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Dear Roy,

The difficulty of relating Andrews's proposals to our own larger schemes seems to me to arise out of ambiguity as to how far we can assume the existence of the latter. In other words, are we to go on on the basis that Andrews's plans for the Balkans are an extension of our larger arrangements and are based upon them, or that they are an alternative to them? For example, if there was to be an International Clearing Union, there would be no purpose in a separate Balkan Clearing Union. And if there was an expertments of Board, International Investment/clearly it would be a committee of that Board which would deal with Balkan problems in particular

In answer to your question about the Board of Trade's present attitude to most favoured nation clause, my impression is that they do not waive it in principle or in general, but declare themselves always ready to consider as an exception a bona fide regional low tariff arrangement.

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