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For Treasury, FEA and the Department.

Embassy's 7379, September 8 to Department; London's 8332, October 4 to Department; your 7738, September 22, to Embassy; Stockholm's 3919, September 27 to Department repeated to London as 1164; Stockholm's 3937, September 28, to Department repeated to London as 1169.

The remarks of MEW concerning the possible licensing or sale of German patents in Switzerland or Sweden are contained in MEW's October 5 letter to the Embassy. The substance of this letter is given below:

MEW is in agreement with Washington that in view of statements recently made concerning the future of the Statutory and the Proclaimed lists and Resolution VI on Bretton-Woods, no particular publicity need be given to our dislike of transactions of this type.

It is obvious as shown in MEW's October 2 letter (Paraphrase to Department in Embassy's reference 8332) that the license or sale of German patents to neutrals benefits enemy owners and that without a doubt these assets of the enemy are of a type about which the Allies, possibly with a view to dispossessing their enemy owners, would wish to know after the war.

Therefore, MEW agrees that Bern and Stockholm should both be advised that while it is the desire of MEW to discourage the sale of patent rights or of enemy patents to neutrals, MEW does not consider that on this point any special public pronouncement is necessary.

Prior to transmitting to Bern the opinions of Washington which are contained in Department's reference 7738, Embassy is awaiting the comments of the British Embassy in its 344, dated October 6 to Bern, in view of the above letter from MEW, transmitted MEW's above views and the substance of Department's 7738. It is the assumption of the Embassy that Stockholm's reference 3919 and 3937 will be directly answered by the Department but for the purpose of transmission to MEW Embassy would appreciate receiving a copy. Therefore, unless so instructed, Embassy is not communicating with Stockholm.

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Note: Reference s 7738, 3919, and 3937 were circulated by Censorship Relations Section previously.

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