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AHRAR AGITATIONS

I had long (? conversation with) Zafrullah last
night. Full record follows today's bag.

Chief points are

(13) (1) That Daultana's (corrupt group) communique (my
telegram 405) had been given widest circulation in Punjab through
official sources to ensure public opinion was guided on these
lines.

(2) Centre had sent emissaries to Daultana who were
to instruct him to disavow and withdraw his communique. Any
persistence would mean his dismissal. (It was not in fact
necessary to use this threat) Daultana had agreed.

(3) He was then required to issue definite statement
in terms of Central Government's earlier policy statement that
there would be no compromise with Ahrars. This appeared in
today's press. (Full text follows by bag).

(4) Daultana was (?first) obtaining formal assent of
his Muslim League to this action. He is to do this today.

(5) Object of Centre is to prevent Daultana "wriggling
back" to power by destroying his reputation and discrediting
him in the Punjab. My immediately following telegram (sic).

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