

# **Strategic Memo – Customs Duties, U.S. Civil Liability in the Ferrayé Royalties Fraud, and Political Consequences in Switzerland**

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## **Executive Summary**

This memo outlines a framework for diplomatic resolution to one of the most thoroughly documented cases of international fraud and money laundering involving royalties from Joseph Ferrayé's patents for extinguishing and sealing oil wells. It links U.S. customs measures to a recognition of civil liability and proposes a bilateral agreement with significant geopolitical impact.

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## **1. Background of the Ferrayé Case**

- In 1991, Joseph Ferrayé's patents enabled the rapid extinguishing of oil well fires during the Gulf War.
  - A large-scale fraud operation was orchestrated around the theft of these royalties, involving the DEA, the Federal Reserve, Republic National Bank (now HSBC), and various U.S. and European political actors.
  - The initial estimated damages exceeded USD 3.6 trillion in the 1990s, now amounting to over USD 97 trillion.
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## **2. Mandate and Legitimacy**

- On September 25, 2004, Joseph Ferrayé officially assigned 50% of his royalties to me.
  - I am tasked with recovering the misappropriated and laundered assets in the interest of the victims and international justice.
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## **3. U.S. Responsibility**

- Three official complaints (2015, 2016, 2025) have been filed against U.S. institutions with no legal action taken.
  - The United States bears civil liability due to its inaction in the face of proven facts of corruption, complicity, and money laundering, especially since all transactions were conducted in U.S. dollars.
  - The "Money Plane" case documents the systemic mechanisms that enabled these financial crimes.
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## **4. Impact and Swiss Context**

- Swiss political and judicial institutions have been corrupted at the highest levels to conceal this case.
  - Poverty affects 18% of the Swiss population, largely due to this systemic embezzlement.
  - My Federal Council candidacy of March 2025 is based on exposing this illegitimate regime.
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## **5. Proposal to President Donald J. Trump**

- A bilateral agreement is proposed between President Donald J. Trump, representing the United States, and myself, Marc-Etienne Burdet, representing Switzerland—excluding the current Swiss government.
  - The agreement would provide for a partial or total lift of the 31% customs duties in exchange for the renunciation of any U.S. civil liability in the royalties affair, without granting impunity to the perpetrators of the fraud.
  - Once made public and presented to international media, the agreement would constitute a major political earthquake in Switzerland, leading to the fall of the current government and parliament, as foreseen in my political program.
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## **6. Shared Switzerland–U.S. Objectives**

- International economic justice.
  - Joint fight against the deep state and financial mafias.
  - Restoration of the rule of law and national sovereignty.
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## **Conclusion**

This initiative presents a historic opportunity to cooperate on a global corruption case of exceptional magnitude. A strategic alliance between the U.S. and a Swiss sovereignty movement could mark a decisive turning point in international politics.

I remain at your disposal for any discussions, assistance, or diplomatic meeting on this matter.

**Marc-Etienne Burdet**

**Yverdon-les-Bains, April 6, 2025**