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not be distributed by us

I agree that the documents must ~~be sent back~~ and I also agree that it is undesirable, in doing so, to describe their source as a "source privée". We have, of course, to treat it as a source privée because the Six Nations Indians are not recognised by any of the Members of the League as a State or international entity of any kind, but we ought not to put ourselves in the position of appearing to decide by ourselves that it is not a State.

I think perhaps the following note verbale might be sent to Mr. Ockleshaw-Johnson:

The Secretariat of the League of Nations begs to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. J. R. Ockleshaw-Johnson's letter of February 10th, notifying the dispatch of a box, which has been received, containing printed copies of a document entitled "Tragic Plight of the Six Nations (Iroquois) Indians: Petition for Intervention of the League of Nations and Non-Member States", and requesting that the envelopes containing this document may be handed to the delegates whose names appear thereon.

Under the existing rules and practice, the Secretariat is not authorised to make such a distribution of the document in question, and it is, accordingly, ~~holding~~ ^{at} returning the box and its contents ~~to~~ Mr. Ockleshaw-Johnson's disposal and will return it to him if he so requests.

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P.S. The above can't completely wait is for a request to return the box, before returning it, as Mr. J. may have a means of making the distribution through a friend in Geneva. But I would have no objection to returning the box at once & asking the latter accordingly.