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Refugee Settlement Commission

Mr. Henry Morgenthau, appointed as Resident of the Commission

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Major T. F. Johnson  
League of Nations, Geneva 

August 31st, 1923

Dear Major Johnson:

Confirming our conversation of this afternoon, and following telephonic communication with Mr. O. V. Vickrey, General Secretary of Near East Relief, relative to our possible representation on the proposed Refugee Settlement Commission, let me say that:

Should the League take the initiative in inviting a representative of our organization to serve on the Commission, we would probably accept. In such case the appointment should be considered as in no way representing or obligating the American Government, or American financiers. He would be solely the representative of Near East Relief, an American philanthropic organization which has no Governmental connection.

Further, such appointment could not be taken as indicative of Near East Relief's ability to make any large expenditures in future relief work in Greece, other than those entailed in the maintenance of our present orphanage program in Greece. Roughly, these expenditures may run to approximately two million dollars annually for the next two or three years. We shall, of course, continue our work there on the largest scale which our resources may permit.

The main reason for our willingness to consider naming a representative to serve on the Commission would be that we might better cooperate with those other organizations who are engaged in philanthropic effort in Greece, and that we might likewise thereby help to coordinate existing relief activities.

Should a Near East Relief official be appointed, his duties would, in all probability be most definitely limited to activities approved by our Executive Committee, and he could function purely in an administrative capacity. Finally, we may - subject to further cable communication with New York headquarters - consider it essential to secure the approval of the State Department before definitely
committing ourselves.

Yours very truly,

Gordon L. Berry
European Representative
Dear Major Johnson:

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter which I am sending this morning to Sir Arthur Salter. This, as you will note, includes certain information which was not at hand at the time of our interview with you Saturday afternoon.

I shall be glad to advise you of the contents of Mr. Vickrey’s letter covering his interview yesterday with Colonel Logan as soon as this communication is received.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

I incl.

Gordon L. Berry
September 17th 1923

Sir Arthur Salter
League of Nations
Geneva.

Sir:

As per my telephone message of yesterday morning, I quote from a cable received Saturday shortly after the departure of Mr. Ches. V. Vickrey for London:

"RED CROSS ANNOUNCED OFFICIALLY THROUGH STATE DEPARTMENT IT WILL TAKE NO PART NOMINATING REPRESENTATIVE RELIEF AGENCIES STOP CAN FINAL JUDGMENT BE POSTPONED FOR CABLE REPLY AFTER YOUR NATURE STOPS DIFFICULT SEGMENTS CAN SUFFICIENT CALIBER INFLUENCE AMERICAN PUBLIC SENSE TIENT IF TWO YEARS RESIDENCE GREECE REQUIRED STOP SUGGEST PROMINENT CHAIRMAN WITH EXECUTIVE SECRETARY FULL TIME RESIDENCE ATHENS STOP SUGGEST FINLEY BERRY THIS POSITION STOP FINLEY RECOMMENDS R. H. HILL DIRECTOR AMERICAN SCHOOL OF PRACTICAL STUDIES ATHENS SIGNED: ACHERSON"

Supplementing the foregoing the following cable was received Sunday morning. I have already repeated same by wire to Mr. Vickrey at London:

"FINLEY RECOMMENDS STEVEN P. DUGGAN DIRECTOR INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION STOP HE PLANS EARLY DEPARTURE FOR ATHENS INVESTIGATE BEST USE HALL REQUEST. ACHERSON"

Before his departure Saturday evening Mr. Vickrey and I brought the first cable to the attention of Mr. Philipp Baker. The suggestion which Dr. Finley made regarding my appointment could scarcely be considered, and I think I may say that we quite concur in your judgment that the proposal for the appointment of a chairman with the assistance of an
executive secretary is not practicable. I have advised Mr. Vickrey that this is your opinion.

This morning I have a wire from Mr. Vickrey stating that he saw Colonel Logan in Paris yesterday and was sending me full details relative to the interview. When the letter has been received here, I will transmit its contents to yourself.

Very truly yours,

GORDON L. BERRY

GIB/AB
September 20th 1923

Major T.F. Johnson
League of Nations
Geneva.

Dear Major Johnson:

I am in receipt of the following cablegram, sent by Mr. Vickrey just before his departure from Cherbourg:

"LONDON: With dates London position telegraphed from Paris confirmed near east subsidies appropriation by League of Nations Morgan Au Camp or other qualified American has strongly favors Finley for political administration reasons. New York Cablegram says Finley recommended President Rogers Columbia University who is proceeding London seeking advising American philanthropists concerning contributions education near east."

Very cordially yours,

Gordon L. Berry
September 28th 1923

Major T.F. Johnson
League of Nations
Geneva.

Dear Major Johnson:

I am this morning in receipt of the following cable from our New York Office:

"EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TAKES NO OFFICIAL ACTION BUT CONTINUES POSITION FACILITATE APPOINTMENT AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVE FAVORABLY DISPOSED MORGENTHAU." VICKREY.

Yours very truly,

[Signature]

Gordon L. Berry
VICKREY     NEW YORK

Council League Nations learning great pleasure Near East
unanimously proposed Mr. Morgenthau as Chairman Greek Refugee
Settlement Commission and that he was willing accept have today
appointed him stop further details being sent you via your
Geneva representatives

Salter.

29.9.23
GENEVA, September 29th, 1923.

GREEK REFUGEES SCHEME.

DRAWN RESOLUTION (PRIVATE)

The COUNCIL decides that

(1) The appointment of Mr. Henry Morgenthau as Member and Chairman of the Refugees Settlement Commission shall be for two years at an annual salary of £2,500.

(2) The appointment of M. Campbell as Member of the Refugees Settlement Commission shall be for two years at an annual salary of £2,000.
La Société des Nations.

Plan pour les réfugiés des deux.

Projet de résolution (Privé)

Le Conseil décide que:

1) La nomination de M. Henry Morgenthau comme membre et Président de l'office autonome pour l'établissement des réfugiés est faite pour deux ans au traitement de 2,500 Livres sterling par an.

2) La nomination de M. Campbell comme membre de l'office autonome pour l'établissement des réfugiés est faite pour deux ans au traitement de 2,000 Livres sterling par an.
Morgenthau fourseventeen Parkavonue New York

Council League of Nations learning with great pleasure that you were prepared accept position has unanimously appointed you chairman Greek Refugees Settlement Commission other members Colonel Campbell indian civil service and Messieurs Délta and Argyropoulos stop chairman has casting vote stop Council contemplated two years tenure and annual salary two thousand five hundred pounds for post chairman stop hope to have telegraphic confirmation acceptance from you and information when you can leave for Europe suggest you go Athens via London and Geneva.

Salter for Secretary General League

29.9.23
MORGENTHAU NAMED IN REFUGEE LOAN

(Special in the Herald)

GENEVA, Saturday. Arrangements for $100,000,000 refugee loan to foreign war victims completed today with the appointment of Mr. Henry Morgenthau, former Ambassador of the United States to Turkey, as chairman of an international commission to settle the largest reconstruction project in the history of Near Eastern countries.

The loan is designed to aid in the settlement of refugees in productive work, and to be administered without cost by the Greek Government, and the international control commission, a guarantee to bondholders that selfish or political interests will not be able to divert the funds from direct productive purposes.

Mr. Morgenthau's appointment, made on the nomination of the Near East Relief, is a recognition of America's position as the foremost factor in international humanitarian endeavors. In order that money may be available for immediate commencement of the work, arrangements have been made for $6,000,000 in short-term notes by the Bank of England, pending the flotation of the loan.

Other members of the loan commission are Colonel John Campbell, Etienne Delta, president of the Greek Red Cross, and Pericles Argyropoulos, formerly Greek Minister in Stockholm and Governor-General of Macedonia.

Mr. Morgenthau, as chairman of the commission, is expected to sail immediately for Greece and will be engaged for two years in the completion of the commission's work.

Sir Arthur Salter, chairman of the League of Nations World Commission, in announcing the final arrangements of the loan today, said: "The acceptance of Mr. Morgenthau is highly gratifying. We feel that his appointment insures the success of this great experiment in reconstruction, and we hope his work in administering this fund will blaze a way for the removal of international loans from the field of politics into the field of genuine productive business."
Expéditeur.
M. Morgenheim
New York
Télégramme
Date 2 octobre 1923

Office autorisé de Réfugiés en Suisse

Acceptez à remplir les fonctions de rédacteur de l'Office autorisé et assurer sa financement définitif sur l'Europe.

(Commentaires.)

(T.S.V.P.)
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SALT R LEAGUE OF NATIONS
GENEVA SWITZ:

ACCEPT APPOINTMENT SHALL SAIL EITHER AQUITANIA OR
MAURETANIA STOPPING LONDON AND GENEVA

MORGENTHAU =
My dear Sir Arthur:

My delay in answering your telegram was caused by my absence from the city.

Mrs. Morgenthau and I have to arrange our affairs, and we shall do so as speedily as possible. We may leave on the Aquitanic on October 23rd, or on the Mauretania on October 30th.

I think your suggestion for me to confer with some of the LEAGUE representatives and bankers in London is excellent, and I shall adopt it; and naturally I shall wish to confer with you and your associates in Geneva. In the meantime I intend to stir up the Greeks living in America and enlist the services of both the ANEKLEDE and the GRAKO NE KALE to make propaganda and solicit subscriptions for the contemplated Greek loan.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Sir Arthur Salter
General Secretary
Geneva, Switzerland
Major T.F. Johnson
League of Nations
Geneva

Dear Major Johnson:

The following cable from our New York office came in this morning:

Morgenthau requesting all reports documents instructive as to League committee - Acheson

I have replied stating that certain of these were mailed by this office the first of this week, and requesting that a cable be sent me in Paris indicating to what address others should be forwarded. If you will be so good as to have someone make up a set of all the documents which you think Mr. Morgenthau should have, I will advise you where to have them sent, the moment the advice reaches me in Paris. Meanwhile, would you kindly send me two copies of the Resolution adopted by the Council re the Armenian question, same to be addressed in care of P.C.Gilbert, Esq.

15 Blvd. des Italiens, Paris.

Very truly yours,

[-Signature-]
S. C.

[Handwritten text]

Par M. [Signatures]

[Handwritten date: 14/IX/23]
Sir:

I have the honour to inform you that the Council of the League of Nations, at its meeting held at Geneva on September 29th, 1923, appointed you as a member of the Refugee Settlement Commission, representative of relief organisations. This position carries with it the chairmanship of the Commission, whose tasks and functions are described in detail in the Protocol for the establishment of the Refugee Settlement Commission and the Statutes, both of which documents were signed at Geneva on behalf of the Greek Government on September 29th.

I attach copies of these documents, as well as of the resolution of the Council under which you were appointed.

I should add that the appointment is for a period of two years at an annual salary of £2,500 sterling (two thousand five hundred pounds).

I understand that since the resolution of the Council you have informally signified your willingness

H. Morgenthau, Esq.,
417, Park Avenue,
New York.
willingness to accept such an appointment, and I should be very grateful if you would, in due course, transmit to me a formal acceptance.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

[Signature]

[Date]
October 24th, 1923

Sir Arthur Salter
League of Nations
Geneva.

Dear Sir Arthur:

I have to-day received a cablegram from our New York office stating that Mr. Henry Morgenthau sailed on the "Aquitania", October 23, and requesting that you be notified of that effect. It is further suggested that you may wish to arrange certain desirable interviews for Mr. Morgenthau, both in London and Geneva, and this advice relative to his departure from New York will, I trust, give you adequate opportunity for completing whatever may be requisite in that respect. Until further notice, Mr. Morgenthau's address will be the Hotel Metz, London. Nothing is said in the cable as to how long he will remain in London. He will undoubtedly cable you, or this office, shortly after his arrival in England.

A recent cable from New York indicated that Mr. Morgenthau was desirous of receiving copies of all the important documents relative to the constitution of the Greek loan commission and to the proposed activities thereof.

You were kind enough to send copies of certain of these through this office immediately following his appointment. If there are other documents of like nature which you consider that he should have, it would be greatly appreciated if you should have them despatched before the close of this week to Mr. Morgenthau's London address.

Very cordially yours,

Gordon L. Berry

G.L.B/ab
October 24th 1923

Major T.F. Johnson  
League of Nations  
Geneva.

My dear Major Johnson:

The enclosed copy of a letter which I am sending this afternoon to Sir Arthur Salter will prove self-explanatory.

It has not been until to-day that I have had definite advice regarding Mr. Morgenthau's departure from New York. I knew that he was to sail either the 23rd or the 30th. Happily, he has chosen the earlier date.

From what you told me at the time of our last conversation, I very much fear that he will arrive in London too late to interview Colonel Proctor. If I understood you correctly, Col. Proctor is leaving this week for South Africa. Should they fail to connect in London, it would be most unfortunate. Possibly if Col. Proctor knew that Mr. Morgenthau was arriving next week and that he was desirous of an interview, the day for his departure to South Africa might be postponed.

As you know him so much better as I do, will you not be good enough to drop him a line, possibly suggesting the delay. In the meantime, I am writing to Mr. Morgenthau giving him full particulars regarding Colonel Proctor's address.

Will you kindly mail to Mr. Morgenthau, Hotel Hitz, London, one copy of Colonel Proctor's Report and greatly oblige.

Yours very truly,

GLB:ab

Gordon L. Berry
October 24th 1933

Sir Arthur Walter
League of Nations
Geneva.

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Gordon L. Berry

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Traduction: Berry writes Morgantheu sailed 23 October
Aquitania London address Ritz STOP Suggste delaying
Froeter.
Geneva, October 26th, 1923.

Dear Mr. Berry,

Very many thanks for your letter of the 24th.

I am taking steps to arrange interviews for Mr. Morgenstern with the people I think it most desirable he should see in London, and I hope he is then coming out to Geneva to make the acquaintance of the Secretariat here.

We have practically nothing in the way of documents beyond the general report of which I think you have already had a copy. I am, however, arranging that further copies of this report, with any other documents that we have, shall be waiting for Mr. Morgenstern at his London address.

Yours sincerely,

Gordon L. Berry Esq.,
Near West Reliefs,
9, Place de la Rusterie,
Geneva.
Baker Treasury London

Morganthau sailed Aquitania twenty-third will be London twenty-ninth or thirtieth address hotel Ritz. Will you be there help him make necessary contacts stop if so will write you details and will so inform him.

SALTZER

26.10.23
WILL BE HERE NEXT WEEK AND ENTIRELY MORGENTHAUS DISPOSITION

WAIT YOUR LETTER = BAKER =
REPETITION DE (LA) DES PRISES DE VUE
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course, transmit to me a formal acceptance.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

[Signature]

UNOG Library
Treasury Chambers,
29th October, 1913.

My dear Salter,

Many thanks for your letter of the 27th about Morgenthau. I am writing a note to him placing myself at his disposition, and will try and arrange for him to see everyone concerned in as short a time as possible.

I will also suggest to him with much vigor that he should see you in Paris if he cannot get to Geneva in time to catch you. I agree that it would be much better for him to come to Geneva and I see no reason why he should not.

I will also suggest to Campbell that he should go through Geneva with Morgenthau.

Yours sincerely,

Sir Arthur Salter,
League of Nations,
Geneva.
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BAKER TREASURY LONDON

WILL BE READY FRIDAY 29TH MARCH PLEASE SEND HIS
PARIS ABSENCE OR ANY OTHER ARRANGEMENT IN LONDON
OFFICE PRINTING HIS VARIOUS DOCKS NO EARLY CONFIRM TO
BE COMING SALUTE

30.10.23
I have seen Morgenthau and made all arrangements. Wants to see you in Paris Friday. Will come Geneva following Tuesday. = Baker =
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Orient Express arrives alone Tuesday morning Joins Campbell.
Hotel Grande Bretagne, Athens, Greece.

November 19th, 1923.

My dear Sir Eric:

Your letter of October 17th addressed to me in New York, followed me to Athens. It is hardly necessary for me to write you a formal acceptance as I am already duly installed and at work.

You probably have heard that I have waived the annual salary of £1000. 2500 as I deem it a privilege to serve the League of Nations and am really hoping that I may be able to contribute something toward their success.

I greatly regret that you were not in Geneva when I passed through there.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

Sir Brie Drummond,
Secretary-General, League of Nations,
Geneva,
Switzerland.
GENEVA.

December 3rd, 1922.

My dear Mr. Morgenthau,

I am writing to thank you for your letter of November 19th. It was a matter of the greatest regret to me not to have been in Geneva at the time you passed through, and I am trusting that it will not be too long before I have another opportunity of meeting you.

I have to-day authorised Sweetser to telegraph to you to the effect that if you feel in a position to send a report now on the work of the Commission up to date, I should be very glad to circulate it to the Council at the meeting which is to take place in Paris on December 10th. I realise, of course, that such a report could only be of a more or less preliminary character, but in spite of this I venture to think that there would be considerable advantage in taking the occasion of the Council meeting to assure for the work of your Commission a special degree of attention and perhaps of publicity.

May I take this opportunity of thanking you on behalf of the League for your generosity in not accepting the salary which the Council offered to the

K. Morgenthau, Esq.,

Hotel Grande Bretagne,
Athens.
the Chairman of the Commission. This may perhaps seem a small thing in comparison with the giving up of a year or more to work in a country so far from your own, but I can assure you that it is most profoundly appreciated, both in itself and as one further proof of the spirit which has prompted you to accept your present task.

With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,
Sir Eric Drummond,
Secretary General
League of Nations,
Geneve.

My dear Sir Eric:

We have established a splendid organization for the Refugee Settlement Commission. We have augmented the Commissioners by accepting the services of M. Negrepontas, former Minister of Finance of Greece, and have put him in charge of the urban settlements. We have engaged Mr. Adonisides who was formerly Governor-General of Salonica and latterly your representative here, he is to supervise on the spot our activities for the agriculturists in Macedonia. We have also appointed Colonel Fergus secretary general of the Commission.

Both the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Public Assistance have transferred to us those members of their force that have had charge of their Departments' activities in reference to refugees. All of these forces are housed in one building immediately adjoining the offices of the Prime Minister.

We have appropriated in full the million Pounds that has been transferred to us by the Bank of England. The details of administrating these funds have been well worked out with the view to our spending our money as rapidly as we can in always keeping however with efficient and good results; but our work will practically cease when we have spent the million pounds unless in the meantime additional funds are secured.

Mr. Diomede, the Governor of the National Bank of Greece expects to visit London on April so as to have a personal interview with Governor Norman and induce him to advance another million pounds. Mr. Diomede is very anxious that I should accompany him or meet him there.
As I desire to be in America in time for the Democratic National Convention I have concluded to take a leave of absence from here begining with the later part of March and return here in case additional funds are secured, otherwise not.

I desire to appoint Professor Edward Camps my substitute during my absence. I have consulted Messrs Venizelos, Delta and Argyropoulos as to this choice and all three are very enthusiastic about it. Of course in case I resign the vacancy will have to be filled by the Council of the League of Nations.

I should like to know whether you and Sir Arthur Salter will be in Geneva in the end of March or early part of April for if so I should like to stop there and in addition to the written report that we will send you discuss the details of our activities here.

With kindest regards to all of you,

Yours very sincerely,

Henry Morgenthau.
Sir Arthur Salter.

I venture to suggest a small alteration in the telegram to Mr. Morgenthau:

There can be hardly any doubt, I think, that the most effective representations to the American Government could be made via the British, French and Italian Governments, in referring to the American cooperation foreshadowed in Mr. Hughes' note of March 31st, especially when it is remembered that those Governments supported the constructive plan largely as a result of the implied promise of American cooperation contained in that note.

It might be somewhat difficult to follow that procedure if Mr. Morgenthau suggested another method of approach.

Perhaps a wording on these lines would meet the case, in the place of the paragraph in your draft:

"Propose ask British, French, Greek and Italian Governments inform American Government constructive plan suggested Hughes note 31st March now in operation and invite communications from American Government regarding American cooperation foreshadowed in that note STOP Should welcome your views this proposal and detailed information regarding present number destitute refugees indicating numbers fed Greek Government and private organisations and net total unprovided for."

Assistant High Commissioner for Refugees.

Geneva, February 15th 1924.
Morgenthau (suite)

this proposal and detailed information regarding present number destitute refugees indicating numbers fed Greek Government and private organisations and net total unprovided for stop Council meets Geneva March tenth do you consider this should be used either for above purpose or other purposes such as inadequacy of Greek allocations of land political conditions affecting prospects of loan public appeal for charitable assistance as complement to League scheme stop would be convenient receive commissions second three monthly report for circulation to Council

Salter

15.2.24
Decode Mr. Bentinck (Athens)

February 18th

D. 20h 45 Feb. 18th  
R. 9h 30 18th

No. 1

Your telegram No. 1  
Following from M for Salter

No intention of resigning. Under promise of going to America in connection with presidential campaign in certain probable contingencies. Probably leaving Greece middle of April passing through Geneva, Paris and London. Could return to Greece November if additional funds secure. (If)? I am trying to secure Cap (p?)s as my substitute.

Agree to your proposal to American cooperation. Greek Government feeding spasmodically old women and young only and Save the Children fund feeding about forty thousand. Estimate four to five hundred thousand refugees urgently need clothes, medical comforts, quinine and food.

Agree to utilizing Council meeting to press points above and any others where their help would assist work. Report being prepared and will be despatched this week. Letter follows.
Sincerely trust no truth whatever in press reports you intend resign would be glad to have your authority give categorical denial stop is it true as also reported that you intend go America early date if so please wire exact dates and whether and if so then you intend pass Geneva Paris or London stop propose suggest British French Greek and Italian Governments inform American Government constructive plan suggested Hughes note thirty first March now in operation and invite communication from American Government regarding American contingent cooperation foreshadowed that note stop should welcome your views.

This Holland - Thanks for letting me see this.
If it was save trouble if such correspondence as this were entered in Registry or I see no reason why this not have been done at this time? JW Saddel 1/3/51
GENEVA.

February 20th, 1924.

My dear Mr. Morgenthau,

Very many thanks for your most interesting letter of February 11th, and for letting me know your plans.

May I congratulate you very cordially on the admirable start which you have already given to the work of the Settlement Commission.

As regards the question of our meeting on your way to London, perhaps you will allow me to write again later when the actual date of your journey is fixed, and when my own plans may be a little more certain. I hope, too, that I shall then be able to give you definite information with regard to Sir Arthur Salter, whose whereabouts depends on several factors which are not yet altogether clear.

I am much looking forward to the probability of seeing you.

Yours very sincerely,

Henry Morgenthau, Esq.
The Refugee Settlement Commission,
Athens,
Greece.
Please see the letter from Mr. Morgenthau and the Secretary-General's reply.

I am entering with it the telegram from Sir Arthur Salter, of February 15th, and the copy of Mr. Morgenthau's reply, which you gave me yesterday. You will, no doubt, deal with this former.

I think the telegram should have been entered as soon as sent, in accordance with the regular rules of the Secretariat on this subject.

SECURTY GENERAL

February 20th, 1934.
Monsieur Dutour,

The Secretary-General agrees with the suggestion in your minute. I have shown it to Major Buxton, who is taking the necessary action with regard to the agenda.

February 22nd, 1924.
I very much hope you will finish your correspondence a read pen truly and that you will be here at least by the 11th.

The General Staff have finally agreed that the move "unofficially" here be a week before the move facultated. I presumed you might suspect.

Yours truly, your obedient servant.
DRAFT TELEGRAM.

MORGENTHAU
REFUGEE SETTLEMENT COMMISSION
ATHENS.

Salter has been in communication with London and in view of difficulties in Greek situation we consider it most desirable that you should go London see Norman and Niemeyer privately before next Council meeting March tenth and return Geneva in time supplement report to Council with verbal statement stop

If absolutely impossible for you go London it might be possible for them meet you Paris but they would find this very difficult stop

Salter will probably be Budapest beginning of Council but return before end and would meet you anywhere convenient to you Paris London or Geneva stop

Shall myself be Geneva throughout Council stop

To The Secretary-General.

This is a draft on the lines suggested in attached telephone message from Sir Arthur Salter of this morning. Sweetser has seen the draft and is in agreement.

Please see letter from Mr. Morgenthau to Sir A. Salter inside file, dated Feb. 13th and letter from Mr. Niemeyer to Sir A. Salter also dated Feb. 13th.

I suggest that the above telegram would replace the letter which you asked me to draft yesterday.

Cipher telegram

Morgenthau
Refugee Settlement Commission,
ATHENS.

Salter has been in communication with London and in view of difficulties in Greek situation we consider it very desirable that you should go London see Norman and Niemeyer privately before next Council meeting March tenth and return Geneva in time supplement report to Council with verbal statement stop If absolutely impossible for you go London it might be possible for them meet you Paris but they would find this very difficult stop Salter will probably be Budapest beginning of Council but return before end and would meet you anywhere convenient to you Paris London or Geneva stop Personally earnestly hope you will find proposals practicable and trust to see you at Geneva during Council stop Please telegraph your decision.

Drummond.

26.2.24
Telephone message from Sir Arthur Salter, 26.2.24

I had the Niemeyer letter of 19th February sent on from Geneva about Greece. I at once telephoned to London and I think it is very desirable, in view of the conversation I had, that if possible Morgenthau should go to London before the Meeting of the Council. The best thing would be if he could leave Greece soon to come to London to see Mr. Norman and Mr. Niemeyer and then come back to the Council meeting. If it is absolutely impossible for him to go to London it might be possible for them to meet him in Paris but Norman and Niemeyer would find it very difficult.

Will the Secretary-General send a wire to-day to Morgenthau to the following effect:

In view of difficulties in the Greek situation most desirable that Morgenthau should go London see Norman and Niemeyer before Council meeting. As far as Salter concerned he will probably be at Budapest at the beginning of the Council but will be back before the end and would of course meet him anywhere - Paris, London, or Geneva - whichever would be convenient.
Sir Eric Drummond,
League of Nations,
Geneva.

My dear Sir Eric:

I duly received your letter. Unfortunately Professor Capps is unable to secure the required leave of absence from his university and hence cannot come here to act as my substitute.

The Near East Relief representative here has telegraphed to the United States suggesting to Mr. Vickrey, their General Secretary to canvass the situation and see whether they could prevail upon ex-Governor Henry Allen or Oscar Strauss to consider acting as my substitute or successor. In case your Council is going to consider the matter I deem it wise for them to have this information.

I desire to plan so the matters that I can sail on the Leveathan leaving Southampton on April 22nd. This will necessitate my being in London about April 15th, and not later than the 18th.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

Henry Morgenthau

* Have we conferred the minutes of the Council the other day? Morgenthau attached his signature, as he knew he could not substitute. If not I see no object in taking any action as if Morgenthau omitted to sign the Council having 1 can explain matters. 3.3.24
May 29, 1924.

Sir Arthur Salter,
League of Nations,
Geneva.

My dear Sir Arthur:

I received your cable about appointing a substitute for me. I cabled Campbell authorizing him to do so. In fact, when I left Athens, I told him that whenever necessary, he should appoint one unless I had previously done so.

I am making considerable progress here in creating favorable sentiment towards the Greek loan.

Look in New York Times of Wednesday, May 28th, on page 2, for an account of a dinner that the Greeks gave me. I know that you get the paper, else I would send you one.

With kindest regards to all,

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

[Handwritten note: signatures]
Morgenthau 461 4th Avenue New York.

We consider appointment substitute during your absence urgent. Stop if unable arrange yourself early date could you telegraph so leaving Campbell free nominate in accordance protocol.

Salter
League of Nations II Waterloo Place S.W.1.

30 May 1924.
3rd June 1984

MARISHEAU 461 Fourth Avenue NEW YORK

Anxiously awaiting reply by telegram

SALTER.
salter, league nations

have campbell appoint substitute = morgenthau =
Refugee Settlement
Campbell

Your letter thirteenth May M. wire he leaves
appointment temporary substitute to you writing

Saltor
5 June 1924

Philip BAKER,
Privy Council Office Whitehall LONDON

Forgan who is absent till September leaves appoint
temporary substitute for Campell who has difficulty in
finding any one willing, except chose in preference
in qualifications horse sense, tact and money sense
latter not essential. No necessary restriction national
Volunteer would be preferable but think salary not
exceeding about one fifty a month could be arranged
dave you suggestions salut.
5th June 1924

CAMPBELL  Refuge Settlement Commission  GREECE

Your letter 30th  Suggest some advantage avoiding both
foreign members being British stop  It has been
suggested you might consider approaching Picard
Director French Archeological School Athens who has
advantages knowledge Greek administration and
being practical man of action in many spheres activity
being resident Athens while remuneration probably
necessary might be well within sum available stop

sending this only as suggestion in view difficulty
disclosed your letter stop have no idea whether Picard
could accept as we have of course not approached him.

SALutations
6/6/24

Charles K BURDICK
Hotel Isis Oxford Angleterre

Delighted appointment has been made definite
Please confirm your acceptance by telegraph
assume you plan go Athena direct from Geneva
need there is urgent See my friend Professor
Morison Oxford = HUDSON
My dear Salter,

I have never made any suggestions in reply to your telegram of June 5th asking who would do as a suitable substitute for Kozgenthau.

I have only two suggestions to make:

a. Bilinski, who was so strongly supported by the Treasury for the post of Secretary General to the Commission last January, and about whom you have a full dossier.

b. Captain Finne, a Norwegian who acted as voluntary private secretary to Nansen for a considerable time. Finne, I know, would be a first-rate man. Whether he would go to Greece as a volunteer I don't know. In any case he would not want much money. He worked for two years or more for Nansen for the Prisoners of War for nothing, and did an excellent job. He could be got by a telegram to Hansen, and I expect would almost certainly be free.

Please forgive delay. I expect this is too late to be any good.

Yours ever,

[Signature]

Sir Arthur Salter, K.C.B.
Geneva,
June 27th, 1924.

My dear Colonel Olds,

You have doubtless followed the work which is being done by the League of Nations and by the Greek Government in a constructive way for the hundreds and thousands of refugees who were driven out of Asia Minor by the Turks. As you perhaps remember, the Greek Government made an arrangement with the League of Nations last September for the establishment of a Refugee Settlement Commission. This Commission, which has been working now for some six months, consists of two members appointed by the Council of the League of Nations, and two members by the Greek Government. The League of Nations members are Mr. Henry Morgenthau and Mr. Campbell (British). Mr. Morgenthau recently left Greece, and has been some months in America. He is not expected to return until September. It is the duty of the Commission to settle refugees on land made available by the Greek Government, providing for them with the necessary equipment to carry on with, so that they will not continue to constitute a burden on the state. Two million pounds have been provided up to the present time by the British Treasury for this purpose, the second million having been made available only very recently.

It is very necessary, in order that the work of the Commission may be carried on satisfactorily, to have constant collaboration between the representatives of the Greek Government and the representative of the League, in view of the interest taken in this whole question, as evidenced especially by a Note which Secretary of State Hughes sent to the Allied Powers in March, 1924, it has always been planned that an American should be one of the
League of Nations' representatives of the Commission. Mr. Morgenthau has been away for some little time now, and an American fully conversant with this sort of work is urgently needed in Athens for the next six to eight weeks. We have discussed various possibilities here in the Secretariat, and, in view of the critical importance of this job, it occurred to me that you are the one American in Europe whose experience and knowledge of conditions qualifies him above all others to do this job. I realize how large a sacrifice it would be for you to go to Greece at this time, and I have no doubt also that it would involve considerable shifting of your engagements, but I am emboldened to ask you on behalf of the Secretary-General to undertake the task because I know how willing you are at all times to throw yourself into situations that need you.

The salary received by the League of Nations Commissioner has been at the rate of £8000, and I have every reason to believe that the Commission would arrange to provide you with full travelling expenses, and so forth, and, in addition, an honorarium based on the figure which I have just mentioned above. I enclose the reports which have been made to the Council by Mr. Morgenthau, as well as the texts of the original arrangement with the Greek Government.

Warmly yours,

[Signature]

Colonel Robert E. Olds,
American Library,
10, Rue de l'Elysée,
PARIS.
Telegram - Telegramme - Telegramma

PARIS 43182 - 39 - 30 - 10445

MANLEY O HUGO NATIONS GENEVE

LETTER RECEIVED DOUBTFUL WHETHER CAN LIQUIDATE
COMMITMENTS FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION ALSO AS NEEDED. FURTHER
INFORMATION COVERING BEFORE MAKING DECISIONS. GLAD MEET
SITUATION ATHENS TOMORROW. CABLE WIRE REPLY: OLDS =

UNOG Library
PARIS. July 1, 1924.

My dear Sir Eric,

I have been with Col. Olds continuously from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. I think the chances of getting him are excellent, and hope to know definitely to-morrow. He is too good a man to want to go down merely as a stop-gap and to do work that a clerk might do. I think I have convinced him of the importance of this interim period.

If he is to fill the rôle of American member of the Commission (as outlined in the Statutes) he is inclined to think that, in order to do effective work he ought to be Morgenthau's substitute as Chairman. I explained that under Art. VII of the Statutes, the Chairmanship fell on Campbell, but that during Campbell's absence he would of course be Chairman. I said that only the Council could appoint him Chairman (and then, not until Morgenthau resigns) but that if he (Olds) should stay on for any considerable time after the Council meets at the end of August, I felt reasonably sure that the Council would in the event of Morgenthau's resignation appoint Olds as Chairman.

I should be glad to know by telephone to-morrow if I can give any further assurances to Olds about the Chairmanship. He has not raised the point because of any excess amour propre, but because he feels that he can do effective work in proportion as authority is given to him. He will do excellent work, I am sure, and do not want to leave any stone unturned in our effort to secure him.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) HUNTINGTON GILCHRIST.
Mrs. Johnston -

Pls. make 5 copies of
this letter + send urgently
to the S.F. with copies to
Hudson & Dupont.

Yours

[Signature]

Sent by Judge to me to show
that he could add nothing to my
statement concerning the Chairmanship.

A.F.

8-7-28
M. Johnston

Je vous avais fourni précédemment une copie de la lettre du 27 125 au Col. Spielberg. 

Mr. Regis 
8 31 0 240
1 ARTS, July 2nd 1924

Dear Howard,

I am enclosing:

1) letter from Hudson to Olof, outlining the situation briefly.

2) Copy of documents containing a) the original agreement with the Greek Govt. and b) the first and c) the second reports of the Commission.

I should add that Campbell will be away during August (for the Opium meeting in Geneva) and that we need an important League Commissioner on this ground. Particularly if any emergency should arise - someone to talk to the Greek Prime Minister or Foreign Minister as well as to see that the normal administrative work is carried on satisfactorily.

Campbell is now chairman but of course Burdick would be chairman in his absence.

The situation is quite reassuring just now for e) the Commission is just beginning to spend the second million pounds sterling advanced by the Bank of England, b) Campbell has recently put the Greek Government on record solidly behind the Commission (This is important as there were political movements attempting to upset the Commission’s scheme as it stands), c) the Greek-Turkish exchange of populations Commissions has just decided to turn over at once to the Greek Government de jure title to the lands left by the Turks (That is failure to do this previously was a great handicap to the Refugee Commission as the letter was supposed to have although it did not have, just such a large quantity of land as the land left by the Turks, on account of the arrangements made with the Bank of England).

Burdick ought to get to Athens not later than July 16th. - 20. He should be able to stay 6 to 8 weeks. His advice and counsel (by mail or in person) will be valuable in September when the League Finance Committee and Council will have to go over the whole situation fully and carefully in view of the future.

There is no danger as far as I can see or have heard of the whole thing going to smash as the Chicago Tribune has some time reported.

We hope to have Burdick’s answer as soon as possible if he is hesitating could you not send him to Geneva at once.

Yours ever

[Signature]

Mr Huston
London
Dear Mr. Gilchrist:

Reflexion has convinced me that I ought not to attempt the task that you have so fully and frankly discussed with me. It is proper that I should outline briefly the main considerations which lead me to this conclusion.

The present situation of the Refugees Settlement Commission is peculiar and obviously suggests certain temporary measures for the protection of all interests concerned. It appears that the American Chairman, who is also normally the executive of the Commission, has been absent from his post since about the middle of April and that the exact date of his return is not yet fixed, although it is supposed he may be back sometime in September. He has not designated a substitute. Meanwhile the remaining League appointee has assumed the duties of Chairman, but it has now developed that the temporary Chairman is also arranging to be absent from Greece during the month of August and a part of September. While there is as yet no vacancy on the Commission, neither in fact or in contemplation, which calls for League action, nevertheless the prospect of the temporary absence of both League appointees has necessarily commanded your attention.

Under the terms of the protocol the logical procedure in this contingency seems to be the naming of a substitute by each temporary absentee. Manifestly the absence of both non-Greek members of the Commission at the same time was hardly contemplated when the organic statutes were drafted. It is not entirely clear under whose direction the Commission would function and carry out its decisions in case two substitutes were designated; but it may perhaps be assumed that by the terms of article 9, the substitute for the permanent, as distinguished from the temporary, Chairman would be the head of the Commission for the time being and be charged with the responsibility for the execution of its decisions. It may be noted in passing that the temporary or acting Chairman has power to designate a substitute for the permanent Chairman; at least so far as voting rights are concerned.

Disregarding, however, all technicalities, it is clear, that in these circumstances, as a practical matter, no person taking charge, in a substitute capacity, of an enterprise of this nature, nor even the Commission itself so constituted, could properly undertake to function in any important way. It would be simply a question of transacting routine business safely within the scope of the general policy and orders already laid down. The position of an acting Chairman whoever he might be, in this abnormal transitory situation, would be extremely embarrassing. He would, in my judgment, face a technical responsibility without a commensurate dignity and authority to carry on effectively either with the subordinate organization or with the Greek government. It is difficult for me to see how I could be of much
use to you as this matter stands, or how, in the circumstances, I should be justified in liquidating suddenly my existing commitments to the prejudice and serious inconvenience of others who are counting upon my services for the next few weeks.

I deeply appreciate the expression of confidence on the part of yourself and your associates implied in your coming to me at this time. It is with sincere regret, that I find myself obliged to decline any service whatever, which the League of Nations may ask of me. This particular project is an especially appealing one, and I should have liked to be identified with it, because I regard it as the first consistent effort to promote a truly constructive solution of a refugee problem of respectable dimensions.

With cordial personal regards, I am,

faithfully yours,
Geneva, July 3rd, 1924.

My dear Colonel Olds,

I showed your letter of July 2nd 1924 to the Secretary General this morning, upon my return to Geneva. He also was sorry, as I knew he would be, that you did not feel that you ought to take up the work in Greece which we discussed yesterday and the day before.

Even though we cannot count upon being as intimately associated during the next few months as I had hoped, it was a real pleasure to see so much of you in Paris, and I trust that our ways may cross again before very long.

With kindest personal regards to Mrs. Olds and yourself,

Yours very sincerely,

Colonel Robert E. Olds,
10. rue de l’Elysée,
PARIS.
CHARLES K BURDICK  CICATRIX  LONDRES

Feel sure you will be interested important proposal Greek refugees work which my associate in Geneva Howard Huston now London will explain stop Please leave word League Office Trafalgar House Waterloo Place where Huston can find you tomorrow July fourth stop

Consider this most important

MANLEY HUDSON
mail burcick uncalled for at american express stop
embassy think perhaps he has not arrived can you give
me further information stop i hope to leave
---tomorrow night - houston -
Located Burdick at Sonning and go there tonight to see him.
Telegram

From: Mr. Bundick

To: Mr. Smith

Subject: Health Update

Dear Mr. Smith,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to inform you that Mrs. Smith's health状况 is deteriorating. She is currently in a hospital and I am unable to provide further updates until Monday when she is expected to be discharged.

Please accept this as a formal notice and keep in touch. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,

[Signature]

Mrs. Smith

[Address]

[Phone Number]
Dear Mr. Gilchrist,

Many thanks for your note of July 3rd. I tried to reach you again here, but found you had left. When you come to take up the question of a permanent chairman for the R.S.C., if you can be here very early, I should be glad to make sure which you may care to consider. There is a man who, to my mind, would be an ideal solution of your problem. Let me know if I can be of any help.

Yours faithfully,

Robert E. Olds.
Inclined to accept stop at Isis hotel Oxford until Sunday stop Monday in Paris cage of American Express company stop Geneva Tuesday stop telegraph if any doubt about appointment - Burdick -
accept subject to arrangement of certain details at geneva expect
to go to athens from geneva = burdick =
9th July 1924

TELEGRAM 9th July 1924

BURDICK HOTEL ISIS OXFORD ANGLETERRE
Telegraphing Campbell acting Chairman
Settlement Commission Athens of your
acceptance appointment subject arrangement
certain details Geneva and your plan
go here direct Athens stop Hudson and
I both delighted

Huntington Gilchrist
In agreement Drummond have arranged on your behalf Professor Charles K. Burdick Cornell University Law School as temporary substitute member replacing Morgenthau for six eight weeks stop Burdick accepts subject arrangement certain details Geneva. He arrives here July fifteenth en route Athens.

Huntington Gilchrist
My dear Professor Burdick,

I beg to confirm my telegram to you of to-day's date with reference to your appointment as temporary substitute member to replace Mr. Henry Morgenthau on the Greek Refugees Settlement Commission. Mr. John Campbell, who is at present acting Chairman of the Greek Refugees Settlement Commission, has the authority under Art. VII of the Organic Statutes of the Commission, to make this appointment, as Mr. Morgenthau has not named a substitute for himself and has specifically requested Mr. Campbell to do so. Mr. Campbell has definitely authorised the Secretariat to make the necessary arrangements for him, and in handling this matter I am acting at the request of Sir Eric Drummond, the Secretary-General, who is absent from Geneva at the moment.

As Huston has, of course, informed you, the appointment is for a period of from six to eight weeks. Full travelling expenses will be

Professor Charles K. Burdick,
Hotel Isis
Oxford
England.
paid by the Settlement Commission, and the salary for the position will be at the rate of £2,000 per annum.

I am sending you herewith a copy of document C.660.K.263.1923.II., which contains the official text of the original arrangement which was made with the Greek Government for the establishment of this Refugees Settlement scheme, as well as copies of the first and second reports of the Settlement Commission.

I am enclosing a copy of my telegram of to-day's date to Mr. Campbell.

It will be a pleasure to see you in Geneva on Tuesday of next week. Mr. Campbell will probably find it necessary to leave Athens before the end of the month, so that it will be an advantage all round if you can get to Athens as early as possible before he leaves.

Yours very sincerely,

[Signature]
My dear Campbell,

I beg to attach copy of a telegram which I have just despatched to you. I have been working with Drummond since Salter went away on leave, on the question of securing an American as temporary substitute for Morgenthau, and when Drummond left on Saturday last he requested me to take any further steps that might be necessary.

I believe that we are fortunate to secure Professor Burdick, who has just arrived in England, and whom we persuaded with some difficulty to accept, as his wife, who came over with him to England, is not in the very best of health at the moment.

Professor Burdick was warmly recommended by Dr. Manley O. Hudson of the Harvard University Law School, who, as you perhaps know, has been a member of the Legal Section of the Secretariat during the summer months since the League was organised. I went to Paris last week in an attempt to secure Colonel Robert E. Olds, formerly of the American Red Cross, to take on this task.

John Campbell Esq.,
Greek Refugees Settlement Commission.
Athens.
When he found it necessary to decline, I asked Huston, who was on his way to Burdick, if he would get hold of Burdick as soon as possible. Huston, therefore, went over the situation as fully as possible, and as a result of an exchange of telegrams between Hudson and Burdick, the matter has now been definitely settled, subject, as indicated in my wire to you, to the arrangement of certain details here. Huston has not yet returned, and I do not know what the details are to which Burdick refers. I do not, however, foresee the possibility of any breakdown in this arrangement.

In agreement with Walter Burdick was offered the position on the understanding that full travelling expenses would be paid, and that he would receive a salary at the rate of £2,000 per annum. I note that you desired if possible to secure someone who would cost nothing, but I feel sure that you would not have desired us to pass over a first-class man for this reason.

We have given Burdick to understand that in your absence he would be acting Chairman of the Commission. So far as I can see from the correspondence, you have not mentioned the possibility of appointing a second substitute for yourself during your own absence, but I assume
that there would be no difficulties on this point.

I beg to attach an extract from the American “Who’s Who” giving a statement with reference to Professor Burdick’s career, as you will doubtless find it of interest.

Yours very sincerely,

H.C.

P.S.

I am also enclosing copy of my telegram and letter of today’s date to Mr. Burdick.
My dear Colonel Olds,

I much appreciate your letter of July 5th, 1924 and I shall certainly bear your kind offer in mind if and when Mr. Morgenthau resigns. For the moment, we are still on the hunt for someone to go down temporarily and we are not without hopes of a successful solution of that problem.

With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

H. G.

Geneva, July 9th, 1924.

Colonel Robert E. Olds,
10, rue de l’Elysée,
PA R I S.
Switzerland

Telegram - Télégramme - Telegramma

Geneva

From: Oxford 9294 20:18 11:55

Received by: Geneva, Switzerland

Manley to Hudson: Nation

Must withdraw acceptance and decline Greek appointment because of health. Very sorry am writing: Burdick.
10/7/24

Burdick Isis Hotel
Oxford England

Arrangements have now proceeded so far that your withdrawal would be most embarrassing here both personally and from standpoint American relations. League as well as work itself stop Athens had already been informed stop urge reconsideration and wire acceptance immediately.

Hudson
= very deeply regret necessity of withdrawal after acceptance. Only illness making it dangerous to go could have induced this action must not again accept. = BURDICK =

30 October 1944
July 11, 1924.

My dear Mr. Gandelman,

I have just written to Mr. Cerasky in explanation of my telegram withdrawing my acceptance of the temporary appointment to the Greek Refugee Settlement Commission.

It was with deep regret that I took this action, not only because of my own disappointment, but because, more particularly, of the trouble and embarrassment which it may cause you and your colleagues. However, Mr. Sinclair's illness makes it impossible to go to Athens now, as would be required, and, therefore, the only thing for us to do was to withdraw my acceptance as quickly as possible so that you might make other arrangements.

I am again to express my deep regret, believe me,

Sincerely yours,

Charles F. Burdick.
11/9/24

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ALFRED
BOLOUR DE CHIRI MORGAS

Espère vous pourrez venir immédiatement saisir possibilité entreprendre mission importante à Athènes = GLOUCEST
12/7/84

Campbell Creek Refugees
Settlement Commission Athens

Burdick forced withdrawal acceptance on account health stop trying Benson Swiss mentioned letter Drummond July fourth

GILCHRIST
12/7/44

CAMPBELL CREEK REFUGEES

SETTLEMENT COMMISSION ATHENS

DOCTOR ALFRED BONZON FORMER VICECHANCELLOR SWISS
CONFEDERATION AND RECENTLY LEAGUE PLEBISCITE COMMISSIONER IN SAAR BASIN AGREES ACCEPT APPOINTMENT UNDER CONDITIONS PROPOSED BURDICK STOP HE INTENDS ARRIVE ATHENS JULY TWENTIETH STOP VIEW URGENT NECESSITY FINDING SUITABLE PERSON AND IN AGREEMENT SALTER HAVE ASSUMED YOUR CONFIRMATION THIS APPOINTMENT BUT WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR FORMAL APPROVAL.

GILCHRIST
Telegram — Télégramme — Telegramma

Genève — athènes 124 140 140

Confirm appointment Bonzon = Campbell =
My dear Gilchrist,

Many thanks for your three telegrams of the 9th and 12th July. The two of the 12th I received this morning.

I am sorry to hear that Professor Burdick cannot come; the appointment of an American would have been generally popular. Many thanks for all the trouble you have taken in this matter.

It was absolutely necessary to have recourse to the League, as the possibilities of Athens had been exhausted. It is a very small foreign community here.

I presume you will let us know exactly the terms on which Dr. Bonzon has been appointed? Mr. Delta will want that information in connection with payments.

I wired to-day as under:—
"Confirm appointment Bonzon."

Yours sincerely,

Chairman.

To:-
H. Gilchrist Esq.,
The League of Nations,
Geneva - Switzerland.
Cher Monsieur Bonzon,

J'ai l'honneur de vous informer que je viens de recevoir un télégramme de Mr. John Campbell, Président en fonctions de l'Office autonome d'Établissement des Réfugiés en Grèce, par lequel il confirme votre nomination comme membre suppléant de l'Office, conformément à l'article VII du Statut organique de l'Office. La nomination a été faite pour une période de six à huit semaines et la Commission vous remboursera vos frais de voyage à Athènes. Le traitement pour la position est fixé à £2,000 sterling par anum.

Je ne vous envoie ni copie du Protocole relatif à l'Établissement des Réfugiés en Grèce, ni le Statut organique de l'Office autonome, ni les deux premiers rapports périodiques de l'Office, ayant déjà eu le plaisir de vous transmettre copie de ces pièces lors de votre récente visite à Genève.

Veuillez agréer, cher Monsieur Bonzon, l'assurance de ma considération la plus distinguée et de mes sentiments les plus dévoués.

Monsieur le Docteur Alfred Bonzon,
Le Cèdre,
Morges.
W. Dunlop
Would you please dispatch my letter to Campbell if you have no objection.

15.7.28
My dear Campbell,

With reference to my letter of July 9th 1924, concerning the appointment of Professor Burdick, I beg to forward herewith a confirmation copy of my two telegrams of July 12th 1924, with reference to Professor Burdick's withdrawal and the appointment of Dr. Bonzon. I have just received your telegram of yesterday in which you confirmed Dr. Bonzon's appointment. I am exceedingly sorry that there should have been any misunderstanding about Burdick, but I trust that you were not in any way inconvenienced, in view of the fact that we were able to secure Bonzon without much loss of time. I also beg to send you copy of a letter from Burdick concerning his withdrawal, and I should add that he wrote a more complete explanation to Professor Hudson, from which it is clear that his withdrawal was really required by a change in Mrs. Burdick's condition, which made it impossible for him to think of leaving her in England or of taking her to Greece.

As regards Bonzon, I gave you certain information in the telegram, and am enclosing a copy of his curriculum vitae. Mrs. Bonzon will accompany him to Athens.

Bonzon raised personally with me certain

John Campbell Esq.
Greek Refugees Settlement Commission,
Athens.
financial questions, such as the willingness of the Commission to pay Mrs. Bonzon's railroad fare to Athens and back. I said that the Commission itself would have to decide all such matters. I gave him no assurances beyond those which were given to Burdick, and which were set forth in my letter to you of July 9th 1924. In this connection I beg to enclose copy of my letter of to-day to Dr. Bonzon.

Dr. Bonzon is interested generally in the work of the League, and carried out successfully his delicate task of making preliminary arrangements for handling documents which will be required for the plebiscite in the Saar Basin. He should arrive in Athens on Sunday next, which will, I hope, give you time to put him in touch with the situation before you have to leave.

Yours very sincerely,

H.C.
Curriculum vitae.

Dr. Alfred BONZON, ancien Vice-Chancelier de la Confédération suisse et directeur de la Société suisse de surveillance économique (S.S.S.)

Né à Morges, canton de Vaud, le 4 avril 1873, bourgeois de Pompapies, canton de Vaud.

Collège classique à Morges.

Gymnase classique à Genève 1889, 1891, maturité et bacalauréat à l'Université de Genève (1891-1894) et licence en droit de cette université, puis études à l'étranger, Munich, Berlin, services militaires en Suisse et (1897) doctorat en droit de l'Université de Lausanne après présentation d'une thèse sur le droit international des chemins de fer.


Eté-automne 1898. Séjour à Londres.


1910-1915. Vice-chancelier de la Confédération suisse.

1915-1921. Directeur de la Société suisse de surveillance économique (S.S.S.) chargée d'appliquer les accords économiques intervenus entre le Conseil fédéral suisse et les Alliés.

1922-1923. Commissaire provisoire aux archives pour le Plébiscite dans le Bassin de la Sarre.

A revêtu en outre les fonctions de Secrétaire de la Délégation internationale pour les affaires du chemin de fer du Simplon, Secrétaire de la Commission
fédérale des installations électriques, Secrétaire
de la conférence franco-suisse pour les voies d'
accès au Simplon, Secrétaire général-adjoint de la
8e Session du Congrès international des chemins de
fer.
A, participé aussi à de nombreuses Conférences interna-
tionales appelées à statuer sur le Droit interna-
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This letter was returned from the Hotel Crillon, as they did not have any address to which to forward your mail, but I am now sending it on to Madrid, as you spoke of being there about this time.
GENEVA. July 15th 1924

My dear Professor Burdick,

I am, of course, exceedingly sorry that you cannot go to Athens, but I quite understand the situation, and wish to thank you for your letter of July 11th 1924, as well as for the full explanation which you were good enough to send on in your letter of the same date to Hudson.

We have just succeeded in getting a Swiss, Dr. Alfred Bonzon, to go down to Athens at very short notice, so that our problem is at last solved. I am sorry that we could not get an American, but the Gods were against us this time!

Sincerely yours,

H.G.

Professor Charles K. Burdick,
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Dear Gilchrist,

I have to thank you for your letters of the 5th and 10th July. The latter, by the way, turned up without any enclosures.

Dr. Bonzon arrived yesterday, and I saw him today, and introduced him to the members and staff of the Commission. I feel sure he will prove most useful.

Professor Burylew’s retracted decision did not inconvenience us in the least, in view of the arrangements made with Dr. Bonzon. I am passing on the information you give as to the terms and conditions of the appointment to Mr. Delta, our Treasurer. I shall do all I can to put Dr. Bonzon in touch with things before I go; but the time is rather short; there is the usual rush to finish things before I go; and to add to our troubles the ministerial crisis of course prevents anything being done with the Greek Government for the moment. I have no doubt however, that things will go all right during my absence. Mr. Delta is a tower of strength; Col. Cunliffe-Owen (who replaces me) knows the work here and in Macedonia; and Dr. Bonzon has had experience which will prove most useful.

I leave on the 5th: July, and shall hope to see you about the 1st: August in Geneva.

Again with many thanks for all the trouble you have taken in getting a successor to Mr. Morgenthau.

Yours sincerely,

H. Gilchrist Esq:.
The League of Nations.
Geneva.
Switzerland.
My dear Campbell,

Many thanks for your note of July 31st 1924, concerning Bonzon. I do not understand why the papers mentioned in my letter of July 15th did not reach you with that letter, but I beg to transmit copies to you herewith.

Yours sincerely,

J. Campbell Esq.,
Geneva.

Geneva, July 31, 1924.

Letter of July 11th from Burdick
Two telegrams of July 12th to Campbell
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Bonzon's curriculum vitae.
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Delta.
4th August, 1924.


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HEREBY RESIGN CHAIRMANSHIP SETTLEMENT COMMISSION WHITTEN

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To the Council of the League of Nations

Gentlemen:

I hereby regretfully tender my resignation as Chairman of the Refugee Settlement Commission.

I have appreciated your very sympathetic cooperation which made my task a pleasant and interesting one.

Very truly yours,

Henry Morgenthau
30 West 72nd Street NEW YORK

Your telegram stating who is absent stop Taylor's decision postponed till Wednesday stop pending acceptance by him or another candidate it is important postpone any announcement your resignation stop please authorise me withhold news your telegram pending another appointment stop will cable forthwith when acceptance by Taylor or failing him another candidate no available.

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Charles F. Howland appointed succeed you and are therefore announcing your resignation. Stop formal letter from Council acknowledging resignation will be sent from home next week. Stop many thanks for your assistance obtaining appointment.

Faithfully,

[Signature]
The Secretary-General of the League of Nations has the honour to inform the Members of the League that Mr. Henry MORGENTHAU has resigned from the position of Chairman of the Greek Refugees Settlement Commission. The Greek Committee of the Council of the League of Nations, acting on the special instructions of the Council, has, by virtue of Article IV of the Organic Statute of the Commission, appointed in his place Mr. Charles Howland, a member of the New York Bar, and a former representative of the American Red Cross, and of the State Department in France and Great Britain.
December 11th, 1924.

Sir,

The Council have learnt with great regret your resignation of the Chairmanship of the Greek Refugee Settlement Commission which you have filled with so much distinction and ability since the Commission started its work.

I desire, on behalf of the Council, to express to you their high appreciation of the services which you have rendered to Greece and to the League of Nations in discharging this important task and thus contributing to the settlement of one of the most serious problems with which the Council has hitherto been confronted.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

President of the Council of the
League of Nations.

Miss Excellency,
Mr. Henry Morgenthau,
30 West 72nd Street,
New York.
On consideration I think the President must
mention this to his colleagues so that it
may appear in the Council minutes.
If this is done then I should sign the letter.
A short statement might be prepared.

R. S. Davis

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Mr. John Doe

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July 29, 1924

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RESTITUTION OF M. MORGENTHAU, CHAIRMAN OF THE GREEK REFUGEES
SETTLEMENT COMMISSION.

The PRESIDENT informed his colleagues that he had learnt
with regret of the resignation of M. Morgenthau, Chairman
of the Greek Refugees Settlement Commission. He had filled
that post with much distinction and ability since the Commission
had started its work.

On the proposal of the PRESIDENT, it was decided that
the Secretary-General should write to M. Morgenthau expressing
the Council's high appreciation of the services which he had
rendered to Greece and to the League of Nations in discharging
his important duties and in contributing to the settlement of
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hitherto been confronted.
EXTRAIT du PROCES-VERBAL de la 116ème Séance de la 32ème Session du Conseil, en date du 13 décembre 1924, tenue à Rome à 10 heures, 30.--

1420.- DEMISSION DE M. MORGENTHAU, PRÉSIDENT DE L'OFFICE AUTONOME DES REFUGIÉS GREECS.-

LE PRÉSIDENT informe ses collègues qu'il a appris avec regret la démission de M. Morgenthau, Président de l'Office autonome des Réfugiés grecs, poste qu'il a rempli avec tant de compétence depuis le début des travaux de la Commission.

Sur la proposition du Président, il est décidé que le Secrétaire général écrira à M. Morgenthau en lui exprimant combien le Conseil apprécie les services qu'il a rendus à la Grèce et à la Société des Nations en remplaçant cette tâche importante et en contribuant ainsi à la solution d'un des plus sérieux problèmes que le Conseil ait jusqu'ici été appelé à aborder.
SCHAFFHOUSE, le 20 juillet 1928

Secrétariat de la
Société des Nations
Genève

Messes,

Nous vous serions très obligés, s'il vous était possible de nous indiquer l'adresse de Monsieur le Dr. A. Rouzon qui se trouve actuellement en mission dans la Macédoine.

Dans l'attente de votre aimable réponse, nous vous présentons nos meilleurs remerciements et vous prions de croire, Messieurs, à notre considération très distinguée.

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Annexe: 1 enveloppe timbrée.
En réponse à votre lettre du 29 Juillet, j'ai l'honneur de vous informer que l'adresse de M. Bonzon est la suivante: Office autonome des Réfugiés Grecs, ATHÈNES.

P. Denis

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Messieurs,

Nous sommes en possession de votre aimable lettre du 31 août, par laquelle vous vouliez bien nous indiquer l'adresse de Monsieur Bonson. Nous vous présentons nos meilleurs remerciements pour votre obligeance.

Veuillez croire, Messieurs, à notre considération très distinguée.

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