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AMBASSADOR'S MESSAGE

Am I quite wrong in assuming that Christmas this year and all it stands for should have a particular meaning for all of us? The world is indeed going through a difficult period and we all have a feeling of anxiety about the future. There are so very many problems around, for this country and the world at large, small problems, big problems, very personal problems and others that concern the community in which we live.

Still, I trust there is no reason for dark pessimism. We all have our beliefs and convictions, which are firmly rooted in our traditions as Swiss citizens and residents of this beautiful country, the United Kingdom. So we shall undoubtedly take stock of them and remind ourselves what we have to do, what our duties and responsibilities are, but also what we can look forward to in the new year. Again, the great friendship existing between our two countries, Britain and Switzerland, is a source of gratification to all of us.

My last thought — like my first — goes as always to those (of you) who are elderly or not in the best of health and need help. I am sure that the Swiss community in the United Kingdom will stand together in order not to fail you.

So I wish you, all of you, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

A. Weitnauer

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