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général de la Société des Nations, E. Drummond*

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I really did not want to trouble you to-night, as I know how terribly busy you are just now. The communication, however, which I have to make being urgent, I think I might just as well convey it to you, as briefly as possible, by writing, as to-morrow again you will be full up from morning till night and it seems doubtful whether I can see you.

It is about our recent conversation concerning the answer of President Wilson regarding the convocation of the Assembly. The Federal Council wish me to give you the clearest possible assurance about their attitude in the matter, so that no misunderstanding should subsist. They attach the greatest importance that this should be done at once, and wish me to say:

1. In no way and at no time have They taken any steps to counteract against a convocation of the Assembly to another city than Geneva.

2. President Wilson has received through the Swiss Legation in Washington a copy of the Memorandum remitted to you on the 29th¹ of May, in the same way as such copies have been handed to the other Governments. The covering note of the Swiss Minister in the United States does not say a word about the Assembly, but merely repeats that the Swiss Government and People trust that the question of the seat remains definitely settled by the Covenant.

3. The Memorandum itself clearly states that it does not enter the head of the Federal Council to impair in any way the convocation of the Assembly to Brussels, as long as that decision does not imply any prejudice as to the seat itself. This point of view of my Government has never changed and is to-day exactly as it was then.

4. In consequence of the communication you were good enough to make to me on the 2nd instant, the Federal Council have once more instructed the Swiss Legation at Washington to declare to President Wilson that They do not think of contesting to Brussels the privilege of the First Assembly, as They are entirely satisfied about such a convocation not prejudicing in any way the question of the permanent seat.

I shall be delighted to give you verbally any further information, whenever you wish to see me.

1. Cf. n° 342.