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October 22nd 1913.

My Dear Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter with a copy of a list of proposals for the United States celebration of the centennial Lutheran Council of the United States, which you have charge of the German Protestant Church under Article 450 of the Treaty of Commerce.

The matter has been submitted to the Supreme Council of the German Protestant Church, who explained that the proposal was not put forward on behalf of the United States' Government nor officially supported by them, but was merely communicated to the Council for their consideration. No decision was taken, as Monsieur Pichon was anxious to consult the French Ministry of Colonies on the subject.

I should be glad to receive the views of His Majesty's Government—particularly those of the India Office and Colonial Office—on the merits of this proposal, which at first sight appears to be open to grave objections, and to go altogether outside the intentions underlying Article 450 of the German Treaty.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) EYRE A. CROWE.

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Memorandum for the Secretary of State

The Secretary General of the Commission to Negotiate Peace had been advised by the British Delegation that the proposal of the National Liberation Committee of the United States to take charge of the German War Reliefs under Article 43 of the Treaty of Commerce. This proposal is being considered by the British Delegation.

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British Delegation
Kuala Lumpur, Malaya

... National Lutheran Council of the U.S.A.
to take charge of German Protestant Missions
under Article 133 of the Treaty with Germany

NATIONAL LUTHERAN COUNCIL
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1. The National Lutheran Council consists of
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chosen representatives from two-thirds of the Lutheran bodies in America, viz: the United States Lutheran Church, the Norwegian Lutheran Church, the Augustana (Swedish) Synod, the Joint Synod of Ohio, the Synod of Iowa and other States, the Buffalo Synod, the Souda Synod, the United Danish Church, and the Lutheran Free Church, representing 2,500,000 members.

2. Being mindful of the fact that a large portion of the Foreign Missions formerly conducted by German societies and individuals is of the Lutheran faith, and that article 433 of the Treaty of Peace with Germany guarantees that the property which these missions or missionary societies possess shall continue to be devoted to missionary purposes, and that the Allied and Associated Governments will hand over such properties to boards of trustees holding the faith of the mission whose property is involved, the National Lutheran Council, through a Conference of Foreign Mission Leaders of the American Lutheran Church, has resolved that the various American Lutheran bodies represented in the National Lutheran Council should, and will in so far as possible, assume the support and control of distressed Lutheran World Missions wherever the necessary arrangements can be made, it being clearly understood, that the National Lutheran Council is interested in these missions not because they are German, but because they are Christian Missions of the same faith as that of the Church it represents.

3. A further reason for this action of the National Lutheran Council is to be found in the

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Sir

I have the honor to transmit to

you the encopy of a letter from the F.O.,

enclosing a letter from the National

Lutheran Council of the Thuring States,

regarding their offer to take charge of

German Protestant Missions under
Article 438 of the Treaty of Peace
with Germany. A copy of the Article
is also enclosed for reference.

I shall be glad to receive any
observations you may have to offer
in connection with the
provisions of Article 438
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