Switzerland's comments on President Truman's message Congress for purpose coming assistance Greece and Turkey has been limited so far to objective discussion certain points address. Conjectures as to effect it may have regard reactions which can be expected from those at which it was aimed are still lacking. On other hand, message has made profound impression on top officials Swiss Foreign Office who met yesterday morning to discuss its implications with reference Switzerland.

While address was considered as perhaps well-timed and effective warning to Russians to curb their belligerent attitude and recognize risks involved in attempting extend their influence, concern was voiced over effect message upon Switzerland's traditional foreign policy. It was pointed out whereas heretofore global political situation had been fluid, President Truman's words had formulated new departure in American foreign policy which may prove instrumental in crystallizing Western bloc with which Switzerland might have to reckon, particularly with respect the existing international commitments and current negotiations. With regard latter Switzerland's negotiations with some of Russian satellites who went financial and economic help were referred to.

Opinion was expressed that in view possibility similar help from US for such countries being granted contingent upon greater measure political independence becoming manifest in them, while in others, such as Greece and Turkey, assistance was to be given help then achieve their full independence. US could therefore be expected from upon any financial and economic support being received from Switzerland so long as recipient involved in Russian orbit. As some these countries might remain under Russian hegemony for some time, position Switzerland in circumstances would become increasingly difficult as it
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was obliged to adhere to its traditional policy of neutrality, and could not properly change its attitude toward those satellites no matter how much its sympathies were in other camps.

Swiss Foreign Office officials see dangerous navigation ahead in troubled international waters which Mr. Truman's address is likely to have agitated still more, but they feel that its statement of US position would in end have salutary effect and might clear atmosphere.

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