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*Le Chargé d'Affaires des Etats-Unis d'Amérique à Berne, H.R. Wilson,
au Chef du Département politique, G. Ador*

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Bern, December 3, 1917

I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that I am instructed by the Department of State to convey the message to the Federal Government, that, in view of the presence of American forces in Europe engaged in the prosecution of the war against the Imperial German Government, the Government of the United States deems it appropriate to announce for the assurance of the Swiss Confederation in harmony with the attitude of the cobelligerents of the United States in Europe, that the United States will not fail to observe the principle of neutrality applicable to Switzerland and the inviolability of its territory, so long as the neutrality of Switzerland is maintained by the Confederation and respected by the enemy.

