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7th September, 1940.

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that immediate enquiries were made into the allegations contained in your notes of 25th and 27th August and your letter to Sir Alexander Cadogan of 28th August regarding the flight of British aircraft across Switzerland. The enquiries show that the aircraft in question were correctly identified as British and His Majesty's Government have charged me to request you to express to the Swiss Government their profound regret at this further violation of Swiss neutrality.

2. As stated in my note of 19th August, the Royal Air Force have been instructed to take all practicable steps to prevent the flight of their aircraft over Swiss territory. His Majesty's Government cannot, however, modify their plans for the bombing of military objectives in Northern Italy, and it is unfortunately impossible to guarantee that in flights of so long a range there will not be errors of navigation. It is the earnest desire of His Majesty's Government that such errors should be reduced to a minimum, and they recognise that if they occur your Government are fully entitled to take all proper action for the defence of Swiss neutrality.

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.

