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Sends copy circ. let. addressed to Berlin, Madrid, Rome, Lisbon, Brussels, & Paris re: proposed Conference. Concerns in Co. proposals as to British representatives. Zo. will be represented if desired. Mr. H. J. Seymour of Zo. has been app^d.

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Send to Lord Chelmsford
18 April 14
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Off. for copy to Lord Chelmsford
& the Pallana Society, as directed on 11961
L.S.D. 13 & 24 1914

Sir J. Anderson

I have sent copies of these
off to Mr. Reed, with a summary
of Zo. letter, & asked for his views
by telegraph if he wishes.

L.S.D. 12/4/14

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See letter from Lord Chelmsford attached
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In any further communication
on the subject, please quote
No. 15387/14.
and address
The Under-Secretary of State,
Foreign Office,
London.

9th. April, 1914.

Sir:-

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With reference to your letter No. 11961 of the 6th.
instant, respecting the proposed International Commission on
the preservation of elephants and rhinoceros in Africa, I am
directed by Secretary Sir E. Grey to transmit to you herewith
copy of telegrams which have been sent to His Majesty's Re-
presentatives at Berlin, Madrid, Rome, Lisbon, Brussels and
Paris on the subject.

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With regard to the British representatives I am to state
that, while Sir E. Grey has no desire to have a representa-
tive of this Department on the commission, he is ready to
make such an appointment if Mr. Secretary Harcourt considers
it desirable. Subject to Mr. Harcourt's wishes in this
respect Sir E. Grey agrees to the proposals made in your
letter as regards the representatives of His Majesty's Gov-
ernment

di Berlin
april 8
to Sir William
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Secretary of State,
Foreign Office.

Government, and he also concurs in the suggestion that Lord Chelmsford should be invited to act as Chairman of the Commission.

I am to add that Sir E. Grey has appointed Mr. H. J. Seymour, of this Department to act as Secretary of the Commission.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

W. Langley

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Code telegram to His Majesty's Representatives at

Berlin No. 88.

Madrid No. 17.

Rome No. 84.

Lisbon No. 22.

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Foreign Office, April 7th, 1914.

My despatch No. ¹²⁵₁₂ of September 6th, 1912.
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It has not been found possible to obtain by means of correspondence a general agreement in the proposals made by His Majesty's Government for the protection of elephants in Africa. It is therefore proposed that question should be discussed by International Commission in London.

Ascertain as soon as possible whether Government to which you are accredited will send representatives and inform them that April 21st has been suggested as date of first meeting.

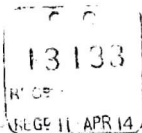
It is proposed that Conference should endeavour to frame regulations for universal adoption dealing with minimum weight below which it shall be illegal to possess ivory or kill elephants; regulation of trade

in ivory and rhinoceros horns; supply of Customs re-
turns of all ivory and rhinoceros horn exported from
African ports.

Memorandum will be sent by post.

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Cypher telegram to Sir F. Bertie (Paris)

Foreign Office, April 8th, 1914. 1.15 p.m.

No. 97.

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Your telegram No. 39 of March 27th: Game Preservation Conference.

April 21st has just been suggested by Colonial Office as date for meeting of Commission but I have not yet heard whether other Governments will be able to send delegates by this date.

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Cypher telegram to Sir P. Villiers, (Brussels)
Foreign Office, April 8th, 1914.

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Your despatch No. 36 of March 18th: Game Pre-
servation Conference.

It is suggested that first meeting of Interna-
tional Commission should take place on April 21st.
Please ascertain as soon as possible whether Belgian
Government could accept this date.

Memorandum will be sent by post.

18. Queens Gate Place

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April 1844

Dear Mr. Harcourt

Certainly - you will find

many, but I know little

about Stephens & his works

about Sir R. James - Ferguson

and about Baxter to which your
Autograph

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Ca. General

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Ans'd: 14469

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Secretary,

The Soc. for the Preservation
of the Fauna of the Empire.

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15 April 1916.

I am etc. to inform you that
it is proposed to hold in London
an International Conference
in the preservation of the
African elephant &
rhinoceros, & to inquire
whether the Society for
the Preservation of the
Fauna of the Empire
would be good enough
to nominate one of
them

- Mr. G. Fiddes.
- Sir H. Just.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Lord Emmott.
- Mr. Harcourt.

provision

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sent in 11961

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their members to act
with Mr. R. B. Woodman,
the General Manager of the
E.A.S., is representative
of the United Kingdom
at the Conference.

2. A memo: is enclosed
showing the general
scope of the Conference.

~~but this memo: is only
intended to form a basis
of discussion in~~

the memo.)
but in submitting ~~it~~ to the foreign
powers which have possessions in Africa;

~~in Africa, this fact ~~that~~~~

~~is being asked~~

it is being explained

that the memo: is ~~not~~ only
intended to form

a basis of discussion.

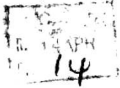
3. It is hoped that
the Conference will
assemble on the 21st
of April, but this date
is not yet finally
fixed.

(sd) H. Lambert.

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DRAFT.

The Lord Chelmsford, G.C.M.G.

15 April 1914.

Dear Lord Chelmsford.

The question of the preservation of elephants & rhinoceros in Africa has for some time past been engaging my attention, and there has been a considerable amount of correspondence between myself & foreign papers which have appeared in Africa. We have been trying to arrive at

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Mr. [unclear] 13/4/14
Mr. [unclear] 12.4.14

- Sir G. Fiddes.
- Sir H. Just.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Lord Emmott.
- Mr. Harcourt.

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minutes
sent to me 11/9/14
for signature
by Harcourt

at a general agreement
for the protection of these
animals, but unfortunately
we have failed to effect
this by correspondence.

It is now proposed that
an international conference
should be held in London
to discuss & arrange
measures for affording
better protection to, & pre-
venting the ultimate
extinction of, the African
elephant & rhinoceros.

I enclose a copy of a
memorandum which
has been prepared for
submission to the ^{Foreign Office} ~~Committee~~
concerned, but I should
make it clear that
this memorandum is
only intended to form

a basis of discussion.

It only will be represented
by Mr. B. Woodman, 167
Game Warden of the I.A.F.,
& by a ^{nominee of} ~~representative of~~ the Society
for the Preservation of the
Fauna of the Empire,
~~will appoint a nominee~~
if, as I hope, the Society
agrees to appoint
one of their members
for the purpose. Even,
however, especially
desirous of obtaining
a Chairman of the
Commission who will
command the respect
of the members of the
Commission & who
can guide their
deliberations in a
judicious & tactful
~~judicial & judicious~~
manner. I feel
sure

sure that I could not find
anyone who would fill
this post better than

yourself, & I shall
be deeply grateful to you
if you can see your
way to act as Chairman.

It is proposed that the
Commission shall meet
on the 21st of April,
but this date is not
yet finally fixed. The
details as to place of
meeting etc. will be in the
hands of the F.O., who
are appointing the Secretary
of the Commission.

The decision is certainly taken on
the possibility of a uniform ^{height} for the
height of reported elephant tusks. I will
take care that you have full info as to
the exact position.

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The Lord Chelmsford, F.C.M.G.

18 April 1914

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Sir G. Fiddes.

Sir H. Just.

Sir J. Anderson.

Lord Emmott.

Mr. Harcourt.

present for
Mr Harcourt's
signature

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Dear Lord Chelmsford.

Many thanks for
your letter of the 15th of
April. I am most
grateful to you for
consenting to act as
Chairman of the
International Conference
on the preservation of
the African elephant
& rhinoceros.

Since writing to
you, I have heard
from

from the F.O. that
the German Government
~~cannot~~
~~cannot~~
cannot be ready by
the 21st of April, so
there will have to be
a postponement of the
date of meeting.

I am urging the F.O.
to try to get the
various representatives
together early in
May, but I will
let you know the date
for the assembling
of the Conference as
soon as it is fixed.

The F.O. have
selected W. H. Seymour

of that dept. as sec. of
the Conference. He
will no doubt send
you blue books 162
& literature on the
subject ^{et cetera} if you
wish it.

(2) L. Hancock

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DRAFT.

For U.S. of S.
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18 Apr. 1946

- MINUTE
- Mr. ~~de la~~ 16/4/46
- Mr. ~~de la~~ 16/4/46
- Sir G. Fiddes.
- Sir H. J. G. I. J. G.
- Sir J. Anderson.
- Lord Emmott.
- Mr. Harcourt.

Sir,
 I am etc. to ~~write~~ request
 you to inf. Sec. Sir S. Gray
 that Lord (Kelmsford)
 has consented to act
 as Chairman of the
 International Conference
 on the preservation
 of the African elephants
arborvireas, & to
 suggest that Mr.
 Seymour, who has

W. C. M.

has been selected
as secretary to the
Conference, and place
himself in communication
with Lord Helmshurst
with a view to making
arrangements as to
procedure, place of
meeting etc.

2. W. H. also
understands that
Lord Helmshurst will
probably wish to
be furnished with
blue books or other
literature relating
to the subject at an
early date

(2) Henry Lambart

Private file

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Downing Street,

April, 1914.

Dear Lord Chelmsford,

Many thanks for your letter of the 15th of April. I am most grateful to you for consenting to act as Chairman of the International Conference on the preservation of the African elephant and rhinoceros.

Since writing to you, I have heard from the Foreign Office that the German Government cannot be ready by the 21st of April, so there will have to be a postponement of the date of meeting.

I am urging the Foreign Office to try to get the various representatives together early in May, but I will let you know the date for the assembling of the Conference as soon as it is fixed.

The Foreign Office have selected Mr. H. J. Seymour of that Department as Secretary to the Conference

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He will no doubt send you blue books and literature on
the subject at once.

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L. Aarcomb