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Dear Mr Principal

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For your information :-

In Feb. 1908, a British Parliamentary Paper (Africa No 1. 1908) was issued containing consular reports on the state of affairs in the Congo. The consul at Boma after detailing various abuses added, "The system which gave rise to these abuses still continues unchanged and so long as it is unaltered the condition of the natives must remain one of veiled slavery". On the same day the British Foreign Secretary Sir Edward Grey (later Viscount Grey) declared that "The Congo state had morally forfeited every right to international recognition". (Enc. Brit. 1927 Vol 6. p 245)

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Very sincerely

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