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Ambassador H. E. Dr. Beat Nobs  
Embassy of Switzerland  
Panama House, 22 Panama Street, Wellington 6146  
PO Box 25004, Wellington

Regarding: Application for Swiss Residency

Dear Herr Ambassador Nobs,

My name is Harmon Wilfred and my wife Carolyn Dare Wilfred and I currently reside in Sumner, Christchurch, New Zealand. We are hereby making an application to immigrate to Switzerland.

We came to New Zealand in 2001 from Canada as investors, and in 2002 founded a New Zealand technology company under the name, Combined Technology NZ Limited. Combined Technology is now a global distributor of Powerline Communication or BPL and VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol) software, products and services with many of our largest clients and customers in Europe. We also have an office and representative in Bochum, Germany as well as technology partners and associates in Zurich, Switzerland through the global Swiss company ABB. The New Zealand Combined Technology website is [www.combined-tech.com](http://www.combined-tech.com). Our multi-million dollar investment portfolio is accomplished primarily through my wife's personal estate as a Canadian citizen and member / share holder of the family owned international food company, Dare Foods of Canada [www.darefoods.com](http://www.darefoods.com). Should we be approved for a residency permit to immigrate to Switzerland, we would be interested in the opportunity of relocating the headquarters of Combined Technology there as well as our other business and investment interests.

I have a serious personal challenge in this relocation proposal, as a former citizen of the USA who renounced my citizenship in 2005 on principle. My reasons for renunciation are best understood by reviewing the attached press releases, affidavits, court documents and supporting documentation regarding the extreme hardship and threats to my personal safety and freedom I have experienced at the hands of the US government as a former US Air Force nuclear weapons specialist, financial contractor for the CIA, and subsequent government whistleblower; as well as my disagreement in principle with recent US policy. As a now stateless person by choice, I have been unable to gain residency in New Zealand through an expensive and exhaustive legal process since my renunciation on March 1, 2005. The difficulty has primarily arisen from the fact that New Zealand is not a nation state member of the United Nations Treaty on the Convention Relating to the Status of Stateless Persons. The New Zealand High Court dismissal of my case in September, 2006 clearly indicates that New Zealand does not wish to create a precedent by offering residency to a stateless person. In my research of the International Convention on Statelessness and my recent communication and advice from the legal department of the **UNHCR**, Australian office, I have learned that all signatory countries, including Switzerland, offer extensive human and civil rights to stateless persons via the Treaty, including travel documents for international travel. As our technology company is indeed international and does require travel, my opportunity to obtain travel documents is also crucial.



In considering the 44 countries as members of the Convention on Statelessness for the opportunity of our immigration, we have chosen Switzerland for a number of reasons, the greatest of which are Switzerland's record on the respect of international human rights and the financial advantages offered to global companies and investors. It is also important to note that in October, 2003 my wife and I traveled to Zurich, Switzerland to create a strategic alliance with Cipunet Holdings of Zurich, a Swiss associate company of ABB specializing in Powerline Communication technology, involving data and voice transmission on the medium and low voltage power lines ([www.cipunet.com](http://www.cipunet.com)). As Combined Technology specializes in the combining of voice and data transmission over power lines, as well as wireless, satellite and other standard telecom transmission medium, our combined potential with Cipunet is substantial. Our primary contact with Cipunet Holdings is Herr Josef Lehmann, a substantial shareholder and Chairman of the Board of Directors. While in Zurich from October, 2003 to February, 2004 we established a strategic alliance with Cipunet and have since begun joint venture project surveys and analysis in New Zealand with plans to proceed with further joint ventures globally.

To begin the expansion of our business throughout Europe in conjunction with Cipunet Holdings we established and furnished a residence apartment near Zurich. During our time there in 2004 we were introduced through our ABB associates to Herr Beat Rhyner, Deputy Head of Economic Development of Canton, Zurich. Herr Rhyner offered us the opportunity to apply for a 5 year residency through their business / investment program. At that time I was a US citizen. It was upon our return to New Zealand in 2004 to prepare for relocation to Zurich that the US Embassy retained my passport upon my request for renewal. After much consideration and legal advice, I renounced my US citizenship and became stateless as approved by official certification of the US State Department on April 16, 2005. With no passport or citizenship documentation, I could no longer return to Switzerland to continue our residency application; therefore by necessity and legal advice, I made application to New Zealand for residency through the NZ Removal Review Authority.

Having now been rejected by the NZ RRA and the dismissal of my Appeal and Judicial Review in the New Zealand High Court, my current personal dilemma is in obtaining a travel document that would enable me to successfully relocate to Switzerland in order to proceed with our residency application as well as the planned expansion of our technology business throughout Europe. As I have exhausted my residency application process in New Zealand with no success, I am currently under a direct and final consideration by the NZ Immigration Minister for a special discretionary decision to lawfully remain in New Zealand as a stateless person without any formal civil rights or rights of travel. Should the NZIS reject my request to lawfully remain in New Zealand while I arrange to relocate to Switzerland, there is a real danger that I will be deported to the US as an alien with no rights what-so-ever; wherein as a former whistleblower at the highest levels of the US government, further violations of my human rights are assured to the extent that I realistically fear for my life.

In order to support this application as to our character, company and investment history, community contributions, financial capacity and documented evidence of my claims of US government political corruption and abuse, please reference the attached supporting documents and Internet Web Links:

- Barker & Associates: Cover letter by Attorney, Al Manco
- Barker & Associates: Memorandum, Immigration Status of Harmon and Carolyn Wilfred, 18 April, 2005 with attached Rutherford and Company Legal Opinion, 1 April, 2005
- PR Web International Press Releases:
  - Exiled US Whistleblower Will Fight to Stay in New Zealand, 28/12/2004



- Outraged American Whistleblower to Renounce His American Citizenship, 09/02/2005.
- Whistleblower and Former US Citizen Elated to be Free at Last, 09/03/2005
- Harmon Wilfred Web Site Links:
  - Documentary Web Site: [www.luminadiem.com](http://www.luminadiem.com)
  - Personal Web Site: [www.harmonwilfred.com](http://www.harmonwilfred.com)
- Supporting Affidavits and Character References
- Certificate of Loss of Nationality of the United States
- NZ High Court Appeal and Judicial Review / Summary and Court Submissions, Appellant
- Court Affidavit of Harmon Wilfred complete with indexed and chronicled documentation:
  - Brief Case History
  - Investment / bank records
  - Financial statements and records for personal, business and charitable activities
- CD Attached: **Decision of the NZ Removal Review Authority**, Case Dismissed.  
**High Court Decision, Wilfred VS Department of Labour**, Case Dismissed
- Certified Copy of the Passport of Carolyn R. Dare
- Additional personal and business references from Switzerland can be provided upon request

My wife and I would like to meet with a Swiss Embassy representative in Wellington accompanied by our Immigration Attorney, Al Manco at your earliest convenience to further our application.

Thank you for your kind and expedient consideration in this matter

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Harmon L. Wilfred".

Harmon L. Wilfred

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carolyn R. Dare".

Carolyn Dare Wilfred

See Attachments

CC: **UNHCR**: Jacqueline Parry, Mail to: [PARRY@unhcr.org](mailto:PARRY@unhcr.org)