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My dear Mr. Secretary:

I refer to previous conversations between representatives of the Swiss Government and the Government of the United States regarding inspection of the production of Swiss drugs.

Since an understanding has been reached on United States acceptance in principle of Swiss drug inspections, I am now authorized, in accordance with a decision taken by my Government, to invite representatives of the Food and Drug Administration to Switzerland to proceed to the envisaged evaluation of the Swiss inspection systems.

The Swiss Authorities will be glad to meet the representatives of the Food and Drug Administration in Berne on August 26, 1968. I would suggest that further details be settled directly between the officials concerned in Switzerland.

The Honorable
Dean Rusk
The Secretary of State
Washington, D.C.



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<I understand that, after a satisfactory evaluation has been completed, the Food and Drug Administration will recognize Swiss inspections as being equivalent to United States inspections.> However, it will expect to be invited to complete or renew the evaluation in special cases which might arise, for example, in the field of steroids or antibiotics, or when significant technological advances require new inspection procedures.

Please accept, my dear Mr. Secretary, the assurances of my highest consideration.

The Ambassador of Switzerland:

Felix Schnyder