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The Honorable Joseph C. Grew

Acting Secretary of State

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I refer to your letter of 20 July 1945 inclosing a copy of an aide-memoire from the Swiss Legation regarding the kind and quantity of hides desired in compensation for those destroyed as a result of the accidental bombing of Schaffhausen by the Army Air Forces in April 1944.

You suggest that the 290 tons of hides requested by the Swiss should be taken from the stocks of hides owned by the United States Army, under arrangements to be determined by representatives of the State and War Departments.

For your information, the United States Army does not own any stocks of hides, nor has it operated in this material at any time during this war. I regret therefore that it will not be possible to comply with your suggestion.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) HENRY L. STIMSON

Secretary of War

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