

I have the honor to refer to the conversations I had with the State Department and beg to inform you that the Swiss Government has taken note of the willingness of the Government of the United States in principle to sell military equipment, materials or services to Switzerland.

I have been instructed to inform you that should the Swiss Government avail itself of these possibilities it would accept the conditions under which such transfers are to be made : The Swiss Government declares that such equipment materials or services furnished by the United States will be used solely for internal security purposes and for legitimate self defense according to its traditional policy which evidently excludes any act of aggression. It is understood that title to or possession of any equipment materials information or services furnished to the Government of Switzerland will not be transferred without the consent of the United States Government. The Government of Switzerland will protect the security of any article service or information thus furnished. Note has been taken that prior to the transfer of any item or the rendering of any service mentioned above the United States Government retains the right to terminate the transactions. As to payment for items or service which may be furnished, Switzerland is prepared to accept the usual terms and conditions as determined by the Government of the United States.

