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<u>COMMUNICATION FROM THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT.</u>

Rome, April 8th, 1936.

<u>To the Secretary-General.</u>

(Translated from
the Italian)

Ethiopian telegram regarding alleged Italian attack
on Addis Ababa of April 4th* is as usual tendencious and
false.   The facts are that a flight of five machines under
Captain Falconi, while making one of the usual reconnaissance
flights, observed an Ethiopian aeroplane on its way from
Dessye to Addis Ababa and pursued it, pushing as far as the
aerodrome at the capital, where with machine-guns, these
being their sole weapons, they attacked it, together with
another machine standing there.   The Italian aeroplanes
underwent heavy anti-aircraft fire which hit them in several
places but did not prevent them from duly returning to Sardo.
The Abyssinian fire also hit Captain Falconi, who was wounded
by a dum-dum bullet in the left side of the jaw, and Sergeant-
Mechanic Di Cristo, who was wounded, also by a dum-dum bullet,
in the left knee. The wounded men were immediately conveyed
to Asmara, where it was found necessary to amputate Sergeant
Di Cristo's left leg above the knee owing to the comminuted
nature of the wound produced by the dum-dum bullet. This
correct and full statement of the facts shows:- (1) That no
attack was made on Addis Ababa, but only on military aircraft
in the aerodrome of that city under the circumstances above
stated. (2) That from the alleged open and undefended city
of Addis Ababa there was violent anti-aircraft fire which
hit all the machines and seriously wounded two airmen.
(3) That the Abyssinians are continuing to use inhuman
ammunition forbidden by the international Conventions.

Please communicate this telegram to all States Members
of the League.

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* See document C.134.M.73.1936.VII.