

No. 1757

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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
and  
SWITZERLAND**

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement relating to  
the settlement of certain war claims. Washington,  
21 October 1949**

*Official text: English.*

*Registered by the United States of America on 14 June 1952.*

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**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE  
et  
SUISSE**

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de certaines créances de guerre. Washington, 21 octobre  
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*Texte officiel anglais.*

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No. 1757. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND SWITZERLAND RELATING TO THE SETTLEMENT OF CERTAIN WAR CLAIMS. WASHINGTON, 21 OCTOBER 1949

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*The Secretary of State to the Swiss Minister*

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WASHINGTON

Oct. 21 1949

Sir :

I have the honor to refer to previous correspondence, and also to oral discussions between officials of your Government and the Government of the United States concerning claims asserted by your Government for compensation for losses and damages inflicted on persons and property in Switzerland during World War II by units of the United States armed forces in violation of neutral rights.

On behalf of the United States Government, I wish to offer to your Government in full and final settlement of the balance due on all claims of the character referred to in the preceding paragraph the sum of 62,176,433.06 Swiss francs, which includes interest through October 21, 1949. The offer is made with the understanding that the Swiss Government accepts responsibility for making payment of the individual claims involved.

I would appreciate being advised whether the Swiss Government agrees to the proposed settlement. Upon the receipt of a note from you indicating the approval of your Government, it will be considered that these notes record the understanding of the two governments with respect to the matter.

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 21 October 1949 by the exchange of the said notes.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Dean ACHESON

The Honorable Charles Bruggmann  
Minister of Switzerland

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*The Swiss Minister to the Secretary of State*

LÉGATION DE SUISSE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

October 21, 1949

Sir :

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your note of this date, and to inform you that my Government agrees to the terms proposed therein :

In full and final settlement of the balance due on all claims asserted by my Government, for compensation for losses and damages inflicted on persons and property in Switzerland during World War II by units of the United States armed forces in violation of neutral rights, the sum of 62,176,433.06 Swiss francs, which includes interest through October 21, 1949. The settlement is made with the understanding that my Government accepts responsibility for making payment of the individual claims involved.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

BRUGGMANN

The Honorable Dean G. Acheson  
Secretary of State