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CLYDE H. SLEASE III, ESQ. BOX 1138 PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA 15230

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#### PROFESSIONAL PROFILE:

Mr. Slease has been private and corporate counsel for fifteen years, entailing legal and business experience for individuals and corporations. He has developed expertise in the areas of corporate and charitable finance, securities and corporate law, including banking, estates and trusts, newspaper and broadcast law. Also, he has paid particular attention to foreign policy matters concerning the United States and Europe through private association with scholars, foreign policy professionals, diplomats and government leaders here and abroad.

#### EMPLOYMENT:

1974 to RICHARD M. SCAIFE ASSOCIATES, Pittsburgh, PA.

Present: As General Counsel, Mr. Slease has represented Mr. Scaife and his family in personal, corporate and charitable activities. He has been responsible for overall management of the family's private and corporate legal affairs. During this period he has managed several corporate acquisitions involving amounts ranging from \$2,000,000 to \$25,000,000. He has worked with the family's securities transactions and has handled all negotiations with the banking institutions dealt with by Mr. Scaife and his companies. He has been responsible for overseeing the functions of several newspaper properties owned by Mr. Scaife in both their corporate and financial matters and also in the directing of litigation involving these entities. He has also assisted in the organization, planning and contributing to the family Foundations and the disbursement of funds from the Foundations to various organizations throughout the United States. He presently holds the following other positions:

> Director, Secretary & General Counsel Tribune-Review Publishing Company Greensburg, Pennsylvania Publisher of two newspapers located in Greensburg and Lebanon, Pennsylvania

Secretary & General Counsel Sierra Publishing Company Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Publisher of The Sacramento Union newspaper located in Sacramento, California

Vice President & Secretary Calvary, Inc. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Owner of Radio Station KQV

Trustee:

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#### **PRIOR EMPLOYMENT:**

February 1970	
to March 1974	GENERAL COUNSEL'S OFFICE FCC
	Washington, D. C.

Senior Attorney in charge of legal matters relating to the Common Carrier Bureau. Mr. Slease provided legal opinion to the General Counsel and Commission relating to all matters dealing with American Telephone & Telegraph Company and all other major common carriers operating within the United States. This involved analyzing rate requests, proposed reports and orders, and other matters coming before the Commission relating to common carriers; the advising on the creation of satellite operations by United States companies and the development of Commission policy regarding communications technology. He also advised on various broadcast and political matters coming before the Commission and International laws and treaties dealing with communications.

Mr. Slease held a Top Secret security clearance while at the FCC.

#### March 1971 to February 1972 District Attorney's Office Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Mr. Slease served as Administrative Assistant and handled legal matters consistent with the operations of the District Attorney's Office.

June 1969 to March 1971 Thorp, Reed & Armstrong Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Mr. Slease served as an Associate in this law firm and handled matters involving estates, trusts and general corporate matters.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE: French. Mr. Slease has traveled extensively throughout Western Europe since 1962.

#### EDUCATION:

Legal

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH, Pittsburgh, PA. Juris Doctor (1969)

Moot Court Board, Moot Court Finalist

College

DUKE UNIVERSITY, Durham, North Carolina Bachelor of Arts (1966)

Class Officer, Social Chairman, History Honors, Dean's List

Preparatory KISKIMINETAS SPRINGS SCHOOL, Saltsburg, PA

Honors in History, Athletics. Time Magazine Research Award.

#### ADMISSIONS:

#### ASSOCIATIONS:

- . All Courts in Pennsylvania
- . U. S. District Court for Western Pennsylvania
- . U. S. District Court for the District of Columbia

- . Allegheny County Bar Association
- . Pennsylvania Bar Association
- . Washington, D. C. Bar Association

#### PERSONAL DATA:

Birthdate: May 2, 1944 - Health Excellent Divorced, two children

## BUSINESS & POLITICAL ACTIVITIES:

- Director Pennsylvanians for Effective Government a business and educational institution dealing with legislation and programs for the benefit of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- Member Pennsylvania Federal Judicial Nominating Commission. This Commission selects and recommends candidates for the Federal District Courts in Pennsylvania to Pennsylvania United States Senators.
- Delegate 1984 Republican Convention.
- Member 1981-84 Republican State Finance Committee
- Advisor 1984 Reagan/Bush Committee

Member - 1980 Reagan/Bush Committee and Co-Host of Reagan/Bush Dinner (October 1980) in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Chairman - Young Professional Activities Division -Allegheny County Republican Finance Committee.

Mr. Slease has attended every Republican Convention since 1964 beginning as a staff aid to Senator Barry M. Goldwater and thereafter representing individuals supporting the Republican Party and the eventual nominee of the Party at each succeeding Convention.

Mr. Slease has held public office as Borough of Wilkinsburg Councilman and has managed successfully several local Republican political campaigns as well as serving on state campaign committees.

PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES FURNISHED UPON REQUEST

MEMORANDUM

# NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

January 29, 1985

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MEMORANDUM FOR RONALD K. PETERSON Assistant Director for Legislative Reference Office of Management and Budget We but 12aron for ROBERT M. KIMMIT FROM:

SUBJECT:

State Draft Legislation Authorizing an Ex Gratia Payment to Switzerland

The NSC staff has reviewed and concurs with the subject legislation authorizing an Ex Gratia payment to Switzerland.

NSC#8500693

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

ACTION

January 28, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT M. KIMMITT

FROM:

TYRUS W. COBB

SUBJECT: State Draft Legislation Authorizing an Ex Gratia Payment to Switzerland

#### RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the self-explanatory memo to Ronald Peterson at Tab I.

Approve

Disapprove

Attachment Tab I Tab II

Memo to Peterson Incoming Correspondence

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET WASHINGTON, D.C. 38003

January 25, 1985

#### LEGISLATIVE REFERRAL MEMORANDUM

TO:

#### Legislative Liaison Officer-

Department of Justice - Perkins 633-2113 (17) National Security Councili Department of the Treasury - Intrater 566-8523 (28)

SUBJECT:

State draft legislation authorizing an ex gratia payment to Switzerland.

The Office of Management and Budget requests the views of your agency on the above subject before advising on its relationship to the program of the President, in accordance with OMB Circular A-19.

A response to this request for your views is needed no later than FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1985.

Questions should be referred to Tracey Lawler/Sue Thau(395-7300) the legislative analyst in this office.

RONALD K. PETERSON FOR Assistant Director for Legislative Reference

Enclosures cc: A. Curtis J. Barie E. Strait J. Kent





Washington, D.C. 20520



#### Dear Mr. Speaker:

There is submitted herewith, for the consideration of the Congress, the enclosed draft bill to seek Congressional approval for the payment to the Government of Switzerland, from funds still in the custody of the Office of Alien Property, the amount of \$20,000 to carry out an agreement of March 12, 1980, made in final settlement of a long standing dispute involving vested property. The Bill is an amendment of Section 39 of the Trading with the Enemy Act as amended.

Also enclosed is the exchange of notes between the Department of State and the Swiss Embassy of March 12, 1980, constituting the agreement on this matter between the Governments of the United States and Switzerland.

The background of this agreement and the bill are set forth in the enclosure hereto.

The agreement with the Swiss Government constitutes a settlement of a controversy with the Swiss Government going back to 1963. The Department of State has been seeking for four years to obtain the enactment of the present legislation so as to implement the agreement made with the Swiss Government. In the past this legislation has been a component of a larger bill sponsored by the Department of Justice dealing with the administration of vested assets of World War II. With the concurrence of the Department of Justice, the present legislation is beingn submitted as separate from their legislation.

The Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr., Speaker of the House of Representatives. Representatives of the Swiss Government have been pressing the Department to bring this matter to a conclusion. The Department of State hopes that we can move forward to have the Bill introduced and to have it enacted promptly by Congress. The Bill is not considered to be controversial. Its passage would remove an irritant in our relations with the Swiss Government.

The Office of Management and Budget has advised that from the standpoint of the Administration's program, there is no objection to the submission of this legislation to the Congress.

Sincerely,

W. Tapley Bennett, Jr. Assistant Secretary Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs

Enclosures:

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- 3. Background of the Bill.

Washington, D.C. 20520



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#### A BILL

To amend the Trading With the Enemy Act to authorize ex gratia payment to Switzerland in accordance with agreement.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 39 of the Trading With the Enemy Act, as amended, (62 Stat. 1246; 50 U.S.C. App., sec. 39) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following subsection:

"(f) Notwithstanding any of the provisions of subsections (a) through (d) of this section, the Attorney General is hereby authorized to pay from property vested in or transferred to him under this Act, the sum of \$20,000 as an ex gratia payment to the Government of Switzerland in accordance with the terms of the agreement entered into by that Government and the United States on March 12, 1980.

#### Attachment 2

DEPARTMENT OF STATE WASHINGTON

Sir:

I have the honor to refer to discussions between representatives of the Department of State and representatives of the Embassy of Switzerland relating to claims put forward by the Government of Switzerland with respect to assets in the United States vested by the United States under the Trading With the Enemy Act.

On behalf of the Government of the United States, I wish to make the following proposal of settlement:

1. The Government of the United States of America shall make and the Government of Switzerland shall accept payment of a sum of \$20,000 in full and final settlement of any and all claims of the Government of Switzerland and its nationals concerning assets in the United States vested by the United States. This payment is made <u>ex gratia</u> without prejudice to the views of either Government as to the validity of the claims involved.

The Honorable

Franz E. Muheim,

Charge d'Affaires ad interim

of Switzerland.

2. This payment is subject to the enactment of legislation by the United States Congress making available the necessary funds.

If the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Government of Switzerland, your reply to that effect and this note shall constitute an agreement effective as of the date hereof.

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

For the Secretary of State:

Mach C. Fildman

March 12, 1980

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## EMBASSY OF SWITZERLAND

Washington, D.C., March 12, 1980

Excellency,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your note of today's date relating to claims of the Government of Switzerland involving assets in the United States vested by the United States, which note contains a proposal of settlement as follows:

1. The Government of the United States of America shall make and the Government of Switzerland shall accept payment of a sum of \$20,000 in full and final settlement of any and all claims of the Government of Switzerland and its nationals concerning assets in the United States vested by the United States. This payment is made <u>ex gratia</u> without prejudice to the views of either Government as to the validity of the claims involved.

2. This payment is subject to the enactment of legislation by the United States Congress making available the necessary funds.

The Honorable Cyrus R. Vance The Secretary of State Washington, D.C. The proposal made in your note is acceptable to the Government of Switzerland, and I confirm that your note and this reply shall constitute an agreement effective as of the date hereof.

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

The Chargé d'Affaires of Switzerland a.i.

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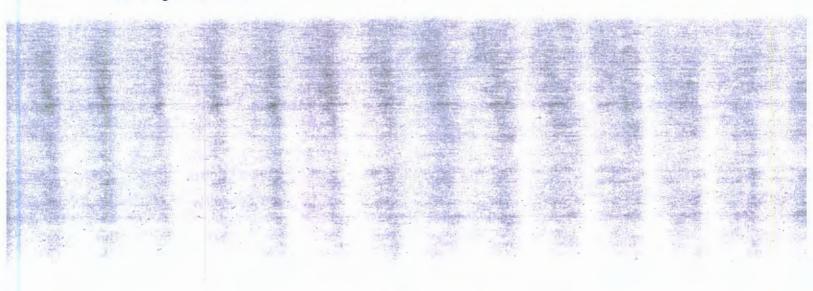
#### Attachment 3

#### BACKGROUND

The Swiss Government pursued with the U.S. Government starting in 1963 three categories of claims involving assets vested by the Alien Property Custodian as German enemy property during World War II or shortly thereafter. These categories of claims and the principal amounts involved were: Category I claims of Swiss citizens resident in Germany (\$40,000); Category II - claims of Swiss women who married Germans and became German nationals (\$600,000); Category III - claims of Swiss shareholders in U.S. corporations who cannot prove their predecessors in interest were non-enemy (\$60,000). The Departments of Justice and State took a negative view as to these claims over the years. The Swiss Government in 1979 appeared to be pressing only the claims in Category I involving Swiss citizens resident in Germany during the war whose assets in the U.S. were vested by the Alien Property Custodian. The U.S. continued to dispute the validity of the claims in this last category of vested assets. However, the Departments of State and Justice were motivated to reach a settlement on the basis inter alia of the following factors: the absence of exact international law precedents; the smallness of the amounts involved; the disproportionate expenses involved in continuing the dispute on this matter; and the desirability of removing a long standing irritant in our relations with the Swiss Government.

In the light of the above factors, the Departments of State and Justice explored informally with the Swiss Embassy a final settlement and compromise of all outstanding claims arising out of the administration of the Trading with the Enemy Act during World War II on the basis of an ex gratia payment of \$20,000 without prejudice to the legal position of either government. Further, the Swiss Embassy was informed that any settlement was subject to the enactment of legislation making the needed funds available. The Swiss Government was agreeable to such a settlement. Accordingly, after informal and favorable consultations with the staffs of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and the Senate Judiciary Committee concerning the enactment of the needed legislation authorizing the payment of the \$20,000, the Department of State exchanged notes with the Swiss Embassy on March 12, 1980, agreeing on the proposed settlement. In this exchange of notes payment is made subject to Congressional enactment of legislation making available the needed funds.

Originally the present legislation was introduced as part of a larger bill in 1980 sponsored by the Department of Justice which dealt with the administration of the remaining assets vested in World War II. Several efforts to move forward on this larger bill since 1980 have been unsuccessful, and the Department of Justice has advised that it has no objection to the submission of the present bill as separate legislation from its legislation.



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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

November 5, 1985

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MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES M. FREY

FROM:

SUBJECT:

WILLIAM F. MARTIN Custor A. Custor S.J. Res. 227

The NSC concurs with the Joint Resolution commending "the neutral nation of Switzerland for their contributions to freedom, international peace, and understanding."

Attachment

The Joint Resolution

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET Washington, D. C. 20503

10/31/85

#### ENROLLED BILL REQUEST

In accordance with OMB Circular No. A-19, your written views and recommendation for Presidential action are requested on the following enrolled bill(s) (facsimile(s) attached):

SJRes 227

Please consult section 10 of OMB Circular A-19, pages 12-14, for instructions regarding the preparation of enrolled bill letters and the procedures to be followed on enrolled bills.

Within <u>TWO DAYS</u> (including holidays but excluding Sundays) after receipt of this request, your reply (original and one copy) should be delivered <u>VIA</u> <u>SPECIAL MESSENGER</u> to Mrs. Julia Yuille, Room 7201, New Executive Office Building.

Your cooperation in meeting this deadline is needed to provide maximum time for Presidential action on the enrolled bill(s).

> James M. Frey Assistant Director for Legislative Reference

ATTENTION: W. Robert Pearson NSC

# Rinety-ninth Congress of the United States of America

#### AT THE FIRST SESSION

Begun and held at the City of Washington on Thursday, the third day of January, one thousand nine hundred and eighty-five

# Joint Resolution

- To commend the people and the sovereign confederation of the neutral nation of Switzerland for their contributions to freedom, international peace, and understanding on the occasion of the meeting between the leaders of the United States and the Soviet Union on November 19-20, 1985, in Geneva, Switzerland.
- Whereas Switzerland has long played a leading role among nations in the search for international peace and understanding, has generously provided its territory and assistance for international organizations and conferences, and its diplomatic services for arbitration and mediation of disputes among states; and
- Whereas the government of Switzerland has for many years generously represented the diplomatic interests of other nations, including the United States, in lands where these nations have no relations; and
- Whereas the United States and Switzerland share a common heritage, based on a commitment to political and religious freedom of expression, on our shared legacy of a constitutional and Federal Government, on our commitment to human rights and the dignity of the individual, and on our firm belief that a free enterprise economy provides the greatest prosperity for the greatest number of people; and
- Whereas Switzerland, and the beautiful and historic city of Geneva, ever mindful of their tradition and vocation in the search for international peace, have once again offered their territory and facilities for a major international meeting, on this occasion between the leaders of the United States and the Soviet Union, on November 19-20, 1985: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it is the sense of the Congress that, in recognition of their many contributions and as an expression of the warm gratitude of the American people for the strong bonds of friendship which have long existed between our two great democracies, the people and nation of Switzerland are to be commended for all they have done throughout this century in the search for freedom, international peace, and understanding.

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Vice President of the United States and President of the Senate.

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

ACTION

November 4, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM F. MARTIN

FROM:

S.J. Res. 227, Joint Resolution Commending SUBJECT: Switzerland

The NSC staff finds nothing objectionable in the Joint Resolution and recommends you so inform OMB.

Recommendation

That you sign the memorandum at Tab I to James Frey.

Approve \_\_\_\_ Disapprove \_\_\_\_

TYRUS COBB

Attachment

Tab I Memorandum to OMB, with Joint Resolution attached

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A l'Ambassade des Etats Unis Jubiläumsstrasse 93

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Excellence,

Nous vous remettons en annexe une lettre de l'élève Alex Illès adressée à Monsieur et Madame Ronald Reagan, Président des Etats Unis, par l'intermédiaire du Président de la Confédération. Nous vous prions de bien vouloir lui donner la suite que vous jugerez adéquate.

Nous vous prions d'agréer, Excellence, l'expression de notre haute considération.

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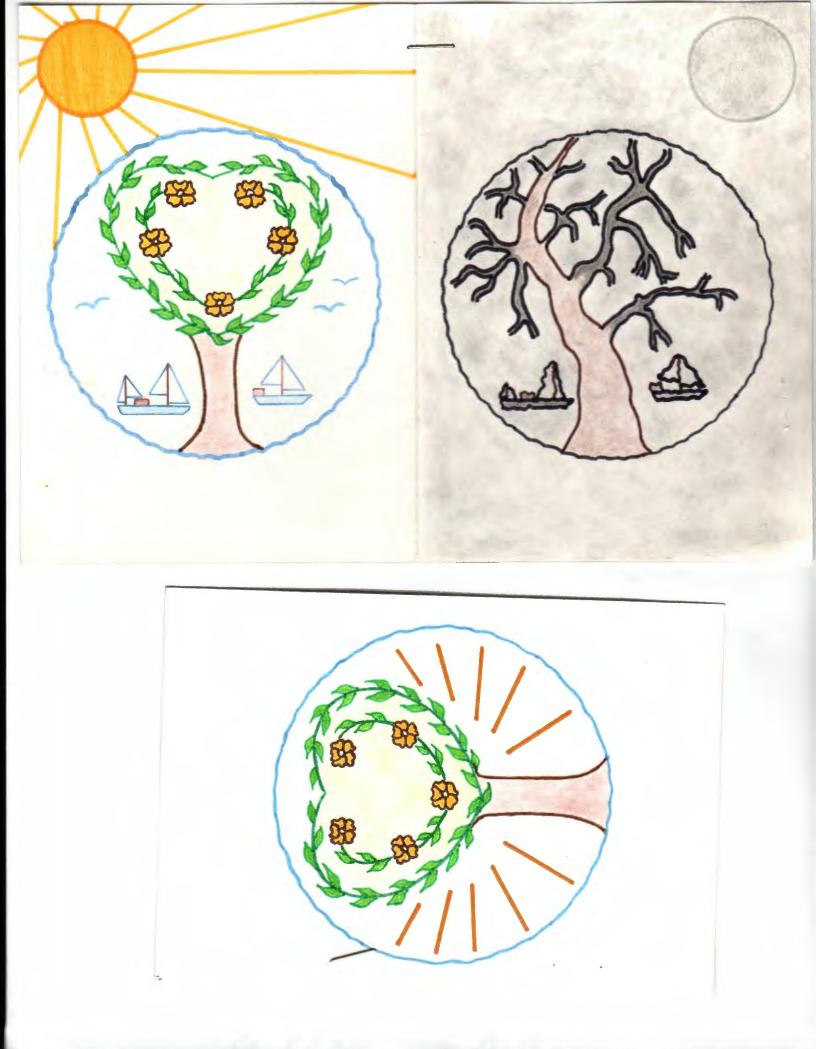
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" Sehr geehrter Herr Präsident Ronald Reagen,

Bitte arbeiten Sie für den Frieden und für ein glückliches Leben auf unserer Erde. Ych wünsche Jhnen weiterhin alles Gute und Schöne im Berufsund Familienleben. Hochachtungsvoll

alex Illés

19. November 1885.



Am Muttertag morgen stand ich früh auf, denn ich wollte meiner Mutter Blumen pflücken auf der Wiese. Für meine Mutter gibt es nichts Schöneres als einen Wiesenblumenstrauss. Es war ein wunderschöner Frühlingsmorgen.Der Wind wehte ein bisschen. Die Bäume blühten prachtvoll. Die Gärten waren alle mit den schönsten bunten Blumen voll.

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Um zur Wiese zu kommen,musste ich durch den Wald. Die Vögel zwitscherten lieblich und die Morgensonne fiel hell und klar durch die Aeste der Bäume.

Ich betrachtete die fleissigen Ameisen und sah weiter im Wald ein Reh mit ihrem Kitz.

Als ich bei der Wiese ankam, sah ich, wie zwei junge Hasen im Sonnenlicht miteinander spielten, die bunten Blumen und die schönen Schmetterlinge. Da sagte ich zu mir: " Die Erde, sie ist doch die Mutter von allem was lebt. Die Mutter Erde." Liebe Mutter Erde.

Ich bin ein Sohn von dir, ein Menschensohn. Du hast noch sehr viele andere Kinder: die Bäume, die Pflanzen, die Tiere und uns Menschen. Wie alle Mütter hast du auch Freude und Kummer mit deinen Kindern. Jedes deiner Kinder hat seine pflicht. Aber nicht immer wird sie so erfüllt, wie du das von Herzen wünschest. Die Pflichten werden am wenigsten von den Menschenkindern erfüllt. Leider musst du mitansehen, wie viele deiner Kinder in einer traurigen und ungerechten Welt leben.

Unsere Aufgabe wäre, die Mutter Erde und alle ihre Kinder glüklich zu machen. Liebe Mutter Erde, ich wünsche, dass dir eine schönere Zukunft bevorsteht. Ich wünsche, dass sich die Menschenkinder mehr um dich sorgen werden und mehr Freude als Kummer bereiten werden.





BETWEEN SWITZERLAND AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AVIATION RELATIONS

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# MEMORANDUM HANDED OVER TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SWISS CONFEDERATION

GENEVA, NOVEMBER 18, 1985

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#### MEMORANDUM

- Stating that Swissair had a much bigger share of the traffic volume between Switzerland and the United States and attributing this imbalance primarily to the rigidity of a tariff system which in their eyes precluded US carriers from competitive pricing, the United States authorities had on August 24, 1983 requested consultations in order to modify the Air Services Agreement between the two nations.
- 2) After three rounds of negotiations the two delegations reached a Memorandum of Understanding on March 17, 1984 in Davos. Its salient points contain two major concessions from the Swiss side, namely
  - a) the introduction of upper and lower thresholds for fares within which automatic approval was guaranteed and
  - b) the granting of change of gauge privileges from a wide-bodied aircraft to one or two narrow-bodied aircrafts

The United States acknowledged that the Swiss government had entered into this agreement on the understanding that its request for additional traffic rights will be fully considered.

3) Following the introduction of this arrangement the US carriers flying to Switzerland could significantly increase their market share. Notwithstanding the US delegation has up to now consistently refused to consider additional gateways for Swissair in the United States.

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