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Monsieur l'Ambassadeur,

Me référant à la communication que notre Consulat Général à New York vous fit parvenir concernant la manifestation estudiantine qui eut lieu devant les locaux de cette mission à la suite d'un tir d'artillerie mal dirigé au cours duquel cinq salves tombèrent sur le territoire de la Principauté, je vous signale ce qui suit.

Le groupe qui paraît être à l'origine de cette action semble avoir ameuté l'University of Maryland, qui se trouve à une trentaine de km. de Washington. Des étudiants de cette dernière Université, après avoir publié des articles similaires à ceux de New York, organisèrent une "pendaison d'un fromage suisse en effigie" et un piquet de protestation dans les supermarchés des alentours de l'Université, incitant les clients à ne pas acheter de fromage et de chocolat suisses.

Une manifestation avait également été prévue samedi 9 novembre devant les locaux de l'Ambassade, mais n'eut finalement pas lieu.

Bien qu'il y ait tout lieu de penser qu'il s'agissait d'un canular, l'ampleur et la fréquence des mouvements de contestation et de protestation au sein des universités américaines ne permettent jamais de savoir comment une telle manifestation tournera. Aussi, sans avoir fait appel à la police, mes services exercèrent une surveillance discrète des locaux durant le samedi en question.

On apprit par la suite que les manifestations organisées le même jour par les milieux catholiques libéraux contre la position du Cardinal O'Boyle à l'égard des prêtres favorables à la "pilule" avaient absorbé les éléments protestataires des universités,



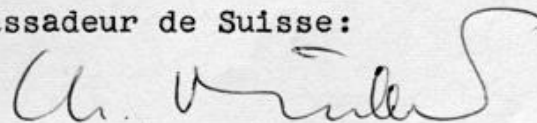
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qui estimèrent vraisemblablement que la "pilule" devait recevoir la priorité dans leurs préoccupations.

Vous trouverez en annexe photocopie de deux articles parus dans le journal de l'University of Maryland.

Veillez agréer, Monsieur l'Ambassadeur, l'assurance de ma considération distinguée.

L'Ambassadeur de Suisse:

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Annexes.

cc: Consulat Général de Suisse, New York
(par courrier diplomatique)

Anti-Swiss action urged

A newly-formed campus group has warned the University to take action against Switzerland before it attacks the United States.

The Ad Hoc Committee Against Swiss Imperialism, formed to protest the 5-shot artillery barrage on Liechtenstein last week, plans to hang a six-foot facsimile of a Swiss cheese in effigy today from the library balcony.

The committee says it protests "this flagrant violation of international law," on one of their flyers. They call Switzerland's action "an example of militaristic policy of imperialistic aggression."

The committee picketed the College Park Food Fair supermarket Saturday in the first of a series of supermarket boycotts of Swiss cheese.

"The climax of our activities will be a picket of the Swiss Embassy next Saturday," said Fred J. Grozinger, one of the committee's leaders. "We want the Swiss to take some form of action on this active aggression, such as a formal apology."

Grozinger said they intend to distribute flyers on campus this week.

Watch out for Swiss imperialism

These are the times that try men's souls. In this age of moral uncertainty it is the responsibility of college students to define certain eternal truths and to apply this discovery to the major problem facing the world.

We believe that student groups at the University have ignored this problem. The Black Student Union speaks out against white racism; SDS lashes out against the Vietnam war; and the Young Republicans attempt to restore law and order to our nation via the candidacy of Richard Nixon.

How trivial? We ask these groups, the faculty and the student body of the University to join with us to focus attention on the world's most urgent problem -- Swiss imperialism.

In a recent edition of the Providence Journal, the following article appeared:

Vaduz, Liechtenstein (Reuters) - This tiny Alpine principality with

a population of 19,000 today formally protested against the firing of five artillery shells into Liechtenstein by the Swiss army today.

It said that the shooting, which caused no casualties and was stated to be an error, had violated Liechtenstein's sovereignty, endangered human life and caused material damage.

Switzerland is apologizing formally, an embarrassed Swiss spokesman said, "it was an accident. One of our guns was facing the wrong way. They were only practice shells."

We protest against this flagrant violation of international law. This is just another example of militaristic Switzerland's policy of imperialistic aggression.

The freedom-loving people of the glorious nation of Liechtenstein must not be subjected to further harass-

ment. Though the Swiss, faced by mounting world opinion, have formally apologized, such hypocritical statements are not sufficient to heal the damage done to the national pride of the Liechtensteiniens.

We demand that the Swiss government allow Liechtenstein to fire five artillery shells into Switzerland (if Liechtenstein has five artillery shells to spare). We need your support, and we strongly urge the following actions:

- Boycott all stores selling Swiss cheese.
- Don't visit friends who have cuckoo clocks.
- Stop eating Swiss chocolate.

We must stop the Swiss now, before they attack us too!

Fred Grozinger
Joseph Wasserman
Seniors
Pierre Blum
Junior