

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM.

The Chargé of Switzerland called at the Department of State on August 14th and asked whether this Government would make any objection to a loan to be made by American bankers to the Government of Switzerland. The Secretary of State took the matter up with the President on the 15th and later informed the Chargé of Switzerland that this Government sees no reason why American financiers should not make loans to Switzerland or to any other neutral governments,- this statement being based, of course, upon the theory that Switzerland will maintain the attitude of neutrality which she has taken in regard to the European war.

