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My dear Rappard,

You will remember our talk recently in the Foreign Office. I still adhere to the view which I then expressed that the fact that Switzerland may not be able to come into the United Nations Organisation at the beginning would not in itself prevent Geneva being adopted as the seat of the new Organisation.

But I think there is no chance of persuading the Russians to come to Geneva unless an international enclave is set up. I am told by some people that the authorities in Geneva and also the Swiss Government are ready to make proposals on this matter, and indeed that they have already drawn them up in detail.

If this is true, I should be most grateful if you could let me have the proposals at the earliest possible moment by our Legation bag, and if you could write me fully and confidentially what is the present situation.

If there is to be an enclave, it is of course desirable that it should include all the existing League and I.L.O. buildings, the aerodrome, and a hotel, e.g. the Carlton, and there should, if it is at all possible, be access to a railway without passing through Swiss custom houses.

I am writing in great haste, but I think I have said enough to show you what I want.

With warm regards,

Yours ever,

(signé:) Philip Noel-Baker.

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