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PART 1 **HISTORICAL METHODS**

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5 FEB 1955
Headquarters, the Kenya Police,
P.O. Box 85, Nairobi.
From: Colonel W. Young
S.M.S.
28th December, 1954.

CONFIDENTIAL

Your Excellency,

I refer once again to my letter to you of the 22nd November last, to my resignation of the 14th December, and my further letter of the 21st December, all dealing with the subject of the brutality committed by the Home Guard under the control of Government's Administrative officers.

Once again I regret that Your Excellency has not seen fit to acknowledge my communications to you on this subject or to give me an indication that anything effective is being done to remedy this ~~unpleasant~~ situation. When, on the 7th December, I personally drew your attention once again to the interference and hostility that the Police had suffered from some members of the Administration when making enquiries into these complaints, Your Excellency stated your intention of holding an "off the record" meeting between Police and Administration in order to avoid such troubles in future. So far as I am aware no arrangements for such a meeting have yet been made.

Recently I made a tour with the Assistant Commissioner of my Criminal Investigation Department to visit C.I.D. officers in the Central Province. I assured them that investigations into allegations of brutality must be pressed home to completion in all cases and that nobody, whatever his position in Government or elsewhere, could be allowed to interfere with these duties of the Police.

The new and increasing confidence which the African is beginning to show in the impartiality of the Police is already having its result in an increased number of reports of brutality and murder. Allegations, which Africans have previously been afraid to make, for fear of reprisals.

I have asked my Assistant Commissioner to let me have a summary of the position of such current police enquiries, a copy of which I enclose for Your Excellency's information.

I see that after the Christmas recess the reasons for my resignation, which have not yet been disclosed and which at present are not understood by the public, are to be debated in the House of Lords. I therefore request that a copy of this letter, together with a copy of the report attached, be forwarded to

the Colonial Office.....

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EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 166th MEETING
OF THE WAR COUNCIL HELD ON 1st May 56.

1724. THE SECURITY SITUATION IN NYANZA PROVINCE

The War Council had before them a Memorandum by the Minister for Defence (WAR/C.910) covering an Appreciation by the Kenya Intelligence Committee of the security situation in the Nyanza Province. The DEPUTY GOVERNOR said that at a recent meeting it had been decided -

- (i) to improve the security arrangements in the Nyanza Province by strengthening the Administration, the Special Branch and the supervisory staff at African schools; and
- (ii) to take steps to speed up development by giving special support to agricultural, veterinary and medical schemes.

The Governor and the Minister for Finance intended to seek funds for the purpose from the United Kingdom during their forthcoming visit to London. The DEPUTY GOVERNOR said that he had assured the Administration in Nyanza that agitators, who tried to hinder reforms, would not be tolerated. He was consulting the Attorney General about the powers needed by the Government to deal with the few dissidents.

THE WAR COUNCIL

took note of WAR/C.910 and of the Deputy Governor's statement.

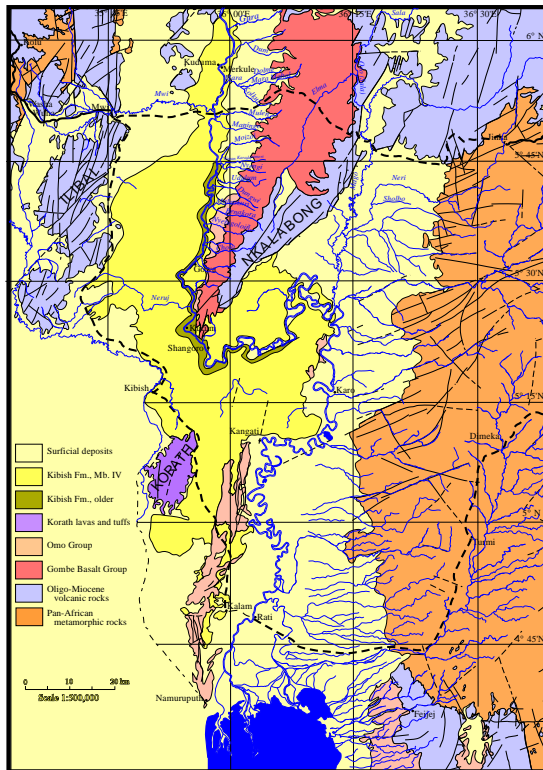
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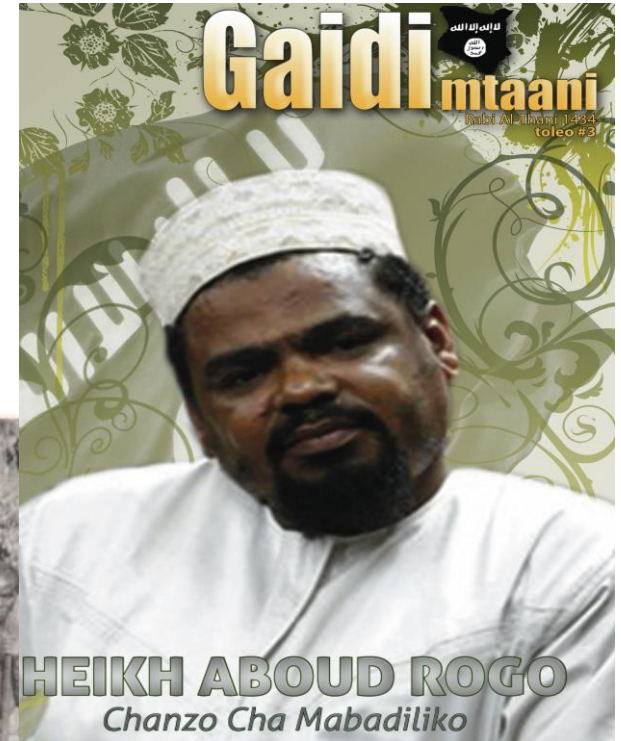


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