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Dfr to M. Pichon suggesting next meeting should be held in London in the early days of the week beginning July 13<sup>th</sup> - Proposal to attach three Secretaries drawn from States not represented on the Advisory Cttee of the Court of Justice, to co-operate with Dr. van Hamel. (Minutes.)

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Dfr. Monsieur Pichon. ✓  
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Bunderland House,  
Curzon Street, W.1.  
5th July, 1919.

Cher Monsieur Pichon,

Dès mon retour à Londres, je me suis empressé de voir le Colonel House et Lord Robert Cecil qui se trouvaient être tous les deux en ville, et de leur parler de la question de la prochaine réunion du Comité d'Organisation dont vous m'avez fait l'honneur de m'entretenir jeudi matin. Ils désirent beaucoup que cette réunion ait lieu à Londres où ils ont établi leur quartier-général n'ayant vraiment pas de bureau à Paris. Ils m'assurent qu'ils étaient parfaitement persuadés que la prochaine réunion devait être convoquée à Londres, et me font remarquer que le Marquis Imperiali et le Vicomte Chinda sont de retour à leur postes. Je leur expliquai qu'il serait impossible à Votre Excellence de se rendre à Londres la semaine prochaine, et ils m'ont prié de dire que, dans ce cas, ils trouvaient que la réunion pouvait être remise aux premiers jours de la semaine suivante. La seule question d'importance qui devra être décidée concerne les noms et les invitations des juristes internationaux qui doivent élaborer les plans de la constitution de la Cour permanente de justice internationale. Votre Excellence a déjà désigné Monsieur Fromageot, et j'ai prié Monsieur Monnet de vous soumettre la lettre d'invitation projetée - ce qu'il aura fait sans doute. J'espère que Votre Excellence sera satisfaite du texte.

Une proposition, qui me paraît excellente, m'a été faite. Il s'agirait d'attacher deux ou trois secrétaires à la Commission, travaillant sous la direction de Monsieur van Hamel, directeur de la Section Légale du Secrétariat International, et de choisir ces secrétaires, si possible, parmi ces Etats - tels que la Suisse, le Brésil ou la Pologne - qui n'ont pas de nationaux à la Commission.

J'ai également l'intention de faire circuler pour l'approbation définitive du Comité, le rapport soumis à la dernière réunion. Les coupures nécessaires ont été faites et j'ai modifié la Deuxième Partie comme il était convenu. J'en enverrai une copie à Votre Excellence aussitôt que possible.

Il ne semble qu'il serait utile de faire circuler la Deuxième Partie - à l'exception du dernier paragraphe - parmi les différents états nommés dans l'Annexe du Pacte.

Votre Excellence voudra bien me faire savoir quand il lui serait agréable que je convoque la réunion à Londres pour un des premiers jours de la semaine commençant le 13 juillet.

Je prie Votre Excellence d'agréer l'expression de ma parfaite considération.

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Son Excellence,  
Monsieur Pichon,  
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Sunderland House,  
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5th July, 1919.

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My dear Monsieur Pichon,

Immediately on my return I took an opportunity of seeing Colonel House and Lord Robert Cecil, who happened to be both in London, with regard to the next meeting of the Organisation Committee, which you were good enough to discuss with me on Thursday morning. They are both very anxious that the meeting should be in London, as they have both established their headquarters here, and <sup>have really no office</sup> ~~have really no office~~ in Paris. They tell me that they understood quite clearly the next meeting should be summoned in London, and point out that the Marquis Imperiali and Viscount Chinda are now back at their posts. I explained that it would not be possible for Your Excellency to come over here next week, and they asked me to say that if this was the case they thought it would do for the meeting to be held in the early days of the week following. The only question to be discussed would be the names of, and the letter of invitation to be sent to, the international jurists who are to formulate plans for the constitution of the Permanent Court of International Justice. Your Excellency has already nominated M. Fromageot, and I have asked M. Monnet to submit to you the proposed letter, which he has no doubt done, and of which I trust your Excellency will approve. A proposal has been made which seems to me to be excellent: that there should be two or three secretaries to the Commission working under the direction of Mr. Van Hamel, the Director of the Legal Section of the International Secretariat, and that these secretaries should, if possible, be drawn from States, such as Switzerland, Brazil and Poland who are not represented among the members of the Commission.

I also intended to circulate, for the final approval of the Committee, memoranda which I submitted at the last meeting and in which the necessary omissions have been made and I have amended Part II as directed.

It might, I think, be advisable that Part II should be circulated, with the omission which has been mentioned in the last paragraph, to the various States named in the Annex to the Covenant.

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