



War Office,
Whitehall,
S.W.

6th October 1915.

Dear Mr. Buxton,

Thank you very much for your note of yesterday with the attached paper. We have discouraged Serbia from opening hostilities, although on military grounds they ought to have attacked the Bulgarians before their mobilization was completed. The chief reason to my mind for discouraging any offensive action on the part of Serbia is that it might relieve the Greeks from going to their assistance, and would give the Bulgarian Government an excuse for saying that they had been unfairly attacked. Even then I do not think that Serbian action would be on all fours with that of Bulgaria in 1913. The Bulgarian mobilization is clearly directed against Serbia and we have to accept facts as they are. [The Bulgarian Government is a Government in being and apparently can carry the army with it against the wishes of the people. There is at present no sign of King Ferdinand's position being seriously assailed or that of M. Radoslavoff.] To my mind Bulgaria

as represented by her Government has



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has put herself entirely out of court and the only course open to her is to get rid of her Government with the least possible delay. Otherwise we are bound to protect our Allies, the Serbs, and any question of handing over the territory of our Allies to their enemy seems to me to have definitely lapsed.

Yours sincerely,

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