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Paris, 22nd of March 1919.

Mr. President,

At the close of the non-official conference summoned to allow the representative of the neutral nations to present their views on the League Covenant, Lord Robert Cecil declared that all States which had been invited would be welcome in the League of Nations.

I avail myself of this opportunity to inform you that Switzerland would count it a great honor to be allowed to offer the hospitality of her territory, in case the League of Nations wished to establish its seat in our country.

The Government and the people of Switzerland would be happy and proud thereby to manifest their ardent desire to cooperate in the work of world pacification undertaken by the authors of Covenant. The political and humanitarian traditions of the Helvetic Confederation, its democratic institutions, and its geographic position seem to recommend it to the choice of the commission of which you are chairman.

I can assure you that the federal, cantonal, and municipal authorities would be very glad to offer to the League all the facilities and advantages which it might desire.

I may add that a similar note is being addressed to Mr. Clémenceau, President of the Peace Conference.

Allow me, Mr. President, to assure you of my highest esteem.

(signé) Calonder.

Member of the Federal Council
President of the Département of State.

President Woodrow W i l s o n,
Chairman of the League of Nations, Commission,
Hôtel de Crillon,

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