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Sends tel. from Paris giving names of French representatives at proposed Conference asks for memorandum of proposals to be considered. Enquires date of Commission & names of British representatives

This case - 6 April 1914  
rel to Government 6 April 14

Dr. G. Fiddes date of meeting  
Mr. Loosman is due to return on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April. We must allow a little time for the F.O. to approach the other Powers & we had better suggest the 21<sup>st</sup> of April as the date of meeting. Mr. W's leave will have to be extended.

Memorandum  
We had better ask Mr. W. to draw up a programme, but without going too much into detail - & we sh<sup>d</sup> make it clear that our programme is only meant to be a basis of discussion. The French have an unpleasant way of insisting on adherence to the original

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programme & referring to discuss anything outside it. I think that it sh<sup>d</sup> be stated generally that it is proposed that the Comm<sup>n</sup> sh<sup>d</sup> consider what steps ~~can~~ <sup>can</sup> be taken to preserve the elephant & rhino in Africa, & that among other matters it is proposed to discuss

- (a) The fixing of a minimum weight for tusks & horns
- (b) Regulation of the trade in these articles

to (we must depend on W. G. for other suggestions. I have written privately to him asking him to put a programme & send it over)

### Representatives

Mr. Wooman of course.

? Mr. A. Sharpe. He knows the N'land conditions <sup>(he has been)</sup> & is a very famous & successful elephant hunter in his time.

Mr. Walter Rothschild is in London & will be absent for some time. Sir S. Loder did not ~~unfortunately~~ <sup>participate in the</sup>

the Big Game & S-S Comm<sup>n</sup> 9, 10  
far as I know, none of the staff of the Natural History Museum has any practical knowledge of African elephants.

Mr. North Buxton represents the Society for the Preservation of the Fauna of the Empire & I think that he sh<sup>d</sup> be asked.

I see that the F.O. are sending an  
address to the Press, so I suppose that this  
sh<sup>d</sup> be a rep<sup>re</sup> of the C.O.

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Chairman

I understand from Dr. W. Langley  
that the F.O. will see to this

H. J. R.

1/18/14

As representatives - Do any of these  
know French? We can't have a mob  
of Pro. reps. I think best try to get

2 F.O. men

10 Workmen

2 nominees of the Finance Com.  
(who will be asked informally to recommend one)

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~~H. J. R.~~

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I agree with Sir G. Fildes

H. 2.4.14

Sir G. Fildes

Please see annexed

l<sup>r</sup> from Sir W. Langley. I sh<sup>d</sup>  
think

think that Lord Chalmersford, if he is available, wd make a ~~valuable~~ better chairman than Mr. Harcourt. Suggest him?

H. J. P.

3/17/14

I find that F.O. as yet appears to have a rep<sup>n</sup>, but is attached a F.O. man as Secretary. Is there to go and suggest in the event Mr. Harcourt is proposed as Chairman, to act as Chairman in the absence of Mr. Harcourt?

It is agreed to Mr. C. and the same will be approved at our

Ms 3/14/14

Mr. Harcourt

to Chalmersford will make an excellent Chairman.

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Excellent... with...  
...at...  
...on

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Sent  
12:55 pm  
6-4-14

Telegram sent to Mr. R. B. Hoorman at 2, Regentade, Leby. 135

21 April fixed as date of International Commission on Elephant and Rhinoceros. Please delay your departure until further notice. U.S.C.O.

~~2/20/14~~

Please get reply from F.O. to my letter (with Linnick) before writing fully to Mr. Hoorman and informing Gov. and CA.

MS 6414

April 4, 1914.

Dear Father,

I have consulted  
Dr. Arthur Nelson and if  
you want a Forage Office  
near the Elephant  
Conference we recommend  
Vernon who is in the

Department which deals with  
the question and who is the  
best Franchiser we can produce  
either in the office or abroad.

Yours sincerely

W Langley



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April 2, 1914

Dear Read,

Mr. Edward Gray  
has no one to suggest as  
Chairman of the Conference  
for the Preservation of  
Elephants except Mr.  
Edward North Buxton, but  
I am sure that he will

be ready to approve any one  
whom the Colonial Office think  
more suitable. You are much  
more likely than we are to  
know of a competent man for  
the Charomansky. I suppose that  
Lord Chalmersford would not do!

Yours sincerely

L. B. 20



2<sup>nd</sup> April 14.

Dear Mr. Read.

Your letter of yesterday I enclose a draft of the scheme which I hope will be what is required. I quite agree with you that this sketch should not go into any details & I have therefore not done so.

I hope you will be able to let me know whether

The conference will take  
place before 21<sup>st</sup> April  
in time for me to arrange  
about shipping my baggage  
by the 4<sup>th</sup> of April.

Yours sincerely

R. B. Mossman

1. It is proposed that an International Conference should be held in London on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of April 1914, for the purpose of discussing and arranging measures for International adoption among the European powers owning possessions in Africa, with the object of affording better protection to, and preventing the ultimate extermination of, the African Elephant and Rhinoceros.

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2. In view of the fact that the extermination of these animals in Africa is threatened because the products obtained from them, namely Ivory and Rhinoceros horn, are of such high commercial value that the animals are being hunted and killed by natives and European hunters solely for this purpose. It appears that, <sup>therefore,</sup> unless International Co-operation is introduced to prevent the unrestricted trade and export of Ivory and Rhinoceros horns and the wasteful killing of the immature animals, it is impossible for one or two <sup>P</sup> powers to prevent the ultimate extermination of the animals in question throughout the whole <sup>C</sup> Continent. This is due to the fact that the Ivory and Rhinoceros horns are smuggled out across the borders of those countries in which the free trade and export of these articles is prohibited and are taken to those countries in which they can be disposed of without difficulty. It is therefore proposed that the present Conference should endeavour to frame regulations for <sup>the</sup> Universal International adoption dealing with the following three subjects :-

- (a) <sup>The</sup> To fix <sup>the</sup> a minimum weight for Elephant's tusks below which weight it shall be illegal to possess ivory or kill Elephants.
- (b) The regulation of the trade in Ivory and Rhinoceros horns
- (c) <sup>The supply of</sup> To furnish Customs returns of all Ivory and Rhinoceros horn exported from all African ports.

In any further communication  
on the subject, please quote

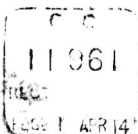
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and address  
The Under Secretary of State,  
Foreign Office,  
London.

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March 31st, 1914.



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Sir:-

*no 39*

With reference to your letter of the 20th instant  
respecting the proposed International Commission to discuss  
the preservation of elephants and rhinoceros in Africa,  
I am directed by Secretary Sir E. Grey to transmit to you  
herewith copy of a telegram on the subject from His  
Majesty's Ambassador at Paris.

It will be seen that the French Government are ready  
to send representatives to the Commission, and I am  
accordingly to enquire when Mr. Secretary Harcourt would  
suggest that the Commission should meet.

In sending out invitations to the other Governments  
interested it will be desirable to inform them of the  
proposals which His Majesty's Government intend to put  
forward, and I am to enquire whether your Department could  
furnish a Memorandum of the proposals which could be sent  
out with the invitations.

Sir

Under Secretary of State,  
Colonial Office.

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Sir E. Grey would also be glad to learn the names of the gentlemen whom the Secretary of State for the Colonies proposes as representatives of His Majesty's Government.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

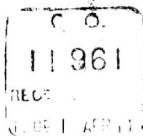
humble Servant,

*Ralph Paget*

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Decade of telegram from Sir H. Bertie (Paris)

March 27th 1914.

No. 39.



Your despatch No. 104 of March 23rd.

French Government have appointed Monsieur de Foncine, member of the Commission Permanente de la Chasse aux Colonies Francaises and Monsieur Delafosse, administrateur en chef des Colonies, as their representatives at the proposed conference on the protection of elephants and unicorns in Africa. Minister for Foreign Affairs enquires when these gentlemen should present themselves in England. They are ready to leave here on any date after April 1st.

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Sir,

I am etc to ackn the rec<sup>t</sup>  
of your 'Immediate' letter of  
(11961) the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 1914 respecting

The proposed International  
Commission to discuss the

preservation of the Elephants  
and the rhinoceros in Africa

I. Mr. H. would suggest  
that the Commission should  
meet on the 21<sup>st</sup> of April and

I am to enclose a copy of a  
memo. ~~which~~ prepared by Mr.  
R.B. Froese which could

be sent out with the invitations

Mr. H. <sup>is of opinion</sup> ~~would suggest~~ that it

would  
might be well to make it clear

to the various Powers  
names that the

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Mr. Doornik 6.4.14

Mr. ~~Robinson~~

Sir G. Fiddes 6

Sir H. Just.

Sir J. Anderson.

Lord Emmott.

Mr. Harcourt.

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Further minutes

H.F.D. 6.4.14

Members to only indicated to  
form the basis of discussion.

3. Mr. W. understands  
that Sir P. Grey does not  
desire that The Foreign Office  
should ~~be~~ have a  
representative on the Comm.  
but that he would approve  
of a member of the F.O.  
being attached to the Comm.  
as Secretary.

4. In the case Mr. W.  
would ~~propose~~ <sup>suggest</sup> that Lord  
Chelmsford <sup>should</sup> be appointed  
to act as  
Chairman of the Commission,  
and that the British Repre-  
sentatives should be Sir  
R. B. Morrison and a  
member, nominee of the  
League Society, for the  
Preservation of the Empire  
of the Empire. ~~It is~~  
~~would be glad to join as soon~~  
~~as possible whether there~~  
~~proposals are acceptable.~~

who might be  
attached separately  
to the committee of

5. Mr. Harcourt would be  
glad to learn as ~~soon~~  
as possible whether these  
suggestions are acceptable to  
Sir P. Grey, in order that he  
may make the necessary  
arrangements for Lord Chelmsford  
+ the Society for the Preservation  
of the Empire of the Empire.

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