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London S.W.1

17th February, 1923

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My dear Dr. Nansen,

Lord Robert has asked me to send you the enclosed note which contains a suggestion as to the lines on which action by the Neutral Powers at the present crisis might be carried through. He asked me to apologize to you for not writing himself. He is in the country and has given me telephonic instructions to send this off immediately so as to lose no time.

He suggests that you should consider whether in any group you might be able to form you could not also bring Benes into it. He thinks you will be able to judge far better than he can in what way this could best be done. He also asked me to add that in his view the situation is becoming very serious and the need for any ~~action~~ ^{avoiding} action that may be possible correspondingly urgent; the need for ~~avoiding~~ the appearance of British instigation greater than ever.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely

(Signed) PHILIP BAKER

were able to act as a group there is no doubt that their action would have greater chances of success than any other which could be hoped for. Action by one power would be unlikely to succeed. The

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