

OFFICE OF MILITARY GOVERNMENT
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APO 633
25 July 46

ED 007 (RES/MFA&A)

SUBJECT: Investigation of Repository at HungenTO: Director
OMG for Germany (US)
APO 742, US Army
ATTENTION: MFA&A Section,
Restitution Branch, Economics Division

1. The enclosed letter written by Frau Oppenheim of Hungen and addressed to Pref. Goodman, custodian of the Rothschild Collecting Point at Frankfurt (Offenbach Archival Depot), was forwarded to the MFA&A Section OMGGH. The letter stated that pictures and other properties of Jewish religious significance had been found in Hungen and were being held there pending transfer by the proper authorities.

2. The undersigned officer proceeded to Hungen on 23 July in order to take this property into custody. It was learned that the properties had two weeks before been collected by Mr. Max Erich Kahn, custodian of Jewish property in Giessen, and taken to Giessen.

3. Interview with Herr Konnbeit who discovered these properties, revealed that they were found in the attic of a school building which had formerly been used by the Alfred Rosenberg institute for Jewish studies in Hungen. The bulk of the Jewish relics and materials there had been previously taken into possession by Military Government, but according to Mr. Konnbeit, the articles in the attic had apparently been overlooked.

4. The undersigned proceeded to Giessen and contacted Mr. Max Kahn, who had the properties in his home for safe keeping. He had already notified the Property Control Office of Military Government Giessen that these properties were in his possession.

5. The properties taken into custody consist of the following items:

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22 (twenty-two)	pictures
9 (nine)	Torah scrolls
1 (one)	piece of written leather
15 (fifteen)	pieces of Torah scrolls
7 (seven)	painted linen covers)
2 (two)	Torah coats
4 (four)	complete covers for Tora
1 (one)	cupboards
1 (one)	Torah Top
11 (eleven)	Torah cloth velvet memor
30 (thirty)	ial label
1 (one)	Masonic cuffs
2 (two)	Masonic cloth and leathe
	and insignitures
	Masonic hammer
	Masonic ritual hones

6. On 24 July the above properties were delivered to the Offenbach Archival Depot as the collection appears to have been confiscated in whole or in large part from a synagogue in Amsterdam. The few Masonic items are possibly of Dutch origin likewise.



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Mr. Taper:

These art objects, of which photographs are attached are said by a Swedish source to be in the possession of Lars Birbach in Sweden. They are said to belong to Karl Haberstock. Could you please have these traced, and if they appear to be looted art, they may be still found in Stockholm. The source of this information is about a year old unfortunately!

I will try to write you a longer letter in the next week or so. Best wishes,

Otto Wittmann, Jr.
15 October 1946

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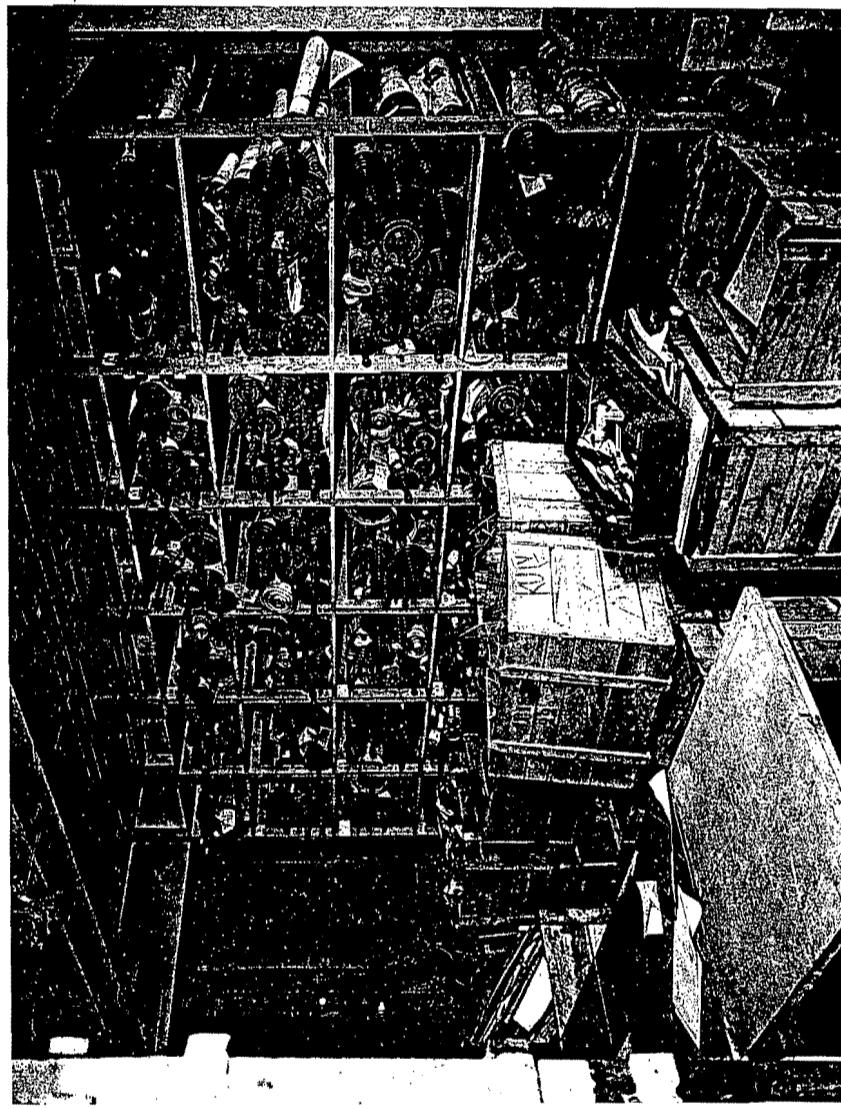
PHOTOGRAPHIC HISTORY

S. J. POMRENZE
CAPTAIN AGD
DIRECTOR

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Entry 69-
File 369
Box 2

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Entry 62 - ^{MEAS} File 100000
File Amb 369
Box 24



2nd Floor, South Side
Holy Scrolls (Toroth) desecrated by Nazis.
Religious articles piled in cases, unsorted.

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Entry 62 - File 10000
File Amt 369
Box 22



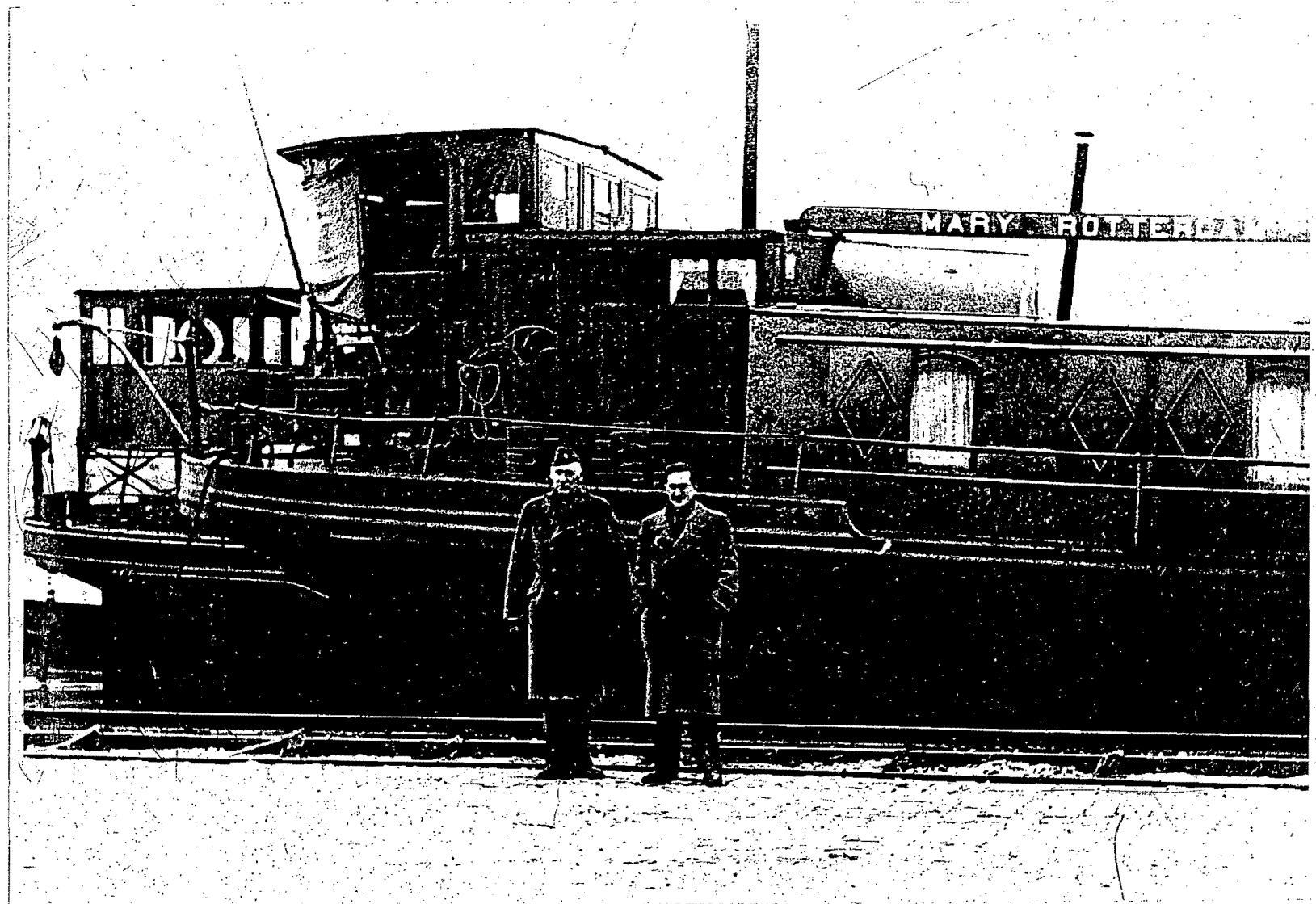
4th Floor, West side
Books in piles and cases, unsorted.

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Entry 62 - misc 1000s
File Amt 369
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4th Floor South-east Side
Cases of books, unsorted.

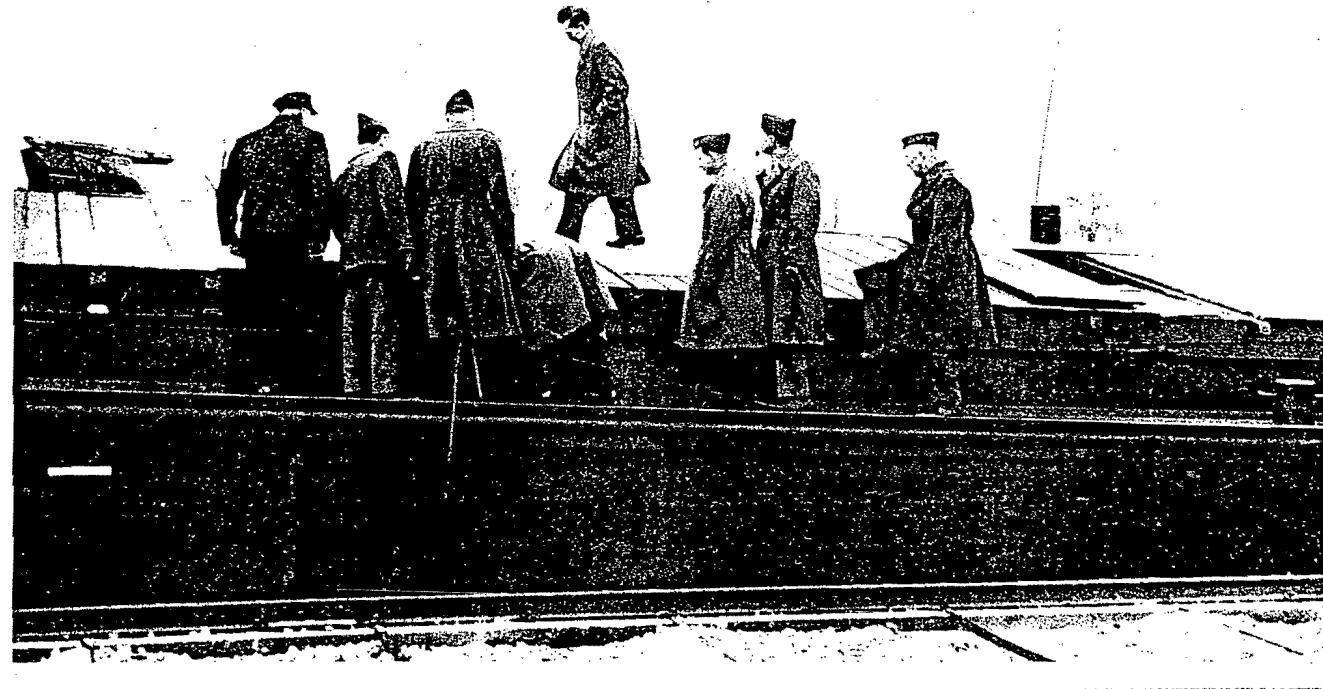
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Major Graswinckel, Dutch Restitution officer, Archives and Mr. Glenn H. Goodman, Deputy Director, OAD, in Front of barge "Mary Rotterdam".

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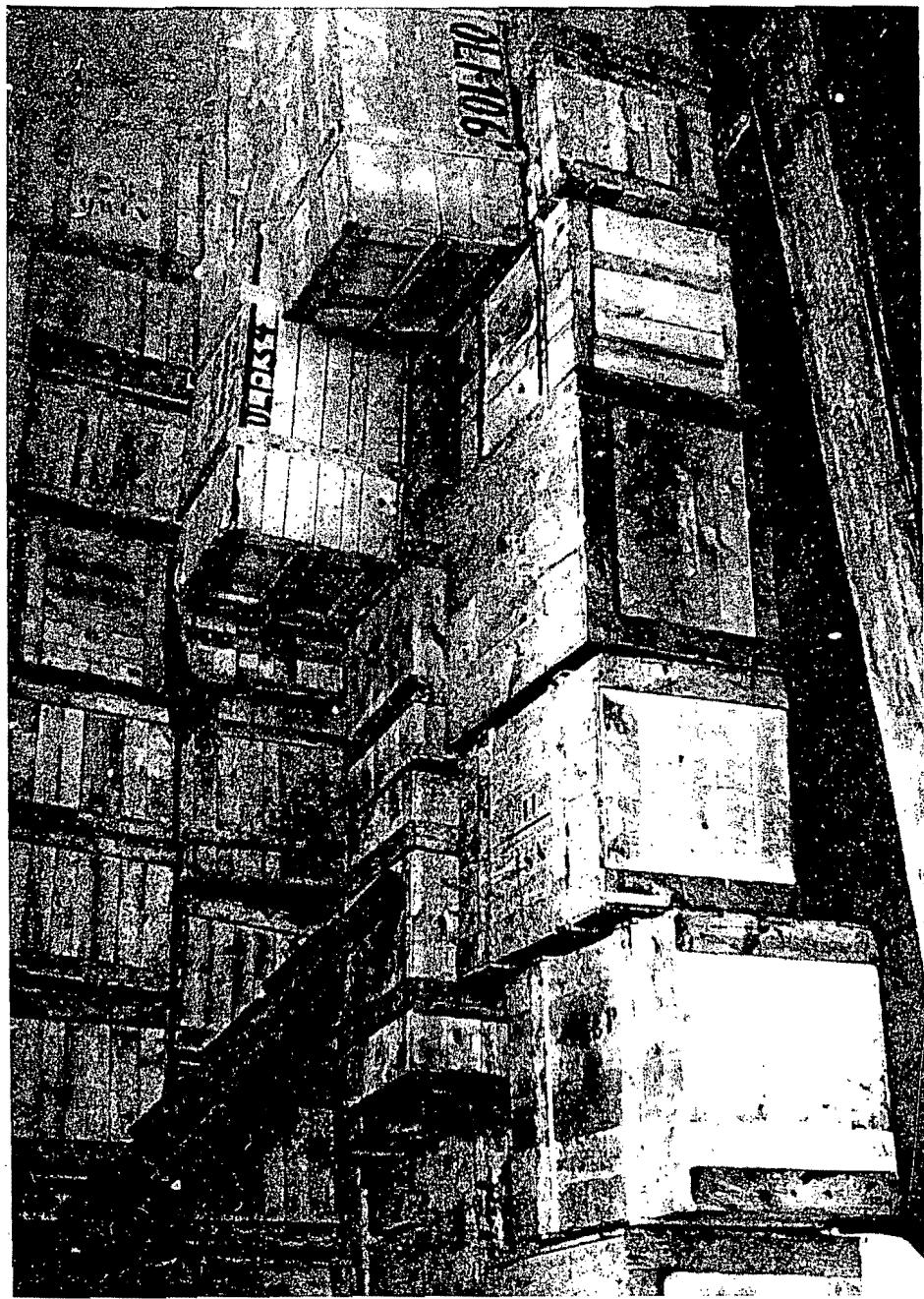
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Inspection of loading of barge. Left to right:
Mr. Huisman, Skipper. Capt Pomrenze, Capt. S.G. Garlock, DMG, Det F-13, Dr. H.M. Lydenberg,
Library of Congress Mission, Mr. Goodman, Mr. D.H. Clift, Library of Congress Mission,
1st Lt. L.I. Poste, Librarian-Archivist, Land Württemberg-Baden, Major Graswinckel.

RG 239
Entry 62 - FIELD RECORDS
File Amt 369
Box 72



Cases of books below deck.

RG 239
 Entry ~~239~~ - Photo Library
 File Amb 369
 Box 24



1st Floor, North-east Corner
 Cartons of items being loaned to the American Joint Distribution Committee Chaplain
 Isaiah Rackovsky inspecting cartons.

RG 239
Entry 62 - File 369
File 369
Box 72



1st Floor, North-east Corner
Cartons of items being shipped to the Library of Congress Mission,
Fechenheim, SK. Frankfurt.

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Entry C-1000
File Unit 369
Box 72



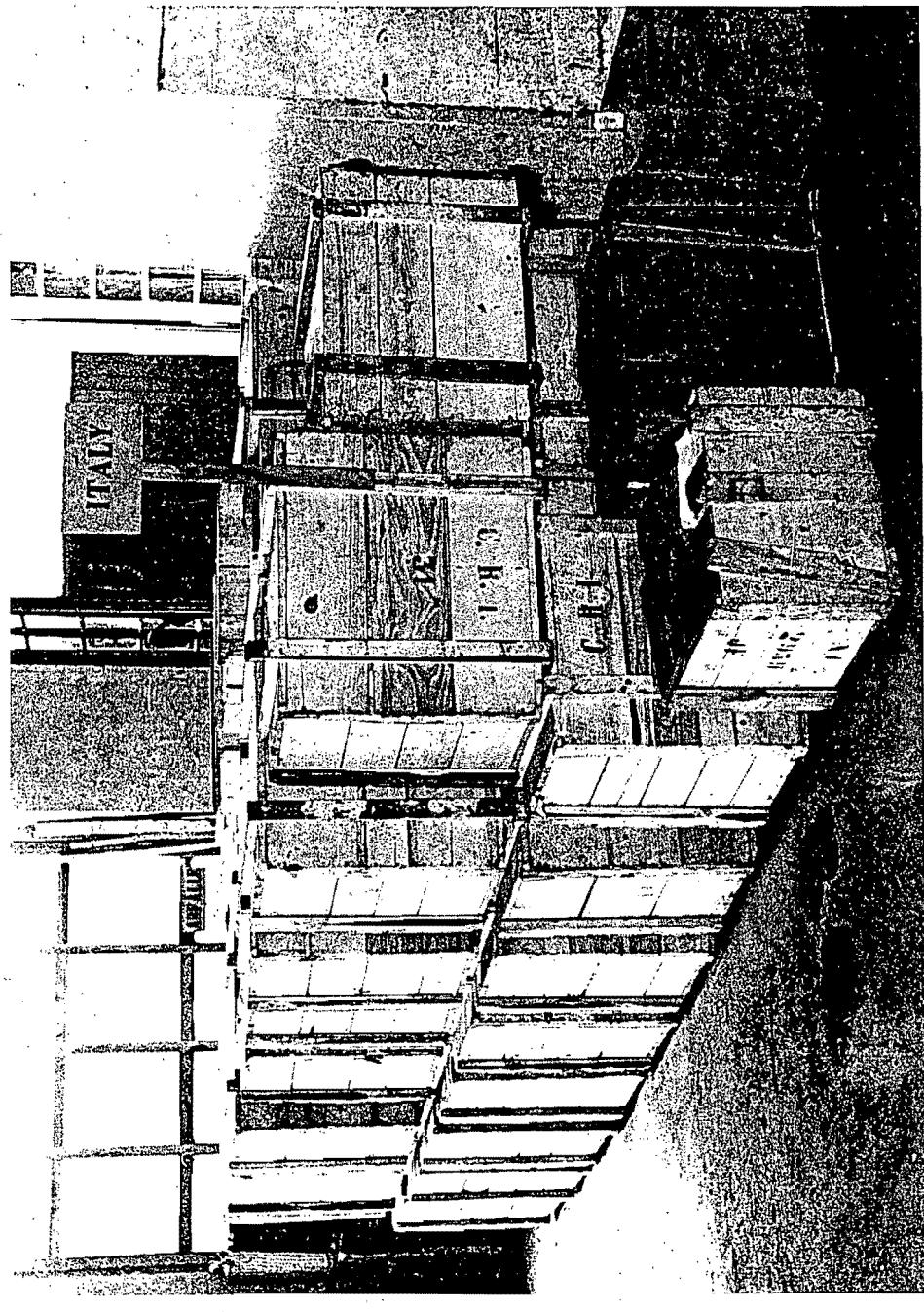
1st Floor, East Side

First cases of Belgian items being prepared for shipment.

Inspected by Belgian Restitution officer, Lt Raymond LeMaire and Capt Pomrenze.

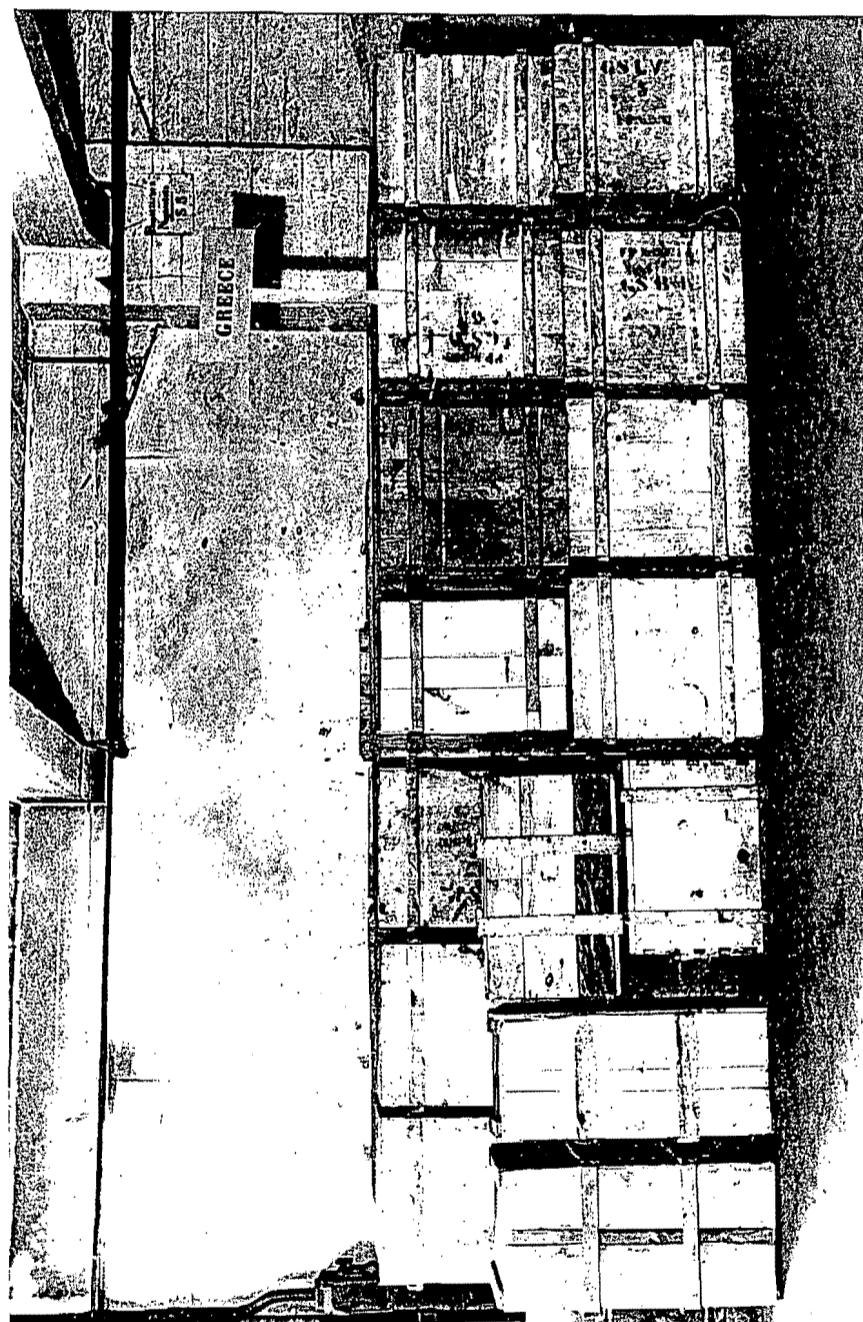
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Entry 62 - ^{MPA 2-9} FIELD RECORDS
File Amb 369
Box 72



1st Floor, South-east Corner
Italian items ready for shipment.

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Entry Greece
File AMB 369
Box 74



1st Floor South-west Corner
Greek items awaiting shipment.

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 Entry ~~Box - First Floor~~
 File Art 369
 Box 24



1st Floor, West Side
 Library and archival materials of the Yiddish Scientific Institute,
 New York City.

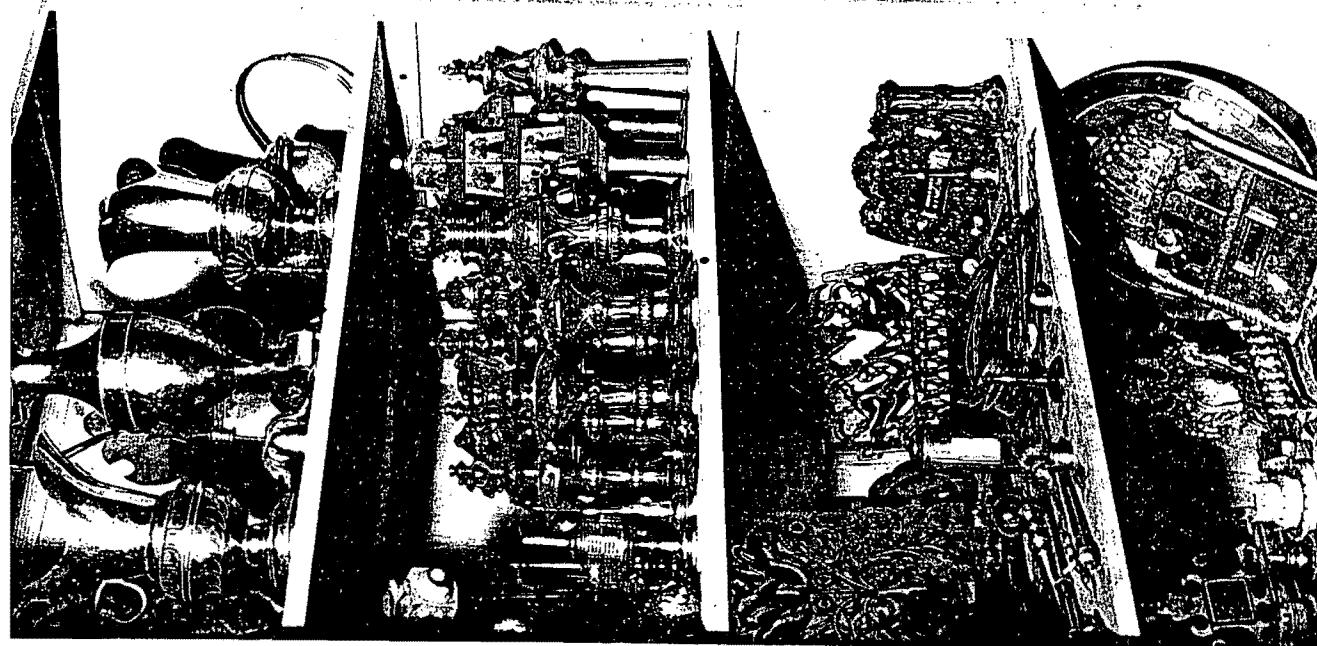
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1st Floor, West Side
Library materials of Matthew Shatzun Collections.

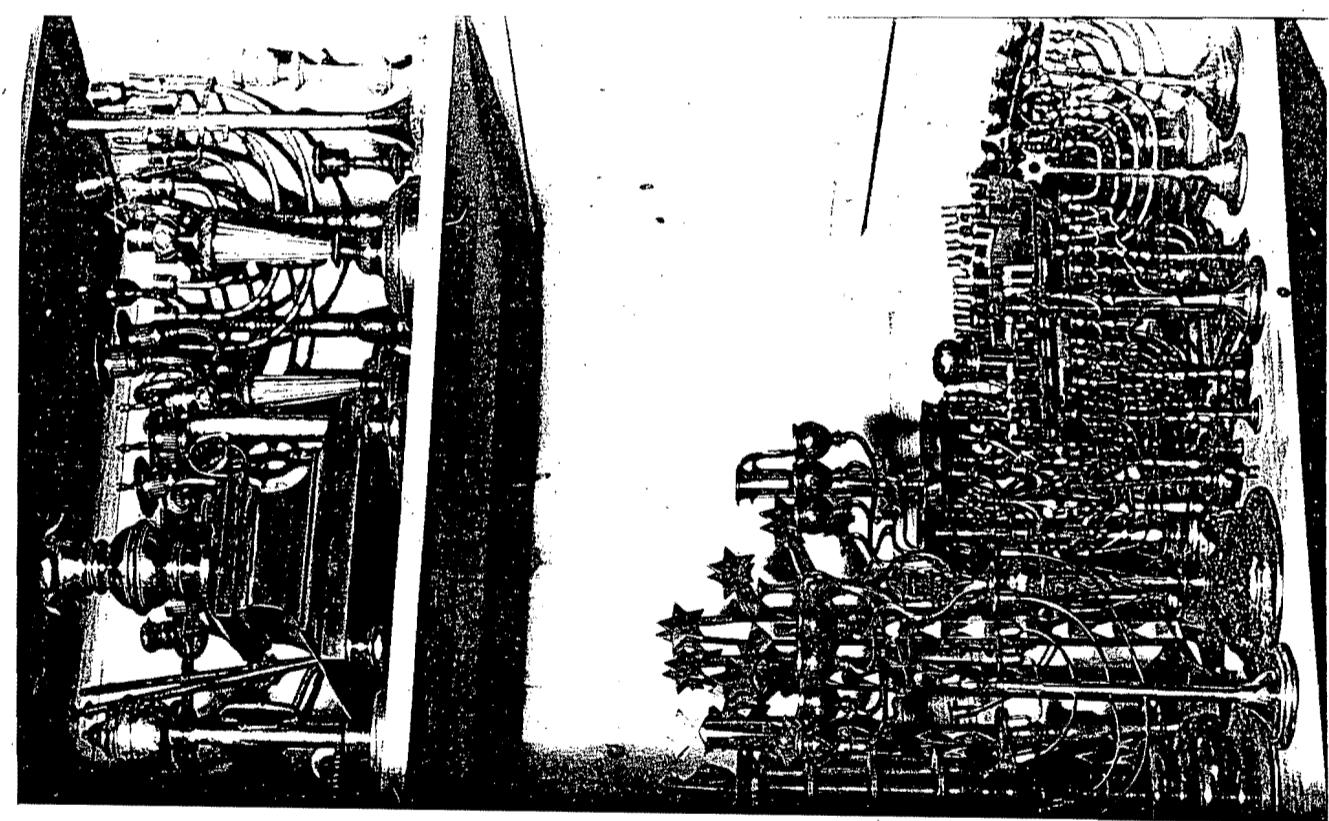
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Entry 62 - ~~microfilm~~ 100400
File Amb 369
Box 2A



2nd Floor, Torah Room
Jewish ceremonial objects.

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Entry 62 - ^{MEAS} ~~Pict. Record~~
File Amb 369
Box 22

2nd Floor, Torah Room
Candelabrum.



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Entry 62 - PELA 100402
File Amb 369
Box 22

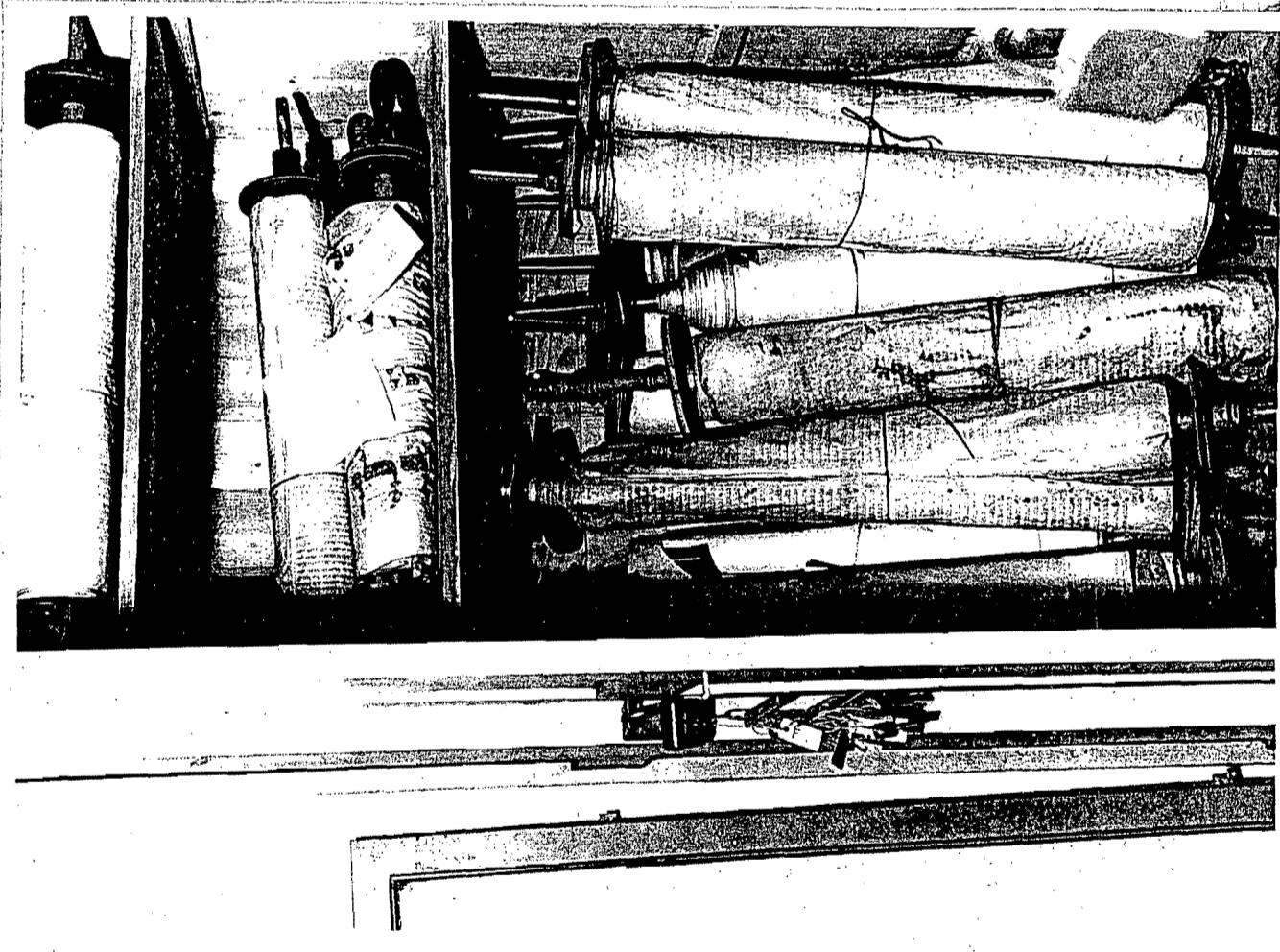
2nd Floor, Torah Room
Religious covers, Plush and others.



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2nd Floor, Torah Room
Holy Scrolls (Toroth)

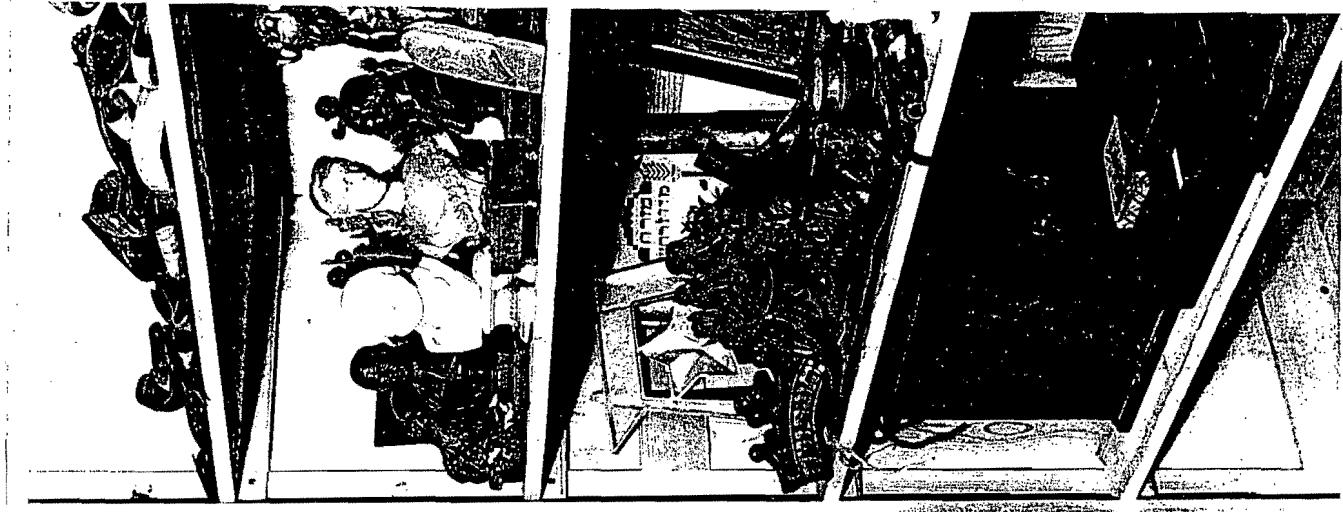


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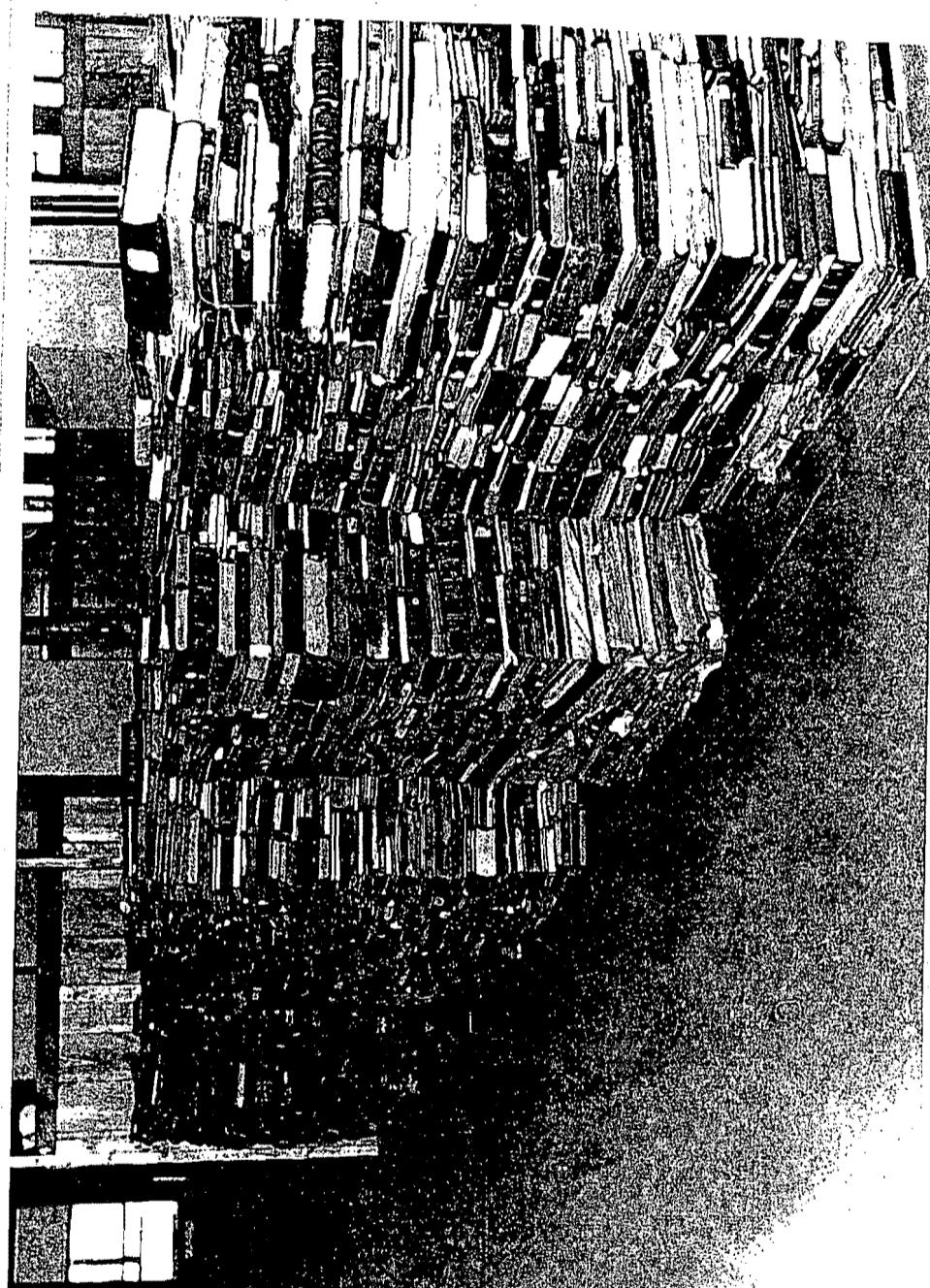
2nd Floor, Torah Room
Holy scrolls (Toroth), 20, Dutch, packed in special cases with straw.

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File AMB 369
Box 22



2nd Floor, Torah Room
Various religious and art objects.

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Entry 67 - MPASSA
File AMB 369
Box 7A



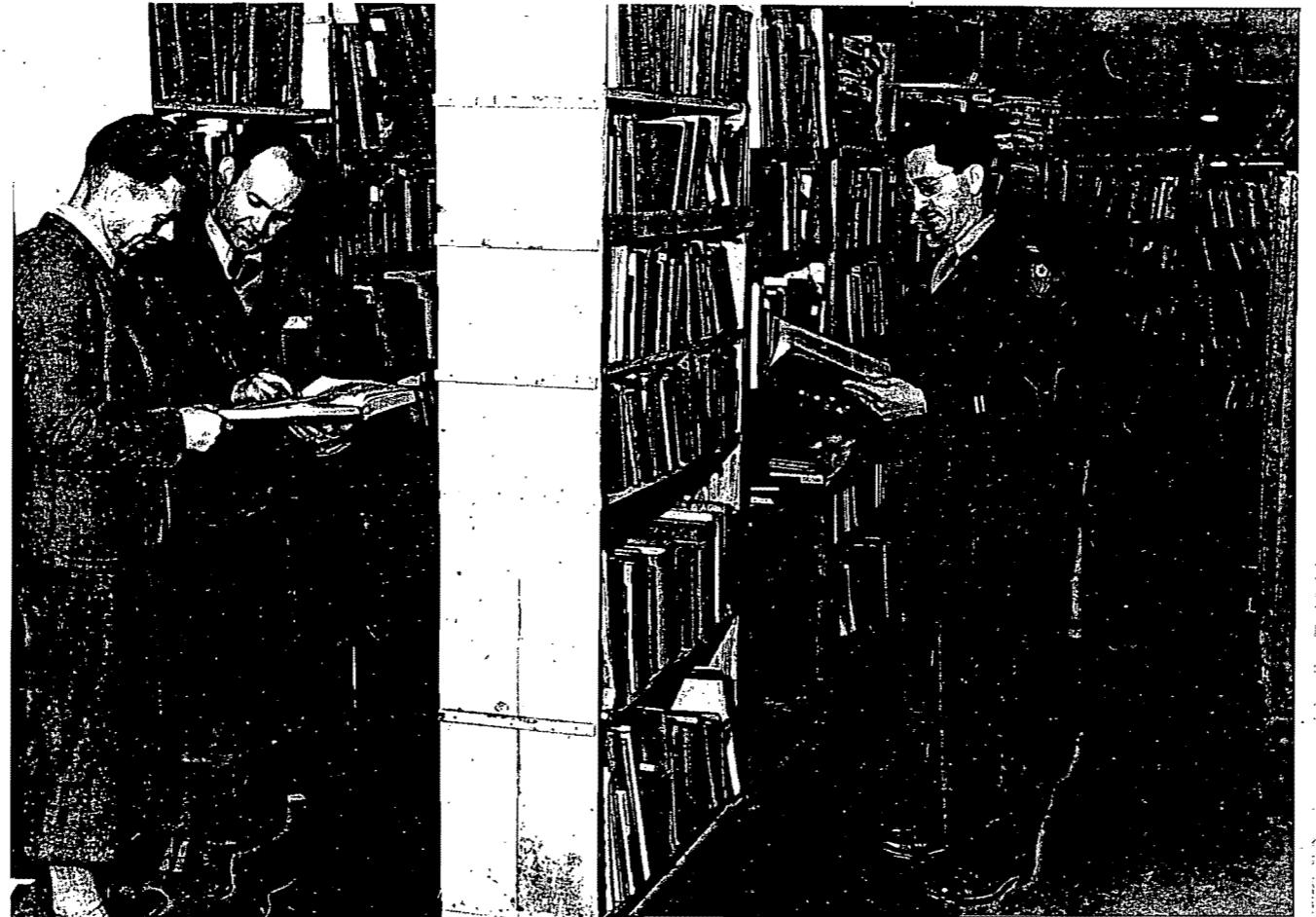
2nd Floor, West Side
Identifiable books, awaiting "Sorting Process 3" arranged in piles.

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Entry 67 - MFA-A
File Amb 369
Box 22



3rd Floor, West Side
Piles of books in Sorting Room A awaiting "Sorting Process 3."

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Entry 62 - ~~Planning~~
File Art 369
Box 74

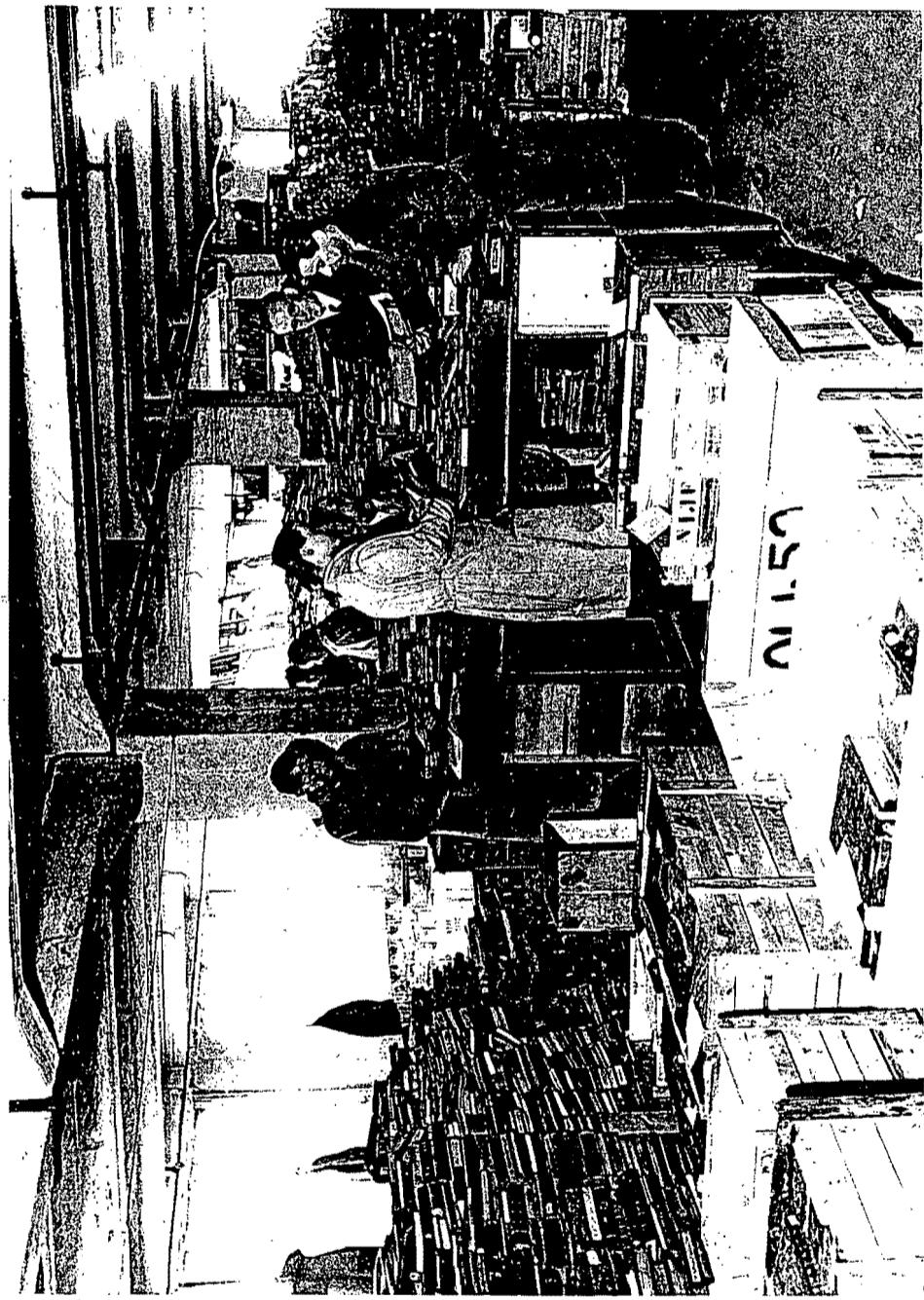


3rd Floor, South Side

Pinson Hall. Selection of books by Chaplain (Capt.) Rackovsky to be loaned to American Joint Distribution Committee.

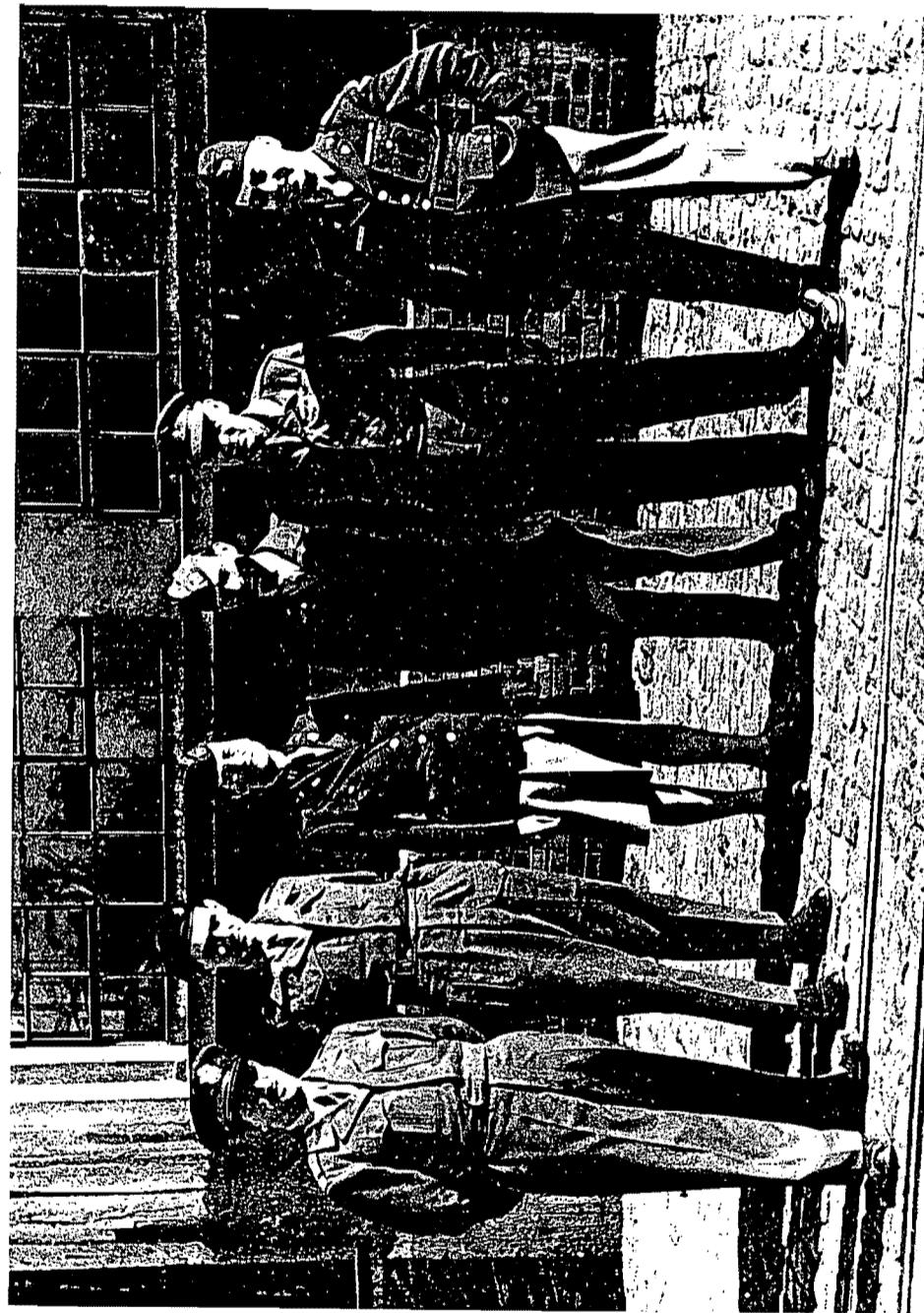
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File AMB 369
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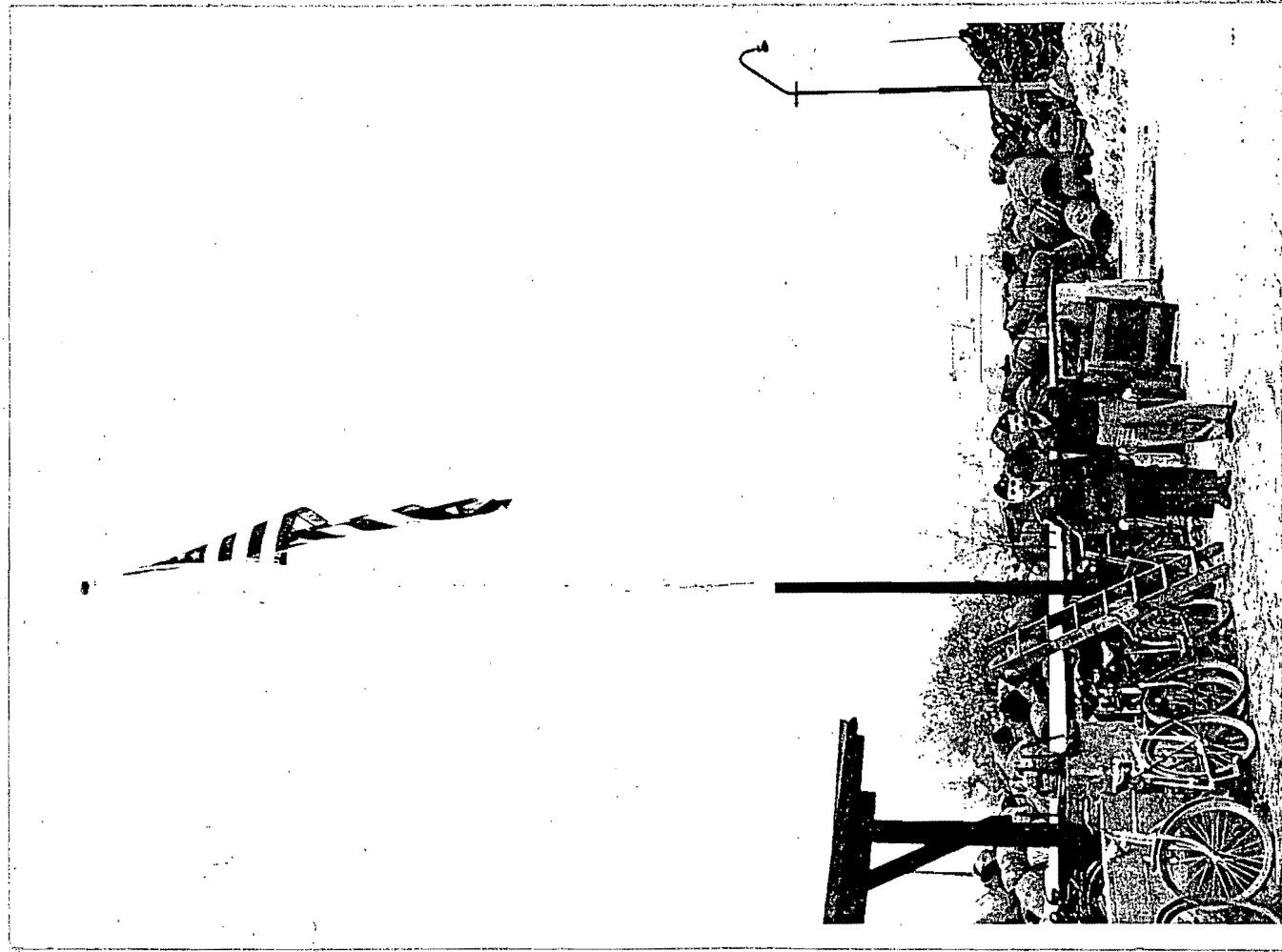
Fourth Floor, South Side
Sorting Team at work.

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Entry 62 - MFAA
File Amb 369
Box 24



Front view of Depot, Left to right:
Chaplain Rakovsky, Lt. Le Maire, Capt. Edith Standen, Wiesbaden Art Collecting Point,
Capt. P.J. Kelleher, L&H MFA & A Spec O, Major Groswinckel, Capt. Pomrenze.

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Entry 62 - MIAA#4
File Amt 369
Box 74



Capt. Pomrenze turns over Depot to
Capt Isaac Berencowitz.

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Entry 62 - MPA-A
File AM6 369
Box R1



3rd Floor South Side
Pinson Hall Books placed in cartons and sent to AJDC section,
Shipping Room.

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By JR NARA Date 820

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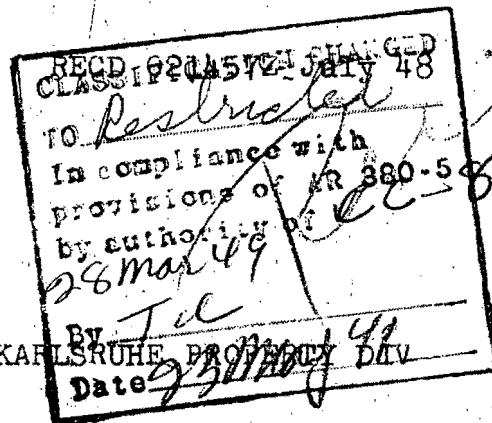
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OUTGOING MESSAGE

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TO : OMG HESSE
 INFO : EUCOM, RESTITUTION BR KARLSRUHE PROB
 FROM : CINCEUR SIGNED CLAY FOR THE DIRECTOR
 REF NO : CC-4995



Request following action be taken regarding properties now in the Archival Depot at Offenbach.

1. Transfer to Minister President the following:

A. All German privately owned properties. This involves at present some 220,000 items.

B. All German publicly owned properties such as state and city libraries.

C. All unidentifiable items that are of German origin. This involves approximately 125,000 books. 10,000 of these books are classified as national socialistic in temper and are to be utilized as pulp.

D. Prussian State or Reich owned properties.

E. Nazi owned properties, public or private.

2. The Minister President is to be responsible for return of privately owned German properties.

3. The Minister President will distribute to Germans 115,000 of the books referred to in para 1C on basis that all worthwhile books in their present form will be distributed and that remaining books will be utilized as pulp. The

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10,000 odd books which are classified as national socialistic in temper are to be utilized as pulp.

4. The Minister President is to act as bailee for all Prussian State or Reich owned properties as well as both private or publicly owned Nazi properties until such time as new German Government is formed and plan worked out by such new German Government for disposition of these items.

5. The Minister President will retain control until further instructed of all properties which may be restitutable to all sectors of Berlin, the Soviet and the French Zones of Germany.

6. Custody of Jewish property and properties which may be subject to internal and external restitution is to be retained by Military Government.

7. Request that the above outlined work be accomplished by not later than 31 August 1948.

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Entry MFA&A Section Chief
Box 720
File MFA&A Library

See also 453

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25 March 1946

Dear Luther,

This is about the disposition of problematic "Jewish books" (e.g. books collected by the Einsatzstab Reichsleiter Rosenberg either relating to the "Jewish question" or from Jewish owners, regardless of subject matter) now at the Offenbach Archival Depot near Frankfurt. No doubt you have already heard, possibly more than you want to, about this matter, perhaps through Dr. Gaster. Possibly Sardy has been there since I last saw him, and he may take it up with you. Officially, I have nothing to do with the matter any more (thank Heaven), but I am trying to expedite what seems to me, from a front seat, to be an excellent if radical solution. The whole depot is now in charge of Capt. Seymour Joseph Pomrenze, as director, and he is doing a very capable, energetic job; he has cleaned up that problem in a little over a month, and now has all in order, with a staff of 135 people.

First, Pomrenze will sort out and return to the countries from which they were taken (with the possible exception of the IWO library, now subject to argument) all the material whose source is determinable.

I understand that the "legitimately acquired" nucleus library of the Hohe Schule zur Erforschung der Judenfrage is subject to confiscation as Nazi property and is hence being turned over to the Library of Congress Mission.

There will remain, about June first, a residue of books whose source cannot be determined, probably over 500,000 vols. (if Pomrenze's figures differ, take his). Pomrenze will leave and return to the U.S. about June 1, and he would like to clear up everything by then. The decision on who gets this indeterminate stuff is hot. MFA and A doesn't want any part of it. There is an organization which does want, not the books themselves, but the problem. You can help, if you will.

The Commission on European Jewish Cultural Reconstruction published just recently what appears to be a very thorough and interesting list, entitled: Tentative list of Jewish cultural treasures in Axis-occupied countries (Special issue, I think, of: Jewish Social Studies Quarterly) New York, 1946. The introduction to this list contains a detailed statement of the functions of this commission (as they see it), including, as I remember it, the solution of just such problems by bringing together the various Jewish interests concerned.

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The solution might take years, depending on how much heat is generated or avoided. I doubt whether there will be any adequate facilities here for any such long drawn-out negotiation, and I doubt whether anyone, least of all Restitution Branch, OMG, has the authority to cut the whole matter short by deciding where what is to go on an arbitrary basis. Pomrenze's idea is this, and I think it is a good one:

Let the Commission approach the Library of Congress and ask to have this lot of material turned over to them through the agency of the Library of Congress mission so that the Commission may decide what is to be done with it, do the necessary distributing, and take the responsibility. (We all realize that this is not your mission's function; we are asking for an additional interpretation). The point is that channels by which Military Government can turn material over to the LC mission are already established and working, whereas to start a new channel is complex and would take way beyond June 1. There is no work at all for the LC mission at this end involved in this suggestion, and I should think that you could arrange with the Commission for there to be none at the other end. It is thought that War Shipping Administration would handle this. This material is in a different category from that with which your mission usually deals, in that it is neither purchasable nor subject to confiscation. Can you see your way clear to instruct your mission, if and when such a proposal receives military authorization, to receive these books and send them to the Library of Congress, but, since they are not subject to direct accession or distribution as duplicates, turn them over, on receipt in America, to the Commission as though the latter were one of the libraries, excepting that this material would be earmarked for them, this being an exceptional case?

This does not necessarily mean that the books would all stay in America. But America is the best place for them while clarification takes place. There will be a variety of proposals, no doubt. Will anyone actually list all this material, or circularize anything, or even look it over again item by item, as Pomrenze's crew are doing? When it is suggested that the material be divided between nations, I wonder just on what basis - mere bulk? Let us find a representative body and let them handle it.

It will hardly help for a committee to come to Europe to decide this or any other matter concerning these books, as has been proposed. No suggestion for their disposition coming from outside the Army is likely to have any effect, as things stand. Dr. Magnes, of the Hebrew University, Jerusalem, has already made application for the books, both directly and through

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the State Dept., and has been told that "their ultimate disposition will be a matter for determination by the quadripartite Allied Control Authority for Germany, in accordance with international policies on restitution. Lack of authority and transportation prevent their storage outside the jurisdiction of the Allied Control Council." Since these cannot be identified for restitution, and since "jurisdiction" is only going to mean a proper staff on the job, familiar with the material and equipped with facilities for a few more months, it seems to me that the thing to do is to present the Allied Control Council with a practical proposal which has already been checked all along the line and which reaches them with the appropriate endorsements.

The top official of the Commission is Dr. Salo W. Baron, Professor of Jewish Literature and History at Columbia University. Pomrenze has already taken steps, he tells me, to have Dr. Baron get in touch with you to present this proposal. But because the matter is urgent, and at best complicated, would you please, if you do not hear from Dr. Baron shortly, get in touch with him. I feel sure he would come to Washington to see you about it. Your Dr. Gaster may be connected with this Commission. The arrangement would leave you in any position you choose to negotiate with Dr. Baron on behalf of the Library of Congress itself.

If you approve, and will so inform your mission, they will simply inform Pomrenze privately that the way is open. He will then initiate the military proposal, incorporating such information bearing on its feasibility as he may have, and pass it "through channels" for endorsement up until it reaches the Allied Control Council. With their approval, it would go back to Pomrenze, who would pack the books and turn them over to your mission. We want to avoid having the Allied Control Council simply send proposals back with requests for information. The suggested method would supply the proposal at the outset with your willingness and Pomrenze's facts and statistics, so that only the legal question remains for their decision.

Of course I cannot judge of the Commission's ability to perform the function which they state is theirs; I am taking Pomrenze's advice on this.

Only Pomrenze has really had this matter in hand. I am horrified at the thought of the whole thing orphaned again after he leaves. That something over here is important is no sign that anyone is going to look after it. Please try to work something out with Dr. Baron, so Pomrenze can have a free hand.

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This letter of mine has no official status, of course.
I am just trying to help Pomrenze in any way I can.

Yours,

Paul Vanderbilt
Technical Advisor, Archives and Libraries
MFA & A, Restitution Branch
Econ. Div., OMGUS
APO 742

Dr. Luther Evans
The Librarian of Congress
Washington 25, D.C.

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 ENTRY: PROPERTY Division
 Box #134
 File: RARE BOOKS

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 Property Division
 Offenbach Archival Depot
 APO 633 US Army

Offenbach, Germany

Registrierte Rare-books	994
different items (no Rare books)	<u>172</u>
	1166

Von Mr. Shunami als "nonejewish" bezeichnet

deutsch	75 books
italienisch	lo "
French	22 "
Latin	61 "

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 ausser diesen von mir ~~strittige~~ Bücher

deutsch	30 books
Dänisch	4 "
Jewish	2 "
dutch	6 "
b English	6 "
Italien	2 "
Spanish	3 "
French	<u>18</u>
	71 books

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ENTRY: PROPERTY Division
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FILE: RARE BOOKS

Rare Books

German

V Abraham a Santa Clara	Judas, der Ertz-Schelm	1687	8
" "	" " 4 Teile 1689/95		4
Anonymous	Passions & andere christl. Predigten		
"	1650	55	
"	Denck-Mahl der Göttl. Reg. 1701?	27	
"	Dialogus v.d. 4 gr. Beschwerde=Muessen	1521?	18
"	Geistlich Schoepfung	1664	15 ✓
"	Historische Erzaehlung	1661	19 ✓
"	12 Sybillen Weissagungen Ga. 16. Jhh.	58	
Antonij de Gueuara	Der guld Sendschreiben 1. Theil	1607	7
Basel Statt	Christl. Ref. u. Polizeiordnung	1637	9
Bibel, Fr. Brecklingius	Kurzer Auszug a.e. grösseren Traktat d. Offenbarung Johannis	1668	50
Bibel	Buch Josua-Hiob in 5facher Ueersetzung		53
Boehmen, Jacob	Schutz-Schriften wider Balthasar Tilkens	1730	57
Boldig M.E. Christian	Schlechte Hoffnung	1696	22
Calmet Augustin	Biblische Untersuchungen	1745	28
Eichhorn, Joh. Gottfried	Litteraergeschichte	1799	65
Eisenmenger, Joh. Andrea	Entdecktes Judenthum Scop.	1700	47/ ✓
Guensburg, Carl Siegfr.	Parabeln	1820	43 ✓
Gundlingiana	Zur Jurisprud. Philosophie	1717/18	40
Hess, J.	Histor. u. geheim. Sachen Bd. 11-30		
Luther, Martin	Denkscript an d. Staendvers. d. Königreichs Württemberg	1821	64 ✓
" "	Dass Jesus Christus ein geb. Jude sey	1523	11
Pocockes, Richard	Sermon gegen den Wucher	1520	10
Richelieu	Beschreibung des Morgenlandes u. anderer Laender	1754/55	24
Salmuth, Heinrich	Memoiren	1794	63
Wanckel, Nikolaus	Leychpredigten	1583	2
	Vermerkung der heil. Stetten	1517	14
	26		
	<u>German folio</u>		
Bullinger, Heinrich	Die Offenbarung Jesu Christi	1558	9
Graun, Heinrich	Der Tod Jesu Cantate	1760	33
Krause, Joh. Ulrich	Bibl. Engel u. Kunstwerk	1694	10
Weingarten, Joh. Jac. von	Fürstenspiegel	1673	4
	<u>Danish</u>		
De Turah, Lauritz	D. Danische Vitruvius Beschr. von Kopenhagen	1746 1748	34 35
Bibel ed. Arnold Stockfleth	Altes u. Neues Testament	1683	j 48
Schleiermacher D.F.	Predigt am 17ten Nov. 1822	1823	j 162

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Rare Books

Dutch

Biblia	Das ist de gantsche heylige Schrift	1590	D	2 ✓
Brouwer, Hendrick	Voyage near de Custen van Chile	1643	N	6
Focanus, J.	Rechtsveerdige Strafe Godts over den Tyrannen	1643		3
Ovid	De Gedaant-Wisselingen....	1732		10
de Thevenet	Tweede Reizen in de welken...	1682		5
Verhenden, Jacob	Af beeldigen van sommige in Godts-Woort ervarene Mannen, die bestreden hebben den Roomsch Antichrist	1603		18

English

Celingbroke, Henry	Letters on the study and use of history	1741		7
St. John				
Greaves, Launcelot	Adventures			9
Johnes, Stephen	Beauties of History	1796		9
Ottley, William Young	Engravings of... Staffords Collect. of Pictures in London	1/2	1818	1
" "	" "	3/4	"	2
Worlidge, T.	A Selecti Collection of Drawings from Curious Antique Gems...	1768		6

Italien

Orsato, Sertorio	Historia di Padova	1678		25
Zabata, Gio Battista M.	Secreti de Medicina e Chirurgia	1641		23 ✓

Spanish

Fartas, David	Orden de los Cinco Ayunos...	1695		9 /
de Barrios, Miguel	Flor de Apolo	1665	P	3 /
de Vargas, Thomas				1628xxxxxx
Tamaio	Restauracio de la ciudad del Salvados Ibaia de Todos-Sanctos en la Provincia del Brasil	1628	P	6 /

French

Anonymus	Adele et Theodore.... 1/2	1782		57/58
"	Architecture Francaise			33
"	Cermonies et Coutumes Religeuse de tous les peuples du monde	1723		36
"	"	1728		37
"	"	1723		38/39
"	"	1733		40
"	"	1736		41
"	"	1737		42
Berenger	Histoire de Geneve T.1	1772		53
"	" T.3, 4, 6	1773		54/56
Boffrand, G.	Livre d'Architecture	1745		45
de Bretteville	L'Eloquence d.l.Chaire et du Barreau	1701		60
Chevreau	Chevraeana....	1700		15
Fouquet	Recueil des Remedes faciles...	1739		16
de Vertot	Histoire des Revolution de Suede	1736		59

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		Speculum de origine Hebreorum	1588	19
X	Phalemonius, Petrus	Scriptorum Germanicorum Scriptorum	1520/4 23d.	63/69
X	Pictorius, Johannes	Barum Germanicorum Veteres	1607	217
X		Hætoria Naturalis	1639	23d. 123/4
		Lexicon Novum Hebraicum	1557	74
X	Philippi, John Baptist	Collectio Physiognomica	1603	115
X	Philippi, George	Speciminae Herbarum Planetarum	1551	1
X	Ranieri, Hieronimus	Observationes in Genesim et in		
		Exodus		
X	Ranieri, Anthemius	Figure Biblie clarissimi	1514	74
	Polonus, Adria	Sermones Veteris Sciamma	1514	50
	Salvi, Hieronymus	Indicatio Rabbinorum	1514	74
	Ranieri, Anton	Antiquarium Hebreico latum	1556	276
X	Ranieri, Petrus	De antiquitate cœli compendium	1519	86
X	" "	In Apocalypserum Simbolum	1514	10
X	Reuterius a Castro, Iositanus	De universo miliebrius nor-		
		orum medicina	1663	18
X	Reutius, Johannes	Antiquarium Romanorum corpus	1648	140
X	[Salzburg]	absolutissimum	1648	122
	Samuel of Morocco	Statuta Provincliaria	1491	104
		Epietiorum Babbi Samuels		
		Iudiciorum	1493	107
		Bechinath Happerusachim hoc...	1624	170

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Schickard, Wilhelm	Das Regium Hebraeorum	1674	121
X Schlegel, Aug. Guil.	Rhegovet-Sita	1646	121
Schoettgen, Christian	Horae Hebraicae et Galandicae	1713	166
X Schraeder, Laurent.	Monumenta Italicae.....	1592	76
Selden, Joannes	De Synecdoche & Praefecturis Juridicis Veterum Hebraeorum Commentatorii....	1679	123
" "	De Jure Naturali et Gentium Juncta Disciplinam Hebraeorum Opera Omnia Vol. I	1555	54
" "	Glossicon Hebraeorum Majus et Minus	1665	116
" "	Jura Publica, pars prima	1713	303
Sibrandus, Johannes	De Republica hebraearum Lib. I-VIII 1585,	303/19/84	155
Sigonius, Carolus	Scriptura, Prolegomelia divi Iacobi	1570	80
Sorbius, Mich. Nostris	Ministerie	1593	146
X de Sessa, Antonius	Apostolicum Inquisitorum	1613	120
X Spokemius, Petrus	Vindiciae Biblicae....	1613	120
Spener, Johannes.	De Legibus Hebraeorum Ritualibus et cunctis Rationibus	1712/47 2Bd. X 299/300	299
Steck, Joh. Christo-	Codex Semiticorum Hebraeorum	1679	229
phorus.	Almanach nova	1504	11
X Stoegler, Johannes	Micahus Inimitate Donato a H. Johanne Graue	1663	173
Falund	Microcosmologia Regiae	1696	194
" Micah	Sententiae Bd. 1-4	1490	105
X Thomas de Argentina	Practatio Juridica de Jure Circa	1723	294
Thomas, Christian	Somnium et Somnia		
Thomassinus,	Glossarium Universale Hebreicum	1697	225
Indevons	Vetus et Nova Ecclesiastis Discipl.	1700	295
" "	Grammatica Hebreorum	1704	275
Girsch, Leopold	Annales Sacri et Prophecy	1611	226
X Gysius, Augustinus	De Tribus Judaeorum Sectis	2703	269
Hausmann	Syntagma	1539	71
Griegel, Jacob	De re militari		
X Vegetius, Flavins	De Physiologia Christiana et Theologia Gentili		
Vossius, Joannes			
Wagenseil, Joh. Christopherus	Tela Imae Satanas	1621	127
" "	Resurrections eorum varii argumenti	1537	119
" "	Ecclesia	1674	116
Wasmitz, Matthias	Vindiciae sive, Hebraeae Scripturarum	1564	176
Willems, Johannes			
Hebreorum	Expositio Phililicis de		
Wolf, Jo. Christopher	Baculo Moses	1680	201
Woolfson, Joh.	Bibliotheca Hebreorum	4 Bd. 1715-1733	261/46
Thomas			
Yosaphpon,	Med. Arbeit über Erkrankungen	1719	278
"	des Tränenganges		
	Josephus Hebreicus	1541	49
	Scriptoria gravissimi, de bello	1579	77
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Zepper, Wilhelm	Legum Mosaicarum Porensium Explanatio	1614	249
X Kieglitz, Casper	De Clerice Renitente	1584	189
Magnenus, Euthymius,	Commentarii in omnes psalmos	1560	246

Supplement.

Bible	Oratio Menassae, Esdrae III et IV	1629	X 190
"	Libri Regum IV Paralipomenon, EsdraeII	"	188
Gestal, Edmund	Iuxicon Heptagletten	1669	229
X Gesta Romanorum	cum applicationibus moralisatis ac misticis	1499	108
Adolph, Father, of St. George,	Testis et Doctor, Latin and Hebrew	1709	X 317
Bible	Later Prophets	1740	X 326
"	Psalms	1738	X 316
"	"	1646	X 315
"	Pentateuch and Former Prophets	1534	X 327
"	Liber Psalmorum	1716	X 325
"	Polyglot		313
"	Biblia Parva Hebraeo-Latina	1682	X 321
"	Psalms	1648	X 314
Buxtorf, Johannes	Institutio epistolaris Hebraica	1629	X 320
"	Manuale Hebraicum et Chaldaicum	1631	X 323
Frank, Gregor	Lexicon Sanctum	1634	X 324
Jedaja Ha-Penini, Examen Mundi		1610	X 322
Kimchi, Moses	In Institutiones		X 318

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Netherlandish

		No.
✓ Amsterdam	Reglementen voor de Nederlandse Israelitische Heele-Synagoge, te A.	1815 X 16
✓ Anonymus (een Liefhetten der Teodse Outheeden)	Mosaike Historie der Hebreeuwse Kerke	1800 X 7
✓ Bible	De vijf boeken van Moses met aantecke- ning der geboden naar Maimonide	1844 15
✓ Blaeuw, Jean	Groot Stedeboek van Geheel Italie 4 Bd.	1724 X 11-14 X
✓ Buxtorf, Joannes	Schoole der Jooden	1741 1
✓ Brouwer, Hendrick	Voyagie near de Gosten van Chili	1643 6 X
✓ Cunaeus, Petrus	De Republyk der Hebrewen, of Gemeenebest der Joden	1684 X 2
Focanus, J.	Rechtveerdighe Straffe Godts oder den Terannen	1643 3 X
✓ Josephus, Flavius	Algemene Historie der Jeodische Naatsiel	1726 2x 8/9
✓ Lemans, M. & Mulder, S.I.	Hebreewsch-Nederduitsch Handwoorden- boek	1831 X 17
Ovidius	De Gedaent-Wisselingen....	1732 X 10 X
✓ Seesman, Eleasar	De Bruidechat Israels of Onderwys der Hebreewsche Spraak-Kunst	1741 4
de Thevenet	Tweede Reizen in de welken.....	1682 X 5 X
✓ Verheiden, Iacob	Af beeldingen Van sommige in Godts- Woort ervarene Mannen, die bestreden hebben den Roomechen Antichrist	1603 18 X

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Polish

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X Anonymus	Najstarszy Herbarz z Portretami Polski i Litewski	1590-1600	1	X
X Waleczynski, Martinus	Zywoty Kriazat Polakich	1736	2	X

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Portuguese

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✓ Anonymus	Sermoes que Pregaraõ os Doctos Ingenios do K.K.de Talmud Torah desta Cidade de Amsterdam	1674	2x	4/5
de Barrios, Miguel	Flor de Apolo	1665	3	5/0.
✓ Mattoz, Vicente da Costa	Breve Discurso contra a Heretica Perfidia do Iudaismo	1623	2x	1/2
✓ Monteiro, Pedro	Histeria da Santa Inquisicão do Reyno de Portugal ' 2 Bd. 1749/50		7/8	X
de Vargas, ThomasTamaio	Restauracio de la ciudad del Salvador Ibaia de Todos-Sanctos, en la Provincia del Brasil	1628	6	Sp.

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Spanish

		<u>No.</u>
✓ Atias, Ishao de Barrios, Daniel Levi	Tesoro de Preceptos	1627 17
✓ Bayer, Francisco Perez	Contra la verdad no ay fuerza Panegirico	1664 25
Bible	Legitimidad de las monedas Hebreo- Samaritanas, Confutation en Lengua Espanola	1793 26
"	" " "	1692 24
"	" " "	1661 20
"	Biblia en dos columnas Hebreo y Espanol.	1762 22
"	Song of Songs. Paraprasis Caldaica.	
"	En los Cantares de Selomoh	1664 4
"	Song of Songs. Paraprasis Caldayca	1683 3
"	" " " Paraprasis Caldayca	
"	en los Cantares de Selomoh	1724 3x 1,2,5
"	Psalms	1671 12
"	" " " Las Alabancas de Santidad	1670 27
"	Orden de Benediciones	1671 29
✓ Liturgy		1687 4x 10,11,28,3
Magone, Joaquin del Castillo y Magone	El Tribunal de la Inquisicion	1835 8
Menasseh ben Israel	Thesouro dos Dinhim	1710 18,19
"	Enseña a Pecadores Conficion Muy Copiosa De Vidas	1623 14
"	Esperanca de Israel	1650 13
"	Piedra Gloriosa o de la Estatua de Nebuchadnesar	1655 7
Olmo, Joseph	Relacion historica del Auto general de Fe	1680 2x 15/16
erlio, Sebastian Bolones	Tercero y Quarto Libro de Architectura	1573 21 X
Sveyro, Emanuel	Anales de Flandes	1624 23 X
Tartas, David	Orden de los Cincos Ayunos...	1695 9 X
Vaez, Abraham	Arbol de Vidas en el qual se contienen los Dini	1692 6

Supplements

Bible	Spanish and Hebrew	1762 31
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16, Frankfurt, Headquarters Building
Office of Economic Affairs
Property Division

Mr. Hermann Kahn
228 Audubon Avenue, Apt. 53
New York 33, N. Y.

Sir:

We are in receipt of your letter of November 23, 1950, addressed to the former Offenbach Archival Depot.

The information you received about the activities of the Archival Depot are not correct. The task of this Depot was to recover and collect all available books in the US Zone of Germany formerly confiscated or otherwise expropriated from Jewish private owners and Jewish Institutions or books looted from German-occupied countries in order to restore them to their former owners or the heirs of these owners.

The Offenbach Archival Depot was closed in 1948 and the remaining books were transferred to the Wiesbaden Central Collecting Point. The identification and restitution of this residue are now finished. A sale of these books was completely out of the question.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM G. DANIELS
Chief

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14 February 1946

MEMORANDUM:

SUBJECT: Administration and Operations of the Offenbach Archival Depot.

TO: Office of Military Government for Greater Hesse
Mil Govt Det E-6, 2d Mil Govt Bn (Sep)
APO 633, US Army
(Attn: MPAAA)

1. References:

- a. "MPAAA Status of Collecting Point Report" (MG/MPAAA/3/F), this office, 2 February 1946. ✓
- b. Letter, Subject: "Jewish Books", from Judge Simon H. Rifkind, Adviser to the Theater Commander on Jewish Affairs, to Lt Gen Lucius Clay, AMG (US), 7 January 1946. ✓
- c. Personal letter in reply to Reference b, above, from Brig Gen Bryon L. Milburn, C of S, OMG (US), to Judge Simon H. Rifkind, 12 January 1946. ✓
- d. Military Government Regulations, Title 18, "Monuments, Fine Arts, and Archives", paragraph 18-100.3. ✓

2. Statement of the Problem:

To clarify and make recommendations on:

- a. The administration and operations of the Offenbach Archival Depot.
- b. The loan of books in the Offenbach Archival Depot to the American Joint Distribution Committee.

3. Discussion:

- a. This office was verbally informed by the MPAAA Specialist Officer, Office of Military Government for Greater Hesse, 13 February 1946, that the recommendation of

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Ltr to Mil Govt for Greater Hesse, dated 14 Febr 46 re:
Offenbach Archival Depot.

paragraph 1,g,(6),(b),4,(a), page 8, Reference a,
above, will not be effected, due to the disinclination
of the US Archival Specialist personnel provisionally
designated for the position to undertake its duties.

- b. There are at present six (6) US Archival Specialists
in the European Theater of Operations. None is
assigned to, or active in, Land Greater Hesse. In the
US Zone of Occupation two (2) major archival operations
exist:
1) the Oberammergau Collecting Point, and
2) the Offenbach Archival Depot.
Of these the Offenbach Archival Depot is incontestably
the more critical as a problem, by reason of:
(1) The magnitude and variety of its collections;
(2) The peculiar nature of its collections, which
contain a high ratio of volumes in Hebrew and
Yiddish;
(3) The imperative need for restitution to United
Nations Governments of identifiable sections of
the collections.
- c. In order effectually to meet the demands of the Offen-
bach Archival Depot, US military or civilian personnel
of assimilated rank, assigned specifically to the Depot,
is indispensable. This personnel must, for the reasons
outlined in subparagraph b above, be:
(1) Competent in the recognition of rareties
(2) Acquainted with the Hebrew and Yiddish languages
and literatures.
Such personnel is at present on duty in the US Zone of
Occupation, though not in Land Greater Hesse.
- d. Aside from the strictly archival problems of the Depot
in question, another, affecting directly commitments
made by both OMG (US) and highly influential groups
in the United States, is dependent upon this detail of
personnel. Reference b, above, proposed a loan of
25,000 volumes from the Offenbach Archival Depot to
Jewish Displaced Persons Centers, the volumes to be
selected by representatives of the American Joint Di-
stribution Committee. The same reference stated that

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Property Division
Offenbach Archival Depot

APO 633

US Army

Offenbach, Germany

14 March 1949

MEMORANDUM

To : Mr. Heinrich

I was sorry to hear that you have been ill for several days. I trust that you are by now fully recovered.

In order for us to effect the restitution of material bearing the library markings of institutions formerly existing in Germany, it would be most helpful to obtain a letter from your office, addressed to JRSO Nürnberg. I suggest something as follows:

The Offenbach Archival Depot contains 459 cases of books which were confiscated by the 3. Reich and which are identifiable as the property of a large number of Jewish institutions in Germany. These institutions have ceased to exist. The American authorities took possession of this material which, during the war, was in hands of the following institutions:

- 1) Gestapo HQ Berlin,
- 2) Reichsinstitut für Geschichte des Neuen Deutschlands, Munich,
- 3) Institut der NSDAP für Erforschung der Judenfrage, Frankfurt und Hungen.

I hope that the negatives which were left in your office a week ago are receiving due attention. We are expecting a museum expert from Palestine who will be assigned to dealing with the Wiesbaden Collection.

May I again remind you that I need a copy of the list of items which have gone from Offenbach to Jerusalem.

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Wiesbaden, Germany
21 January 1949

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Baltic Books

TO: Major H. D. Anastasis

1. In addition to the 10,700 Latvian books categorized in memorandum of 13 January 1949, there are 976 books of Estonian origin and 19,207 from Lithuania at the Offentach Archival Depot. All the Lithuanian books are of Jewish ownership.

2. The Estonian books include 106 of Jewish ownership (miscellaneous) and 870 identifiable as non-Jewish. The latter group is subdivided as follows:

a/ J. Teop'i nim em. Klubi	57
b. Raamatukogu, Tallina	
b. Tallina Partei-aktiivimaja	24
Raamatukogu	
c. Tallina Garnisoni Seurrite Kodu	33
d. Kaitseväe staabi Raamatukogu	27
Mleinere Bibliotheken (ca 60)	155
e. Ohne Kennzeichen (non-Jewish)	574
	870

3. If Vilna is regarded as historically Lithuanian and the two libraries known as "Iwria" and "Jeschiwo-Mir" are, as presently believed, former Lithuanian institutions, the break-down of the 19,207 Lithuanian books is as follows:

Vilna	3 477
Kovno	5 890
Mapu (Vilna, Private Library)	7 145
	16 502
? Iwria	887
? Jeschiwo-Mir	1 818
	2 705
	19 207

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b. The principal Lithuanian libraries represented in addition to Haga, Itzia, and Yeshivo-Sir above mentioned are:

Vilna

Biblioteka Gimn, Gim. z jen. yid. polskim C. Eyszajnna w Wilnie	171
Husm Bebeit-Hamidrash Poalei Tzedek Wilno	168
Kinderbibliothek Z.B.K. Wilno	251
Lewinski; Haykil, Wilno (private)	178
Lejba Libesyc, Wilno (private)	409
Sifria Al-Yad Ha-Talmud Torah Ha-Ironi Be-Vilna Le-Zehar Hamonah Rabbi Dovor Yakow Zondel Ralchom Rambam Zikrone Le-Wercha	290
Kleinere Bibliotheken (ca. 175)	1,574
Privat Besitzer (ca. 105)	436
	<u>3,577</u>

Kovno

A. Gurewitsch, Kovno (private)	353
Beit Ha-Masor Al-Yedai Ha-Neyyased Admor Rabbi Israael Salant (private)	102
Bibioteka "Kultura", Kaune	750
Kauna Tydu Laidotoju Sajungos Valdyba Namai	187
LTSR Transporto Darbininku ir Tarnantoju Prof. Sajungo Kaune	119
Mordchai Ben Rabbi Josef Kleviner, Kovno (private)	162
Rabinas A. Brojdas, Kaunas-Karmelitai (private)	161
Rabinas I. Rosensonas, Kaunas (private)	195
Sinagogos Valdyba, Kaunas	139
Viliampole, Buscherlager bei der jüdischen Ghetto-Gemeinde	386
Viliampolesydu Lietuviess Biblioteka	267

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Privat Besitzes (ca. 255) 1 316

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5. There are no cultural objects deriving from either Estonia or Lithuania among the holdings of the Wiesbaden Collecting Point.

THEODORE A. HEINRICH
Chief, EPAA Section

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TO FOR INFO : EUCOM PASS TO PROPERTY DIV, REPARATIONS & RESTITUTION
BY, OMGUS KARLSRUHE
REF NO : CC-7072 13 DEC 48

Reured WX-92699.

We are pleased to note that you are in general agreement with the plan put forward in our CC-5822.

As to your query on the method of handling those items which have come from Eastern Europe and thus would in the absence of extenuating circumstances be subject to external restitution, we would recommend the following:

These items would be turned over the JCR along with the other material but military government, in the case of these items, would receive a custody receipt containing a commitment by the JCR that they would maintain collections in this category intact and in such condition that they could be restituted to the countries of origin on request of Military Government. This would enable the utilization of these items for the time being and would also leave military government in a position where it could fulfill its restitution obligations.

This proposal has been discussed with Mister KAGAN of the JRSO, which I understand is composed of the same organizations which are represented in the JCR and is qualified to speak for JCR in this matter.

Mister KAGAN reacted favorably to this suggestion. He indicated that he would communicate with his superiors and obtain their views.

If this proposal is acceptable there, we would appreciate being so informed soonest. We will work out the details of transfer with the JCR Representatives here.

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The report on the Offenbach Depot lists nearly 400,000 books and other objects in depot, almost all of Jewish origin. Of these about 10,000 may be subject to restitution although not claimed and 29,000 are from LATVIA, LITHUANIA and ESTONIA, plus some non-Jewish material from these countries. All others appear either to have originated in GERMANY or to be completely unidentifiable. With exception of Baltic material mentioned above, all non Jewish material has been restituted.

There is also a small quantity of Jewish unidentified material in Wiesbaden and Munich Central collecting points in addition to much falling under Military Government Law number 59.

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Today the following material was turned over to JRSO
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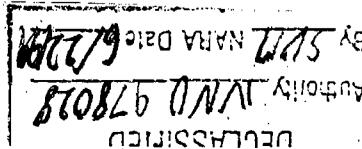
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22 cases Prayer books with German translation

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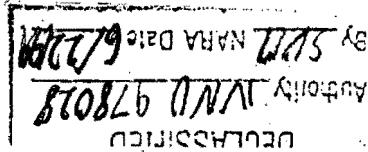
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SUBJECT : Property of Ignaz WEISS

TO : Jewish Restitution Successor
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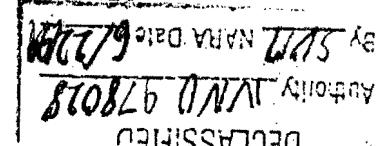
6 December 1948

Reference is made to your letter of 24 November 1948 referring to the property of Ignaz WEISS. At the present time there are no books at the Archival Depot identified as the property of Mr. Ignaz WEISS.

JOSEPH A. HORNE
Director OAD

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JEWISH RESTITUTION SUCCESSOR ORGANIZATION

Frankfurt Regional Office

APO 757

US ARMY

24 November 1948

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SUBJECT: Property of Jewish Community in Vienna
33 Incunabeln (Dr.K/Se)

TO : Offenbach Archival Depot
169 Mainstrasse
Offenbach/Main, Germany

1. Attached please find a list referring to 33 "Incunabeln" which were the property of the Jewish Community in Vienna.
2. It would be very much appreciated if you could inform us of the whereabouts of the items listed.

1 Encl: a/s

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Re. A. KLEIN
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| 3) | I 16 | Rom vor 1480 | Moreh Nebuchim |
| 4) | I 23 | Neapel 1486 | Chamesch Megilleth |
| 5) | I 26 | Rom vor 1480 | Responsen l'HARASCHBA |
| 6) | I 38 | Neapel 1489 | Chowoth ha-Lewawoth |
| 7) | I 40 | Socino 1484 | Miwchar ha-Pentinim |
| 8) | I 41 | Neapel 1489 | Ewen Bochan |
| 9) | II 7 | /Mantua vor 1480/ | Perusch al ha-Torah RALBAG |
| 10) | III 7 | Neapel 1487 | Mischle |
| 11) | II 18 | Neapel 1490 | Sefer Ha-Schoraschim |
| 12) | II 19 | Socino 1485 | Ikarim |
| 13) | II 21 | Socino 1485 | Niwiim Achronim |
| 14) | II 22 | /Socino/1486 | Niwiim Achronim mit RDAK |
| 15) | II 25 | Neapel 1492 | Beschaj al-ha-Torah |
| 16) | II 31 | Lissabon 1489 | Mischme Torah |
| 17) | II 35 | Lissabon 1489 | Abudraham |
| 18) | II 50 | Ixar 1490-95 | Chamischa Chumsche Torah |
| 19) | II 55 | /Neapel/1488 | Mikre Dardke |
| 20) | III 34 | Neapel 1488 | Perusch al ha-Torah Ibn Esra |
| 21) | III 44 | /Socino/1490 | Turim |
| 22) | III 46 | Socino/1485-86 | Machsor Romi |
| 23) | IV 22 | vor 1480 | Perusch ha-RAMBAM al ha-Torah |
| 24) | IV 25 | Neapel 1491 | Ha-Kanon ha-gadol |
| 25) | VI 66 | Mantua vor 1480 | Nofeth Zofim |
| 26) | VII 44 | Brescia 1491 | Machbroth Immanuel |
| Incunabeln (excl. der in der Sa; o Cohn'schen Schenkungen
enthaltenden) | | | |
| 27) | K V 8 | Mischna mit Kommentar von Moses ben Maimon, Neapel 1492 | |
| 28) | | Moses ben Jakob aus Coucy Sefer Mizwoth gadol s.l.s.e. | |
| | | | /Socino 1488/ |
| 29) | K V 7 | Moses ben Maimon, Mischme Torah s.l.e.a. /vor 1480/ | |
| 30) | I V 48 | Kol-bo /Neapel 1490/ | |
| 31) | I V 49 | Perusch ha-Rambam | |
| 32) | B V 31 | Bibel Pentateuch | |
| 33) | N VII 22 | Bibel -Hagiographen: Tehillim mit Kinchi/Neapel 1487? | |

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JEWISH RESTITUTION SUCCESSOR ORGANIZATION

Frankfurt Regional Office

APO 757

US ARMY

24 November 1948

act 1-72-78

SUBJECT: Property of Ignaz Weiss
Encyklopaedie des Judentums (Dr.K/Se)

TO : Offenbach Archival Depot
169 Mainstrasse
Offenbach/Mai n, Germany

1. We would appreciate it very much if you could let us know whether the "Encyklopaedie des Judentums", 5 to 6 volumes, which has been confiscated by the Gestapo among other books of the library of Mr. Ignaz Weiss, Frankfurt/Main, Guiolettestrasse 5, in April 1943, has been located.
2. For your information we wish to inform you that these books did not bear the name of the owner nor any other kind of an ex libris.
3. We thank you very much for your cooperation.

Klein

R. A. KLEIN

Director
Frankfurt Regional Office

Tel: 56665
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Übersicht über die vorhandenen Bestände

am 30.11.1948

	Kisten	Stück	In Bearbeitung
<u>Nicht jüdisches Material :</u>			
Deutsche Institute (Poln.Verw.)			
Gebiet)	12	1600	
MWD	42	2253	
Estland			1309
BNR			3036
<u>Jüdisches Material :</u>			
Ohne Kennzeichen :			
Sortiert nach Gruppen	465	75166	
Versortiert (3 Gruppen)	119	21081	32704
Stürmer Verlag, Nürnberg	82	5932	
Englisch	21	2431	
xx	12	7334	
Mit Kennzeichen :			
Wilna	43	3477	
Kowno	67	5880	
Mapu	39	7145	
Iwria	5	887	
Jeschiwo	29	1818	
Palestina	9	777	
Pile 30 (Hebr.Stempel)	53	5203	
Lettland	70		10144
Estland			112
CSR	29	4282	
Jüd.Institute in Deutschland	442	51355	
Jüd.Priv.Bes.i.Deutschland	355	47638	
Logen UOBB	23	3908	
Deutsch m.jüd.Inhalt (o.Kennz.)	234	63817	3150
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deutsch	848	1818 ms
latein	295	
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hebr.	4176	

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Torah Rollen

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3036

" in Bearbeitung

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Order of moving materials to CCP Wiesbaden.

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|---|------------|
| 1. German with Jewish content (OB) | 234 cases |
| 2. Jewish Institutions in Germany (Ident) | 442 cases |
| 3. Jewish private property in Germany (Ident) | 355 cases |
| 4. Baltic & Polish occupied territory | 256 cases. |

1818	25
171	2
2502	62
1410	10
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285	25
2242	244
2834	23
800	35
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SUBJECT: Responsibility for Certain Categories of Books now held in the Offenbach Archival Depot.

TO: Minister-President

1. You are herewith notified that, in order to facilitate compliance with a command order of General Clay concerning custodial and other responsibility for certain categories of German-owned books and archives now held under supervision of Military Government in the Offenbach Archival Depot, you will immediately undertake to make all necessary arrangements to assume baileeship of such materials. Other similar materials may also be transferred to your baileeship from time to time.

2. The materials involved in the present transfer include the following categories:

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- (a) All identifiable German privately-owned books and archives;
 - (b) All identifiable German publicly-owned books and archives such as state, municipal and institutional libraries (these two categories amounting to roughly 125,000 items);
 - (c) All unidentifiable items clearly of German origin (amounting roughly to 150,000 items);
 - (d) Identifiable books and archives of the former Prussian State or former Reich;
 - (e) Identifiable Nazi-owned books and archives, whether public or private, so long as such items were not derived from the former German-occupied countries or from institutions or collections expropriated by the Nazis, and are not of national-socialistic nature.

3. You will be responsible for return to their owners of privately-owned German books and archives belonging to individuals resident in the American or British Zones of Occupation, bearing in mind that this and other returns hereinafter or subsequently directed must be in accordance with Control Council and Military Government laws and directives.

4. You will be responsible for return to their owners of publicly-owned German books and archives belonging to state, municipal or other institutional libraries and archives located in the American and British Zones.

5. You will act as bailee for any books and archives belonging to the former Prussian State and former Reich and to former Nazi institutions

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and inculpated former Nazis subject to property sanctions until such time as a new central German government is formed and a plan worked out by such a central government for legal disposition of these properties.

6. You will also act as bailee for books and archives deriving from public and private collections in all Sectors of Berlin and from the Russian and French Zones of Occupation until you receive further instructions with regard to them.

7. After receiving custody of the approximately 150,000 unidentifiable books of clearly German origin you will take the following measures:

- (a) The approximately 10,000 books of tendentious national-socialistic nature will be pulped for paper salvage;
- (b) The remainder may be distributed at your discretion to institutions of your choice, preferably those university, school, municipal or other public institutional libraries which suffered the heaviest war losses.

8. Since for security reasons it will not be practicable to share with you the building occupied by the Offenbach Archival Depot, you will immediately undertake to obtain another building suitable for the safe and proper storage and handling of the above categories of books and archives, make the necessary budget allocations, form a suitable staff and transfer subject books and archives to the new place of storage as appointed by you. This operation will be completed by 31 August.

9. Custody of Jewish property in the Archival Depot and of properties which may be subject to internal or external restitution will be retained by Military Government.

10. As further materials coming into the Depot from repositories are screened, those items falling under the categories outlined in paragraph 2 above will be transferred from time to time to your baileeship.

11. Should any of the property transferred to your baileeship subsequently be discovered to be subject to restitution it will immediately be returned to the Offenbach Archival Depot for proper disposition.

12. No part of the property herein mentioned or referred to may be sold or used as collateral.

13. Upon receiving above property, you will execute custody receipts for Monuments, Fine Arts & Archives Section of Property Division, this

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Headquarters, in the manner and varying degree of detail as MPAA Section may direct. Details of the transfer may be worked out between your delegate and Mr. Joseph A. Horne, Director of the Offenbach Archival Depot.

14. Further instructions concerning the method of transfer and conduct of the baileeship may be transmitted to you from time to time.

JAMES R. NEWMAN
Director

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6 Sept. 1948

WEEKLY REPORT OF ACTIVITIES

30 Aug. to 4 Sept. 1948

VISITORS :

Prof. Dr. Eppelsheimer, Stadt- und Universitätsbibliothek, Frankfurt-Main
Frl. Dr. Binder, Ffm.
Chapl. L. Barish, Heidelberg }
Rabbi S. G. KROMER, OMGUS }
Rabbi SHAPIRO, AJDC.
Mr. J. STARR, Jewish Cultural Reconstruction Committee
Dr. Paul WOLFF, Frankfurt-Main
Mr. L. K. BORN, OMGUS

SUBJECT :

Hebrew books and Silver Objects

Photographs (Torah Room)

CASES WORKED ON :

1. Books from Böddigheim are being cleaned and put on shelves.
2. German books with Jewish content are being sorted and put on shelves.
3. Hebrew books are being translated and catalogued.
4. Torah-Room: Silver objects are being photographed and packed.
5. Checked on weather records.
6. Other works : Cases are being repaired. New cases are being made.

REPORTS :

Files and archives of the former Gausippenamt were picked up in BÜDINGEN/Oberhessen.

Dr. Paul WOLFF photographed silver objects of Torah Room.

CONFERENCES AND OUTSIDE VISITS :

Mr. Horne had conference with Prof. Dr. Eppelshimer and Dr. Binder.
Conference with Chapl. Barish, Rabbi Kromer and Rabbi Shapiro.
Conference with Mr. J. Starr.

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"ANNEX D"
OFFICE OF MILITARY GOVERNMENT FOR HESSE
PROPERTY DIVISION
OFFENBACH ARCHIVAL DEPOT
APO 633

US ARMY

Offenbach, Germany
31 October 1948

SUBJECT : Monthly Report, October 1948
TO : Director,
OFFICE OF MILITARY GOVERNMENT FOR HESSE
ATTN : PROPERTY DIVISION, MFA&A BRANCH

A. Administration.

1. Location: Naphtol-Chemie-Offenbach,
169 Mainstrasse, Offenbach-Main
SK-Offenbach (one building, 5 stories).

2. Personnel.

(a) Director : Mr. JOSEPH A. HORNE, US-Civilian
Secretary : Magda ROHR

(b) Operational Branch : Walter GLEISSNER

SECTIONS :

SORTING :

PEEMOLLER, Wolfgang
HABLRZETTL, Ernestine
MARTENS, Else
HIRSCHFELD, Gudrun
KELLER, Amandus

DEPIREUX, Gerhard
ENGELHARDT, Nikolaus
LIPPELEIN, Antonie
ROCHMANN, Severin
SCHWIMMLR, Arnold

SHIPPING :

WILZBACHER, August
GROH, Karl
LAUX, Willy
SOMMER, Ludwig
SCHOPBACH, Hans

BAUER, Wilhelm
KITZMANN, Theodor
NEPPACH, Max
SCHIEPHAUER, Wilhelm

RESTORATION :

LEINEKUGEL, Peter

PHOTOGRAPHIC ROOM :
WAHL, Rudolf

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CLERICAL STAFF :

BRAND, Wilhelm
GOELLNER, Friedrich
LIHRICH, Franz

TRANSPORTATION :

MEYER, Heinz
KIRCHNER, Paul

MAINTENANCE :

MULLER, Charlotte STOCK, Margaretha
REITZE, Anna UNGERER, Elisabeth

B. Shipments during the month of October 1948 .

1. Inshipments.

14-10-1948	University Marburg	15 items
14-10-1948	Library of Hesse, Marburg	3.150 items

TOTAL : 3.165 items

2. Outshipments during the month of October 1948.

14-10-1948	French Restitution Material	601 items
19-10-1948	Swiss Consulate, Francfort-Main	637 items
25-10-1948	Library of the Land Hesse, Darm- stadt	3.000 items
25-10-1948	Ministerpresident for Hesse	6.686 items

TOTAL : 10.924 items

TOTAL of In-and Outshipments since date of activation
see appendix "...".

3. Materials in Course of Processing	65.466 items
4. Shipment since date of activation March 1946 to 31 October 1948	
Outshipments	2.832.893 items
Inshipments	3.205.041 items

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5. Progress of processing operations.

The following is an inventory of the materials held at the Archival Depot, corrected to 31 October 1948.

JEWISH PROPERTY :

(a) Unidentified, 142,217.

Of this total, 63,844 have gone through all processing operations and are held in storage.

The remainder, with the exception of 5,932 books formerly in the Library of the Stürmer Verlag upon which no further processing is planned, are in various stages of completion. Rabbi Severin ROCHLANN is in charge of the operation.

(b) Unidentified or only partly identifiable, 42,757 items
in various languages

Austria	601 items
Great Britain	2,431 items
Vilna	3,477 items
Kowno	5,880 items
Mapu	7,145 items
Iwria	887 items
Jeschiwo	1,818 items
Palestine	777 items
Czechoslovakia	4,282 items
Pile 30	5,203 items
Latvia	10,144 items
Estonia	112 items

Of these, 10,256 books of Baltic origin are still in course of processing. Since a large percentage of these books consists of material which may be presumed to have originated in libraries of Jewish Scholars, the entire lot, with the exception of a lot of publications of the Latvian Parliament, are being treated as Jewish property.

In the case of the Lithuanian books, which comprise the largest lot, Hebrew and Yiddish language works, plus materials with Jewish content in Russian predominate.

The Latvian materials, except for publications of the Latvian Parliament and a few other items bear, in the majority of cases, Hebrew Library Markings.

The investigation of these books of Baltic origin was made by Mr. Joshua STARR, in co-operation with the Depot's expert on Baltic languages. Mr. STARR called attention to the fact that a large percentage of the books bear call numbers, indicating that this part of the collection at least, did not come from private libraries. He also showed that the cultural life of the

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more important cities of the Baltic area was largely Jewish.
The total of the books is as follows :

Lithuania	17, 389
Latvia	10, 144
Estonia	1, 421
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	28, 954

- (c) Unidentified, Jewish content, German language, 65,162
of which 9,852 are still in course of processing.
- (d) Identified materials, Property of Jewish Institutions and
private libraries in Germany : 102,897.
Processing has been completed on this lot, and they are
now classed as materials in storage.
- (e) The Depot has received 3,150 books, of Jewish ownership,
which were found among the properties of the Prussian State
Library at Marburg. These books are believed to have been
selected by an official of the library from one or more of
the Gestapo Collection Centers in Berlin, but were never
actually incorporated into the Library. When found they were
separately packed in 28 wooden boxes, and were turned over
to the Depot by Dr. Cremer, who is in charge of processing
the Prussian State Library books at Schloss Marburg.

No materials of exceptional value have been found in the
lot. It comprises popular Judaica, pray-books, Bibles, a few
modern scholarly works, and some Hebraica of routine usefulness.
About half of the books are identifiable as to origin.
Processing has not yet been completed on this collection.

- (f) The Torah Room.

A total of 5,016 books and manuscripts have been placed
in the Torah Room for special handling. Of these 4,176 are
Hebrew books, valuable for varying reasons. The great majority
of these valuable Hebrew books and manuscripts were screened
out of the unidentified Hebrew books (See item (a)) and since
the processing of these books is a continuing operation, it
may be assumed that this total will be more than doubled be-
fore work on the 142,000 books is finally completed. Mr.
ROCHMAN has been given another assistant to assist in
cataloguing and preparation of catalog cards in order to
speed up the operation as much as possible.

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The remaining 840 books are Judaica in various languages with Latin and German predominating.

There are 1,085 Torah Scrolls and fragments of Torah Scrolls, and several hundred miscellaneous church and synagogue vestments, altar covers, prayer shawls, etc. besides miscellaneous archival materials.

Total number of items still in the Depot : 372.149

Joseph Horne
JOSEPH A. HORNE
Director OAD

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APPENDIX "A"

I. Operations since date of activation.

1. Outshipments.

a) Various countries.

Netherlands.

9. 3. 1946	81 620 items
11. 4. 1946	118 580
31. 5. 1946	13 coins
6. 7. 1946	114 400
13. 8. 1946	4 840
1. 9. 1946	3 cases Religious Obj.
5. 10. 1946	6 coins
30. 10. 1946	1 678
6. 11. 1946	11 cases Religious Obj.
23. 11. 1946	6 449
23. 11. 1946	(Archives) 440
3. 1947	1
12. 6. 1947	838
15. 7. 1947	2
21. 9. 1948	5 393
	334 241

France.

22. 3. - 5. 4. 1946	258 720
17. 5. 1946	28 600
16. 7. 1946	32 560
19. 11. 1946	8 294
15. 11. 1946	6
23. 11. 1946	1
28. 10. 1946	11
24. 11. 1946	12 585
20. 8. 1948	35 826
14. 10. 1948	601
	377 204

Belgium.

11. 4. 1946	1 980
6. 7. 1946	440
14. 1. 1947	2 620
24. 10. 1947	175
28. 8. 1948	117
	5 332

Great Britain.

4. 6. 1946	3 740
4. 1947	467
27. 2. 1948	16
13. 8. 1948	98
24. 9. 1948	1 122
	5 443
Transfer	722 220

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Transfer 722 220

Soviet Russia.

8. 8.1946
23.12.1947

232 100
40 395 272 495

Poland.

20. 9.1946 25 Seals.
14.11.1946
19. 9.1947
24. 8.1948

24 756
6 790
2 816 34 362

Czechoslovakia.

7.10.1946
27. 8.1948

6 522
3 116 9 638

Greece.

25.11.1946

8 511

Italy.

26.11.1946
26.11.1946
15. 3.1948
11. 6.1948

127 160
97 460
26 568
880 252 068

Yugoslavia.

10.12.1946

3 664

Hungary.

5.1947

423

Austria.

15.12.1947
9. 9.1948

43 480
7 224 50 704

Norway.

4.5.1948

1 074

YIVO.

18.6.1947
20.8.1948

79 204
742 79 951

Switzerland

19.10.1948

637

Total 1 435 747

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b) German Institutions and diverse Outshipments.

Library of Congress Mission.

<u>21.3.-25.7.1946</u>	<u>19 000</u>	
<u>3.9.1946</u>	<u>1 329</u>	<u>20 329</u>

G-2 Division.

<u>11.1946</u>	<u>3 740</u>	
<u>6.10.1947</u>	<u>992</u>	
<u>5.11.1947</u>	<u>50</u>	
<u>10.11.1947</u>	<u>18</u>	
<u>5. 1. 1948</u>	<u>1 083</u>	
<u>8. 1. 1948</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>5 957</u>

EUCOM Historical Division.

<u>3.1947</u>	<u>2</u>	
<u>20. 1.1948</u>	<u>79</u>	
<u>30. 6.1948</u>	<u>213</u>	
<u>14./16.7.1948</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>321</u>

Office of Chief of Counsel
for War Crimes, Nuremberg.

<u>7.11.1947</u>	<u>32</u>	
<u>26.11.1947</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>45</u>

Finance Division OMGUS.

<u>10.12.1947</u>		<u>4 361</u>
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Legal Section, Property Division,
Wiesbaden.

<u>23. 8.1948</u>		<u>98</u>
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Central Collecting Point, Wiesbaden.

<u>12. 5.1948</u>	<u>1 074</u>	
<u>28. 7.1948</u>	<u>4 851</u>	
<u>20. 9.1948</u>	<u>109</u>	<u>Religious</u>
<u>4.10.1948</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>"</u>

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Central Collecting Point, Munich
for Bavarian Institutes.

<u>15. 3.1948</u>		<u>1 690</u>
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6889th Berlin Document Center.

<u>30. 9.1946</u>	<u>1 cases</u>	<u>Documents of Ministry</u>
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of the Interior.

American Joint Distribution Committee.

<u>3.3.-25.7.1946</u>	<u>19 212</u>	
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<u>8. 8.1946</u>	<u>611</u>	
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<u>30.12.1946</u>	<u>1 100</u>	<u>20 923</u>
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<u>Transfer</u>	<u>59 649</u>
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	Transfer	59 649
<u>Board of Education and Culture for the Liberated Jews in Germany.</u>		
12. 2. 1948	7 000	
25. 6. 1948	300	
4. 8. 1948	<u>700</u>	<u>6 000</u>
<u>Prussian State's Library, Berlin.</u>		
23. 4. 1946	700 000	
<u>"Grosse National-Mutterloge z.d. 3 Weltkugeln."</u>		
29. 7. 1947	49 853	
<u>Degussa, Frankfurt/Main</u>		
31. 7. 1947	29	
<u>SPD Land Hesse.</u>		
26. 9. 1947	89	
<u>KPD Land Hesse.</u>		
1. 10. 1947	31	
<u>Library of the University, Frankfurt/Main</u>		
4. 7. 1947	194	
Rothschild-Library	335	
11. 9. 1947	13 069	
4. 2. 1948	4 897	
16. 2. 1948	4 371	
10. 3. 1948	8 190	
2.-29.4.1948	48 237	
22. 7. 1948	<u>17</u>	<u>79 310</u>
<u>Library of the University, Giessen.</u>		
23. 7. 1947	112	
<u>Library of the Land Wurttemberg, Stuttgart.</u>		
5. - 20.4.1948	1 544	
<u>St. George's Seminary, Frankfurt/Main.</u>		
29. 7. 1947	1 189	
3. 9. 1947	<u>610</u>	<u>1 799</u>
<u>British Zone-Materials.</u>		
4. 1947	9 043	
27. 2. 1948	1 176	
3. 9. 1948	<u>577</u>	<u>10 796</u>
	Transfer	969 212

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	Transfer	909 212
<u>Library of the Land Hesse, Darmstadt.</u>		
<u>25.10.1948</u>		3 000
Bipartite Finance Board.		
Library and archive of the Finance		
Ministry of the former Reich.		
9.10.1947	8 892	
10.10.1947	6 207	
3.11.1947	11 387	
2.12.1947	10 003	
16. 1.1948	20 050	
3.-16.2.1948	50 000	
17. 2.1948	15 196	
1. 4.1948	4 227	
29. 6.1948	10 760	
<u>7.-29.7.1948</u>	<u>54 121</u>	190 843
 <u>Trade Unions.</u>		
<u>17.10.1947</u>		795
 <u>Ministerpresident of Land Hesse.</u>		
<u>18.-21.8.1948</u>	286 610	
<u>25.10.1948</u>	6 686	293 296
 <u>Total</u>		<u>1 397 146</u>

 <u>Total Outshipments:</u>		
a)	1 435 747 items	
b)	1 397 146	
	<u>2 832 893</u>	

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I. Operations since date of activation.

2. Inshipments.

March 1946	Hirzenhain/Oberhesse	books c.200 to
	Library of the University,	
	Francfort/Main.	books c. 50 to
	Central Collecting Point,	
	Wiesbaden.	Torah Scrolls
April 1946	Francfort-Fechenheim	books 240 cases
	Castle Banz/Unterfranken	books 300 cases
	Berlin	books c. 250 000 items
	Library of Congress Mission.	4 cases
May 1946	Castle Banz/Unterfranken	books 569 cases
	Berlin	books c. 250 000 items
	Wallau, Mayor	books 89 items
	Library of Land Hesse,	
	Wiesbaden	books 14 cases
	Central Collecting Point,	
	Wiesbaden.	pictures 44 6
June 1946	MFA & A Wiesbaden	Torah Scrolls
	University, Giessen	books 23 cases
	Castle Staffelstein/Bavaria	" 318 cases
	Library of Land Hesse,	
	Wiesbaden	books 6 cases
	Waischenfeld/Bavaria	books 54 cases
July 1946	Berlin	books 4 freight cars
	Munich	books 84 cases
	Kochendorf/Heilbronn	" 578 cases
	Library of Land Hesse,	
	Darmstadt	documents 12 cases
	Americain Joint Distribution Committee (Loaned material)	books 2 594
August 1946	MFA & A Wiesbaden	Jewish Religious Objects.
	Library of Land Hesse,	
	Darmstadt	Torah Scrolls
	Americain Joint Distribution Committee (Loaned material)	books 376 it.
	Library of Congress Mission	books 154 it.
	Stürmer edition, Nuremberg	books
September 1946	Library of Land Hesse, Fulda	books 207 it.
	Library of Congress Mission	books 56 cases
	Castle Pommersfelden/Bavaria	
		books 525 cases

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October 1946	LSK-Office, Francfort/Main	books
	Dresdner Bank, Francfort/Main	books
	Palottinerkloster, Limburg	books
November 1946	German Museum, Nuremberg	books 10 cases 102 boxes
	Sippenamt, Schotten	files 9 cases
	ERA Division, Berlin	books 1006 items
	7771 Document Center, Berlin	24 cases
December 1946	ERA Division, Berlin	books c.4000 items
January 1947	Theater Chaplain Hq.USFET	books 15 items
	Hq.USFET Chief of Engineer	" 2 cases
	G-2 Division	Newspapers 1519 packets
February 1947	Castle Reichenberg, Reichelsheim/Odenwald	books 4163 items
March 1947	Foreign Exchange Depository, Francfort/Main	books 19 items
	EUCOM Historical Division	div. helmet
	University, Heidelberg	books 30 cases
April 1947	L & SO Dillenburg	books 6 cases
June 1947	City-Hospital, Francfort	books 25 items
	Library of the University, Francfort/Main	books 5 items
	G-2 Division	books 17 cases
	University, Marburg	books 2 cases
	Military Government, Francfort/Main	books 16 items
July 1947	Castle Marienberg, Würzburg	Religious Objects
	Mitwitz	books 142 cases
	Library of Congress Mission	" 79 cases
August 1947	Library of the University, Francfort/Main	books 37 items
	MFA & A Francfort/Main	1 Megillah Scroll
	G-2 Division	books 230 cases
	MFA & A OMGUS	23 parcels
	Neustadt/Coburg	1 truck load 2 / 2
September 1947	Castle Marienberg, Würzburg	9 freight cars.
	Bad Orb (for St. George's Seminary, Francfort)	books 6 cases
	MFA & A Munich	books 2 cases
	Kulmbach	books 1 case

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October 1947	5th Weather Group, Wiesbaden G-2 Division Passau Tann/Rhön	books 34 boxes books 27 cases books 238 cases books 4 freight cars
November 1947	Völkermuseum, Francfort University, Heidelberg 5th Weather Group, Wiesbaden	books 7 items books 151 items 27 boxes
December 1947	Central Collecting Point, Munich	books 4 freight cars
January 1948	Linz /Austria University, Francfort University, Heidelberg	files 1 freight car 3 truck load 2 1/2 1 parcel
March 1948	5th Weather Group, Wiesbaden	45 boxes
April 1948	5th Weather Group, Wiesbaden Central Collecting Point, Wiesbaden Property Control, Backnang University, Heidelberg Saltmine, Heilbronn Saltmine, Heilbronn Castle Neuenstein Foreign Exchange Depository EUCOM	books 8 boxes books 4 cases 2 cases books 3 cases books 40 vases books 39 cases files 2 truck load 2 1/2 5 cases
May 1948	Salzburg/Austria	Religious objects 1 freight car.
July 1948	Central Collecting Point, Munich "Betten-Birk", Francfort Bolongaro, Offenbach/Main Völkermuseum, Francfort MFA & A Francfort	books 17 items 1 truck load 2 1/2 2 candlesticks books 13 items books 35 items
August 1948	Castle Bödigheim	books 1068 items
September 1948	Landrat Büdingen/Oberhessse MFA & A Francfort MFA & A Stuttgart Central Collecting Point Munich	files 1521 items books 20 items files 408 items books, files 4354 items
October 1948	Prof. Herrfahrdt University Marburg Library of Hesse, Marburg	books 15 items books 28 cases

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INFORMATION:

HQ EUCOM

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From CSCAD cite Pg. Rosenberg collection books on Eastern Europe now at Offenbach Archival Depot is subj.

State Dept very anxious obtain for exploitation in US books on Eastern Europe from so-called Rosenberg collection now at Offenbach Archival Depot. Three lists totaling 99 pages of books segregated by Dr Boris Nicolaevsky given by Archival Dir Horne to OFFIE USPOLADS Office 26 May 1948.

To enable decision here please advise status these books with respect to restitution including whether specific claims filed and existence known to restitution missions, together with your comments re best method obtaining for US exploitation.

Request no action be taken to dispose of these books pending decision here.

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OMG HESSE

Date: 24 July 1948

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WEEKLY REPORT OF ACTIVITIES

19 to 24 July 1948

VISITORS :

SUBJECT :

Mr. M.H.Jones, Reparations
and Restitution Branch OMGUS

Preparation of Dutch
Restitution Material

Major D.P.M. Graswinckel, Head
of the Netherlands National
Archives

Looking for material of the
Reichsfinanzministerium.

Mr. Bothe, Bipartite Finance Board,
Bad Homburg

Preparation for restitu-
tion material to France

Major Schmidt, Mr. Epstein,
French Mission, Frankfurt

Brought several books

Dr. Weber, MFA-A Branch,
Frankfurt-Main

CASES WORKED ON :

1. French Restitution Material is being prepared.
2. Music books are being sorted according to composers.
3. German unidentifiable materials are being
sorted, grouped and catalogued.
4. German unidentifiable materials with Jewish
contents are being sorted and packed.
5. French materials are being packed in cases.
6. Unidentifiable Hebrew materials are being
sorted, grouped and catalogued.
7. Various religious objects are being set on shelves and
cupboards (Torah Room). Packing lists are being written.
8. Dutch materials are being catalogued.

Reports: Truck of Bipartite Finance Board, Bad Homburg,
picked up books and files (of Reichsfinanzministerium).

CONFERENCES AND OUTSIDE VISITS :

1. Mr. Horne had a conference with Mr. M.H.Jones, Reparations and
Restitution Branch, OMGUS.
2. Conference with Major D.P.M. Graswinckel, Head of the Netherlands
National Archives.
3. Mr. Horne had a conference with Mr. Heinrich in Wiesbaden.
4. Conference in Offenbach with Major Schmidt and Mr. Epstein,
French Mission.

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M.G.Wiesbaden: Mr. Kane
Dr.Bringezu, Bipartite Finance Board, Bad Homburg
Dr.Paul Wolff, Frankfurt-Main
Prof. Dr.Eppelsheimer, Frankfurt-Main
Truck Maintenance, Fechenheim
MFA-A Branch Stuttgart
MFA-A Section Karlsruhe (Mr.L.K.Born)
Driver School, Frankfurt-Main
MFA-A Section: Mr. Howard, Karlsruhe
Dr. Weber, MFA-A Branch, Frankfurt-Main
Major Kaufman, G-2 Division Oberursel

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Offenbach, Germany

25 June 1948

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The following material was turned over to

Chief Rabbi of Hesse

1 case 40 items.

Material received:

Rabbi S. ROCHMAN

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The following material was turned over to

Rabbinical Seminary, Zeilsheim-Frankfurt-N

7 cases 260 items.

Material received:

Rabbi S. ROCHMAN

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Report on the Conference between Dr. General OGUS and Dr. Gor'kin of the Office of the Political Advisor, and Mr. Horne of the Offenbach Archival Depot concerning the work done by Dr. Boris Nikolaevsky at the Depot.

Background

Boris Nikolaevsky was for many years the Director of the Paris Office and Library of the International Institute of Social History, which has its headquarters in Amsterdam. He first came to the Offenbach Archival Depot on 9 May 1947 accompanied by Naval Captain Frankel of the Central Intelligence Agency, Washington. A week or so previous to Nikolaevsky's arrival, Major Wilm of CG BMW had informed me that he was coming, and stated that the mission was highly confidential. He requested that all possible assistance be accorded him in his work. Captain Frankel explained the purpose of the trip to me as follows:

Dr. Nikolaevsky was to examine certain books and brochures, chiefly Russian Language materials, and select therefrom such items as might be of interest to CIA. Since he was doing this work voluntarily and at his own expense, he was to be allowed at the same time to look for the lost Library of the Paris Branch of the Institute of Social History. This was reported to RGDA OGUS at the time, by me. Apparently OGUS had had no prior information of this arrangement.

The Russian language materials were sorted first, and when these had been completed, he demanded access to the French and German unidentifiable materials. This was granted, although it was explained to Nikolaevsky that unless he could produce proof

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that the books he set aside as property of the Institute of Social History were actually the property of the Institute, they could not be turned over to him without a special authorization which I was not empowered to give him.

He sorted the books into two piles, one for CIA consisting of about ten boxes, the other pile, about 30 boxes he claimed was property of the Paris Institute.

On 19 May this Office received a phone call from Mr. Corrigan of the Office of the Political Adviser, requesting information on Mr. Nickolaevsky. A letter has been received from Nickolaevsky in which he expresses disappointment that the books he sorted out here at Offenbach had not arrived in the United States. I went to the office of the Political Adviser to discuss the matter about two hours later.

My Office appeared to be quite exiled. He demanded to know why he had not been informed of the arrival of Nickolaevsky, and why he had not been kept informed of the progress of his work. I explained to him that, first, I had had no foreknowledge of his coming myself and second, if I had had such knowledge, it would have been reported to my superiors and not to him. I suggested that Nickolaevsky must somehow have gotten authorization through the State Department to come, and I expressed astonishment that he had not been informed through his own Agency. I also stated that my superiors had been properly informed of the matter, both by letter and by telephone on several occasions.

I then called to his attention the fact that Nickolaevsky had not distinguished between the two lots of books in his letter, but had only spoken of "The books I have selected". The materials which he had sorted out for CIA were immediately turned over by the Depot to the proper receiving Agency, G2 EYCOM, and the materials were sent to the G2 Depot in Oberursel. At that point EPA's responsibility for the books ceased. The remaining books, alleged to be property of the Institute of Social History, but never having been proven to be such, remained at Offenbach, and are still there.

Mr Office was also told that the books which Nickolaevsky had selected from the Russian language materials as property of the

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Institute of Social History were screened twice by Agents of Army Intelligence, and considerable material of Intelligence value was found.

The remainder of the Russian language books, after screenings by CG, is still at Offenbach, packed in boxes. The French and German language books have been sorted back into the categories out of which Bickelsovsky took them. A complete listing of all the selected books, in all three languages is available, and a copy is being prepared for the Office of the Political Advisor at Mr. Offie's request. It would be possible (but time-consuming) to relocate and resort these books should such an operation prove to be necessary.

Mr Offie stated that an Institute, apparently for the study of Eastern European Affairs is being set up in Washington, and that it is possible the whole lot of selected materials was wanted for the library of that Institute. I replied that this new Institute was no concern of mine, but that the books at Offenbach were. I mentioned that if the Institute wanted these books, proper channels exist through which they can request them, and that eventually I would be informed by my superiors of the disposition of the request.

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C O P Y

Kurt ALEXANDER

26 Langford Court, Abbey Road,
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Hans REICHMANN

60 Belsize Park, London, N.W.3

16th March 1948

Mr. Joseph A. Horne,
Offenbach Archival Depot
Office of Military Government Hesse,
Economics Division
Liaison & Security Office,
APO 633 US Army

Dear Sir,

We have learnt that six cases, containing about six hundred books of the former C.V. Library, Berlin, have been found in Hesse and are now in the care of your department. We should be much obliged if your department would take steps so that no disposition of these books in favour of any party other than the rightful owner, i.e., the former Jewish Central Union, Berlin, is made.

1. The Jewish Central Union (Jüdischer Central-Verein, before 1935 called the Central-Verein deutscher Staatsbürger jüdischen Glaubens, of Berlin W.15, Emserstrasse 42,) was founded in 1893 and was the leading organisation of the German Jews. It owned a library of about 30,000 volumes whose books bear the stamp "Central-Verein, ~~W.M.W.~~ deutscher Staatsbürger jüdischen Glaubens E.V., Berlin S.W. 68, Lindenstrasse 13" or "Central-Verein deutscher Staatsbürger jüdischen Glaubens E.V., Berlin W.15, Emserstrasse 42" or, for a small part, "Jüdischer Central-Verein E.V., Berlin W.15, Emserstrasse 42."

Most of the books were in German and concerned with Jewish matters. On 9th November 1938, the offices of the Jewish Central Union were sealed by the Gestapo and in February or March 1939, the Berlin Gestapo (Gemeines Staatspolizeiamt für den Landespolizeibezirk Berlin) Alexanderplatz, confiscated the library and the archives of the Society.

2. According to the last statutes of the Jewish Central Union, registered in the Berlin Vereinsregister on 10th August 1936 (581 VR 3627 Bl.207), the Union was represented in legal matters by the Chairman. In the event of his being prevented, two of his deputies or one of his deputies together with a Syndikus, (Secretary) were entitled to represent the Union (Section 21, Paragraph 2, Sentence 2.)

The last Chairman, at the time of the confiscation of the library, was Dr. Ernst Salomon Herzfeld, formerly of Essen, now living in Tel-Aviv, Palestine. One of his two deputies was the undersigned, Dr. Kurt Alexander; the second deputy, Mr. Franz E. Fuchs, perished after deportation. The undersigned, Dr. Hans Reichmann, was one of the two Syndici. We, as one of the last Deputies and one of the last Syndici, are, therefore, able to represent the Union and to act on its behalf in legal matters.

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3. We assume that the books in your care may have been transferred by the Nazis to Kitzingen, Hesse, or Frankfurt-am-Main. As soon as we receive confirmation that you actually have the books and would be prepared to return them to us we shall make a formal application and submit any declaration in the form of sworn affidavit which may be required. We shall also procure the agreement of the last Chairman of the Jewish Central Union, Dr. E.S. Herzfeld, to this application.

We shall most probably suggest that the books be put to their former use in connection with the Jewish Central Information Institute, 19 Manchester Square, London, W.1., which is a research organisation for Jewish studies.

Thanking you for your kind attention,

Yours faithfully,

/S/ Kurt Alexander
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OFFICE OF MILITARY GOVERNMENT
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ECONOMICS DIVISION

OFFENBACH ~~HESSE~~
2nd MG BN (Sep)
APO 633

24 February 1948

SUBJECT: Receipt for Books loaned to the Board of Education
and Culture for the Liberated Jews in Germany.

TO : Office of Military Government for Germany (U.S.)
Economics Division, Restitution Branch,
APO 742 US Army. ATTN: MPA&A Section.

1. Enclosed herewith are two signed copies of the receipt
covering the loan of 5,000 books to the above mentioned organization
for distribution to Displaced Persons Camps in the US Zone
of Germany.

2. It will be noted that the receipt form bears two signatures,
that of Mr. Gaber who is the Executive Director of the Board,
and that of Mr. Lee Pefer who will be in charge of actual distribution
of the materials. This double responsibility was insisted
upon by Major Hyman. The terms of the agreement were clearly ex-
plained to both signers.

JOSEPH A. HORNE
Director OAD

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OFFICE OF MILITARY GOVERNMENT FOR GERMANY (U.S.)
Economics Division
Restitution Branch
Monuments Fine Arts and Archives Section
APO 742
Berlin, Germany

Date 12 February 1948

SUBJECT: Receipt for Books

TO : Office of Military Government for Germany (U.S.)
Economics Division, Restitution Branch
APO 742 US Army ATTN: MFA&A Section

Mr. Leo Fefer

The undersigned, Mr. S. Lewis Gaber , duly accredited representative of the Board of Education and Culture for the Liberated Jews in Germany, hereby acknowledges receipt on behalf of said Board, of the books listed in Schedule A attached hereto, according to the following conditions:

The Board of Education and Culture for the Liberated Jews in Germany agrees:

1. That the books herein listed are loaned solely for the use of displaced persons in the American Zone of Germany.
2. To assume the responsibility of receiving, distributing and, upon first request, returning the books to the Office of Military Government for Germany (U.S.), or to such point in the American Zone of Germany as may be directed.
3. To keep and have kept adequate records of all transactions regarding the books, including their location, and any change in location.
4. To distribute only to the Displaced Persons camps in the American Zone of Germany.
5. To release the books to the Displaced Persons camps only on the signature of the responsible and accountable IRO director of each camp.
6. To report to the Office of Military Government for Germany (US) immediately and return to the Offenbach Archival Depot any books which may be found to be identifiable as to ownership, or otherwise subject to restitution, or particularly valuable, or for any other reason to have been inadvertently loaned.
7. To return immediately any or all of the books to the Offenbach Archival Depot or such other point in the American Zone of Germany as may be directed upon order of the Military Governor.

Signed

Name typed

JOSEPH A. HORNE

Director OAD

Signed

Mr. Leo FEFER

Mr. S. Lewis GABER

Office of Military Government
for Germany, (U.S.)

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Representative of the Board
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Board of Education and
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ated Jews of Germany

12 February 1948

Mr. Leo Fefer
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21 January 1948

SUBJECT: Library of the International Institute of Social History. French Claim, file No. OVR 6472

TO : Office of Military Government for Germany (US)
Economics Division, Restitution Branch,
APO 757 US Army. ATTN: MPAAI Section.

1. Reference is made to your letter, with enclosures,
dated 16 January 1948.

2. In order to clarify the situation in so far as this
is possible at the moment, the following information is sub-
mitted.

a) Not a single item now in the Depot can definitely
be identified as the property of the Institute, although it is
believed here that part of the collection is at Offenbach. This
belief is based on several factors, namely the nature of the
materials, and information furnished by the headquarters of the
Institute which is located in Amsterdam.

b) It is felt that it would be unwise to place too
much credence in the statements of Boris Nickolaevsky. His con-
duct while inspecting the subject materials here at Offenbach
was, to say the least, questionable. He was seen for example
removing Ex-Libris from certain Russian language materials
which he was permitted (at the request of G-2) to examine.

c) The headquarters, and a majority of the books and
archives forming the library of the International Institute of
Social History were located not in Paris, but in Amsterdam, in
the care of Dr. Posthumous. Dr. Posthumous, through the Dutch
Restitution Mission, has made a claim for the books and papers
bearing the name of Victor Adler, listed as French property un-
der item 3 of the list attached to the claim. These materials
appear to have been a gift from Adler family to the Institute,
and so far as is known here, were removed from the Amsterdam
collection.

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OAD OMGH, ECONOMICS DIVISION

21 January 1948

SUBJECT: Library of the International Institute of Social History.

TO: OMC for Germany (US), Ec.Div West French, APO 742 US Army.

ATTN: INFRAA Section.

3. The question now arises, how is one to determine which part of the materials is to be restituted to the French Government, and which to the Dutch Government, since none of the materials bear any positive marks of identification.

4. Because of the many questions remaining unanswered in this matter, the following procedure is recommended:

a) That Dr. Posthumous be allowed to examine the materials which seem pertinent, after furnishing lists of missing materials upon which his search may be based.

b) That such materials as are finally identified be turned over to the Headquarters of the Institute, rather than to the Branch in Paris. A special letter will probably be required under present restitution procedures.

5. Should such a course of action be impossible at the moment, the whole matter will have to await a major policy decision which must eventually be made with regard to the unidentifiable materials still stored at Offenbach.

JOSEPH A. HORNE
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PCIRO ADMIN. SUB-UNIT
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December 16, 1947.

Major Abraham Hyman
Office of the Advisor on Jewish Affairs
EUCOM
APO 757, U.S. Army.

Dear Major Hyman:

According to our telephone conversation I am sending you enclosed herewith a list of books at present available in the various camps and communities out of the 20,000 put at our disposal.

As pointed out to you by Mr. Haber, the present list has no relation to the one which we submitted previously, as obviously the books have changed hands since the first list was prepared and new camps have been opened to which books were diverted.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)

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NOTE FOR RECORD:

1. The American Joint Distribution Committee requested in November 1945 the loan of 25,000 books for DP camps in the American Zone. In January 1946 this request was granted and, up to July 1946, approximately 20,000 books were loaned on this authorization. At that time they requested a further loan of 25,000 more books. This was held in abeyance, pending a satisfactory answer to our request for an accounting of books already loaned. To date no accounting has been made.

2. In view, however, of the assurance by the Adviser on Jewish Affairs, Judge Levinthal, that the newly organized Board of Education and Culture for Liberated Jews of Germany is a responsible organization, and will be willing to sign a satisfactory receipt outlining the conditions and procedure under which it will distribute books, it is felt that a limited number of additional books, the number and character to be determined by the Director of the Offenbach Archival Depot, should be lent to the Board of Education and Culture for Liberated Jews of Germany. The actual number to be approximately 5,000, to complete the original approved loan.

3. Recommend that the letter at the RED TAB be approved, signed and dispatched.

Mr Howard
Telephone 43253

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Colonel CSC
Chief, Restitution Branch

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Jhr. Dr. D. P. M. Graswinckel,
Algemeen Rijksarchivaris
Bleyenburg 7
s' Gravenhage

Amsterdam, October 22, 1947

Dear Sir,

Hearing that you are once more going to Germany,
I request you to be so kind to see if you could
find the material of our department in Paris,
7 rue Michelet, and the material which was kept
in the house we had in Amboise (France). Up to
now we have not found anything of these two
categories.

I enclose a list with some indications as to what
our collections in France contained.

Thanking you in anticipation, I remain, dear Sir,

yours faithfully,

C. Polana v. Pheltena-
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Annex

List of the most important material
of the collection belonging to the
International Institute of Social History,
French department (Paris and Amboise)

1. Large library containing over 20.000 volumes, purchased by the Institute from Karl Kautsky, containing the whole of the literature by German and Austrian social-democrats and many works from other countries. Besides a complete file of the Neue Zeit.
2. Cases with important socialist papers, such as: Demokratisches Wochenblatt, Vorwärts, (Austrian) Arbeiter-Zeitung.
3. A large Russian library consisting of works and monographs on Russian history, also a large collection of Russian literature; a good many Russian papers such as Pravda and Izvestiya and many other papers of the years 1917-1918; photos and other illustrative material, photocopies of books and about 3000 portfolios with clippings.
4. Archives of James Guillaume, Victor Adler, Pecqueur, L. Andreev, Tchernov, a.o.
5. Many cases containing archives of the second International, the Socialist Youth-International and the socialist parties of Germany, Austria and Spain.
6. 22 cases sent by the Amsterdam Institute to the Paris branch, marked Amst 1 to 22, containing:
French periodicals of the period 1848-1870 (12 cases)
Archives of the social-democratic party in Prague and the paper Der Sozial-Demokrat 1922-1938 (3 cases)
Archives of Karl and Luise Kautsky (several cases)
47 portfolios, taken from our safe in Amsterdam, containing a.o.:

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- 7 letters of Marx (1 portfolio)
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11 " " Kastler, Victor Hugo a.o. (1 portfolio)
" " " Lessalle (1 envelope)
copie d'une lettre (50 loose pages and scribbling papers) très probablement écrite par Baboeuf
letters to Mrs Roland Holst by Axelrod, Clara Zetkin, Keutsky a.o. (1 portfolio)
Ms Malato (1 ")
Mss of articles by Malatesta, many items of the period 1848-1849 (1 portfolio)

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DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE
A.P.O. 407
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October 30, 1947

To: Monuments, Fine Arts and Archives Section,
OMGUS Berlin
Attn: Major Born

I regret the unavoidable delay in writing you since your visit to this office some time ago. I have made efforts to secure additional information to that which was sent to your office with my letter of 21 August, 1947, but I regret to advise you that I have not been successful. So many individuals who have dealt with the distribution of the 20,000 volumes are no longer in the Zone and are not within reach, that it has become an absolute impossibility to secure additional information.

In talking about this entire matter with Miss Schildkret who was the AJDC representative at the Offenbach Archival Depot, she has informed me that the books were distributed to the camps, and that they have served a most useful purpose. She has also advised me that in her opinion none of the books were of more than practical value for everyday use and that they had at no time secured books which were of a character which would be prized by book collectors or had any extrinsic value.

I need only reiterate what I told you during our conference, and that is, that the conditions under which the responsible people in this Organization distributed the volumes most probably precluded a type of control which would normally be expected from Organizations operating in a normal economy. I do not say this in justification, but rather in explanation and extenuation of the circumstances which resulted in not securing proper receipts for books distributed.

I believe that you will concur with me that the important thing has been that these books looted and robbed by the Nazis from Jewish institutions throughout Europe, were put to practical and useful effect on behalf of the very Jewish people from whom these books were stolen.

I need not repeat that I, as the Director of this Organization regret any difficulties which have resulted because of the lack of adequate controls. I hope, however, that you will understand and that our past pleasant relationships will continue in the future.

Samuel L. Haber
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A/Zone Director,
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Judge Louis E. Levinthal
Adviser on Jewish Affairs
HEADQUARTERS
EUROPEAN COMMAND
Office of the Commander in Chief

APO 757 US ARMY
3 November 1947

SUBJECT: Loan of Books from Offenbach Archival Depot for Distribution Among Jewish Displaced Persons.

TO: Monuments, Fine Arts and Archives Section, OMGUS, APO 742, US ARMY.
ATT: Mr. L.K. Born.

1. It has come to my attention that the reason your section has not acted favorably on the recent request for the additional loan of 25,000 books to the American Joint Distribution Committee, for use by the Jewish displaced persons in this Zone, is that this organization has failed to maintain satisfactory records on the disposition of the 20,000 volumes previously loaned by your section to that agency.

2. I consider it most unfortunate that adequate records of the distribution of the 20,000 volumes were not kept, in strict compliance with your requirements. I am, however, confident that the books in question did reach the people for whom they were intended, and that they are now to be found in the libraries of the Jewish displaced persons' camps. On the other hand, I appreciate the zeal with which your section has sought to discharge its responsibilities, and for that reason will not renew the request that the new loan be extended to the American Joint Distribution Committee.

3. I invite your attention to the recent founding of The Board of Education and Culture for the Liberated Jews of Germany. This Board, in which the Jewish Agency for Palestine, the American Joint Distribution Committee, and the Central Committee for Liberated Jews are represented, is responsible for the guidance and supervision of the educational and cultural life of the Jewish displaced persons in this Zone. I have spoken with the leadership of this Board, and have received their assurance that if granted the loan of the books in question, they would comply faithfully with every requirement of your department, and above all will meticulously maintain complete records of the distribution of the books. I am confident that this Board will live up to any agreement that it may make with your section.

4. I recommend that at the earliest date possible, the balance of 5,000 volumes of the original loan, ear-marked for the American Joint Distribution Committee be released to the Board of Education and Culture above mentioned, under such conditions as you may deem appropriate, and that a maximum number of similar volumes of unidentifiable books be made immediately available through this Board for use by the Jewish displaced persons in this Zone.

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LOUIS E. LEVINTHAL
Adviser on Jewish Affairs
to the Commander in Chief, European Command

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NOTE FOR RECORD:

1. The attached letters from Samuel L. Haber, Director, American Joint Distribution Committee, U.S. Zone of Germany, and from Louis S. Lewenthal, Advisor on Jewish Affairs to the Commander-in-Chief, EIGER, are the most recent communications received on the subject of the original loan of 25,000 books from the Offenbach Archival Depot authorized in January 1946, and the requests for extension of that loan.

2. Both letters admit the insufficient handling of the books already loaned, but both attempt to obfuscate the basic issue (i.e., inability to account for nearly 20,000 books) by offering a plea of extenuating circumstances, which plea is based upon religio-national grounds and not upon cogent argument.

3. The essential facts are these:

a. On 12 July 1946 the representative of AJDC stated that adequate records had been kept, receipts had been received from camp directors, and the books were accounted for by exact location.

b. On 22 February 1947 the AJDC was asked to provide a list showing the exact number of books at each camp, to return to the U.S. Zone books which are at three camps in the French and British Zones, to state that the central office of AJDC had a complete file of receipts and a complete file, by name and number, of all books at each camp.

c. At this time, that is, after the lapse of eight months, only 4300 items out of 25,000 have been accounted for, books have not been returned from other zones, receipts and lists have neither been found nor established.

d. The only conclusion which the WPA Section can draw from the facts and from the letter written by AJDC is that AJDC is not only an untrustworthy, but also a thoroughly unreliable organization which is incapable either of understanding or of fulfilling its obligations.

4. The WPA Section feels that its record of strictest reliability in discharge of its grave responsibilities for safeguarding cultural materials has been impaired by the actions of AJDC. It therefore suggests that an investigation of AJDC by the Inspector General is in order.

5. The WPA Section recognizes, however, the validity of the claim by the Advisor on Jewish Affairs that reading materials are urgently needed in the DP camps, and suggests that the Board of Education and Culture for the Liberated Jews of Germany be entrusted with the remaining 5000 books not already distributed from the first loan, and that this Board be requested to recover control of the 25,000 books already distributed. It is recommended, however, that no books be loaned until the basic problem has been investigated and a satisfactory solution obtained.

FOR THE CHIEF, INSPECTION BRANCH:

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OFFICE OF MILITARY GOVERNMENT FOR GERMANY (U.S.)
APO 742

FILE NO:

SUBJECT: Loan of Books

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| 1 | Commander in Chief | C/MFAA | 21 July 1947 | NOTE FOR RECORD: |
1. The enclosed memorandum to the Commander in Chief, EUCOM from Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein, Adviser on Jewish Affairs dated 17 July 1947, TAB "A", was received just after the letter of RED TAB was prepared on the 15th of July to the American Joint Distribution Committee. This letter has not yet been dispatched.
2. The letter to the AJDC represents the MFA&A position. In spite of repeated requests, the AJDC has furnished an accounting for less than one-quarter of the books lent to them. Contrary to the statement made by their representative on the 12th of July 1946, there is no indication that they have any receipts or any other record as to what happened to these books. This would not be a matter of grave concern were there not suspicion and repeated rumor that books were removed improperly under the cloak of this AJDC loan. This suspicion is in addition to the known improper removal of five boxes of the most valuable books and manuscripts in the depot with the connivance of a member of Rabbi Bernstein's staff and the use of the name and equipment of the AJDC.
3. The statement in Rabbi Bernstein's letter that there are more than 25,000 remaining books which would be appropriated for such a loan is not accurate. Any consideration of the request for further books should not specify the number and the number that might be lent should be entirely at the discretion of the director of the Offenbach Archival Depot. Moreover, it is believed that he should be included in any possible committee which would select such books. The most recent estimate by the director of the depot of the number of books suitable for such a loan is between five and six thousand.
4. MFA&A, Restitution Branch feels that it has a grave responsibility to the possible surviving original owners in the material involved. These original owners include nationals of formerly occupied countries as well as refugees now residents in the United States and other United Nations.
5. It is, therefore, recommended that the letter at the RED TAB be approved, signed and dispatched, and that information copy be sent to the Office of the Adviser on Jewish Affairs.

FOR THE CHIEF, RESTITUTION BRANCH:


RICHARD F. HOWARD
Chief, MFA&A Section

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Tab "A"
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HEADQUARTERS
EUROPEAN COMMAND
Office of the Commander in Chief

*No evidence
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have to pay it
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17 July 1947

MEMORANDUM TO: The Commander in Chief, European Command
SUBJECT: Loan of Books from Offenbach Archival Depot to Jewish Displaced Persons Camps.

1. In January, 1946, upon the request of my predecessor, Judge Rifkind, you authorized a loan to the American Joint Distribution Committee of 25,000 volumes of unidentifiable ownership from the Offenbach Archival Depot. The purpose of this loan was to make available to the Jewish camps textbooks, prayer books and books of general interest that could not then be secured from other sources.

2. I am informed by the American Joint Distribution Committee that of the 25,000 volumes earmarked for this purpose, approximately 20,000 have been released by the Offenbach Depot and have been distributed among the Jewish camps. The balance of 5,000 books, I am further informed, have not been released because the AJDC has been unable to furnish the Restitution Branch, OMGUS, detailed information concerning the distribution of the 20,000 volumes withdrawn from the Depot. The AJDC is seeking to assemble all the information it can concerning the ultimate disposition of these books and is forwarding the results of its investigation to OMGUS. Although the absence of adequate records is to be deplored, nevertheless it was inevitable that many of these books would be lost, carried away, and worn out.

*No record
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3. At the present time there is a grave shortage of reading material in the camps. The above-mentioned 20,000 volumes were distributed in the first half of 1946 to a relatively small Jewish DP population. Since that time the great mass of Jews arrived from Poland; they could bring no reading matter with them. The destruction of practically all sources of Jewish publication in Europe, as well as the destruction of most of the Jewish books in Europe and the universal shortage of paper, have resulted in an acute lack of Jewish reading matter throughout the world. Consequently, despite the efforts of Jewish organizations, most camps have pitifully inadequate libraries. There is no possibility, under present conditions, that these can be made adequate by the coming winter, when we will be facing grave morale problems.

4. Therefore, it is desired not only that the above-mentioned balance of 5,000 books be released for distribution, but that another 25,000 volumes be made available shortly for the same purpose. I am informed by Miss Lucy Schildkret, Education Officer, AJDC, Frankfurt,

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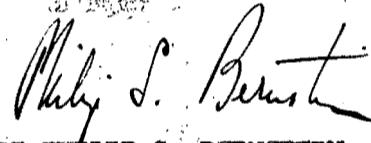
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that among the 30,000 volumes of unidentifiable ownership that have been sorted and catalogued, there are about 25,000 which are similar to the first 25,000 that were selected for the initial loan. These are primarily textbooks, religious books and books of general interest, written in Yiddish and Hebrew. They are of publishers' and book dealers' stocks, and have no special value.

5. In order to insure proper and responsible selection of the books and in order to prevent any possible abuse of such a loan, I propose that a committee of three be designated to screen the books carefully, - Rabbi Solomon Shapiro, Director of Religious Education, AJDC; Chaplain (Major) Ralph Blumenthal of the Office of Chief Chaplain, EUCOM, and ranking Jewish chaplain in EUCOM; and Major Abraham S. Hyman of my office.

6. In order further to safeguard this loan, the AJDC will be requested to maintain the most complete possible records.

7. It is my recommendation that you authorize the further loan, on the above conditions, to the AJDC of 25,000 books of unidentifiable ownership and of no special value for distribution in the Jewish displaced persons centers.



RABBI PHILIP S. BERNSTEIN
Adviser on Jewish Affairs to the
Commander in Chief, European Command

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