

SETTLEMENT OF CERTAIN WAR CLAIMS

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The Secretary of State to the Swiss Minister

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON
October 21, 1949

SIR:

I have the honor to refer to previous correspondence, and also to oral discussions between officials of your Government and the Government of the United States concerning claims asserted by your Government for compensation for losses and damages inflicted on persons and property in Switzerland during World War II by units of the United States armed forces in violation of neutral rights.

On behalf of the United States Government, I wish to offer to your Government in full and final settlement of the balance due on all claims of the character referred to in the preceding paragraph the sum of 62,176,433.06 Swiss francs, which includes interest through October 21, 1949. The offer is made with the understanding that the Swiss Government accepts responsibility for making payment of the individual claims involved.

I would appreciate being advised whether the Swiss Government agrees to the proposed settlement. Upon the receipt of a note from you indicating the approval of your Government, it will be considered that these notes record the understanding of the two governments with respect to the matter.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

DEAN ACHESON

The Honorable

CHARLES BRUGGMANN

Minister of Switzerland

¹ By note of Oct. 24, 1949, the Swiss Legation informed the Secretary of State that since Oct. 21, 1949, "the balance on all claims has been paid to the Département Politique Fédéral in Berne."