Gazette, dated 21st instant, relating to 'Afghan Policy and Party Politics'. I have asked my Munza to literally translate them into Persian for me. Most of the statements made therein, and the arguments adduced therefrom are very correct, sound and acceptable. I am sure that 'The Pioneer's views represent the Sentiments of the Government

If even Ayub were Amir, we could convey to him many a broad hint thro' the Pioneer. H.M.

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of India, and if the Amir did not listen to them the Government will, we shall soon hear, be obliged to adopt some stringent measures to protect their interests on the frontier and in Afghanistan.

(b) Abdulla Khan, Taimeni, Governor of Kandhar who has been lately sent to Hazara on duty, was first in my service. He was a Khan of 5 Sowars. I gave him 15 Sowars more, and after the Maiwand war made him a Khan of 50 Sowars. When I was about to leave Hirat for Persia, he joined Amiya Khan Governor of Ghor who recommended him to the Amir. He is not a man of much ability.

(c) I hear that the people of Afghanistan are much displeased with the Amir

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for ordering them to give one out of every four men for war service and to pay Rs 400/- (Cabul Coins) for every 60 acres of land owned, in order to meet their expenses.

(d) The Amir's reply to Government can not be satisfactory in my opinion. He will try to leave the Bajaur question open till he has suppressed the Hazara revolt. As long as the Afghan troops stay in Asmar, the peace of Bajaur will remain disturbed.

IX. On the evening of the 26th July, the Sardar went for a drive. Sardar Fateh Muhammad Khan and myself were with him. The Sardar said to me, "I am told that Muhammad Ali, alias Vakil Saighani, my late follower, will return to Rawalpindi from Peshawar, and openly live here

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as the Amir's spy. His work will be to send news to his new master and try to persuade my followers to desert me and accept service with the Amir. I shall not raise any objection nor ask the Government to stop him from coming to Rawal Pindi until I am quite sure that the report is correct. When I have promised not to do anything against the wishes of Government, which also means not to intrigue against the Amir, I trust that the Government will not let the Amir interefere with my interests.

The Sardar further said, "I hear that on Sardar Muhd. Aman Khan's recommendation the Amir has granted an allowance to my late followers Nazir

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Shah Muhammad whom I had dismissed for misconduct. I also hear that Sardar Muhd. Aman Khan went to Sardar Habibulla Khan with the 'Kuran' in his hands entreating him to desert me and accept service with the Amir. He as yet has not consented.

X. In continuation of Entry X in my last Confidential Memo No. 14, I have to report that Sardar Muhd. Aman Khan who had gone to Peshawar to join the marriage (ceremony) of Muhd. Ali, alias Vakil Saighani with the daughter of Mir Sami Khan Kohistani, has returned to Rawalpindi.

XI. It is reported here that the Amir has refused to grant any allowance to Sardars Ahmad Khan and Muhd. Umr Khan.

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XII. With reference to the recent murder of Mir Sikandar Shah a follower of Sardar Ayub Khan, the Sardar said to me, "In India we are under the protection of Government. Several of my leading followers have deadly enemies in Afghanistan. First of all I myself have the biggest enemy. If our enemies come to know they can commit murder in India with impunity more lives will be lost. If my followers have arms they of course can defend themselves and their enemies dare not approach them. But if the Police are unable to protect our lives and the Afghans are prohibited from keeping necessary firearms then I do not know what other alternative there can be to guarantee their safety. In Afghanistan the ruler is responsible

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for making good stolen property and arresting murderers, but the Indian laws are different.

XIII. Shahzada Shuaib of the Peshawar Police has informed Pir Bilawal Shah the Police Inspector here that it was reported to him by a spy that some four Khistanis and an equal number of Jagalais had gone to Rawalpindi disguised as 'Tulaba' (Scholars) with intent to murder General Mir Zakir khan and the leading Jagalais who are followers of Sardar Ayub khan, that Mir Sikandar Shah was mistaken for his brother General Mir Zakir khan, that they would not leave Pindi without carrying out their purpose; and suggests that an eye should be kept on the outsider Afghans who

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resort to mosques and other such places.

I brought this to the notice of Sardar Ayub Khan and he has warned his followers to be vigilant and look after themselves. I also said that the Police have more than once complained that his followers often receive outsiders as guests, and engage men as private servants, without first making enquiries as to their antecedents or intentions and that they were to blame to a great extent for the recent murder. But to this he replied as usual that it was the duty of the Police to prevent the outsiders and any bad characters from coming to Rawalpindi.

XIV. With reference to his recent marriage the Sardar said Some im-

conversation, "I have now again since losing my favourite wife two and a half years ago a happy house. What good is there in life without a really suitable wife. I am not found of passing much time in the Harem. My people can tell you that at Hirat I worked from early morning till late at night. But in India I have no work to do and there are few outdoor pleasures here to occupy my mind and time. I must however say that now I have got indoor pleasure to keep me happy so far as "Harem" is concerned.

XV. I have seen Mr Thorburn, the Commissioner about the murder case, who has come down from Murree for a short time. — The Sardar will pay him a visit tomorrow.

Khan Allah Bakhsh
Native Assistant

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FROM Khán Sahib Allah Baksh,
Native Assistant,
~~THE POLITICAL AGENT~~, IN CHARGE
OF SARDAR MUHAMMAD AYUB KHAN.

TO Deputy
THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

Dated Rawalpindi, the 11th August 1892.

SIR,

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I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

Allah Baksh Khán Sahib

~~CAPTAIN,~~

Native ~~Political Agent.~~ Assistant.

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I. Sardar Ayub Khan accompanied by Sardar Fateh Muhammad Khan and myself visited the Commissioner on the 29th July. The Sardar thanked the Commissioner for allowing Mir Sikandar Shah to be buried without Post mortem examination.

II. The Sardar has reported the following arrivals to stay with his followers for a short time :-

(a) Ghulam Haidar Sahibzadah with three servants named Sajid Khan, Gul Shah and Abdul Muhd. from Peshawar to stay with Mir Haidar Agha.

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(b) Abdullah Wardak from Peshawar to stay with General Wali Muhd. Khan.

(C) Samad Khan grandson of Sikandar Khan Shinwari from Shinwar to stay with General

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Mir Fakir Khan. (53)

III. The Police Inspector reports the following arrivals to stay with the Sardar's followers.

(a) Sardar Khan Afghan of Cabul to stay with Sher Muhammad Khan.

(b) Mir Abdul Wahab Shah and Abdul Rahim Khan followers of Sayed Mahmud Badshah to stay with Yar Muhammad Khan.

(c) Wahid Khan of Jingarhar with a servant to stay with Sikandar Khan.

He also reports the following arrivals to stay with the State prisoners under the Deputy Commissioner :-

(a) Baz Mir Khan of Chitral and

(b) Mir Abdullah Khan Cabulee to stay with Munshi Habibullah Khan.

(c) Ahmed Khan Cabulee to stay with Wazir Shah Muhammad Khan.

IV. Abdul Kadir Khan of Kashgar who is said to be in the service of His Highness the Amir of Cabul

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arrived here from Peshawar on the 30th July. He stayed in a Sarai in the city for four days and then left for Cashmere. The local Police report that he has not visited any of the Afghans living at Pindi.

V. Heavy rains have recently fallen in Rawalpindi and they have lessened the heat very much.

VI. The general health of the Afghans is fair.

Allah Bukhsh Khan Sahib
Native Assistant.

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VII. at his recent interview with Mr Thorburn the Commissioner Sardar Ayub Khan in the course of conversation made the following remarks.

(a) I am a conservative, since the Conservative Government will guard Afghanistan against Russia.

(b) I am sure the murderer of Mir Sikandar Shah is an afghan and not a Hindustani.

(c) The Amir's force can not suppress the Hazara revolt with a month or so, and after that they will have to return on account of cold weather. The Hazaras are strong enough on the defence but not for offensive purposes.

(d) The Amir's hands are full at present with the Hazaras. There is no news of further

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fighting at Bajaur, but with the Afghan troops at Asmar, Bajaur will always remain disturbed.

(e) From the Amir's point of view I can say that he would stick to his own course of dealing with the Government and try to make better profit by them. As to the course the Government will adopt if the Amir does not listen to reason, you of course are the best judge.

(f) The Ghilzais can not rise against the Amir because, they have no leader.

VIII. With reference to recent news-paper statements ~~relating to~~ the Afghan affairs the Sardar has made the following remarks:—

(a) a para of a very intesting article in the Pioneer of the 27th July, that the Amir has nothing to fear from the side of India and that any danger that may threaten his king dom will declare itself on the Cxus or Hirat

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border', reminds me of a story which I have heard: 'One of the old Afghan Sardars once appeared before Raja Rājit Singh in his Durbar. The Raja asked him to give him the benefit of his wisdom and experience as to how he should deal with the Afghans on the one side, and the English on the other. The Sardar replied 'Raja! keep your blind eye towards the Afghans, who will not take your country but fix the good one on the English who wish to encroach on your domains". I am sure the English have no intention of annexing Afghanistan so long as the Amir cooperates with them to keep off the Russians.

(b) It is a good policy of the Government to use the loyal Maliks of the Khyber against Amin Khan Koki Khel. The Government may with advantage adopt

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his policy on a larger scale by employ-
ing their loyal afghan refugees against
the disloyal Amir. Let the Government
be a neutral and see the "tamasha"
We do not want anything from them
but simply 'Rukhsat' (leave).

'God alone is aware of the future. All
I can say is that in the long run the
Government will be glad to make a
use of my services when the Amir openly
turns against them and makes friends
with Russia, or in the event of the Amirs
death, when his son proves a failure
as his successor, or when Ishak khan
steps in for Russia who then will be
in the position to push on his claims
and interfere with the internal affairs
of Afghanistan. But the present oppor-
tunity is the most favourable to carry

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out their plans by force regarding Af-
ghanistan.

(C) The English papers make much
of Ishak khan. He is not a strong person
and not a bit better even than Hashim
khan, and the future will shew that
should Russia have occasion to make
use of his services she will be disap-
pointed in him.

IX Sardar Ayub khan and his
leading followers are of opinion that
the Amir will not consent to receive
the proposed Mission to be sent to Cabul.

X. Sardar Ayub khan in conversa-
tion with me said, "Sardar Aman khan
I hear says that my followers and myself
are in a boat which has a hole in it,
that it will sink eventually, that we
shall never see our country again
and so on, thus trying to spread disaffection

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and work mischief amongst my followers. I do not care to refer such things to the Foreign Office, but I think the Commissioner and the local police should have power to expel such persons from Rawalpindi.

Note. The Commissioner of Rawalpindi has just sent in to me for report extracts from the Peshawar Confidential Diary regarding Sardar Aman Khan &c, which he has received from the Commissioner of Peshawar, who informs him that he has heard it confirmed from other quarters that the Amir is making strenuous efforts to seduce the "entourage" of Sardar Muhammad Ayub Khan at Rawalpindi.

XI. One Syed Ahmad who received privately from Sardar Ayub Khan a monthly allowance of Rs 30/-, and his two brothers.

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Syed Khudai Dad and syed Maksud who were staying with Sardar Muhammad Ibrah Khan at Hasanabdal, have been permitted to return to Cabul, by the Amir. They have received Rs 900/- to defray their way expenses and, have gone to Peshawar. Their late father Syed Mahmud Kaka was an important man.

XII Armiya Khan and Khushdil Khan grandsons of the late Sekandar Khan, the Sheinwari Chief have addressed a letter to General Mir Fakir Khan Kohistani, a followers of Sardar Ayub Khan, to the effect that the murder of his brother Mir Sekandar Shah was not a Sheinwari, but that the Amir is said to have employed some Cet Khels to murder Ayub Khan or his leading followers and that he and the Sardar should consequently be on their guard.

They have also addressed a short letter

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the Lonial saying that the Amir has
invited the Mullas of Jalalabad and its
burbs to join him in the Jihad against the
Shias.

XIII No trace as yet has been found
the murderer of Mir Sekandar Shah, but
in the meantime the Police keep the Sardar
and myself informed of their proceedings.

Khan Allah Bakhsh
Native Assistant

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