

LEGATION DE SUISSE, LONDRES

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MEMORANDUM

1. On February 24th 1939 the Swiss Federal Council passed an Order to the effect that on the mobilisation of the Swiss frontier troops the crossing of Swiss territory by aeroplanes would be prohibited unless special permission had been obtained from the Commander in Chief of the Swiss Forces. Every aeroplane crossing the frontier without such permission and not obeying immediately an order to land, would be liable to be shot down without further warning.
2. On April 5th 1940 the Commander in Chief of the Swiss Army decided that from that day forward the Swiss Air Force would attack without warning every aeroplane recognized as belonging to the Air Force of one of the belligerent Powers. This decision has since been approved by the Federal Council.
3. The Federal Council have asked the Legation to bring these orders to the knowledge of His Majesty's Government.

SWISS LEGATION,

April 26th 1940

