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*Der Generalsekretär des Politischen Departements, A. Weitnauer, an den  
Herausgeber von Foreign Affairs, W. P. Bundy<sup>1</sup>*

[Bern,] 14. September 1977

Thank you very much for your letter of September 6, 1977<sup>2</sup>, which I received yesterday.

Let me first of all express my deep gratitude for all the trouble you went to going through my manuscript<sup>3</sup> and making so many interesting comments. Although I don't agree with all of them learning about your views was of great value to me.

I take it that even if I submitted a considerably revised text to you, it is quite possible that you would still not be able to accept it for publication in «Foreign Affairs». So it will surely be better for me not to insist. Anyway, I feel guilty to have taken so much of your precious time.

The key sentence in your letter in my opinion is on page 5, where you say: «The subject is potentially an interesting one, although the pace and degree of change in Swiss foreign policy are not such that one can make the subject truly dramatic.» This is, indeed, the truth.

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1. *Schreiben (Kopie):* CH-BAR#J1.301#2002/197#338\*. *Diese Kopie ging an R. Probst, der das Schreiben am 28. September 1977 an W. P. Bundy weitergeleitet hat. Handschriftliche Begleitnotiz von A. Weitnauer:* Mit herzlichen Grüssen und der Bitte um Weiterleitung an Herrn Bundy (difficile est satiram non scribere!).

2. *Schreiben von W. P. Bundy an A. Weitnauer vom 6. September 1977*, [dodis.ch/49401](https://dodis.ch/49401). Vgl. ferner *das Schreiben von A. Weitnauer an R. Probst vom 28. September 1977*, [dodis.ch/49781](https://dodis.ch/49781) sowie *das Schreiben von A. Weitnauer an J. Chace vom 11. Oktober 1978*, [dodis.ch/49403](https://dodis.ch/49403).

3. *New Features of Swiss foreign Policy von A. Weitnauer*, [dodis.ch/49400](https://dodis.ch/49400). Vgl. auch *das Referat von A. Weitnauer vom 10. November 1977*, [dodis.ch/51610](https://dodis.ch/51610).



Swiss history and, for that matter, Swiss foreign policy are not boring per se. But they have been moving at a very slow pace for many centuries. Maybe I had better suggested to you a text on «The interest Swiss foreign policy presents despite its apparent boredom<sup>4</sup>». But this would certainly have been a subject even less acceptable to you than the «new features» which would, according to you, seem almost imperceptible to the American reader.

Again many thanks for your kind attention.

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4. Vgl. dazu auch das Schreiben von Z. Nagorski an A. Weitnauer vom 25. Oktober 1977, [do-dis.ch/49402](https://dodis.ch/49402).