

Swedes Report Transmission of Tokyo Request

Ease On 'Communication'
to Britain and Russia;
Swiss Do Same for U. S.

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STOCKHOLM, Aug. 18.—The
Swedish Foreign Office in a terse
statement this afternoon said
that communication on a Japa-
nese request was handed today
to the Allies, but later amended
the original statement, substituting
"Britain and Russia" for "Allies."

The British Minister to Sweden,
C. G. Gwynne, declared that the
communication mentioned by the
Swedes had been received by him
this morning and passed on to
the British and Russian repre-
sentatives in the Swedish capi-
tal.

Prior to today, feeble peace
feeling had been put out by the
Japanese in Sweden through Japa-
nese and Swedish business men,
but there had never been direct
negotiations with the Japanese
government.

Swedish sources have reported,
however, that General Odhner
began working shortly ago to set
up a channel whereby Hirohito
could communicate with the Al-
lies through King Gustav V, since
it would be beneath the Emperor's
dignity to communicate with any
one else.

Japanese proposals were
made early after the German
surrender. The Japanese in Tokyo
had been in touch with the
Swedes and had been in touch
with the British and Russian
representatives in the Swedish
capital.