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Mr. E. C. Sadler,
Department of Justice,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Sadler:

I thank you for your visit of today and wish to confirm that I will do all I can in the question you submitted to me.

As you will easily understand, the same objects have been studied before as possible objectives of attack by the Swiss airforce.

The maps you submitted to me are a bit too narrow, particularly toward the north and west, and I, therefore, suggest to proceed to Washington, D. C., and tell the interested party all I know on the subject, with maps at hand, which the party no doubt has in Washington.

Although it would suit me better to arrive in Washington around January 7, I am, of course, at your entire disposition to go there earlier if requested.

As proof of my former offer of services to the U. S. Armed Forces I hand you herewith photostatic copy of letters dated August 21, 1941, and September 3, 1941, exchanged with General George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff, and a duplicate of my letter to Captain Pattin, of General McNair's office in Washington, D. C.

Naturally, I am at your entire disposition for any further questions that may arise.

Thanking you again for your visit, I am, dear Mr. Sadler,

Yours very truly,

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August 21, 1941

George C. Marshall, Esq.
Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army
Brown Palace Hotel
Denver, Colorado

Dear Sir:

As an article of mine entitled, "The Present War Seen From Henry, by a Swiss reserve officer", which article my friend, Mr. Stanton Griggs of New York and Tacoma sent you about a year ago brought a complimentary reply from your high office, I take the liberty to write you as follows:

I am not myself, but only the brother of the Commander of the 5th Swiss Army Division, Swiss observer in the Spanish War, in charge of the training of the higher officers, etc.

I am on an extended business trip to this country for the introduction of the special rope ways for the transportation of skiers and actually stay with The Mine and Snelter Supply Company of Denver, my licensees for the West, while John A. Koebling's sons occupy of Tranton, New Jersey are my licensees for the East.

I am an expert in portable, military rope ways, and well acquainted with the latest European models which have a transportation capacity of five to ten tons per hour, are erected within three to four days. The buckets have a carrying power sufficient for the transportation of dismounted 4" guns, the unit of about a mile's length, travels on four trucks. The second and the following units are transported uphill for erection on the first and preceding units, all parts being specially designed so as not to be too heavy for this.

Having read in the paper that you are going to train mountain and ski troops, I am at your entire disposition, less from a business angle than in the desire to help if possible with my special knowledge in the defense of your magnificent country.

Respectfully yours,

E. CONRAD

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF
WASHINGTON

September 3, 1941.

Mr. E. B. Conner,
c/o The Mine & Snelter Supply Company,
1422 Seventeenth Street,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Conner:

Thank you for your letter of August 21.

Our plans for fiber and nonfiber hardware training are not yet sufficiently developed to permit an estimate of our needs for portable military rope ways.

The information contained in your letter, however, has been made a matter of record in the War Department and we shall feel free to call on you as an expert in the erection of rope ways, when, and if, the need for such transportation develops.

Very truly yours,

Chief of Staff.