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SAAR BASIN.

The question of placing certain officials at the disposal of the German Government.

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Report by Mr. Tang Tsai Fou, adopted by the Council on August 31, 1922.

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In a note dated July 23rd, 1922, the German Government requested the intervention of the League of Nations in order that an understanding might be reached between the Governing Commission and the German Government with regard to a difference which had arisen between them. This difference arose from the fact that the Governing Commission had expressed the intention of placing, for reasons of economy, a certain number of officials at the disposal of the German Government. The Secretary-General has already communicated to the Members of the Council the correspondence on this question received from the Governing Commission and from the German Government as well as the correspondence exchanged directly

between them. This correspondence deals particularly with the legal points which have been discussed by the two Governments, but as the two Governments are considering negotiations on the question in the near future, and in the hope that these negotiations will succeed it seems to me inadvisable for the Council to give an opinion on the question at this moment. It is understood that until the end of these negotiations, the material situation of the officials in question will be safeguarded. This is, I am glad to say, entirely in conformity with the desire expressed by the Governing Commission.

I beg to propose the following resolution :-

"The Council adopts the present report and requests the Secretary General to forward a copy to the German Government and to the Saar Basin Governing Commission."