ADDRESS OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO The Secretary of State Washington, J. C.



DEPARTMENT OF STATE WASHINGTON

March 27, 1917.

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The Honorable The Governor of Minnesota, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Sir:

There is transmitted herewith for reference in connection with the settlement of estates of deceased German and Swiss nationals in the courts of Minnesota and such other purposes as may be served thereby, a certified copy of the exequatur issued by this Government under date of March 29, 1911, to Alfred Karlen as Consul of Switzerland at St. Paul, Minnesota. As to the administration of the German Consulate in that City the Swiss Minister was informed by note from this Department under date of February 9, 1917, that there is no objection to Swiss consular officers taking over the affairs of German Consulates in certain cities agreed upon, among which is the German Consulate at St. Paul.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant.

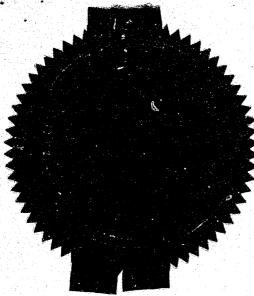
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Jertified copy of exequatur.



To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting: I Certify That the document \_\_hereto annexed\_is a true copy \_\_ from the files and records of this Department.



In testimony whereof I, <u>ROBERT LANSING</u> Secretary of State, have hereunto caused the Seal of the Department of State to be affixed and my name subscribed by the Chief Clerk of the said Department, at the City of Washington, this 27 day of March, 1917.

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## WILDIAM HOWARD TAFT, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

To all whom it may concern:

SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE having been exhibited to me that Alfred Karlen has been appointed Consul of the Swiss Confederation at St. Paul, Minnesota, for the States of Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming and Montana, I do hereby recognize him as such, and declare him free to exercise and enjoy such functions, powers, and privileges as are allowed to the Consuls of the most favored Nations in the United States.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have caused these Letters to be made Patent, and the Seal of the United States to be hereunto affixed.

GIVEN under my hand, at the City of Washington, the twenty-ninth day of March, A. D. 1911, and of the Independence of the United States of America the 135th.

By the President:

P. C. Knox

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Wm. H. Taft.

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