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Berne, September 29th, 1964.

Personal

Dear Mr. Yates,

I thank you very much for your personal letter of September 29th.

I very much hope that Mr. Schaffner will be able himself to attend the European Regional Conference of FAO at the end of October. However, allowance must be made for the fact that he is in recent times an extremely plagued man, who ought to work 24 hours a day in order to fulfill his program. To a certain degree this must be said of myself, so that I doubt very much that I could go in his place if he should be unable to accept your invitation. There are in addition certain limitations to the interchangeability of assignments. Montreux was another thing because we were the host Government while in Salzburg it would certainly look strange if a Foreign Minister, regardless of his past and of his interests in agriculture, would take part in the discussions.

I hope that your conference will be a great success and remain with best personal regards,

Yours sincerely

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