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German assets in Switzerland.

Reports that on 23rd November M. Petitpierre handed an aide-memoire containing result of census of German assets in Switzerland. Suggests that it seems best to assume a measure of Swiss honesty in the matter.

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On November 23rd M. Petitpierre handed me an aide-mémoire containing the result of census of German assets in Switzerland to date. This will reach you by bag leaving today. This morning the press publishes a communiqué giving figures and indeed practically the whole of the aide-mémoire. Gross estimate is that German assets in Switzerland and Liechtenstein amount to about 1,000,000,000 francs Swiss though it is added that this figure can by no means be considered definite. The communiqué adds it is interesting to note that Swiss assets blocked in Germany amount to between three and four thousand million francs Swiss.

2. Only comment I can make at this stage is that I have no reason to think the Swiss authorities have wilfully connived at any concealment and that for future purposes it seems better to assume a measure of Swiss honesty and goodwill in this matter.

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