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Dear Mr Buxton,

I think the idea of the internationalisation of the Bosphorus and the Dardanelles an extremely important one, and that it would be of immense importance if America could put forward a practical scheme. I have not written anything on it in particular. It requires, I think, very careful looking into, e.g. with a view to possible precedents which seem to tell so much with the official mind.

One question is this: would the thing be at all feasible geographically and strategically unless the whole administration of Constantinople was made international? I imagine not. Now to internationalise the administration of Constantinople on the lines on which the international system was tried in Egypt would, I believe be a failure. International administration was never really properly tried in Egypt: what was tried was a kind of joint dual national control. The right way to proceed with a scheme for Constantinople is quite different, and would be, I agree with you,

through an extension of the system tried with great success in the Danube Commission. There you have an international body which is really an independent international administration with its own flag (!) exercising a jurisdiction on territory which is still actually within the sovereignty of other States. And yet it succeeds. And (this kind of) international administration has already in part been applied to Constantinople itself i.e. in the Conseil Supérieur de Santé and the International Commission which controls the Turkish debt.

If you think it would be useful, I would try to look into the matter a little more closely and write something shortly dealing with possible precedents.

Yours truly

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Dear Buxton,

I am taking the liberty of sending you a memorandum about a proposed monthly Review. About a year or so ago, I was asked to come on to the Editorial Committee of "War & Peace", & then as a result of certain criticisms & suggestions I was asked to put these in writing. I wrote this memorandum & it is now decided to start the new Review in January & I have agreed to edit it. It will be called The International Review. The intention is that it shall be a first class Review devoted to Foreign Policy & International Relations, & the features upon which I would lay stress are (1) The publication of all the most important documents bearing on international questions (2) the institution of symposia or discussions by people of different views of questions of policy (3) the working out of the policy of a League of

~~League~~ of Nations. I should be extremely grateful if you would consent to come on to the Editorial Committee of this Review. I know that your time must be fully occupied, but the Committee would not meet often than once a month, & even if you could not attend regularly, it would be a great thing that I could occasionally apply to you for suggestion or advice.

The first number will, as I say, appear in January. Meanwhile we are preparing by enlarging & improving War & Peace. I wonder if you would be good enough to write an article (of 1500 - 2000 words) for the next number of W. & P. on The Future & Settlement of Bulgaria. If you will do this, could you let me have the copy by October 18th?

Yours sincerely
Leonard Woolf

P.S. Would you let me have the Memorandum back after you have done with it?