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DISPUTE BETWEEN ETHIOPIA AND ITALYCorrespondence with the International Red Cross Committee.

I. Geneva, April 8th, 1936.

To the President of the International Red Cross Committee.

I have the honour to inform you that the Committee of Thirteen, at this morning's meeting, instructed me to ask the International Red Cross Committee whether it would be able to communicate to the Committee of Thirteen information emanating either from officers of the International Red Cross Committee, or from impartial persons such as the Red Cross ambulance doctors in Ethiopia in regard to infringements of the international conventions on the conduct of war signed by the two belligerents.

The Committee of Thirteen has been informed in particular that the International Red Cross Committee should be in possession of a report drawn up by Dr. Junod in March, and also a report of December last by the doctors of the Swedish ambulance.

I should be greatly obliged if you would let me have your reply as soon as possible, as the Committee of Thirteen has to continue its work this afternoon.

I have the honour to be etc.,

(Signed) Avenol,

Secretary-General.

(Translation)

II.

Geneva, April 9th, 1936.

International Red Cross Committee.

to the Secretary-General.

The International Red Cross Committee has the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 8th which it received yesterday afternoon.

In view of the importance of the request made by the Committee of Thirteen our Ethiopia Commission met immediately. The International Committee also considered this question at its Plenary meeting to-day.

As stated in our Circular No. 324, the two Governments engaged in the present conflict expressed the desire that an enquiry should be instituted by the International Committee into the allegations made by both sides concerning violations of the Geneva Convention. The International Committee being desirous of affording all the aid in its power to both parties with a