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*Le Secrétaire d'Etat au Foreign Office, Sir E. Grey,
au Ministre de Suisse à Londres, G. Carlin¹*

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London, August 24, 1914

With reference to the note which you were good enough to address to me on the 21st instant² respecting the detention of vessels loaded with cereals for the Swiss Government, I have the honour to repeat the assurances given in my communication of the 23rd instant³ that vessels loaded with grain proceeding to Bordeaux or St. Nazaire will not be interfered with by the British authorities.

As regards vessels bound for Rotterdam, I would point out that, as you will doubtless recognise, cargoes of grain going up the Rhine have practically no chance of reaching Switzerland. His Majesty's Government therefore trust that all future consignments will be directed to more convenient ports such as Bordeaux, St. Nazaire or Genoa.

2. *La note est signée:* For the Secretary of State. A. Law.

2. *Non reproduit.* Pour les instructions du Département politique, cf. n° 39.

3. *Non reproduit.*

