

agreement with the general principle of the multilateral treaty for the renunciation of war which the Government of the United States proposed on April 13, 1928. Sir Austen added that he felt confident, therefore, that His Majesty's Governments in the Dominions and the Government of India were prepared to accept an invitation to participate in the conclusion of such a treaty as that proposed by the Government of the United States.

I have been instructed to state to you that my Government has received this information with the keenest satisfaction. My Government has hoped from the outcome of the present negotiations that the Governments of the Dominions and the Government of India would feel disposed to become parties to the suggested anti-war treaty. It is, moreover, most gratifying to the Government of the United States to learn that His Majesty's Governments in the Dominions and the Government of India are so favourably inclined towards the treaty for the renunciation of war which my Government proposed on April 13, 1928, as to wish to participate therein individually and as original signatories, and my Government for its part is most happy to accede to the suggestion contained in Sir Austen Chamberlain's note of May 19, 1928, to the American Ambassador at London.

Accordingly, I have been instructed to extend to His Majesty's Government in Canada, in the name of the Government of the United States, a cordial invitation to become one of the original parties to the treaty for the renunciation of war which is now under consideration. Pursuant to my instructions, I also have the honour to inform you that the Government of the United States will address to His Majesty's Government in Canada at the same time and in the same manner as to other governments whose participation in the proposed treaty in the first instance is contemplated, any future communications which it may make on the subject of the treaty after it has been acquainted with the views of all the governments to which its note of April 13, 1928, was addressed.

I avail myself of the occasion to renew to you, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Note from the Foreign Minister of Japan, delivered on May 26, 1928, to the United States Ambassador at Tokio, in reply to the Ambassador's Note of April 13, 1928

Mr. AMBASSADOR: I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's note number 336 of April 13 last, transmitting to me under instructions from the Government of the United States the preliminary draft of a proposed multilateral treaty representing in a general way a form of treaty which the Government of the United States is prepared to sign with the French, British, German, Italian and Japanese governments and any other governments similarly disposed with the object of securing the renunciation of war.

At the same time, Your Excellency enclosed a copy of the correspondence recently exchanged between the governments of the United States and the French Republic, commencing with a proposal put forward by Monsieur Briand in June, 1927; and you intimated that the Government of the United States desired to be informed whether the Japanese Government were in a position to give favourable consideration to the conclusion of such a treaty as that of which you enclosed a draft—and, if not, what specific modification in the text would make it acceptable.