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YOUR HIGHNESS,

I hasten to write and inform Your Highness that I arrived safely Home to-day after an absence of 8 months from India in connection with the Peace Conference.

2. During this historic period, when I had the high honour of representing Your Highnesses, some matters of great importance to the Empire and India as well as to the Princes and States—some of the latter vitally affecting our Order and in regard to the discussion and settlement of which it was my good fortune to be very closely associated—came up for consideration which, I venture to think, will be found to have been satisfactorily settled in our interests.

3. I will not weary Your Highnesses with a long letter and will reserve further details for the statement which Your Highnesses will, of course, expect of me as Your Representative to be made at the next Conference, in accordance with the suggestion first made by me and accepted by Your Highnesses in 1917.

4. But I trust that Your Highness will rest assured that I left nothing undone so far as it lay within my power to advance our interests while carrying out the responsible and arduous task that devolved upon me. I need, therefore, only add here that I have returned thoroughly satisfied from my recent mission and with the deep conviction that Your Highnesses' interests have not been prejudiced by the work at the Peace Conference.

5. It was a matter of disappointment to me that I was not able to be present at the Princes' Conference in Delhi last January, but I feel that during my recent visit to Europe I have been able to be of some real service to Your Highnesses. While there I learnt of Your Highnesses doing me the honour of electing me again as Your Highnesses' Honorary General Secretary for the Conference. Whilst, in some ways, the appointment of another Prince would, for personal reasons, have been more convenient to me, I wish to assure Your Highness that I feel greatly honoured by this further mark of Your Highnesses' confidence and friendship and I need hardly add that my services, for what they are worth, are always at Your Highnesses' disposal whenever I am likely to be of any real use.

Earnestly hoping that all goes well with Your Highness and Your State and with every good wish,

I remain,

Your Highness' sincere friend,

*Rance Saif*

MAHARAJAH OF BIKANER.