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TO THE GERMAN DELEGATES.

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   presided by M. Jules CAMBON.

   (This commission is the same as has been set up by the
   Conference on the 13th of January to examine the credentials of
   the Delegates of the Allied and Associated Powers.) This took
   place this - Thursday - morning at Versailles.

II. WRITTEN PROCEDURE:

   The President will inform the German Delegates as to the
   procedure which will be adopted by the Conference. He will let
   them know that no oral discussion will take place and that their
   observations will have to be submitted in writing. The President
   will further point out to the German plenipotentiaries that they
   must within a maximum period of fifteen days present in English and
   French their written observations on the whole of the treaty, the
   headings of which are as follows:

   League of Nations.

Geographical frontiers of Germany.

Political clauses for Europe
(Belgium, Luxemburg, Sarre,
(Alsace-Lorraine, Austria
(Czecho-Slovakia, Poland
(and Eastern Prussia, Denmark,
(Helgoland, clauses concern-
ing Russia and the Russian
(States, recognition of new European
(States)

Political clauses for countries
outside Europe.
(General clause of renunciation,
(colonies, Siam, Liberia, Morocco
(Egypt, Turkey and Bulgaria, Shan-
tung).
Military, naval and aerial clauses
War prisoners
Responsibilities and punishments
Reparations and restitutions
Financial clauses
Economical clauses
Ports, waterways, rivers and railways
Organization of Labor
Guarantees and occupation of territories
Final clauses (Execution of the
(armistice; end
(of the war state of
(Peace)

Before the expiration of the aforesaid period of fifteen days
the German Delegates, will be entitled to send their reply on par-
ticular headings of the treaty or to ask questions in regard to them.

III. - HANDING OVER OF THE TREATY

The President will hand over the Treaty to the German delegates
in the presence of the Plenipotentiaries of the 5 Great Powers and
of the plenipotentiaries of the other effective belligerents, namely:
Belgium
Brazil
Czecho-Slovakia
Greece
Poland
Portugal
Roumania
Serbia

IV. - DECISION OF THE ALLIES

After having examined the observations presented within the afores-
tioned periods, the Supreme Council will send their answer in writ-
ing to the German delegation, and determine the period within which
the final global answer must be given by this delegation.