Sir,

I have received from my Assistant High Commissioner for Russian Refugees in Constantinople, an urgent telegram requesting permission to utilize the organisation of the High Commissariat in that city for administering relief to the many thousands of Greek and Armenian refugees who have arrived there from Smyrna and Brousse.

As this request raises a question of principle of some importance, I venture to ask for your permission to lay the telegram before the Assembly at its next plenary meeting, and to suggest to the Assembly on what conditions I believe it might be complied with.

In this connection may I avail myself of this same opportunity to request permission to lay another matter before the Assembly:

I would ask the Assembly whether the League ought not now according to Article 11 of the Covenant to "take any action that may be deemed wise and effectual to safeguard the Peace" in the conflict which has caused the grave situation mentioned.

I would therefore ask permission to move a Resolution, if it should seem right to do so, requesting the Council to consider without delay what steps it can take, whether by the offer of its good offices to the belligerent parties, or otherwise, with a view to the immediate cessation of hostilities.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

[Signature]