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New Year's Message

My Dear Compatriots—

It is now more than one year that my wife and I have been living in New Zealand. Although our duties in the capital have not allowed us to have with all of you as frequent contacts as we would have liked, I think it can be said that our visits to our communities all over the country have established the basis of personal and friendly relations which give my wife and me great pleasure.

I wish to tell you how impressed I have been by the vitality of your community which has more than quadrupled in less than fifteen years. It has also been deeply moving for me to see how faithfully attached to the old country you remain while loyally fulfilling your duties to hospitable and friendly New Zealand.

1964 has been an important year for the Swiss abroad. I shall only mention here in this respect the Expo in Lausanne, and the decisive progress achieved in the matter of the Constitutional article on the rights of the Swiss abroad. It is the sincere wish of all of us in the Embassy of Switzerland that 1965 will bring you much happiness in your homes and success in your work.

J. P. WEBER, Charge d'Affaires.