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MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT

FROM:

RICHARD V. ALLEN

SUBJECT:

The Vice President's Meeting with Swiss

Senate President Peter Hefti (November 10, at 11:00 a.m.)

Attached are the very comprehensive briefing materials prepared by the State Department for your meeting with President Hefti. The materials cover all areas of current mutual interest to the United States and Switzerland.

Attachment
Tab A - Briefing Material

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Appointments requested for Peter Hefti by the Embassy of Switzerland November 9-10, 1981

The Vice President
Senator Baker
Senator Dole
Senator Helms
Senator Percy
Assistant Secretary of State Eagleburger
Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Niles
Mr. Pipes, NSC
Mr. Jordan, Council of Economic Advisers

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS THE VICE PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH PETER HEFTI

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Switzerland

The Vice President Deputy Assistant Secretary Niles President Peter Hefti, Council of States Ambassador Anton Hegner

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Peter Hefti

Born October 6, 1922, Hefti studied law at several Swiss universities, took his Doctor of Law degree from Bern in 1947. He did post-graduate work at the University of Michigan Law School in 1949-50. He began practicing law in his home canton of Glarus in 1953. Since 1963 he has functioned as President of the Glarus Supreme Court. He is also President of the community of Schwanden. He has been a member of the Council of States since 1968.

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MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM:

JAMES M. RENTSCHALL MENNIS C. BLAIR

SUBJECT:

The Vice President's Meeting with Swiss

Senate President Peter Hefti (November 10, at 11:00 a.m.)

The Vice President will be having a short meeting with President Hefti tomorrow. State has prepared excellent briefing materials for the meeting. A memo for your signature at Tab I forwards those materials to the Vice President.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the memo to the Vice President at Tab I.

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cc: Chuck Tyson

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. RICHARD V. ALLEN THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: The Vice President's Meeting with Swiss Senate
President Hefti, Tuesday, November 10, at 11 a.m.

This memorandum forwards briefing materials for the Vice President's meeting with Hefti, a list of Hefti's requested appointments in Washington, a list of participants in the meeting, and biographic information on Hefti.

L. Faul Bremer, Fire Executive Secretary

Attachments:

- 1. Briefing Material for meeting with Hefti
- 2. List of Hefti's requested appointments
- 3. List of participants
- 4. Biographic information

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Deputy Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

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Vice President's Meeting with Peter Hefti

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Bern, February 8, 1983

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Dear Mr. President,

Let me thank you most heartedly for your personal greetings that have been forwarded to me by Vice-President George Bush with whom I have had an interesting exchange of views in Geneva on 4th of February.

As you rigthly pointed out, Switzerland has traditionally been the host of many international negotiations. I can assure you that she intends to maintain her availability as a host country in the future.

I sincerely hope that the Geneva INF and START negotiations will soon lead to an agreement. They are very important for our continent and indeed for the world.

At the Madrid Conference in the framework of the CSCE, in which both of our countries are engaged, we firmly believe that any outcome in order to be positive has to have an inner balance between the respect of human rights and security. Both are equally necessary.

Sincerely,

Pierre Aubert

His Excellency Mr. Ronald Reagan President of the United States of America

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Honorable Robert J. Lagomarsino House of Representatives Washington, D. G. 20515

Dear Mr. Lagomersinos

This is in further reply to your recent letter to Mr. Kenneth M. Duberstein in behalf of Mrs. Irene Savarese concerning a newspaper article which raised questions about secret Air Force accounts in Swiss banks.

Please be assured the United States Air Force does not maintain any accounts, secret or otherwise, in Swiss banks.

Thank you for your interest in this matter and continued support of Air Force programs.

Sincerely,

CLIFFORD H. REES, JR. Brigadier General, USAF Deputy Director Legislative Liaison

OSDWH 04697 Ofe of Sig Dear Bob:

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Thank you for your June 7 letter enclosing correspondence on behalf of your constituent, Mrs. Irene Savarese, who is concerned about the possibility of U.S. military Swiss bank accounts.

Please know that I have transmitted your letter to the appropriate White House office for further review.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Kenneth M. Duberstein Assistant to the President

The Honorable Robert J. Lagomarsino House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

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cc: w/copy of inc to Joni Stevens - for DRAFT response & fact sheet
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Congress of the United States House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

June 7, 1983

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Kenneth M. Duberstein Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs The White House Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Duberstein:

Enclosed is correspondence I received from the Departments of Defense, Treasury and Justice in response to my original inquiry to the Department of Defense on behalf of my constituent, Mrs. Irene Savarese.

As you will note from the attached memo and news article, Mrs. Savarese contacted my District office regarding the news article which stated, "Richard B. Collins was charged last week with taking \$465,000 from the U.S. military that should have been placed in secret Swiss bank accounts ... " Mrs. Savarese was very concerned to learn that the U.S. military had "secret" Swiss bank accounts and requested additional information.

As per the Department of Justice memo, I have contacted the CIA, requesting their comments on this matter. In addition, I would appreciate any assistance or information which you could provide.

J. LAGOMARSINO r of Congress

RJL:sel Encl.

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fact sheet response



U.S. Department of Justice
Office of the Deputy Attorney General
Executive Secretariat

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Congressman Lagomarsino's Staff:

The attached is not a Department of Justice matter.

If money is going into Swiss bank accounts, it could be the CIA; or it could be a misprint in the newspaper article.

Mary Louise Newman



DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20220

May 26, 1983

Dear Mr. Lagomarsino:

This is in further reference to your of February 8 on behalf of Mrs. Irene Savarese requesting comments on a news article relating to Swiss bank accounts.

After careful consideration by several offices within this Department, it has been determined that your inquiry falls within the jurisdiction of the Department of Justice. I have taken the liberty of forwarding your correspondence to that agency for attention and further response.

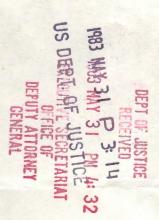
Sincerely,

(Signed)

W. Dennis Thomas Assistant Secretary (Legislative Affairs)

The Honorable
Robert J. Lagomarsino
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

cc: Department of Justice





OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE '

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

March 7, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

The enclosed correspondence is referred to you as a matter coming within your area of responsibility. The Member of Congress who forwarded this correspondence to us has been advised that he may expect a reply directly from your office. A copy of our acknowledgement is enclosed for your information.

Srush Millewell Frank J. Olszewski, Jr.

MSgt, USAF

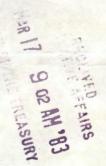
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Enclosures

Member of Congress: Rep. Lagomarsino

Constituent: Ms. Irene Savarese

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LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

March 7, 1983

Honorable Robert J. Lagomarsino U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Congressman:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 8 on behalf of Mrs. Irene Savarese concerning U.S. Government and Swiss bank accounts.

It will be necessary to consult with the Treasury Department for a complete response. You may expect a reply direct from that agency.

SIGNED

Frank J. Olszewski, Jr. MSgt, USAF Acting Director, Research and Administration

cc: Dept of Treasury

ROBLET J. LAGCMARSINO

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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

February 8, 1983

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Russell A. Rourke Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs Department of Defense Room 3E 966, The Pentagon Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Mr. Rourke:

Please find enclosed a self-explanatory memo from my district office, and an attached news article which was submitted by my constituent, Trene Savarese.

As you will note, Mrs. Savarese has several questions regarding the money "from the U.S. military that should have been placed in secret Swiss bank accounts."

Your comments, and any information which you could provide, would be most appreciated.

Sincerely

JOHN J. LAGOMARSINO Member of Congress

RJL:sel Encl.

memorandum

DATE:

REPLY TO

February 2, 1983

D. White

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SUBJECT:

Viewpoint

TO:

Michael Wootton

Mrs. Irene Savarese 890 Peninsula Street, #2 Ventura, Ca. 93001

See attached clipping . .

Mrs. Savarese wants to know - WHAT SWISS BANK ACCOUNTS?

Suggests this may help balance the budget if the President can bring back the government money held in swiss secret bank accounts . . .

Seriously, she asks:

- 1. How many accounts are there?
- 2. How much money does the government have in these accounts?
- 3. Why are they there?
- 4. In this comes under Secrecy Act because of military involvement, why?

Officer's woe is troubling his namesake

Fla. (UPI) - For two decades, three military officers named Richard Collins re-ceived each other's mail, telephone calls and even department store packages while stationed at various bases around the world.

The mixup was a big 20-

year joke.

But now retired Air Force Maj. Gen. Richard B. Collins, 53, Fort Lauderdale, has been indicted on charges he diverted \$465,000 of government funds for his personal use in Geneva, Switzerland.

Unfortunately, the wife of retired Air Force Brig. Gen. Richard G. Collins, 53, of Pembroke Pines, Fla., first heard it was her spouse who faced the embezzlement charge. wasn't.

Nor was it retired Army Major Gen. Richard Col-lins, 78, Alexandria, Va., lins, 78, Alexandria, Va., who used to get the alleged embezzler's mail and phone calls when both lived in the Washington suburb.

The Pembrokes Pines Gen. Collins, who practices personal injury law in near-by Fort Lauderdale, is con-

cerned.

"It's a little scary," he said. "Our careers have been so similar in so many ways," he said. "We've been confused (with one another) for so many years. I don't need his publicity. This is not doing my business or my reputation any good."

Similarities between the two abound. Both were graduated from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, a military school for senior officers. Both have masters degrees. Both were stationed in Europe and Southeast Asia.

Both were fighter pilots. Richard G. flew 115 missions in Vietnam. Richard B. flew 104 missions. Both won the Distinguished Flying Cross three times. Both won the Legion of Merit award.

Richard B. Collins was charged last week with taking \$465,000 from the U.S. military that should have been placed in secret Swiss bank accounts, and putting it in his own bank accounts in 1977 and 1978.

Later, he replaced the government's money in the proper account but kept the interest it had earned, the indictment says.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 18, 1983

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

The President greatly appreciates your kind note of June 17, and has asked that I reply on his behalf. The President is confident that you will have a successful tenure as our Ambassador to Switzerland and that you and your wife Francesca will serve as excellent representatives of the United States in Bern.

We understand the importance of not taking Switzerland for granted. We value the very crucial role played by Switzerland in international affairs and its special prominence as a committed and outspoken defender of Western policies, as you clearly point out. We wish you well on this important diplomatic assignment.

Sincerely,

William P. Clark

The Honorable John Davis Lodge United States Ambassador Bern Switzerland ID 8304585

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

July 12, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM:

TYRUS W. COBB OTWC

SUBJECT:

Reply to Ambassador Lodge

President Reagan received the attached letter from newly-appointed Ambassador to Switzerland, John Davis Lodge. The note reiterates his intentions to serve the President's interests well, particularly insuring that all U.S. agency programs are closely coordinated. We see no need for a Presidential reply.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the reply at Tab I to Ambassador Lodge on behalf of the President.

Approve

Disapprove

Jack Matlock concurs.

Reply to Amb. Lodge

Tab A Incoming letter from Amb. Lodge



EMBASSY OF THE

Bern, Switzerland

June 17, 1983

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Now that I have formally presented my credentials here in Bern, I want to express to you once again my appreciation for appointing me Ambassador to Switzerland. I also want to assure you that I intend to adhere closely to the instructions sent in your letter of March 19, 1983. In particular, I will insure that all U.S. agency programs are closely coordinated through me as Ambassador. appears that legislative or executive policy changes are desirable in order to facilitate the implementation of U.S. policy objectives, I will recommend these to the Secretary of State. Also, if staffing modifications are desirable I will so recommend. In fact, I have already suggested that our rather "low profile" USIA program here in Switzerland should be expanded, and USIA Director Charlie Wick has already kindly agreed to augment the staff here accordingly.

Although Switzerland is a small nation with limited resources, nevertheless it plays, as you know, a significant international role. It is a major financial center and important opinion-leader on economic issues. As a committed and outspoken defender of western values, it is a leader among the neutral and non-aligned nations on political issues. Furthermore, it is the locus of many international organizations and conferences and it represents the diplomatic interests of many nations where relations otherwise do not exist, including those of the United States in Iran and Cuba.

While U.S./Swiss relations have been traditionally excellent, I believe we should be careful never to take the Swiss for granted. Your recent reception of State Secretary Probst in Washington went a long way towards

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PRESIDENT FROM LODGE, JOHN DAVIS DOCDATE 17 JUN 83

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