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My Lord,

We have received confirmation that the Azerbaijanis have extended Erivan and surrounding territory to serve as basis to Armenia. The Armenians provided commitments that, in return for this territory, they will not seek advancement on other claims. Given a worsening situation, this was important to each side.

Both parties have requested we provide a cartographical mission in order to begin the task of demarcating borders.

This task is made somewhat urgent as there is undoubtedly much ill towards those who shared in this decision. Our representative in Tiflis reports disquiet, even among those who were present during discussions and, indeed, party to this decision. When news becomes widely known among the general population there can be expectation of considerable anger. There must be concern over attempts to reverse this decision, in which case we would be thrown back to the very beginning and this would lead to more widespread violence.

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His Majesty's Principal Secretary  
of State for Foreign Affairs.

I recommend that urgent efforts are  
made to visibly begin the border process in  
hope that this will discourage second thoughts.

I have the honour to be,

With the highest respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient

humble servant,

*A. Galbreath*