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Herr Bundespräsident,

Der Ordnung halber gestatte ich mir, Ihnen
anbei ein mir seitens eines Herrn Patrick McCartan zu-
gestelltes Schriftstück zu übermitteln, das selbstver-
ständlich von keiner praktischen Bedeutung ist.

Genehmigen Sie, Herr Bundespräsident, die
Versicherung meiner ausgezeichneten Hochachtung.

Schweizer. Gesandter.

Beilage

An das Schweiz. Politische Departement,
Abteilung für Auswärtigen,
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TO THE
 ENVOY EXTRAORDINARY AND MINISTER PLENIPOTENTIARY OF SWITZERLAND,
 at Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The Provisional Government of Ireland, recognizing that the object of the Peace Conference is not alone to terminate the present war, but to insure the future peace of the World, holds that said conference must necessarily take cognizance of Ireland's national status, and instructs me as its Envoy, and as an elected Representative of the Irish people, to transmit through you to the Government of Germany a demand that the representatives of the said Provisional Government of Ireland be invited to participate in the Peace Conference.

I accordingly have the honor to transmit, and I do hereby transmit, such demand.

The Provisional Government of Ireland further instructs me to state that such demand is based upon the facts that:

- (a) Ireland is geographically, historically, linguistically and culturally a distinct nation;
- (b) Ireland possesses within herself all the moral and material constituents of independent nationhood;
- (c) Ireland is one of the ancient and sovereign nations of the world, and exercised sovereign status for one thousand years;
- (d) Ireland has never surrendered her sovereign status by compact or by treaty or to conquest, and the exercise of such sovereignty has only been suspended by external force;
- (e) Ireland has asserted the conscious will of her people for the restoration of the exercise of that sovereignty in every generation since such suspension. The evidence of such conscious will has been re-asserted by force of arms during the present war, and continues to be so re-asserted by the moral attitude of the people of Ireland and by the continuance of the Provisional Government which I have the honor to represent.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your sincere friend in the great Cause of Human Liberty.

Dated, Washington, D.C.,
 December second, 1918.

Patrick W. Cartan