

## **Federal Councillor Elisabeth Kopp visits the ICRC**

On 6 May 1988 Mrs. Elisabeth Kopp, Head of the Swiss Federal Department of Justice and Police, visited the International Committee of the Red Cross, where she was received by the President of the Institution, Mr. Cornelio Sommaruga.

The ICRC President took this opportunity to thank the Federal Council for its traditional support for the ICRC and went on to give Mrs. Kopp a broad review of the ICRC's operations, particularly in certain trouble spots of the world.

Mrs. Kopp then visited the Central Tracing Agency where some 60 million cards are stored, bearing the names of prisoners of war and other persons who have been the object of tracing enquiries since 1870.

For this general fact-finding visit to the ICRC Mrs. Kopp was accompanied by Mr. Samuel Burkhardt, Secretary General of her Department, and by Mr. Peter Arbenz, Delegate of the Federal Council for Refugee Affairs.

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