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Dear Mr. Ambassador:

I refer to your letter of June 28 and to the Department's interim reply of July 3 regarding the discussions between representatives of our two governments on the subject of Swiss drug inspection.

As you know, a representative of the Food and Drug Administration visited Switzerland in August for the purpose of evaluating the Swiss inspection system as it applies to bulk drugs. It is our understanding that currently there is no proposal that finished dosage forms be shipped to the United States by Swiss manufacturers. The evaluation has now been completed and it has been determined that the two inspection systems are substantially equivalent. The Food and Drug Administration therefore agrees to recognize the Swiss inspection as being equivalent to the U.S. inspection. The Food and Drug Administration will, however, expect to be invited to complete or renew its evaluation in special cases which might arise, as indicated in your letter of June 28.

Sincerely yours,



Dean Rusk

His Excellency
Felix Schnyder,
Ambassador of Switzerland.

