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Subject.

Diary of the Political Officer in charge of Sandeman Mission Ayub Khan for the fortnights ending 9th and 23rd February 1893

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Diary No. 70. F. 1893. Regr. No.

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From The Native Asst. in charge of Sardar Mahd Ayub Khan.

No. 60

Dated the 10th } Feby. { Enc.
Recd. the 15th } Feby. { Spare Copies

Subject.

Forwards his diary of Political intelligence for the fortnight ending 9th Feby 1893 with an additional confidential memo.

Notes and Orders.

Secy for information

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Dis. 81 F.
From the Pol. Agent in charge of Sardar Mahd Ayub Khan
No. 82.
Dy. the 24th } Febry 93.
Rd. " 27th }

Diary for the fortnight ending on the 23rd Febry 1893

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Diaries
D No 82/7.
D.O to D.S
From Major R. H. Fanning R.E.
Pol Agent Kuchlak &
Sardar Mukd Ayub Khan
Dy. the 23rd }
Rd. the 27th } Febry 93

Requests instructions
as to what information
he should report in his diaries.

Secy

I would reply that
the diary is interesting and
not too diffuse. Such of Ayub's
conversation as he has re-
-ported is a valuable indication
of the current of anti-Amir
feeling and he should continue
to report it

Hmd 3/3

WJC
27/2/93.

Draft put up
GS Reed
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WM 6.2

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Diary No. 30-F 1893. (5) Regr. No. 3

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D.O. to Secy.

From Major R. H. Jennings
Sol.r Officer in charge of Sardar Mohd. Ayub Khan

No.

Dated the 22nd Feby: 93

Recd. " 1st March "

{ Enc.
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Subject.

Makes certain proposals in regard to how the Sardar should be treated in future.

Notes and Orders.

Send Major Jennings's letter back taking a copy. Keep this with the file.

27. H. M. D
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D.O. to Major Jennings d. the 27th Feby: 93

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Diary Heading. A.R.

Diary No. 327. 189 3 Regr. No. 4

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT. (6)

D/o to Secy. _____

From Major R.H. Jennings
Pol. Agent with Sardar
Muhd. Ayub Khan

No. 1st
Dated 2nd } March. *Enc.*
Recd. 6th } *Spare Copies*

Subject.

Forwards a letter (with translation) from the Headmen of the Jaji tribe (Ayub section) to Sardar Muhd. Ayub Khan, which the Sardar made over to Munshi Allah Baksh.

Notes and Orders.

The "Ayubs" are, I suppose, the Jajis of Hariob. No orders, or better perhaps thank Ayub.

(Sd) H. M. D.
6.3.93

Draft put up.
Stapleton
7.3.93

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D.O. to Major R.H. Jennings, 9/10/3/93.

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Diary Heading. A.R. (1)

Diary No. 31-F 1893. Regr. No.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

D.O. letter to Secy:

From Major R. A. Jennings
Sol.r Officer in charge of Sardar Muh.d Ayub Khan

No.

Dated the 21st July-93

Recd. " 2nd March "

{ Enc.
{ Spare Copies

Subject.

Ds: with translation a letter received by the Sardar from Faiz Muh.d Khan Ghilzai of Swat giving an account of recent events in that country.

Notes and Orders.

No orders. May be recorded with the Agency diaries

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POLITICAL AGENCY,
RAWALPINDI.

23.2.93

My dear Cumming,

I have written this diary in the style I see in vogue in this office.

I should deem it a favour if you would kindly tell me if I put in too much or too little.

Secy (9)
Send reply that the diary is interesting & will be different from such Hyperbolical nonsense as he has reported it to be.

A valuable indication of the comments of anti Amir feelings & he should continue to report it.

H M 27/2

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Do you wish the saying of Ayub given, as I have done?

Some of his remarks on various topics are shrewd and very much to the point — but I do not want to send you useless information. A hint from you will suffice as to what you want.

I like the Sudan immensely — but I always get on with officers. Hope you are fit & well.

Yours with kind regards

R. H. Jennings.

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If reply required, here mark R; if speedy reply; R.R.

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Foreign Department.

[DRAFT.]—For Approval.

Fort. Wm., the 8th March 1893.

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To Major R. H. Jennings R.
P.A. Agent in charge of
Sardar Mulk Ayub Khan
Rawal Pindi

Mr. Anderson 6/3

My dear Jennings,

I have received your
D.O. letter of the 27th ult.
in which you ask for
instructions as to what
information you should
report in your diaries.
Sir Mortimer Durand,
to whom I have shown
your letter, desires me to
say ~~in reply~~ that the
diary which was received
with your D.O is interesting

Fair copied by JJA 6/3
Read by JJA
Examined by A.V 7/3
Despatched by P.S.R.

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G. .. C. P. O.—No. 800 F. D.—6-2-92.—1,000.

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and not to diffuse.
Such of Lynch's conversation
as you have reported
affords a valuable indication
of the current of anti-
-Semitic feeling and
you should continue
to report it.

Yours sincerely

W. Cunningham

D. Dec

W.J. 6.2

L. Reed
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Send Mayo Jennings's letter back - taking a copy. Keep this with file H W D

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PRIVATE SECRETARY'S OFFICE

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.
CALCUTTA.

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26.2.93

my dear Durand

H.E. has read the correspondence about Ayub. Jennings' experience of him is but of short duration to base an opinion upon.

The Viceroy is however disposed to agree generally with the suggestions which he puts forward for guiding his conduct towards the Lidar. In the nature of things the cardinal principles which should be held in view, i.e:-(1) treating Ayub in a conciliatory manner;- and

(2) Avoiding giving offence to the Amir: — are antagonistic, and it will require the utmost tact to steer safely between the two. The Amir will no doubt hear of even trivial acts of attention, as marked favours; and it is possible that Ayub and his entourage may be somewhat disposed to magnify the importance of petty civilities in ~~his~~ communications with his supporters.

Jennings seems to be imbued with the sound view - civility without ostentation.

yours sincerely

J. L. Lindsay.

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Rawal Pindi
22nd February 1893.

My dear Sir Mortimer

Regarding Ayub and how we should treat him - I have perused all the files on the subject and discussed the matter with Alla Buksh.

The latter agrees with me that the Sardar is suffering from "ennui," and unless you consider any objections exist, I think it would please the Sardar and do him good to let him miss a little more in European Society.

He is anxious to do so, and is again working at English.

There is a probability that the Club Committee will ask him to come to the Club grounds on band nights - and the General will ask him to his garden parties, if you deem it expedient.

No objection. (sd) H.M.D.

Certainly. (sd) H.M.D.

My wife and I are going to breakfast with the Sardar this week and she is going to visit his harem at his request.

This should do good. (sd) H.M.D.

One or two ladies in the Station also wish to do so, and the Sardar asked me to bring any friends of ours to breakfast with him. I am not doing so

No objection. (sd) H.M.D.

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so this week, and shall not until I hear from you. — No objection - but begin quietly. (sd) H.M.D.

If the Sardar comes to the Club or to the General's garden parties, he would not be accompanied by any followers, and would come with me alone, and be treated just as an English Gentleman. Alla Baksh says he quite understands this. I have discussed the matter confidentially with the General, and the feeling that did exist of the Sardar being responsible for MacLean's death at Mainwand has now subsided, as people fully believe he was not either responsible for, or guilty of it. — Quite right (sd) H.M.D.

The General has done a good deal to remove this feeling: and I am right in saying that the general opinion of people here regarding the Sardar has changed for the better, and that they would like to meet him.

He is to be asked to the Races, and the General has asked him to big parades and to the night-firing about to take place — as was done last year. — Take care there is not too much fuss made. (sd) H.M.D.

The Sardar is a perfect gentleman in his manner and behaviour, and he was most pleased to meet my wife.

I am going out for a drive with him alone tomorrow.

I put up for ready reference, and

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favour of return,

(1) Copy of Mackeans advice to the Sardar

(2) Instructions given to Nevill in 1890.

Quite right (sd) H.W.D

I do not propose to bring Ayub "en evidence" in an official way more than heretofore, but simply as a private individual.

What I suggest will improve Ayub; and mixing a little with English gentlemen will lessen his vanity and make him happier.

Quite right (sd) H.W.D

I will always be with him and act as interpreter myself.

The General likes Ayub very much.

I am writing this letter in half margin, and if you would kindly write your notes and wishes generally in the margin, and return it to me, I should deem it a favour.

Yours very sincerely
(sd) R. H. Jennings.

To

Sir Mortimer Durand.
K. C. I. E., C. S. I., etc.

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(Rep:)

My dear Jennings

I return this letter as re-
-quested. I have shewn it to the Viceroy, who is disposed to agree generally with your suggestions.

In the nature of things the cardinal principles which should be held in view, ie. (1) treating Ayub in a conciliatory manner, and (2) not giving offence to the Amir, are antagonistic - You will have to exercise the utmost tact to steer safely between the two. Remember, the Amir is intensely jealous of Ayub, and watches him very closely. The Amir's Agents will be apt to magnify even trivial acts of attention into marked favours, and Ayub and his entourage are not unlikely to exaggerate the civilities shown to them. You must therefore be careful, for we do not want to irritate and alarm the Amir. Be as conciliatory as possible to Ayub - but avoid any ostentation, and any-thing like a sudden and marked change of treatment.

I like Ayub very much so far as

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as my small acquaintance goes, and I think you will find him pleasant and open to reason in these matters. I would never disguise from him the fact that though we promised, and intend, to treat him as an honoured guest, we must consider the Amir's susceptibilities and expect him not to embarrass us. Hitherto he has always behaved as well as possible.

Yours sincerely
(sd) H. M. Durand.
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The "Argus"
are I suppose the
Japis of Harids. No orders
or letter perhaps Thank Ayub 3386 F
6.3.92

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POLITICAL AGENCY,
RAWALPINDI.

Hwright. 1.3.92

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My dear Sir Mortimer

Received this
letter, thro' Alla Baksh, this
evening, from Ayub.
I am too late for post
tonight, so simply make
a translation, which I send.
I am to see Ayub tomorrow
and will add any further
news.

2.3.92

Ayub desired Alla Baksh to

A.R
No 32 J.
No 5th

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Tell me "that he will send no reply, but will pay the Kásid what he deems necessary as regards his Expenses in coming & going". I paid Ayub a long visit today. He is in excellent health and seems happy & contented. He said his wives were delighted at making my wife's acquaintance and hoped to see her soon again.

He made little allusion to enclosed letter, as he said he had little to add, except that the "Aryubs" are a large & powerful section of the Tajis

I am dear Sir Mortimer

Yrs Sincerely

R. H. Jennings

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(22)

Letter from the head men of the Aryub section of the Tajis of Khost

to

Sardar Mhd Ayub Khan dated Khost 3rd Feb 1913.

دیگر عرض کمترین اینست که سفقت و مرحمت نامه
حدمت کاصدر امجرا نمائید که همیشه اوقات حدمت
نمایند و خیلی مرارت خاهد کشید البته مرحمت نمائید
که همیشه اوقات حدمت نمایند و اعتبار دانسته باشند

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محمد امین قوم اده خیلی

اکبر لودی

کرامت اد خیل شیر باز شمو خیل

(2M)

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Translation of a letter from the Headmen of the Taji tribe (Aryub section) to Sardar Mhd Ayub Khan — dated Khost 15th Rajab 1310 H.
3rd February 1893

A. C.

We, the Taji, Aryub people, great & small, beg to say that we five Taji Aryubs went and saw the Mangals, who swore on the Koran (i.e. that they would join us). We then went to Logar, and the people there also swore on the Koran (i.e. to the same effect). The whole of Afghanistan is in rebellion. All are pleased with Mhd Ayub Khan. People have lost all trust and confidence in Amir Abdul Rahman. Noone likes him, but noone dares to say anything (against him). God knows we are tired of the Amir and our hearts are very sore (lit. "bleeding"), but we cannot do anything (alone). We are waiting for you to come. If you will come now, you can seize your country. We have spread rebellion all over Afghanistan, but we remain quiet for fear of the Amir. If you only will come, we shall certainly

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seize Afghanistan in one day; but we are without a leader.

If you will come, we can take the whole of Afghanistan without fighting. If you cannot come, then for Gods sake send Taj Mhd. Khan (Shilzai) son of Arsala Khan.

If he will come, you will hear that Afghanistan has been taken within five days (i.e. after his arrival). The English, also, have lost confidence in the Amir.

We have been hearing about you for the last 2 years, but you have not put in an appearance. We do not understand the reason of your non-appearance. Our hearts are sore (lit. "burnt") thereat. Our hearts are bleeding from anger, but you do not feel it. We do not understand why we do not hear about you. We can rise up in arms in 1 day, but have no leader. We do not wish to copy the Hazaras, who, having no real leader, failed

in their (26) attempts. If they only had had a leader, they would have taken Kabul ere now. They have slaughtered 12 regiments of Cavalry & infantry, and have captured their artillery and small arms, and they are still fighting. The Amir is much depressed in mind on account of the Hazara revolt. If you wish an insurrection to take place you must send someone. For Gods' sake send a reply ——— 25

P.S. We beg you to kindly reward the good service of the bearer of this letter, so that he may endeavour to prove himself worthy of confidence, and that he may always do his duty hereafter ———

Names & Seals

Nawab Khan - Lani tribe
Akbar Khan - do do
Nihang - Shamukhel tribe
Muhammad Amin - Ada Khel tribe

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Karamat — Adakhel tribe

Sher Baz — Luni tribe

Malak Tarah — Abankhel tribe

Malak Marak — Alikhel tribe

Mullah Khairulla — Ahl Sangi tribe

True translation
RA Fenning
1.3.92. Rawalpindi

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If reply required, here mark **R**; if speedy reply; **R.R.**

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Foreign Department.

[DRAFT.]—For Approval.

Calcutta the 10th March 1893.

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Dy. number 327.

D/o

To Major R.H. Jennings

Pol. Agent in charge of

Sundar Mukt. Ayub Khan

Rawal Sindh

My dear Jennings

Sir Mortimer has

~~I have~~ received your

letter dated the 1st & 2nd

March, enclosing a letter

from the headman of the

Jaji tribe to Sardar

Mukt. Ayub Khan.

Please thank the

Sardar for giving us

the letter from the Jajis.

Yours sincerely

W. J. Cunningham

Deputy Secy.

on behalf of the Secy

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Mr. Abbey 10/3

Fair copied by Faa 10/3

Read by Faa

Examined by J.Ga.

Despatched by P.A.R.

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Rawal Pindi
21. 2. 93

(29)

My dear Sir Mortimer.

I send you in original, a letter received today by Ayub from Swat, with my translation there of.

The 2nd para may be of interest.

The Sardar is very well & happy. I like him & he likes me, & we shall get on.

Yours very Sincerely.
R. H. Jennings

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Letter from Faiz Muhammad Khan
Ghilzai, at Swat
to
Sardar Ayub Khan at Rawalpindi
dated 19.2.93

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(on Envelope)

بندای حضور پرنور بندگان اعلیحضرت ظل سبحانی پرداعا

عرضی بعد از عرض دعای دوام عمر عزت های دارین و سلطنت و فتح
که ملت کمترین از مژده صحت مندی ذات جناب اطلاع ندارم ادم فرستاده
بخدمت مرستادم از راه مرحمت احوال و صحت مندی وجود مبارک خود
مرحمت فرموده روانه دارید که بسیار در سرفرازی حاصل خواهد بود انبوه
بنحویست که سابق از این عریضه در خصوص مقدمه عمرخان و سفدرخان
روانه شده بود که عمرخان را بمقدمه زده و هشتاد نفر ادمان زخمی و مرده
و پنج شش نفنگ و اسپان بمقدمه مردم سفدرخان وجه کرده و باز دیگر
مقدمه نشده هرجا رو برو بمقدمه افتاده معلوم شود تاریخ سلیخ اسپان از
یوم جمعه شریف خان دیر به حدود پانیخ کوره مردم ولس سلطان خیل
و پاینده خیل که قوم خود خان مذکور رشت بهم اتفاق کرده خان را
که نوکر کمپنی به عمرخان بود بسلام شریف خان اند از عمرخان کتت قلعه خود را به

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Translation of a letter from Faiz Muhammad Khan, Shilzai, to Sardar Muhammad Ayub Khan - dated Swat, 19th Feb. 93 — received in Rawal Pindi today 21.2.93

After compliments.
Some time has passed without my having had any news of you. Send you my own man, be pleased to send me by him a full account of yourself for my own satisfaction.
The account of this country is as follows — before this, with regard to the fight between Umra Khan and Safdar Khan, I sent you news, which was that Umra Khan was beaten, 80 of his men were killed or wounded, and 5 or 6 Martini Henry rifles were taken by Safdar Khan's men. There has been no other fight —

2- Except, on Friday last (17.2.93) Sharif Khan of Dir was joined near the Panch Kora river by the Sultan Khel and Païnda Khel sections, to which he belongs, and by the Khan of Robat also, who was an ally of Umra Khan.

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The said Khan of Robat left Umra Khan and gave over his fort to Sharif Khan: the latter entered the fort of Robat on Thursday? ("panj shamba" is written – it probably means "Shamba" i.e Saturday) + after 24 hours fighting captured 2 or 3 other forts. One of these forts is called Bárún and another Rání: 16 men on Sharif Khan's side were killed or wounded and 30 or 40 men on Umra Khan's side were killed. The Khan of Dir has got about 5000 men with him.

If Umra Khan remains besieged for a few days longer in the pass of Bábá Karú, most of his forts will be captured by Safdar Khan's forces.

The Amir has sent to Safdar Khan ~~Rs~~ 8000 in addition to his regular pay. Owing to the receipt of this sum, Safdar Khan is well-provided and strong.

It remains to be seen what the result will be.

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3. Amir Muhammad Khan, Khan of the
(33) Khána in Swat, who is a friend of
mine, has been bitten by a mad dog
in the heel. It has only bled a little.
One day you mentioned to me that the
English have discovered an antidote
for a mad dog's bite. If it will
not trouble you, please get some
medicine from the Dr. who is your
friend (Dr. Ross. C.S.). Amir Mhd.
is a good and useful man & it
would be a pity if he suffered.
He has been very Kind to us.
If the Dr. has no medicine or there
is any objection, he must abide
by his fate.

True translation
R.H. Tennant
21-2-93

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No. 60.

FROM Khan Bahadur 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 10th February 1893.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to forward the diary of Political intelligence in this Agency for the ~~week~~ fortnight ending on the 9th February 1893.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

Allah Bakhsh Khan Bahadur
~~CAPTAIN,~~
Native Assistant
~~Political Agent.~~

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Diary of Political intelligence for the fortnight ending on the 9th February 1893.

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I. The Sardar has reported the following arrivals to visit himself and his followers during the fortnight:-

(1) Muhammad Ismail Sufi with a woman from Hashtnagar to visit Jalal-ud-din Khan Zagabi.

(2) Sardar Khan Ghilzai of Laghman from Peshawar to visit Sher Ahmad Khan Risaldar.

(3) Nawab Mohmand with a woman from Peshawar to visit the Liwal.

(4) Sultan Khan son of Mir Kalan Khan Jabbarkhel of Jingarhar, Abdullah Khan son of Abdul Karim Khan Ghilzai with Ibrahim Khan and Kahundil Ghilzai of Wazir from Peshawar to visit General Taj Muhammad Khan.

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(5) Abdul Ghani Khan nephew of Mama Gar Muhammad Khan from Ajmere, and Rasid Mohmand from Bajour to visit Mama Gar Muhammad Khan.

(6) Gul Muhammad and Ata Muhammad sons of Sultan Muhammad Zajik of Chardeh-i-Cabul from Peshawar to visit General Wali Muhammad Khan.

(7) Abdul Karim Khan and Abdul Malak Khan sons of Gar Muhammad Khan Ghilzai with Bashir servant from Peshawar to visit Mir Bacha Khan.

(8) Sherdil son of Pundit Cabulee merchant from Cashmere to visit Muhammad Alam Khan.

(9) Mir Paindah Khan, Khoja Jan Sahibzadah, Mir Ghulam Mustafa son of Ghulam Haidar Sahibzadah, Ata Muhammad Khan and

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(37) Muhammad Afzal from Peshawar to visit Mir Haidar Agha.

(10) Sayad Hasan Shah Afridi brother of the Nakib of Baghdad from Karachi to visit Sardar Ajib Khan.

(11) Muhammad Ali, Wali Muhammad and Amir Khan Safi with two women from Peshawar to visit Bahram Khan Zagabi.

(12) Baz Muhammad Ghilzai of Logar from Peshawar to visit Abdul Hakim.

II. Besides reporting the arrivals of Nos. 7, 9, and 10 in the preceding para the Police Inspector has reported the following arrivals to visit Sardar Ajib Khan's followers which the Sardar has not confirmed :-

(1) Ghulam Muhammad son of Said Muhammad Khan of---

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Jalálábád with his son from Peshawar to visit General Wali Muhammad Khan.

(2) Muhammad Amin son of Muhammad Umar Khan from Peshawar to visit Sardar Abdul Rahim Khan.

(3) Mir Ghulam Muhammad Khan son of Mir Suleman Khan with wife and daughter from Peshawar to visit Mir Bacha Khan.

(4) Mir Alam Khan son of Saindáh Muhammad Khan from Peshawar to visit Abdul Hakim Khan.

III. The Police Inspector has reported the arrivals of Abdullah and Ayub Shah from Peshawar to visit General Dand Shah Khan State prisoner who is under the Deputy Commissioner.

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(39) IV. He has also reported that Muhammad Sharif Khán son of Jallandhar Khán servant of the Amir, with one companion has visited from Peshawar, Muhammad Akbar Khán who is in the service of the Amir.

V. Haji Aman and Dildar followers of Sardar Ayub Khán (vide Nos. 173 and 263 in the new printed list) died on 3rd and 9th Instant respectively. They have left no survivors and their monthly allowance of Rs: 15/. and 9/. will lapse to Government.

VI. The general health of the Afghans is good.

Allah Bakhsh Khán Bahadur
Native Assistant.

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VII With reference to the recent news paper statements relating to the Afghan Affairs Sardar Ayub Khan made the following remarks: —

(a) "The two articles under the heads of 'Mission or no Mission' and 'Solvation of the Afghan problem' (vide the Pioneer and 'Civil Military Gazette' dated 28 ultimo) and the subsequent remarks on the same subject (vide the Pioneer of the 7th February) are sufficient warnings to the Amir and a kind of protest against his obstinate conduct and unfriendly attitude towards the Govt., but the Amir will, I think take no notice of this. His mind is upset, his brain deranged, and his evil and wild aspirations are in full play.'

'I understand that he tries to misinterpret the object of the mission

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to the Mullas and his officials in order to incite the tribes against the the Govt, but he will not succeed in it. If the Govt withhold their support the Amir will at once meet the difficulties which he can not overcome".

(b) "The Amir's only sister who is expelled from Afghanistan and has reached Peshawar, is like her mother adept in the Afghan politics, and it was mainly through her influence and money that many of the Afghan Chiefs voted in favour of Abdul Rahman for the Amirship".

"My father treated her like his own daughter and gave her lots of good things when she came to our house in Cabul, but she never discontinued sending political news to her brother. Her expelsion, the afghans think, foreshadows the

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approaching downfall of the Amirs.

(C) "I am sorry for Umra Khan having been wounded in his last action against Safdar Khan. I knew the latter would have best of it. The Govt should help Umra Khan in some way against the Amir's protegé"

VIII Ayub has received a letter from Hashim saying that he was recently invited by the Chief Comr. of Sindh to a Durbar held at Jacobabad where he met Sir J. Browne who talked to him about the Afghan affairs, that he spoke very highly of him (Ayub) to Sir J. Browne and other officers, that he hoped that his prayer and praises for Ayub's good would bear fruit in time and that he would like to know what were the news from Afghanistan

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Ayub in reply has thanked Hashim and said that he got all afghan news from the English papers which were also subscribed by him.

IX Some half a dozen followers of Ayub have recently attended the annual gathering at the Ajmere Shrine. They seem to have returned pleased with the idea that the shrine is equal in sanctity to that at Meshed, and that their prayer for an early return to their country is surely to be heard through the saint, by the Almighty God.

X Sardar Taj Muhd. Khan son of the late Sardar Zakriya Khan said to Ayub, "I have just returned from the shrine at Sarhind where I met three afghans from Cabul, who are in the service of the Amir. During conversation they said to me that

the Amir's severity was unbearable, that the country was being ruined under his rule, that people had no confidence in him and he suspected every one and that both the Amir and people were in great troubles."

"When I lifted my hands and repeated loudly my prayer for the downfall of the Amir's kingdom and for the Sardar Sahib (Ayub) getting the throne of Cabul, they lifted theirs and joined me in the prayer."

XI Ayub in the course of conversation said, "The study of the English language has taken up all my vacant hours. I find it a companion who keeps my mind occupied. Now morning are too cold to wash early to say prayer, but I repeat my lessons in the bed before I get out. What will Khatib Sahib (Ayub's

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Afghan Mulla) say if he comes to know this".

Note. This Mulla is a learned man, but not fanatic. He appreciates the modern improvements and reforms.

XII The Police authorities are, with the sanction of Govt., going to withdraw the extra Police guards placed in September last (as reported in para XII of my Confidential Memo No. 18 of 1892.) placed on Syuds' house and in the city, as they are no longer required under the present circumstances.

XIII I went to Lahore for one day, the 6th February, with the knowledge of the Dy Comr. as the Comr. was not in the station, the Police officer and the Sardar, to attend the funeral of my brother. On return the Sardar accompanied

by the Locals and Fateh Muh.d came over to my place to condole with me and almost all his followers did the same.

Allah Bakhsh
Native Assistant

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FROM Major R. H. Jennings R. E.

~~THE~~ POLITICAL AGENT, IN CHARGE
OF SARDAR MUHAMMAD AYUB KHAN.

To

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

Dated Rawalpindi, the 24th February ~~1893~~.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to forward the diary of Political intelligence in this Agency for the ~~week~~ fortnight ending on the 23rd February 1893.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

P H Jennings Major R. E.
~~CAPTAIN~~,

Political Agent.

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I. Sardar Sajit Khan has reported the following arrivals to visit himself and his followers during the fortnight:-

(1) Muhammad Shah Khan and Ghulam Muhammad Khan Ghilzai from Swat to visit the Amirat.

(2) Rahmid Khan and Sufi Mohammad from Peshawar, and Jehan Sahibzadah with two servants Baz Muhammad and Said Hashim from Jingarhar in Jellalabad to visit Mama Abdul Ajiz Khan.

(3) Bahram servant of Sayad Mahmud Badshah Shah prisoner from Hassan Abdal to visit Mama Gar Muhammad Khan.

(4) Fakir Rahmatullah Shah

with seven companions from Jammun to visit Mirza Ghulam Ghaus Khan.

(5) Muhammad Isa, and Sek Muhammad son of Dost Muhammad from Peshawar to visit Abdul Wahab Khan.

(6) Haji Sher Ali from Khairabad to visit Sardar Ajib Khan.

(7) Muhabat Khan Candahari from Kohat to visit General Taj Muhammad Khan.

(8) Abdul Rasul, Muhammad Usman, Jalandhar, and Mir Fakir Sufi from Zagab-i-Cabul to visit Sayad Muhammad Khan.

II. Besides reporting all the arrivals in the preceding para except Nos: 1, 2, and 8, the Police Inspector has reported the following arrivals to visit Sardar Ajib Khan's followers which the

Sardár has not confirmed :- (50)

(1) Gul Ahmad Khán from Peshawar and Isa Bay Khán with two companions from Cabul to visit Sardár Abdul Rahmán Khán.

(2) Muhammad Sinen with a woman and a child from Peshawar to visit Abdul Wahab Khan.

(3) Paindáh Muhammad Khán from Peshawar to visit Sayid Ghulámján.

III. The Police Inspector has reported the following arrivals to visit the State prisoners under the Deputy Commissioner :-

(1) Dost Muhammad horse-dealer of Jellálábád and Sir Sayár Khán with a woman and a boy from Peshawar to visit Khán-i-Inulla Khán.

(2) Galal Khán servant of

Sardar Muhammad Hashim Khan from Karachi to visit Sardar Abdul Rahman Khan.

IV. She has also reported that Abdul Karim Khan servant of the Amir of Cabul visited Vakil Muhammad Ali Khan the Amir's news-writer from Peshawar during the fortnight.

V. Khushali a follower of Sardar Ayub Khan vide No: 292 in the Bay list died on the 13th Instant. He has left no survivors and his monthly allowance of Rs: 9/- will lapse to Government.

One of the widows of the late Baba Jan Khan vide No: 99 in the Bay list died on the 19th February. Her allowance of Rs: 10/- per mensem sanctioned in Foreign Office letter No: 655 F. dated 3rd May 1889 will also lapse to Government.

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VI. A theft was committed in the house in Rawalpindi city belonging to Sardar Amir Muhammad Khan, brother-in-law of Sardar Muhammad Ayub Khan on the night of the 18th February and he states property to the value of Rs: 800/- was stolen. The case was reported to the Police who are making enquiries.

VII. The general health of the Afghans is good.

H.H. Jennings Major R.E.
Political Agent.

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VIII. With reference to two paragraphs in the C and M. Gazette of 10th inst, the Sardar made the following remarks —
"The Govt should adopt a straightforward policy & waste no time in proposing missions. . . .
"The Amir is up to mischief, and the Govt have as yet received no reply as to whether he will receive the Mission or not". . . .
"The movements of the greater part of his army from the Russian to the English side of the frontier clearly shows this" . . .
"It is no new thing for him to intrigue with the Waziris against Govt". . . .
"Gul Muhammad Khan only left Wana because Govt exerted pressure, and if the Amir sends him back again, Govt will have to expel him or lose prestige". General Daud Shah

Khan, and others who were present, (54)
nodded their heads in token of assent
to this speech.

IX. On another occasion Sardar
Ayub Khan remarked —
"I hear two Achakzais of rank,
with 20 followers, went to the
Amir's officials at Chaman and
endeavoured to prove that the
land round there, where the Amir
intends to construct a Military Post,
belongs to them (the Achakzais), &
that they begged the Amir's officials
to postpone work, pending a reference
to Kabul. They were at once
seized with their followers &
sent under escort to Kabul."

X. With reference to a paragraph
in the Pioneer of 14th inst, stating
that the news about 15. Regts
of Infantry having come from Balkh
to Pahera was not correct — the

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Sardar remarked – "I do not think the Amir will bring a large force towards Kandahar or Kurrum unless Govt also masses troops on that frontier".

The Toinab then remarked – "I hear Umra Khan of Jandol has proposed to Safdar Khan of Nawagi to attack the Amir's troops with their united forces, and to expel them from Asmar. Umra Khan offered to give his son into Safdar Khan's custody as hostage for his trustworthiness, but Safdar Khan refused the proposal & vowed have nothing to say to him".

XI. On the 21st inst General Taj Muhammad Khan, Shilzai, visited Alla Baksh and stated as follows –

"A friend of mine has just come

from the Waziri country and states that the Waziris have not yet settled whether they will join the Amir or the English or remain neutral."
The Sardar remarked on the same day - "One cannot foretell what the consequences will be of the Amir having refused to receive the mission" - and he added. "The amir does not seem well-disposed towards the Govt."

XII. On the 22nd inst, the Loinab before the Sardar, and with reference to a remark which Ex. Amir Yakub Khan was supposed to have made to Col. Law, to the effect that he thought Govt should not press Abdul Rahman too hard", remarked - "The Ex. Amir will not say much against the

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the present Amir, as he knows that he himself can never get the Amir-ship again, and he does not wish that his young brother (Ayub) should succeed to it instead of his own son Musa Jan who is a worthless youth. If the present Amir is made away with, there is a probability that Govt will put the Sardar (Ayub) on the throne of Kabul" —.

The Sardar on this remarked —

"I am afraid the Govt have lost faith in us as a family. They have tried one after another of us without any good results. I do not think they will try another of my family or of Abdul Rahman's unless they are obliged to do so. My father and brother made irreparable mistakes in dealing

with Govt, but Abdul Rahman is far worse than either, and he reminds me of the legend of "The son of the thief who used to rob the dead". The story is as follows — 'In ancient days the custom was to bury gold coins with the dead bodies. A thief existed who used to steal these coins from the graves at night, but he used not to disturb the corpses. People used to curse him & he was considered to be as bad as possible. On his death-bed he called his son to him and said 'I wish the people to talk well of me when I am dead, what can you arrange?' The son re-assured him & promised that people would speak

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well of him. In a short time the old thief died, and the son proceeded to rob the money from the dead bodies as his father had done and also to rob the shrouds from the corpses. When this desecration became known, people declared that the father was a saint as compared with the son as the latter was a real scoundrel". The Sardar then added "In time Govt will recognise that Sher Ali and Yakub Khan were saints and good men in comparison with Abdul Rahman"

XIII. On the evening of 13th inst Major Jennings arrived, and was met at the station by Alla Baksh, + the Loinab and Sardar Fateh Muhammad Khan on behalf

of the Sardar, (60) who also sent his
Carriage for the Political Agent.

XIV. On the 14th inst Major Jennings visited the Sardar, and spent an hour in his house. The interview was most cordial & the Sardar laughed & chatted away on various subjects in Persian — (Note. I first spoke Pushtoo, but found that the Sardar prefers Persian, which he & all the Chief men always speak. Since then we have only conversed in Persian, which I likewise prefer).

XV. On the 15th. H. General Sir W. Ellis K.C.B accompanied by his A.D.C. and the Pol. Agent paid a visit to the Sardar, & spent half an hour at his house. The conversation was on general subjects, and the General invited the Sardar

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to the "night-firing" about to take place
also told him he would be invited
to the races &c, as was done
last year. The General explained
to him the new magazine rifle.
The pol Agent acted as interpreter.

XVI. On the 17th, the Sardar returned the
Pol. Agent's visit, and after an
hour's ~~visit~~ stay left with Alla Baksh
the Zoinab and Sardar Fateh
Muhammad Khan.

Alla Baksh states, that after leaving,
the Sardar expressed himself as
follows "I am much pleased
with the friendly manners of the
new political Agent and with
his excellent Persian & Pushtoo, &
the first time I get an opportunity
I will thank the Viceroy and Sir
Mortimer Durand for sending
him here". The Sardar then

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added "Major Jennings will suit the Afghans".

XVII. The Sardar on another occasion remarked — "I wish to talk and hear English, which I cannot do unless the Pol. Agent will introduce me to some European gentlemen. I shall never learn it unless I try to begin to speak it & hear it spoken".

XVIII. On the Evening of the 23rd inst, the Sardar called alone in his carriage on the Pol. Agent & took him out for a long drive. Noone else came with the Sardar.

Ayub chatted freely & openly. He spoke a great deal about Capt Evans. Gordon for whom he

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has an intense admiration.
He then said that he was obliged
to learn English in secret (He reads
daily for an hour or so with
Alla Baksh — Mondays and Fridays
excepted, which he observes as
holidays) as he does not wish it
to get wind in Afghanistan, at
present, that he is learning English.
With reference to the paragraph in
the 2nd column of page 1 of the
Pioneer of 22nd Feb.y, regarding
the Amir having recovered from
his recent illness &c, the
Sardar "proprio motu" remarked
to the Pol. Agent — "I do not
understand the Amir's policy.
He ought to know that Govt.
does not want Afghanistan,
and that they uphold him and

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give him arms and money so
that he may act as a buffer
between them & the Russians".
"If the Russians come he will
learn his mistake, as they will
treat him very differently".
"I fail to grasp what the Amir's
game is in writing about
the frontier to Govt instead
of having a personal interview".
"Things can be so much more
easily arranged by personal
interviews. i.e when both sides
are acting "bona fide"; but when
one wishes to prevaricate, and
when ones heart is not straight
and ones intentions deceitful,
then one prefers writing, as it
is easy to make ones meaning
ambiguous in a letter and

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time is gained".

XIX. Sayed Hasan Effendi (brother of Suliman Effendi. Suni. Nakib of Baghdad) whose arrival here was reported in last diary par 1. (10) is still staying with Ayub. He has been visited by nearly every Afghan in Pindi. Before coming here he stayed for some days with Hashim Khan at Karachi.

Ayub has written a letter to the said Nakib of Baghdad, recommending him to increase the pay of Sayed Hassan Effendi.

The latter says he means to visit Peshawar and to spend 10 or 12 days there to see his disciples.

It is said that all the Afghans here, each in accordance with his means, who call the said Syed Hassan Effendi their "Pir",

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intend to give him presents in cash before he leaves.

XX. Mir Batcha Khan, Kohistani, who has been under medical treatment at Delhi, returned to Pindi on the 21st inst.
His health is much improved.

XXI. The Sardar has engaged an Eurasian widow (a respectable woman) to teach needle-work to his daughters, at Rs 30 p.m.
He is endeavouring to obtain a music mistress to teach his Turkish wife the piano.

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