

RECIPROCAL BENEFITS UNDER PATENT LAWS

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The American Minister to the President of the Swiss Confederation

AMERICAN LEGATION
BERNE, 17 January 1908

HIS EXCELLENCY

Mr. BRENNER

President of the Swiss Confederation
Berne

SIR:

Respectfully referring to the new Swiss Patent Law which became effective on December 1, 1907, and which, in its article 18, contains a provision for the annulment of patents for failure to utilize them adequately in Switzerland within three years, and also provides for the setting aside of such provision in favor of States granting reciprocal right, I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that I am instructed by my Government to declare: "That under the Patent Laws of the United States no patent may be annulled for failure to put the invention covered thereby into practice".

In communicating to Your Excellency the above declaration, I respectfully request that the reciprocal benefit referred to in article 18 of the new Swiss Patent Law be granted to the citizens of the United States.

I take this occasion to renew to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

BRUTUS J. CLAY
American Minister

The Swiss Federal Council to the American Minister

[TRANSLATION]

BERNE, 28th January 1908

MR. MINISTER:

By a note of the 17th instant, Your Excellency communicated to us a declaration from Your Government stating that, according to the Patent