Aug 26

Dear Sir Edward

I have had conversation with Lloyd-George & Churchill on the subject of my going out to Sofia, to use such influence as I have with Bulgarian politicians. & I hear that they would undertake my journey.

If you welcome the idea, I should be glad to see you, with regard to a letter which, if ~~it would be necessary~~ Lloyd-George has written for me to have ~~have assistance from the Legation~~ & which he asked me to show you ~~in telegraphing home~~, & letters ~~to help in crossing France.~~

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I have kept in ~~touch~~ with Bulgarian views. & I think

That though the cabinet is ~~pro~~ anti-Austrian, ~~it may be restrained~~ by public opinion is against it. One might be able to help the movement which is preventing the government from ~~adhe~~ joining the German side.

Hrs

In any further communication on this subject, please quote

No. 3317.

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

FOREIGN OFFICE

February 6th, 1907.

Sir:-

I am directed by Secretary Sir E. Grey to thank you for the memorandum forwarded by you in your letter of the 28th ultimo on behalf of the Balkan Committee in regard to the political situation in the near east.

I am to state that the various points set forth in that document will receive Sir E. Grey's careful consideration.

This memo will not be read, ERR

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

F A Campbell

Noel Buxton, Esq.,
2, Princes Gate,
S.W.

Private.

Foreign Office.

29 August 1914.

My dear Buxton,

I am much obliged for your letter.

I do not think that it would do for you to go to Bulgaria in any but a purely private capacity. I do not think that there is scope at the moment for work as a Special Agent of the Government: in that capacity more harm than good might be done: in your private capacity as a sympathetic friend of Bulgaria it might be different

Yours sincerely

E. Grey.

2, Prince's Gate, S.W.
Telephone Kensington 62.

August 28th, 1914.

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with Greeks or Serbs in making some impression, but not with Bulgars.

It is for you to decide whether my position in Bulgaria can be used. I will sacrifice a great deal to go if you wish it. I shall be glad to learn your decision soon, as delay is to be avoided. I shall be at this address tomorrow (and tonight).

To Da

Thanks for concerning yourself with Da.
I am glad you think ~~the plan~~ a visit to Da
worth carrying out. I think so
myself, bec even if Turkey declares
war, B may waver still ~~for some~~
~~time~~ for a considerable

~~If you find~~ Let Grey will on no ac
~~send my initials~~ ~~the plan~~, ~~if you may~~ will you
~~if you approve~~ if you find suggest to him the
letter which you outlined yday -
ie saying that he hopes I will go.
to show British sympathy
~~take departure~~, & that I will
discuss Pax Ironside
~~she will give me~~
all

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To

Letter covering Notes I (Jan 1915)

2, Princes Gate,

S.W.

Either add Bltn Dipl? or omit fr line 5.

or Add + letter which covered + memo. or quote from it.

or say Sir E. has been ~~wrongly~~ charged (many of his critics) with adopting this policy. This is important to notice that this is not ~~a fair charge~~ the fact.

Dear Sir,

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Yours sincerely

N. BUXTON

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~~In subsequent memoranda we showed our light in~~

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30th. Sept. 1915.

Dear Sir Edward Grey,

Having special sources of information regarding political factors in Bulgaria, I beg to ask your attention to the enclosed note.

Yours sincerely,

A Bristow

Grey
Crewe
Asquith

Lord
Lansdowne
Chamberlain

TELEPHONE,
52 KENSINGTON.

12 Rutland Gate

~~2, PRINCES GATE,~~

S.W.

Grey

Lately
Having been [illegible]
[illegible] Arm [illegible]
I have [illegible]
~~the greatest men~~ who are the
~~[illegible]~~ [illegible]
advisers in this [illegible]
[illegible] also [illegible]
[illegible] Col R [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] asked
[illegible] when [illegible]
[illegible] Asquith [illegible] will
[illegible]
formed opinion [illegible]
[illegible] Asquith [illegible]
I felt much [illegible] tell you
~~the reason [illegible]~~
~~might like to hear~~ some
[illegible] which I observed
~~[illegible] anything [illegible]~~
~~[illegible] any~~
~~time that may [illegible]~~

Add to Grey - Bram sent me letter [illegible]
asked me to show it

(2) I for care to have a time or to send you some bits of [illegible]

Grey. 3 pm.

As you were good enough to tell

May I make a suggestion?
~~in regard to the statement that~~
~~you told me you intend~~
to make today.

As the chief aim is to
~~insure~~ strengthen the hands of
the Entente Powers in Sofia,
I am convinced that a direct
reference to the Aucanelli Treaty,
of vital importance, ~~[illegible]~~
if it can be made without
~~inviting [illegible]~~
doing harm in other directions.
Recalling probably in the Spring,
it occurs to me that you
may be able to speak of
such a revision as will be to
the advantage of all the Balkan
States.

To Grey, Just sent.

It seems likely, to all I can gather, that the bolsheviki in Serbia (& even Greece) will make a desperate effort to prevent a reconciliation between Bulgaria & Entente before it is too late. ~~& that behind the back~~ They will use their friends in Bulgaria to provoke an ~~attack~~ "incident" on the frontier — against the wishes of Paris & Venizelos. A warning to you wd have more ~~effect~~ than perhaps you can visualize. & I do not see that it is open to objection to any ~~factors~~ that you wish to cultivate.

Shall I therefore put a

1907
Show Grey
Egypt on
B.C.
Grey's
telegram

Grey
Tuley
~~Balfour~~ Chaplin

Mallet

May 11. 06.

Dear Buxton

I did not tell you today that Sir Edward wrote some days ago to O'Conor about the practicability of asking for an

extension of the Gendar=
-merie powers, if the
Sultan remains re=
=calcitrant.

He has most carefully
considered the humiliating

of doing something for
Macedonia at this juncture
but is hampered by the fear
of stirring up Mahommedan
feeling & in this matter he
must defer to Ld Cromer.
These mentioned to
him your suggestion

Not my proposal.

Essentials.

1. A policy. Otherwise any Balkan State may be betrayed.

2. Letters to HBM's ministers. Otherwise wd be stultified. & cd not telegraph.

3. Aid in going & returning.

4. Request to Grey (& Asquith) & W. saying wd felt obliged to withdraw & connect Rhodes. Otherwise wd be blamed for failure & by constituents.

5. Say (if request refused) go ahead or cease to be connected with war.

Secret

("I hope you will go —
BM's known fully feeling felt here.
& your presence will help to ~~show~~ it.

Grey
Cant promise frontier further west
Eng unprepared to fight the league!
assurance Turks not against the league
only bargain w cash.
If letter wd be for cabinet

Capt
Trains
Letters

Troops in Egypt.
Vice Capt Tiffot attaches.
Italian ask Rhodes

12, RUTLAND GATE.
S.W.

To Percy June 6

— true I think to go to Ami-
— v glad to give you — reason.
Mrs Ad I am Cecil to
raise money — been very
engaged in business work lately
& we leave & I am Cecil off
with for Buxton & have also been
been in London
— v fortunate in meeting Dr Stance
— — Letrate onto for I fear
I in have bothered you for this
chief introduction — Bye
Mrs been wrapped am feeling
all for Tuck bathing
— hereto tied to trouble you — but
but as you have an Mrs — hear
hard forward expectation Mrs

This is absolutely one for post
aid as in similar cases where
lectures in neutral countries have
to avoid feeling left out & attention
is created against them for allies.
I R. Montgomery & I find Duke
are cordially welcoming our aid (the my
bro has spoken out) in matters
I mixed before & I conferred from
the in making the [illegible] are treating
Army as an alleged inferior small
nation. Dr Q is doing bad propaganda
at a fundamental point. He cannot
afford to an his interests well served
by I work. I hope you may find he
should be helped.
I don't know (Sir) how to
tell Dr Q's fr Dr Barton of Boston
I we can guarantee 15 or more
lectures to address nations.

Yours
WM

In any further communication
on the subject, please quote
No. 176940/15.
and address—
The Under-Secretary of State,
Foreign Office,
London.

FOREIGN OFFICE

November 30th, 1915.

Sir:-

In continuation of my letter of the 12th instant, relative to the condemnation of your assailant, Hassan Tahsin, to five years imprisonment, I am directed by Secretary Sir Edward Grey to transmit to you, herewith, two extracts from a Roumanian journal giving an account of the trial.

Grey

His Majesty's Minister at Bucharest, in forwarding these reports to Sir Edward Grey, expresses his regret that the pressure of business at His Majesty's Legation has prevented a translation of these extracts being made in the Chancery. He would be glad, however, should you so desire, to recommend a translator in Bucharest, who could furnish you with an English version of the documents.

Sir G. Barclay adds that the Legal Adviser to His Majesty's Legation, who was present at the trial, informs him that the enclosed account of the proceedings is substantially correct.

I am,
Sir,
Your most obedient,
humble Servant,

W Langley

Noel Buxton, Esq., M.P.
2, Princes Gate,
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FOREIGN OFFICE,

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Private

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June 6. 1916

My dear Bonar

I hear you want to go to the United States. Visits to foreign countries, which have political importance, have often the drawback more than once of misrepresentation & decision by the

Cabinet. Will you let me know
the objection you feel in case
it is necessary to consult the
Cabinet about it?

Yours
E. Grey.

FOREIGN OFFICE,

June 7th 1916.

My dear Buxton,

I am much obliged for your letter of the 6th instant and for your courtesy in informing me of the objects of your visit to the United States.

I have given instructions that your passport and that of Dr. Bruce shall be endorsed and forwarded to you. I understand from your letter that you intend to go to America and to return to this country when the object of your visit is attained.

As regards the question of Government assistance, this will require further consideration and I will see that an answer is sent to you on the subject in due course.

Yours sincerely,

E. Grey.

TELEGRAMS: EMBLETON.
PARCELS-CHRISTON BANK.

FALLODON,
LESBURY,
NORTHUMBERLAND.

Private

Grey

Dec. 21. 1916

My dear Brocton

I am much obliged for your letter & the enclosure, which I have read with interest.

The conduct of affairs is now in other hands & I presume you will send your note to someone in the present Govt.

Yr friend
Grey of Fallodon.

about the Egyptian debt

but I rather fear that a

proposal which would

bring the Powers down on

us, whilst their co-

-operation might be ne-

-cessary to protect Egypt

would be a risky proceeding.

as