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The Honorable James F. Brynes  
Secretary of State  
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

My Company has only recently completed an agreement with the Imperial Ethiopian Government for the development of petroleum in Ethiopia.

I feel rather certain that you, personally, have been informed with respect to this agreement. Unfortunately, the country of Ethiopia is an inland country, with no direct water outlet for export shipping. Should we be successful in discovering oil, we would, of necessity, be required to construct adequate pipe line facilities from Ethiopia to a suitable seaport, as well as an export shipping terminal. If we are to proceed with our development program in Ethiopia, it is of vital importance that Eritrea should be recognized as an integral part of Ethiopia, so we would have a suitable seaport outlet.

Our entire development program will seriously be delayed and affected should Eritrea be under the domination of any other power except Ethiopia. I, therefore, urgently request that your good offices support the demands of Ethiopia with respect to Eritrea.

For your personal information, I am attaching hereto photostatic copy of the supplemental agreement between my Company and the Imperial Ethiopian Government, with respect to construction of pipe lines to seaport outlets, from which you will readily see the importance to this project of the acquisition of Eritrea by Ethiopia.

Very truly yours

*H. H. Sinclair*  
President

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