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Sends letter from German delegate explaining that he is
willing to sign Protocol only on condition that Powers
interested are ready, in principle, to discuss, at some
future date, question of restricting arms traffic. Inquires
whether such assurance may be given by B. Britain.
Encloses text of protocol & regulation.

- Mr Ellis.
- Mr Sturges.
- Mr G. Fisher.

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Sir:-

*From Karl Lewand
May 23
to
Mr. May 25
ask to receive
Regulation*

With reference to your letter ³⁶ No. 18016/1914, of the 20th instant, I am directed by Secretary Sir E. Grey to transmit to you herewith copy of a letter addressed by the Principal German Delegate of the Conference for the Protection of the African Elephant and Rhinoceros to the Secretary of the Conference explaining the condition which the German Government attach to the signature of the draft Convention by their Delegate. A copy of a circular on the subject to the other Delegates is also enclosed.

I am to enquire whether the Secretary of State for the Colonies considers that the British Delegates may be authorized to give, on behalf of His Majesty's Government, the assurance desired by the German Government which, it will be observed, does not commit His Majesty's Government to

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to do more than discuss the question at some future date.

I am to add that the Conference has, after considerable discussion, agreed upon the accompanying text for the proposed protocol and regulation and that, if the German Delegate is not eventually authorised to sign this document, the work of the Delegates will have been in vain, since the agreement to be effective must be unanimous.

I am,

sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

W. Langley



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London, May 23, 1914.

Dear Mr. Craigie,

ACCORDING to instructions just received, I have power to sign the Protocol if all the Delegates are able to declare officially that their respective Governments are in principle ready to discuss the question of restricting the importation of fire-arms and ammunition into Africa at some future date to be agreed upon later.

I would be very grateful if this could be communicated as soon as possible to the Delegates in order to enable them to get instructions by telegraph from their Governments in case they consider such instructions necessary.

Yours very sincerely,

KÜHLMANN.

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THE Secretary presents his compliments to the Delegates to the International Conference for the Protection of the African Elephant and Rhinoceros, and begs to transmit to them herewith two copies of a letter from the German Delegate on the question of the signature of the Protocol.

Mr. Craigie will be happy to receive and to forward to Herr von Kühlmann the Delegates' reply to his communication.

Foreign Office,

May 25, 1914.