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As a sequel to the "Geneva Project" completed in 1968 with the "Modern University" Symposium in Geneva the Board-members of the Society proposed early in 1969 that a similar project be realized for administrators and educators in the field of Secondary Education. The challenge of assembling three expert teams from various parts of the country for study trips to the USA was taken up promptly and resulted in extended visits to various educational facilities of two teams in the Fall of 1969. These will be followed by a third team in the Spring of 1970. Planning, sponsorship and financial support for this educational enterprise has been entirely in the hands of the SSS. Funds for travel to the USA and back were raised from sources in Switzerland by Prof. Miescher (Geneva), Trustee at large of the SSS, sustenance and expenses incurred while in USA were provided by SSS funds in the U.S. Valuable assistance in preparing itineraries and selecting schools was afforded by Mr. Bodenman, Institute of International Studies, U.S. Office of Education, Washington, D.C., and Mr. Lukas Burckhardt, Cultural Council at the Swiss Embassy in Washington, D.C. Reports to be prepared by the different teams will hopefully lay the ground work for restructuring certain aspects of secondary education in Switzerland. If adequate funds can be made available it is contemplated that a Colloquium might be organized at the completion of the project so that educators and teachers may get direct access to the experience and opinion gained by our eight candidates.

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