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My dear Dr. Skelton,

With reference to my letter of 6th March on the subject of the last meeting of the Committee of Eighteen and, in particular, an interview given to the press by M. Motta, I am forwarding herewith a clipping from the Journal de Geneve of 19th March, being an article, "L'echec des Sanctions", by Georges Wagniere, until recently Swiss Ambassador at Rome. It will be remembered that the Swiss have not entered into the application of sanctions with any degree of enthusiasm and in the meetings of the Co-ordination Committee and its sub-committees their delegates have frequently appeared obstructive. However, until up to two or three weeks ago there has not been a great deal of opposition to the policy of sanctions either in the press or by the Swiss Delegation in the meetings of the Committees.

Just recently the dislike of sanctions against Italy has become more evident. Banking interests in Switzerland hold Italian credits and are becoming uneasy about them.

This article by Georges Wagniere has already attracted a great deal of attention in the twenty-four hours since its appearance. It is felt that in view of his recent diplomatic position he would not risk its

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