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It could be argued that the very first analysis of the origins of the First World War was the Austro-Hungarian ultimatum presented to the Serbian government at 5 p.m. on 23 July 1914. Even before the conflict began, participants were busy constructing their own narratives of international history in the early twentieth century. The Austro-Hungarian ultimatum read like a charge-sheet, presented to an allegedly criminal state. The Serbian government duly penned a defence. From the beginning of the war, participants fused historical analysis, political interest, moral judgement and legal rhetoric into their accounts of the conflict’s origins. This
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