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My dear President Judson:

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I enclose a copy of a letter from Samuel McCune Lindsay, President of the Academy of Political Science, giving information concerning the details of the conference in so far as they had been worked out at the date of his letter, February 26, 1917.

✓ I would thank you to send your acceptance of this appointment as soon as possible to Mr. James Brown Scott, Recording Secretary of the Society, 2 Jackson Place, Washington, D. C., who will inform President Lindsay and request him to get in direct communication with you.

Faithfully yours,

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Hon. Elihu Root, President,
American Society of International Law,
998 Fifth Avenue,
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My dear Senator Root:

The New York Academy of Political Science proposes to call a national conference of representatives of the American press to discuss the foreign policy of the United States with a view to the better education of public opinion. Correspondents of foreign papers as well as representatives of the American daily press will be invited to participate. A program of several sessions, lasting over three or four days, will be arranged to include public meetings of a general character, but more particularly a series of small meetings on highly specialized topics under competent direction and round-table conferences of an informal character which will not be reported, and in which the greatest freedom of discussion will be encouraged. A tentative list of topics suggested contain the following:

- 1 - The relation of our form of government to the maintenance and modification of our treaty obligations.
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- 3 - The relation of great powers to small states not only in Europe as in the case of Belgium or Serbia, but in America as in the case of Mexico or Nicaragua.
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Funds have been provided which will enable us to invite as the guests of the Academy and the co-operating societies, a limited number of (perhaps 100) carefully selected newspaper men who represent the various sections of public opinion and stand at the strategic points, geographically and otherwise, in the moulding and domination of public opinion.

We desire to put the conduct of the conference in the hands of a strong organization committee with sub-committees on program, local arrangements, publicity, etc., and we also desire the co-operation, in the planning and arranging of the conference, of the American Society of International Law of which you are President. In addition to your Society we shall ask the co-operation of the American Bar Association, the United States Chamber of Commerce, the National Conference of Teachers of International Law, and possibly the National Editorial Association or some other representative organization of newspaper men. Such co-operation will involve no financial responsibility but would imply the designation of one or more persons to serve on the organization committee of the conference. As the work of this committee will have to be done in the very near future in order that the conference may be called to meet not later than sometime in May or June, it is important that persons be designated to serve on the committee and to represent your organization who can meet promptly in New York City. Acceptance of this invitation would also imply that you are willing to have the conference called under the auspices of your Society acting jointly with the Academy of Political Science.

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