## REPATRIATION AND HOSPITALIZATION OF PRISONERS OF WAR

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The Minister of Switzerland, in Charge of German Interests, to the Secretary of State

LEGATION OF SWITZERLAND WASHINGTON, D.C.

DEPARTMENT OF GERMAN INTERESTS

The Minister of Switzerland, in charge of German Interests, presents his compliments to the Honorable the Secretary of State and has the honor to submit to him the following proposition received from the German Government:

"The United States as well as the German Government are signatories to the International Convention of July 27, 1929, regarding the treatment of prisoners of war 1 and of the Geneva Agreement of the same date for improvement of the fate of the sick and wounded of the armies in the field.<sup>2</sup>

Article 68 of the Convention regarding the treatment of prisoners of war provides for additional agreements between warring nations relating to impairment and sickness justifying the transport home or sheltering of prisoners of war in a neutral country. The Government of the German Reich proposes to the Government of the United States to enforce the Model Agreement attached to the Geneva Convention concerning direct repatriation and hospitalization in a neutral country of prisoners of war for reasons of health.<sup>3</sup> The German Government looks forward to the communication of the views of the American Government in this respect.

The German Armed Forces Information Service located at Hohenstaufenstrasse 47, Berlin W. 30, has received the necessary instructions to give infor-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> TS 846, ante, vol. 2, p. 932.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> TS 847, ante, vol. 2, p. 965.

<sup>3</sup> TS 846, ante, vol. 2, p. 961.