

AIR SERVICE TO BE OPERATED BY U.S. AIR TRANSPORT COMMAND

*Exchange of notes at Bern August 6 and September 5, 1945, with text
of agreement*

Entered into force September 5, 1945

Expired in accordance with its terms

Department of State files

The American Legation to the Federal Political Department

No. 2133

The American Legation at Bern presents its compliments to the Federal Political Department and has the honor to transmit herewith the terms of a proposed agreement regarding an air service of provisional and temporary character to be operated by the Army Transport Command (ATC) of the United States to and from Geneva, Switzerland. The text of the enclosure embodies terms which have heretofore been agreed upon in conversations which have taken place between the competent Swiss and American officials, both in the United States and in Switzerland, and more particularly conferences recently held between Mr. Jean Merminod of the Federal Political Department, Colonel Louis Clerc, Chief of the Federal Air Office, and the Legation's Civil Air Attaché.

It is understood that the proposed arrangement is independent from the bilateral interim air transport agreement just concluded between the Swiss and American Governments.¹ It is also understood that the air transport service contemplated under the proposed agreement is of a non-commercial character and that traffic will not be carried by it on a common carrier basis. The traffic carried will be limited to that of Swiss and American national interests.

In view of the fact that an agreement on the basic principles has already been reached in the course of the conversations above referred to, it is the hope of the Legation that the attached agreement can be put into effect at an early date.

The Legation avails itself of this opportunity to express to the Federal Political Department the assurances of its highest consideration.

L.H.

BERN, August 6, 1945

Enclosure:

Terms of a proposed agreement regarding air service to be operated by ATC.

To the

FEDERAL POLITICAL DEPARTMENT

Bern

¹ Agreement of Aug. 3, 1945 (TIAS 1576, *ante*, p. 946).