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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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COPY OF THE REPLY OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REMARKS MADE BY DOCTOR HANS SULZER WHEN HE PRESENTED, ON AUGUST 27, 1917, HIS CREDENTIALS AS MINISTER OF SWITZERLAND TO THE UNITED STATES.

Mr. Minister:

I am happy to accept the letters of credence by which the Swiss Federal Council accredits you as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the Swiss Confederation to the Government of the United States and to accord you formal recognition in that high capacity. Also, as the representative of this Government, I am very pleased to hear from you expressions of the true sympathy and friendship of your people toward us.

The United States and Switzerland, founded as they are on the same fundamental basis of democracy, have in common ideals of sympathetic friendship. The trust and confidence which the Swiss Government has placed in the Government of this country is respected and reciprocated.

Your recognition of the importance of this good understanding is gratifying and I shall be most happy to cooperate with you in all that will tend to promote the good relationship between our two countries.

Your country in giving aid and succor to those who have sought refuge within her territory, is indeed fulfilling a great mission. Her obligations and her national conscience will move her, I am sure, to suppress and to prevent the wrongful use of her territory by those not truly refugees, as a base for conspiracies against the Government for which she now, through you, professes such deep friendship. In the manifestation of this friendly relationship, Switzerland will deserve and will receive all the confidence and support which the United States of America can bestow.



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I beg of you to extend to the Swiss Federal Council my best wishes for their personal welfare and the happiness and prosperity of the Swiss people.

With the assurance that you may count on the friendly cooperation of this Government in carrying out the high mission with which you have been entrusted, and with the hope that you will find your residence at this capital a pleasant one, I beg leave to add my personal greetings and well wishes.

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