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From Currie Mission for Department and FEA.

On the first through train from Paris since the German occupation of France, the delegation arrived in Bern. The Swiss are extremely interested in the delegation and our arrival caused considerable excitement. At the station we were greeted by a crowd of several thousand Swiss. By separate cable press summaries will be sent.

Currie delivered the President's letter yesterday to von Steiger, President of the Swiss Confederation. A large press conference then followed. A prepared statement is being sent to you.

We met in a plenary session with the Swiss delegation this morning. On subject under discussion, joint position was stated by Currie. Comments were added by Foot and Vergier, French Chargé d'Affaires. The preliminary draft of the agreement which we hope to reach was delivered to the Swiss. This draft provided for complete cessation of transit and exports to Germany including any net export of electricity, implementation of Bretton Woods Resolution No. 6 and general clauses relating to coordination of Swiss purchases and provision of supplies for relief of France and other liberated countries. We would agree, in return, to continue the food and fodder quotas and to open quotas covering Swiss raw material requirements and to make the best arrangements possible for transit across France. Also we offered to permit the Swiss to import at once a list of commodities which under separate cable is being sent to you. Their request for raw materials was restated by the Swiss, which we took under consideration and will forward by pouch shortly.

To consider in detail the various items on the agenda, subcommittees were appointed and these subcommittees are scheduled to meet tomorrow in this connection.

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