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views as the Canadian Government might wish to present on the German problem on Saturday, January 25th, if this time was convenient.

- " I have informed the Government of Canada of this invitation and I have been asked to address to the Deputies the following inquiry on its behalf.
- If the Government of Canada now submits observations on the substance of the Peace Settlement with Germany, without consideration having previously been given to its comment on procedure, what assurances are the Special Deputies prepared to give to the Government of Canada that opportunity will be given at a future date to discuss the settlement with Germany either with the Special Deputies or with the Council of Foreign Ministers?

I have the honour to be, Sir, Your obedient servant, (signed) N.A. Robertson High Commissioner

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On January 20th, the Special Deputies replied orally through their Chairman to the High Commissioner for Canada in London stating that their instructions gave them no power to give the assurances which we desired. There is still no certainty, therefore, that Canada will be able to participate in the Peace Settlement with Germany in an appropriate manner.

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