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From The Minister of State

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On returning to London I want to lose no time in sending you my warmest thanks for your hospitality in Berne last week, including the delightful evening in the typically Swiss setting of the Hotel Schweizerhof. The excursion to Schilthorn was magnificent.

I greatly appreciated my conversation with Federal Councillor Graber and I found our own discussions both enjoyable and constructive. It was a great pleasure to be able to exchange views with you across the whole field of foreign affairs in such a friendly and relaxed atmosphere; and our talks served to demonstrate once again the marked similarity of approach between our two Governments.

The long-standing relationship of confidence and friendship with Switzerland is one to which the British Government attach great importance and on which we are determined to build. Like you, I am sure that regular high level contacts between our two Governments are an essential element in this process; and I look forward very much to welcoming you to London next year for a further round of talks of the kind we enjoyed last week. I shall ask Alan Rothnie to be in touch with you about dates for this in due course.

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