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*The Vice-President of Youth for Understanding (YFU), Arthur J. Collingsworth, to the Swiss Ambassador in Washington, Raymond Probst<sup>1</sup>*

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First, I want to thank you and Francis Pianca for meeting with me on Friday morning, March 25. I welcomed the opportunity to acquaint you with the purpose, scope and activities of Youth for Understanding in general and in particular as they relate to Switzerland. We have enjoyed working with Ambassador Snyder in the past. As I mentioned, we are planning to bring our 192 Swiss students to Washington prior to their return to Switzerland in July.

I should like to take this opportunity to formally request that you host an informal reception for a group of 96 of our Swiss students on late Monday afternoon, July 25, per our discussion. This will enable them to meet with some of their diplomatic representatives and to learn more about Swiss-American relations. About ten Youth for Understanding staff and volunteers would accompany the students. We appreciate your willingness to help us in this matter.

I am enclosing the most recent issue of our newsletter, *Intercom*, and a chart which shows that we have exchanged 969 students between Switzerland and the United States since 1960.<sup>2</sup> We are planning to send 143 American students to Switzerland in June and we are expecting to receive 136 students from your country for a year's home stay in August.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Letter: CH-BAR#E2200.36#1999/100#1053\* (663.11(8)). Written and signed by Arthur J. Collingsworth, [dodis.ch/P58533](https://dodis.ch/P58533), Vice-President of YFU.

<sup>2</sup> For a more critical assessment of the organization's activities, cf. [dodis.ch/54519](https://dodis.ch/54519).

<sup>3</sup> Handwritten note at the end of the text: P. S. I shall look forward to having lunch with you during my next visit to Washington.

