

WAR TRADE BETWEEN SWITZERLAND AND THE AXIS POWERS

*Exchange of letters at London August 14, 1944, modifying agreement
of December 19, 1943*

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*Paul Keller of the Swiss Delegation to Lord Selborne, British Minister of
Economic Warfare, and Winfield W. Riefler of the American Embassy in
the United Kingdom*

LONDON, August 14, 1944

DEAR LORD SELBORNE AND MR. RIEFLER: With reference to our negotiations regarding the Anglo-American-Swiss Agreement of December 19th, 1943,¹ I attach a Schedule² of export ceilings for the second half of 1944 to replace Annex I of that Agreement.

It is agreed that clauses 7 and 8 of the Agreement of December 19th shall be modified as follows:

Clause 7. "The Swiss Government will control the grant of export licences so as to prevent an abnormal concentration upon any particular article of manufacture".

Clause 8. (b) 1, Repair Trade. "For tariff items covered by Annex I, to one half of the value of these exports in 1942".

I shall be glad if you will confirm that the above states correctly the outcome of our negotiations.

Yours sincerely,

P. KELLER

*Lord Selborne, British Minister of Economic Warfare, and Winfield W.
Riefler of the American Embassy in the United Kingdom to Paul Keller
of the Swiss Delegation*

[August 14, 1944]

We acknowledge receipt of your letter of today's date. On behalf of His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the United States Govern-

¹ *Ante*, p. 876.

² Not printed here.

ment we confirm that the outcome of our negotiations to date regarding the Anglo-American-Swiss agreement of December 1943 has been correctly stated by you.

[LORD SELBORNE]

[WINFIELD W. RIEFLER]

Lord Selborne, British Minister of Economic Warfare, and Winfield W. Riefler of the American Embassy in the United Kingdom to Paul Keller of the Swiss Delegation

[August 14, 1944]

With reference to our letter of today's date on the subject of the Anglo-American-Swiss Agreement of December 1943 we wish to make it clear that in view of the rapidly changing military situation we reserve the right to call upon the Swiss Government at any time from now onwards for further reductions in or complete embargo on certain of all Swiss exports to the Axis.

[LORD SELBORNE]

[WINFIELD W. RIEFLER]