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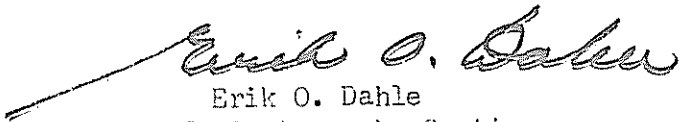
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Dear Dr. Burrill,

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Enclosed please find information obtained by the Cartography Section concerning the transliteration of Amharic.

Yours sincerely,

  
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REPORT OF THE AD HOC GROUP OF EXPERTS

ON GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES

Reference is made to the report of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Geographical Names on its second session from 10 to 20 March 1970.

In paragraph 52 of its report, the Ad Hoc Group of Experts requested the Cartography Section to contact Ethiopian cartographic authorities with a view to obtain official confirmation that the Ethiopian names authority had adopted the joint Ethiopian and BGN/FCGN 1967 transliteration system for Amharic. The following information has now been received from the Director General of Geographic Research, Imperial Ethiopian Government Mapping and Geography Institute :

"To date a committee or board for geographical names has not been set up; and consequently, the Mapping and Geographical Institute is the responsible agency for Amharic - into - English transliteration. Except for horizontal diacritical marks which fall below the letter in our case, and unlike the BGN, in which case the marks fall above the designated letter, the system adapted by the Institute is similar to that of BGN."