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The pertinent portions of section 408(e) of the Mutual Defense Assistance Act of 1949, (Public Law 329, 81st Congress), as amended by Public Law 621, 81st Congress, and Public Law 165 82nd Congress, read "The President may - - in the interest of achieving standardization of military equipment and in order to provide procurement assistance without cost to the United States, transfer - - equipment, materials or services to - - any - - nation - - whose ability to defend itself or to participate in the defense of the area of which it is a part, is important to the security of the United States".

The Act also requires an understanding that :

1. Such equipment, materials, or services as may be acquired from the United States under the provisions of section 408(e) of the Mutual Defense Assistance Act of 1949, as amended, are required by Switzerland for and will be used solely to maintain its internal security, or its legitimate self-defense, or to permit it to participate in the defense of the area of which it is a part and that it will not undertake any act of aggression against any other state.

2. The Government of Switzerland will not relinquish title to or possession of any equipment and materials, information or services furnished under section 408(e) of
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the Mutual Defense Assistance act of 1949, as amended, without the consent of the United States Government.

3. The Government of Switzerland will protect the security of any article, service or information furnished under section 408(e) of the Mutual Defense Assistance Act of 1949, as amended.

4. The Government of Switzerland understands that, prior to the transfer of any item or the rendering of any service under this Act, the United States Government retains the right to terminate the transaction.

5. The Government of Switzerland is prepared to accept terms and conditions of payment for any item or service which may be furnished under this Act, which are in accord with the provisions of Section 408(e) (2) of this Act as amended.

J.C.H.B.

Department of State,

Washington, January 9, 1952.

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