

21st June, 1940.

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Your Excellency,

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the competent authorities of His Majesty's Government have given careful consideration to your note of 13th June in which it was alleged that bombs of British origin were dropped on Swiss territory in the region of the Lake of Geneva during the night of June 11/12.

2. Enquiries made as a result of this allegation indicate that certain units of the Bomber Command which undertook operations against objectives in Northern Italy on the night in question lost their way on account of severe weather conditions encountered over the Alps and inadvertently flew over Swiss territory. In these circumstances His Majesty's Government accept responsibility for the bombs dropped in the region of the Lake of Geneva. They have charged me to request Your Excellency to inform the Swiss Government of their profound regret at this unfortunate incident and of their sorrow that it should have had such tragic consequences. They would also assure the Swiss Government of their readiness to pay compensation on account of loss of life, personal injury or material damage; and they will give prompt consideration to such claims on this account as the Swiss Government may see fit to present to them.

I have the honour to be, with the highest consideration,

Your Excellency's obedient Servant,
(For the Secretary of State)

His Excellency
Monsieur Walter Thurnheer.
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