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My dear Miss Tarbell:

I should like so much to talk with you about the enclosed plans which, at Colonel House's suggestion, I have made out. About a month before I left Paris, he sent for me and asked if I would help him work out a plan by which women can be active in the League of Nations. At first I put down some general principles and presented them to Colonel House, which he agreed to. Then I consulted with the French group of women on the matter, and after talking with them, I felt that certain changes should be made in my original suggestions. Consequently I redrafted the plan and left it with the French women.

Immediately afterwards, I went to London and met the leading British women. I found many of them most helpful and most enthusiastic. After discussing the matter very carefully with them, I made out the enclosed plan, which I presented to Mrs. Catt and the Chairmen of the Voters' League in New York last week. I have also talked it over very carefully with Dean Gildersleeve, who approves and who is very much interested. I have sent the plan to Mrs. Phillip N. Moore and am waiting for her suggestions.

I should value your opinion on this very much, particularly as to the method of representation. That seems to be the most difficult matter to

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decide,--how shall women be represented in the International Conference?

Would you be kind enough also to look over the plan for an International Bureau of Education? I talked this over with Professor Gilbert Murray of Oxford and Miss Caroline Spurgeon, who was, as you know, a member of the British Educational Commission to the United States, and they both support the plan whole-heartedly. Dean Gildersleeve also supports it, and after a brief conversation with Professor Stephen Duggan, who has gone to Europe as the Director of the Institute of International Education, I think I can say he approves and will support it in every way possible. I should consider it a great favor if you would give me your opinion at an early date. I do wish I could sit down and talk with you, for a topical plan of this sort always needs explanation in order to be thoroughly understood.

I arrived in New York on June 10, sailing from England on May 31. I was sorry to leave the Conference, but it seemed necessary for me to get home. I am sure you hope that the Treaty will be ratified, and especially the Covenant of the League of Nations. I am spending my whole time writing and lecturing on this matter.

Are you to be in New York any time in July? It may be that I shall come over, and I should be most happy to come to see you. I hope your Chautauqua trip was a great success and that you are feeling perfectly well.

Most sincerely yours,

Fannie Fern Andrews