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SWISS EMBASSY IN NEW ZEALAND

As you may have learnt, the Swiss Federal Council recently decided to appoint an **Ambassador resident in Wellington**. This step is prompted by the development in relations between the two countries, and will certainly be greatly appreciated by our communities, as well as by all our friends in New Zealand.

The new Ambassador, Mr Max Corti, who has served in various posts abroad and at home, will arrive in Wellington shortly to take up his duties. I am certain that you will all extend to Mr Corti, and to his family, a warm welcome and give him your full support.

This appointment means that my own mandate, as far as it extended to New Zealand, will thus come to an end. The contacts which my wife and I have been able to make during the past three years, especially in Wellington and Auckland, as well as in Hamilton and Christchurch, will always remain very vivid with us. In particular, we have at heart to thank the Committees of the Swiss Society and the Swiss Clubs for all their hospitality and assistance on our visits to New Zealand.

E. de Graffenried,
Swiss Ambassador.

Canberra, January 25th, 1969