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It appeared to the Government that by this action we were placed in a somewhat difficult position. We had made what we thought were reasonable and constructive representations on the question of procedure. The Special Deputies were not apparently, in a position to take notice of these. We had, on the other hand, been asked again to participate in a procedure which appeared to us to provide an entirely inadequate method for associating Canada with the peace settlement. Not unreasonably, we wished to be assured that if we complied with this request we would not thereby appear to give our concurrence to procedures we did not regard as satisfactory. The High Commissioner for Canada in London was therefore instructed to place a specific question in this regard before the Deputies. I shall now quote the text of a letter of January 20th from the High Commissioner for Canada in London to the Secretariat of the Council of Foreign Ministers in which this question was communicated.

"Sir,

20th January, 1947.

I have the honour to refer to your communication of 16th January informing me, on behalf of the Deputies for Germany, that arrangements would be made for the hearing by the Deputies of such