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# **CHRISTMAS 1972**

## **AMBASSADOR'S MESSAGE**

This is already the second Christmas message which it is my privilege to address to you. I am happy to say that I now feel quite settled in London and have come to like this city and this country even more than before.

It has certainly been a great help to have so many kind people ready to assist me when necessary, in the Swiss Colony, among the British authorities, in fact, wherever I went during the past year, which has been a very rich and eventful one for me. The new Embassy building in which I am now living and in which we are all working has proved to be a complete success. It is convenient, modern, friendly, radiates a pleasant atmosphere and provides everything that we, Switzerland's official representatives in London, need to serve our country here to the best of our ability. It was a particular pleasure for me, one Saturday in February, to show the new building to all those members of the Swiss Colony who went to the trouble of paying us a visit.

I am glad to report that relations between this country and Switzerland continue to be excellent: there are no bilateral problems of any importance. Moreover, from 1st January, 1973 onwards, both Switzerland and Britain will be included in the 16-nation Western European market which has come about through the enlargement of the European Economic Community, combined with the special arrangements which the EFTA countries remaining outside it have concluded with that body. Thus, the companionship so happily begun by our common membership of EFTA over the last 13 years is going to be continued.

Dear readers, I wish all of you and your families a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

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**A Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year**

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