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*Le Délégué du Conseil fédéral aux Accords commerciaux, H. Ebrard,
au Commissariat du Peuple pour le Commerce extérieur de l'URSS*

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Berne, 26 février 1943

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your telegraph of February 6¹. I feel pleased to note that the peoples Commissariat for foreign trade of the Union of SSR accepts our proposal concerning the meeting of delegates of both Governments in Teheran during March 1943 in order to solve problem of payments. We propose to provide for opening of negotiations around April 14, 1943 because Swiss delegation would have to leave Switzerland already at beginning of April. Composition of Swiss delegation approximately same as during last visit Moskow: President Dr. Ebrard, Dr. Aebi, Director Mürner and Mr. Bauer eventually joined with one or two experts of the Swiss machine industry in order to afford possibility of examining besides problem of payments other questions in relation to agreement of February 24, 1941. I beg to let me know the composition of your delegation. I have to ask you once more to examine if Ankara could not be chosen as more convenient meeting place than Teheran².

1. *Non reproduit.*

2. *Mais par télégramme du 10 mars 1943, Ebrard fait connaître aux Soviétiques la difficulté de se rendre à Téhéran pour le 14 avril 1943. En date du 1^{er} juillet, il réitère les obstacles qui s'opposent à un voyage à Téhéran mais déclare I still continue to do my utmost in order to propose as soon as feasible place of negotiations adequate for beginning foreseen direct parley concerning questions regarding Swiss-Soviet commercial agreement February 1941 (E 7110/1976/16/53). Pour la suite de ces tentatives de négociation, cf. DDS, vol. 15, Nos 67, 198, 352.*

