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JEWISH LEADERS IN EXILE

I. COMMUNITY LEADERS

Rabbi Dr. Julius Fischer, Rabbi of the Orthodox Community of Déva; Eugene Hóvési, brother of the Chief Rabbi of Budapest (Reform) and former Hungarian commercial attaché to the United States; Berthold Magyar, textile industrialist and former member of the Board of the Jewish Community of Budapest; Dr. Desider Rakonitz, former attorney of the Orthodox National Chancery, all in the United States.

II. INDUSTRIALISTS

Berthold Magyar, Albert Ungár, Henry Fleischman and George Popper-- textile industrialists; Alexander and Siegfried Lindenbaum, oil magnate; Joseph Schöberl, Canadian textile industry.

III. JOURNALISTS AND AUTHORS

Franz Molnár, the famous playwright; Dr. Ladislas Boros, former editor of Esti Kurir, and former secretary-general of the International Association of Journalists as well as the Society of Hungarian Journalists. Baptized Jews: Imre Békessy, editor and author; Ignatius (Hugo Veigelsberg), former editor of Nyugat.

IV. PROMINENT PHYSICIANS

Dr. Henry Lax, Dr. Gideon Eroes, Dr. Béla Koevesi, Dr. Julius Holló, Dr. Stephen Rosenak, Dr. Alexander Baron, Dr. Arthur Links, and Dr. Julius Baron, all in the United States.

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## APPENDIX III

ANTI-SEMITIC PARTIES IN THE OCCUPATION HUNGARYI. IMREDY PARTY OF NATIONAL REBIRTH

Béla Imrédy, head of the party; Stephen Milpöthy and Francis Rajniss, both members of parliament; journalists, and anti-Jewish agitators; Anthony Kunder, former army officer and Minister of Commerce in the Imrédy and Sztojay cabinets; Andrew Jaross, former Minister of the Interior in the collaborationist cabinet; Count Dominik Festetich, Francis Ullaini and Béla Jurcsák, Minister of Agriculture in the Sztojay cabinet.

II. PARTY OF HUNGARIAN LIFE

J. Zerinyay, Béla Tóglatty, B. Torkos, Béla Huszovszky, George Biró, Nicholas Boncza, John Szeder, George Bobory, Andrew Mezsér (former aide to Gömbös' aide and personal friend of Hitler), and Michael Kolozsváry-Borcsa, chief of press in the Gömbös cabinet and former chairman of the Journalists' Chambers.

III. PRO-Nazi PARTIES

Major Ferenc Szálasi's Arrow Cross Party is now an offshoot of the National Socialist Party headed by representative Charles Meizler and Matthew Matolcsy.

National Socialist Party of Count G. Festetich and Zoltán Meskó.

National Socialist Party of Count Fidel Pálffy.

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## APPENDIX IV

## ANTI-SEMITES IN PRE-OCCUPATION HUNGARY

Abonyi, Ferenc, People's Front Deputy, formerly with the Arrow Cross leader Szalasi.

Aimassy, László, former explorer attached to Kállay's staff. Decorated by Hitler.

Antal, István, The "Hungarian Goebbels," Minister of Propaganda under Kállay; Minister of Justice and Education in Sztojay government.

Bajor (ne Beyer), László, Brig. General (responsible for Bácska massacres); sentenced to three years imprisonment in 1943.

Baky, László, National Socialist Deputy, former Nazi terrorist and spy; recently ousted as Under-Secretary of Interior.

Baracs, Endre, Deputy (MSP).

Bárczay, János, Former Secretary of State in the Ministry of Agriculture.

Bárczy, Undersecretary in the Premier's office.

Bartha, János, General Secretary of Turani Vadászok (paramilitary chauvinistic organization).

Basch, Franz, Leader of the German Volksgruppe in Hungary.

Bartha, Károly, General; Referred Bácska massacres as "military acts."

Báthory-Huettnar, Editor of Püggetlenség (Nazi periodical); former friend of Gömbös.

Béde, István, Former head of Press Section; Reported arrested on 20 March 1944.

Bethuys, Paul (Count), Director of German-Hungarian Chamber of Commerce.

Bobrik, Árno, former Minister to Buenos Aires and Vichy.

Bodnár, Stephan, Journalist (Magyarság).

Boczonay-Szabó, Imre, Deputy.

Bonczes, Miklós, Minister of Interior in Lukatos cabinet.

Boócz, Kópeczi, István, Editor of Pesti Újság; was suspended for blackmail.

Borboly, Andor, Editor of Virradat (Nazi paper).

Bornemisza, Góza, Former Minister of Industry in Kállay cabinet.

Botár, István, Deputy (Arrow Cross).

Börcs, János, Deputy (Arrow Cross).

Budinszky, László, Deputy (Arrow Cross).

Csicsery-Kónay, Deputy.

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Csillóry, András, Deputy (Arrow Cross).

Cindric, Egon (von), Former Hungarian Consul at Cologne.

Dalnok, Miklós, Major General.

Darányi, Béla, General Manager Government Cooperative.

Darányi, Gyula, Former Dean of Medical Faculty at Budapest University.

Dembitz, E., Transocean's Budapest correspondent.

Dischka, György, Royal Hungarian Chief Commerce Advisor.

Dúlin, Elek, Assistant Director of Press Section (former terrorist of Szeged).

Eliássy, Sándor, ex-Chief of Budapest police (removed in March 1944).

Endre, László, Agent Nazi, recently ousted as Undersecretary in Ministry

of Interior and responsible for much anti-Jewish activity.

Erdőlyi, József, Writer, National Socialist and anti-semit, also Arrow Cross leader.

Fabinyi, Tilháner, Former Minister of Finance.

Fay, István, Close to Kállay.

Füja, Géza, Writer and Arrow Cross leader.

Festetich, Dominic (Count) Nazi leader and financial backer of Szálasi.

Festetich, György (Count), Arrow Cross leader and close to Szálasi.

Fiala, Ferenc, Nazi newspaperman.

Fussi, Kálmán, Arrow Cross Deputy.

Gergelyffy, ... , Former Secretary of State in Ministry of Interior.

Gesztesi, J., former Press attaché at Vichy.

Ghyczy, Jenő, Formerly Minister of Spain, reported arrested 20 March 1944.

Goldschmidt, George, Editor of Deutsche Zeitung.

Gosztónyi, Sándor, Arrow Cross Deputy.

Grassy, General, Responsible for, and participated in, Bacsha massacres; fled

to Germany to escape court-martial; returned and was promoted after occupation.

Gruber, Lajos, Deputy for bombing of Dohány St. Synagogue.

Gunde, László, Deputy (MEP).

Habsburg, Albrecht von, Nazi and financial backer of Szálasi.

Háala, Robert, Arrow Cross Deputy.

Hajnal, Lajos, Leader of Levente (youth organization).

Halmi, János, Arrow Cross Deputy.

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Haller, Gábor (Count), Formerly associated with Nazis; sentenced to prison for embezzlement.

Hamm, Franz, Hungarian-German Volksbund leader.

Hász, István, Bishop with Hungarian Army, now Minister of War.

Hatz, O., Capt. Former Military Attaché.

Hejés, Iván, Chief terrorist of Szeged, friend of Horthy, and Nazi.

Horczerg, Ferencz, Famous writer of Swabian origin, Nazi sympathizer.

Hertelendy, Andor, Former Hungarian Counsellor at Vichy.

Hlatky, Endre, ex-Lord Lieutenant of Nagyvarad, now government propaganda director.

Hóman, Béla, Ardent Nazi ex-Minister of Education; largely responsible for Hungarian cultural acceptance of Hitlerism.

Homonay, Tivadar, Former Lord Mayor of Budapest, resigned 23 March 1944.

Horváth, Sándor, Arrow-Cross Deputy.

Horthy, Nicholas, Regent of Hungary.

Horthy, Nicholas Jr., Son of Regent.

Horváth, Béla, Deputy, Formerly close to Imrédy.

Hóry, András, Assistant Secretary, Foreign Office, Nazi of old standing.

Hubay, Kálmán, Self-appointed Nazi leader, former newspaper editor and blackmailer.

Huszár, Aladár, President of National Socialist Institute, President of Turáni Vadászok.

Huszovszky, Lajos, Deputy (MEP).

Ilovszky, János, Deputy (MEP).

Imrédy, Béla, Former premier; despite his Jewish background, a violent Nazi.

Imrédy, Kálmán, Hungarian State Railways official, brother of Béla Imrédy.

János, Jenő, Deputy (MEP).

Jakab, Oszkár, Head of Pénzintézet.

Jakabffy, Károly, Secretary of State in Department of Supply.

Jaross, Andor, Vice-chairman of Imrédy's National Regeneration Party, former Hungarian leader in Czechoslovakia; Minister of Interior in Sztojay government.

Jungerth-Arnóthy, Mihaly, Envoy-extraordinary to Bulgaria.

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Jurecsék, Béla, Secretary of State in Department of State under Kállay; Minister of Agriculture in Sztojáy government.

Kállay, Miklós, Premier disposed by Nazis; now Minister of Agriculture.

Kállay, Kristóf, Son of former premier; youth at age of 16 joined Arrow Cross.

Kassai, Arrow Cross Deputy.

Kock, Kálmán, Arrow Cross Deputy and Nazi; left his party to join Government

Party in 1944; now Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs.

Kaintzler, Ede, Deputy (Transylvanian). Ex-Nazi Party member.

Kiss, János, Lt. Fieldmarshal; member of Turánii vadaszok.

Kodolányi, János, novelist, playwright and journalist.

Kölcsöny, István, Deputy (MEP); now Minister of Education.

Kolozsváry-Boross, László, Former president of Press Chamber and blackmailer.

Koltay, József, Arrow Cross Deputy.

Konkoly-Thököly, Sándor, Secretary of State, Ministry of Agriculture.

Kornis, Gyula, Catholic priest and Horthy's supporter.

Koródy, Tibor, Deputy, former Nazi.

Korompa, Brunswick von, Major General; Hitler's adjutant.

Kovács, Károly, President of Hungarian Statistical Bureau.

Kudriaczy, István, Major General; former head of Levante, para-military

youth organization.

Kunczei, Géza, Deputy (MEP); took up post to Sztojáy cabinet.

Kunder, Antal, Minister of Transport in Sztojáy cabinet.

Laky, Dezső, ex-Minister without portfolio in charge of supply.

Lill, János, Arrow Cross Deputy.

Losonczy, István, former Minister of Supply; Nazi sympathizer.

Lunkás, Béla, ex-President of Government Party (MEP).

Magasházy, László, Colonel, Leader of Army terrorists; head of Nemzetvédelmi

Köröszt, para-military organization; has great influence over Horthy.

Makkai, János, Editor of Esti Ujság; Nazi sympathizer.

Málnásik, Odon, Writer, historian, and leader of Arrow Cross party.

Márothy, Károly, Editor of Posti Ujság; Nazi sympathizer.

Márton, Béla, President of Labor Center; former terrorist; despite his

Jewish wife is a violent Nazi.

Matolcsy, Máté, Arrow Cross Deputy.

Matolcsy, Tamás, Arrow Cross Deputy now probably in MEP.

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Matzhold, Louis, Austrian-born journalist and agent Nazi.  
Nacsér, András, Personal friend of Hitler, was given great land concession  
In the Ukraine.  
Neixher, Emil, Deputy (MEP).  
Peskó, Zoltán, Old Hungarian Nazi, founder of first Nazi party in Hungary.  
Norkly, ..., Lt. Col., Head of Hungarian counter-espionage.  
Mester, Miklós, Deputy.  
Nészáros, Arnold, Catholic priest and member of Turani Vadászok.  
Milotay, István, Publisher and editor of Új Magyarság and Hungarian Nazi.  
Mossányi, Kálmán, Arrow Cross Deputy.  
Muhol, Heinrich, Volksgruppe leader of the Germans in Hungary.  
Nagy, Iván, Deputy.  
Nagy, László, Arrow Cross Deputy.  
Náray, Antal, President of MFT (Hungarian Telegraphic Bureau).  
Németh, Andor, Deputy.  
Nyírő, József, Writer and deputy (Transylvanian).  
Nyisztor, Zoltan, Catholic priest, publicist, leader in Actio Catholica.  
Oláh, György, Correspondent of Új Magyarság and Nazi leader.  
Orsós, Ferenc, University Professor (Budapest) and founder of the Budapest  
Nazi faction, one of Katya medical experts.  
Osváth, László, Ministry of Interior official.  
Ottlik, György, Editor of Pestor Lloyd, reactionary and ultra-nationalist.  
Paczolay, György, Calvinist minister, chaplain of Bishop Rovász, Deputy  
(formerly Arrow Cross).  
Palffy, Fidél (Count) Deputy elected to parliament on Nazi ticket, financial  
backer of Nazis.  
Palló, Imre, Deputy and opera singer.  
Pándy, Antal, Deputy (Arrow Cross).  
Papp, József, Arrow Cross Deputy.  
Pataky, Tibor, Undersecretary of Kállay, chief of Hungarian "Gestapo".  
Padányi-Gulyás, Jenő, President of Hungarian Cinema Trade Association.  
Porónyi, Zsigmond, Guardian of the Crown, head of the Upper House, reaction-  
ary and ultra-nationalist. 103465  
Pinter, Bóla, Arrow Cross Deputy.  
Piukovics, József, Deputy, Second

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Rácz, Jenő, General, Vice-Premier in Sztojay cabinet; Nazi candidate for Vice-president in 1942.

Radocey, László, Minister of Justice in Kállay cabinet.

Radványi, Albert, Baron, Reactionary and ultra-nationalist.

Rajniss, Ferenc, Editor and outright Hungarian Nazi.

Rapcsányi, László, Arrow Cross Deputy.

Rátkay, Kálmán, Editor Magyarság and Nazi of long standing.

Rátz, Kálmán, former Arrow Cross leader.

Révész, László, Calvinist Bishop, Member of Upper House.

Rományi-Schneller, Lajos, Minister of Finance under Kállay.

Rávay, István, Count, Former intimate of Count Pál Teleki.

Roszner, István, Baron.

Rupprecht, Olivér, Publisher of Nagyarság and Nazi leader.

Ruszkay, Jenő, Major General, enjoys great reputation in Germany.

Schmidt, W., Agent Nazi.

Schönborn, Sepp, Volksdeutsch Deputy.

Székely, Miklós, Count, Arrow Cross Deputy.

Solymossy, László, Major General, Head of Lovente.

Stitzi, János, Deputy (MEP).

Szabó, Lorinc, poet and journalist.

Szabóky, Alajos, High treasury official.

Szalay, László, Deputy (MEP).

Szálasi, Ferenc, former Major, leader Arrow Cross Party; financially backed by Count Festetics.

Szemes, Ferenc, Arrow Cross leader.

Szász, Lajos, Minister of Industry in puppet cabinet.

Szeder, János, Deputy (MEP).

Szondy, Károly, former Mayor of Budapest.

Szöllösy, Jenő, Editor of Osszehartás, Arrow Cross organ.

Szögyi, Géza, Arrow Cross Deputy.

Szombathelyi, Ferenc, Field Marshal, former Hungarian Chief of Staff.

Szörtszey, József, Editor of Nemzeti Egyetér.

Sztojay, Dániel, Lt. Field Marshal, Minister to Berlin appointed Premier after Nazi occupation.

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Szvatkó, Pál, ex-Editor of Magyaronszág.

Tásnádi-Nagy, János, President of Lower House.

Tatar, Imre, Arrow Cross Deputy; ex-advisor to Hitler's Foreign Minister.

Trauffer, Gábor, Arrow Cross Deputy; ex-advisor to Hitler's Foreign Minister.

Tuglás, András, Secretary of National Labor Center; Hitler's agent.

Thuránszky, László, Secretary of State in the Ministerial Council.

Tomcsányi, Kálmán, Key official in Ministry of Interior; Hitler's agent.

Tomcsányi, Vilmos, Hungarian Commissioner for Sub-Carpathians.

Török, Géza, Retired Justice of the High Court and Long-time Nazi.

Tóth, András, Deputy; ex-advisor to Hitler's Foreign Minister.

Tóth, János, Arrow Cross Deputy.

Ujszászy, István, Colonel, Assistant Chief of Intelligence; reported killed by Nazis.

Ullein-Reviczky, Antal, former Nazi sympathizer and Minister to Stockholm; now reported to be pro-Allied and organizer of the Free Hungarian Movement.

Vajna, Gábor, Nazi and former Szálasi-bodyguard; Hitler's agent.

Váczy, György, Deputy.

Varga, József, Oil coordinator.

Viczán, István, ex-Lord Lieutenant of Pest County.

Vladár, Gyula, President of Hungarian Supreme Court, Minister of Justice in Lakatos Cabinet.

Wörth, Henrik, Lieutenant General, Former Chief of Staff, responsible for troop-movements through Hungary; pro-German.

Uzdóczy-Zadravcza, István, Military Bishop; Hungary's "Father Coughlin."

Zalai, Károly, General, Member of Murányi Vádászok; involved in franc-counterfeiting scandal of 1926.

Zimmer, Lajos, Editor of MTI.

Zsold, Imre, former Arrow Cross Deputy.

Zsido, Sándor, Rightist Deputy.

Zsinđoly, Ferenc, Minister of Commerce in Kállay Cabinet.

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APPENDIX V

LEADING ANTI-SEMITES IN COLLABORATIONIST GOVERNMENT

Zoltán Bosnyák--Head of Institute for Jewish Research

László Endre--Commissioner for Jewish Affairs (resigned)

László Baky--Under Secretary of State in Ministry of Interior (resigned)

Andor Járóss--Minister of Interior

István Kultsár--Commissioner for Unemployed Intellectuals

Béla Imrédy--Minister of Economics without Portfolio

Dániel Csányky--Administrator of art treasures confiscated from Jews

Albert Turvölgyi--Government Commissioner for the Utilization of Jewish Property

László Bódy--Deputy Mayor of Budapest

Ákos Doroghi-Farkas--Mayor of Budapest

Anton Kunder--Minister of Trade

Lieutenant Colonel Stephen Dugy--Deputy Chief of Gendarmerie

Aurel Hall--President of Association of Merchants

Peter Hain--Head of Political Police

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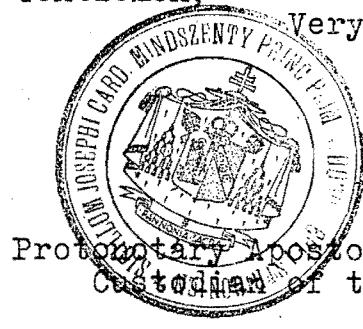
By request of the Very Reverend Chaplain Ralph J. Diefenbach, Captain, O-523762, Catholic priest, Archbishop's Consultor, I, the undersigned Béla Witz, Protonotary Apostolic, Canon, the Cardinal-Archbishop's Budapest Vicar General, Custodian of the Holy Dexter of King Saint Stephen of Hungary, do hereby certify that the said Very Reverend Chaplain of the United States Army has officially handed and delivered to me the aforementioned Sacred Relic of our nation, in the presence of a considerable number of ecclesiastic, military, and civilian dignitaries, officers, and officials --among them, the Right Rev. Monsignor John Drahos, D.D., Protonotary Apostolic, then Vicar Capitular of the Archdiocese of Esztergom; Major General William S. Key, Col. Simonite, Lt-Col. Kovach, Major Czer- niuk, Sgt Schmergel, all these officers of the United States Army; H. E. Mr. Arthur Schoenfeld, now United States Minister to Hungary, Count Géza Teleki, then Hungarian Minister for Affairs of Cult and Public Instruction, etc. etc. --, in Budapest, at the Convent of the English Sisters, on the 20<sup>th</sup> of August, 1945, -- the said Holy Dexter being intact in the original relic-holder, of which latter the seals were unbroken.

While thus the United States Army is cleared of all responsibility in the matter, I cannot forego the opportunity, not to express once more the most deeply felt appreciation and gratitude of all of us toward the same United States Army, on behalf of the whole Hungarian nation, especially of the Hungarian Catholics, some 70 per cent. of the Hungarians, headed by our national ecclesiastic chief, His Eminence, Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty, Archbishop of Esztergom, Prince-Primate of Hungary, who is at the writing of this document in Rome, which temporary absence of His Eminence from Hungary has been the cause of this urgent paper not being signed by himself as well.

I am, Gentlemen,

Very respectfully yours,

*Witz Béla*



/Right Rev. Monsignor/ Béla WITZ,  
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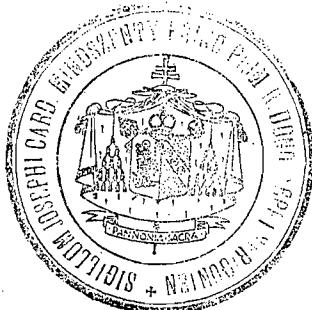
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New York City. Attention: Major Simpson.

Gentlemen:

By request of the Very Reverend Chaplain Ralph J. Diefenbach, Captain, O-523762, Catholic priest, Archbishop's Consultor, I the undersigned Bela Witz, Protonotary Apostolic, Canon, the Cardinal-Archbishop's Budapest Vicar General Custodian of the Holy Dexter of King Saint Stephen of Hungary, do hereby certify that the said Very Reverend Chaplain of the United States Army has officially handed and delivered to me the aforementioned Sacred Relic of our nation, in the presence of a considerable number of ecclesiastic, military and civilian dignitaries, officers, and Officials -- among them, the Right Rev. Monsignor John Drahos, D.D., Protonotary Apostolic, then Vicar Capitular of the Archdiocese of Esztergom; Major General William S. Key, Col. Simonite, Lt-Col. Kovach, Major Czerniuk, Sgt Schmergel, all these officers of the United States Army; H. E. Mr. Arthur Schoenfeld, now United States Minister to Hungary, Count Geza Teleki, then Hungarian Minister for Affairs of Cult and Public Instruction, etc. etc.----, in Budapest, at the Convent of the English Sisters, on the 20th of August, 1945,-- the said Holy Dexter being intact in the original relic -holder, of which latter the seals were unbroken.

While thus the United States Army is cleared of all responsibility in the matter, I cannot forego the opportunity, not to express once more the most deeply felt appreciation and gratitude of all of us toward the same United States Army, on behalf of the whole Hungarian nation, especially of the Hungarian Catholics some 70 per cent. of the Hungarians, headed by our national ecclesiastic chief, His Eminence, Joseph Cardinal Mindszenti, Archbishop of Esztergom, Prince-Primate of Hungary, who is at the writing of this document in Rome, which temporary absence of His Eminence from Hungary has been the cause of this urgent paper not being signed by himself as well.

I am, Gentlemen,

Very respectfully yours,

/s/WITZ, BELA

(Right Rev. Monsignor) Bela WITZ,  
Protonotary Apostolic, the Archbishop's Budapest V.G.,  
Custodian of the Holy Dexter of King Saint Stephen.

A certified true copy

*Aaron Spiegel*

AARON SPIEGEL

Ist Lt, FA.

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By JMWES DARA Date 8.3.99**TELEGRAM SENT**

To: SECSTATE WASHINGTON

Date: AUGUST 14, 1946, 5 pm

No.: 1544

Code: SECRET

Charged to:

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PARAPHRASE

In cooperation special committee Hung Jewish community Hung Govt plans arrangement permitting return to owners identifiable property taken from Germany and now held in Am zone Austria. Committee to determine whether and if so how much of remaining property should be used for benefit Hung Jewish community or made available to international Jewish relief organizations. Sent Dept; repeated to Paris as No. 329, Berlin as 98 and Vienna as 233. Nyaradi told me today he expects to go to Washington and New York in September on behalf Hung Govt to discuss policy involving disposition of above mentioned property with our Govt and Jewish leaders.

840.1 - Jewish Property / 11.9 - Hung Property - US Zone

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THE FOREIGN SERVICE  
OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

September 15, 1952

OFFICIAL BUSINESS--INFORMAL

ADDRESS OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO

Office of Public Affairs,  
 Division of Cultural Affairs,  
 Information Centers Staff,  
 APO 757-A, c/o Pm New York, N.Y.

Dear Ardelia:

Attached are forms in six copies pertaining to the restitution shipment to Hungary of the 136 rugs and carpets which you inspected at the Treuhandverwaltung in Munich.

Since HICOG does not seem to have any official contact with the Hungarian Government, I suggest that the documents be signed in Washington and that you give me necessary instructions as to how the material shall be shipped.

When we made our last restitution shipment to Czechoslovakia, Dr. von Tieschowitz asked a German transport firm to ship the boxes to the Czech border where they were received by Czechoslovakian Government officials. As usual, transportation costs were borne by the Federal Republic as far as the border. If possible we should make some similar arrangements in this instance, although it may not be quite as simple, since Germany and Hungary have no border in common. Consequently, the Hungarian Government will have to take care of the transport through Austria.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Edgar Breitenbach  
 Cultural Institutions Officer  
 Information Centers Staff

Enclosure:

Six copies "Receipts for Cultural Objects".

Miss Ardelia R. Hall, Arts & Monuments Officer,  
 Department of State,  
 ICS, IIA,  
 Washington, D.C.,  
 Room 222, SA-26.

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Hungary

\* File No. 44395-44530

136 woolen rugs &  
carpets etc -

No Property Cards in file -  
attend to this as soon as file comes.

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT  
 TO: Question of ret. to Hung. reasons  
 FROM: Other questions - no answer  
 SUBJECT: Hesitant about going ahead -

We delayed preparing a balanced form  
 Mr. Murphy - setting forth the  
 legal position & cultural arguments  
 burden on the Govt & Austrians  
 question of deterioration

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EE - Mr. McKiasson

March 24, 1954.

A/AM - Ardelia R. Hall

Restitution to Hungary from Germany and Austria

(1) Restitution of rugs and carpets to Hungary from Germany

Re: Munich Collecting Point (CCP) Numbers 44395-44530: 136 rugs and Carpets: Hungarian restitution claim No. 2237-M-

The items were brought to the Munich CCP on August 8, 1947. Prior to being removed from Hungary by German Forces, the property was located in Gyor.

The attached list of the 136 rugs from MCCP Folder #133 "Hungary" shows that all the rugs are modern. Munich CCP Folder #192 contains Hungarian claims. There are no claims from individual Hungarian refugee claimants outside of Hungary for the rugs in the Munich CCP.

These items were included in List I of HICOG despatch No. 2401, March 5, 1954. List I was described as "works of art still stored in the Munich CCP. From the findings of the [German] Foreign Office, there are no objections that these art objects can be released on the authority of this office...."

The Department, however, instructed HICOG in telegram No. 2594 of March 18, 1954 that restitution be delayed until Department clearance is obtained.

It is, therefore, recommended that EE concurrence be given for the Arts and Monuments Adviser to forward Department approval for the restitution of the rugs and carpets to Hungary by the German Treuhandverwaltung.

(2) Restitution of paintings, sketches, maps to Hungary from Austria

In the Alt Aussee Salt Mine there are 1172 small paintings, drawings, sketches and maps also from Gyor.

The objects were examined by Miss Ardelia R. Hall in 1952. The labels of the frame-makers on the frames corroborated the information that these items are from Gyor. There is not a first-rate painting among them and the items are of no importance.

Items No. 1073, 1076-1078, 1080-1082 are early city plans of Gyor dated 1818, 1821, etc.

The Austrian Government has urged the restitution because of the responsibility in caring for these items (as described in a report of)

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September 26, 1952) is very great.

It is therefore recommended that EE concurrence be given for the Arts and Monuments Adviser to forward Department approval for restitution of the paintings by the Austrian Bundesdenkmalamt to Hungary in accordance with established procedures.

A/AM:ARHall:vah

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Übersetzung

HEADQUARTERS  
UNITED STATES FORCES IN AUSTRIA  
USACA SECTION  
Reparations, Deliveries and Restitution Division  
APO 777, U.S. Army.

ET/ew  
28. Oktober 1948.

Dr. Otto Demus  
Präsident des Bundesdenkmalamtes,  
Wien I.  
In der Burg, Amalientrakt.

Betreff: Gemälde von angeblich ungarischem Ursprung.

Wertrer Herr Dr. Demus, !

Gemäss des Briefes von General Keyes an Bundeskanzler Figl vom 13. April 1948, worin die Verantwortung der Restitution der Ex-Feindstaaten an die österreichische Regierung übertragen wurde, wird die angeschlossene Liste der Gemälde von angeblich ungarischem Ursprung in die Kompetenz Ihrer bevollmächtigten Vertreter in Salzburg übertragen.

Die angeschlossene Liste enthält 1.176 Gemälde, jedoch wurden die Punkte

355, 415, 487, 977 bis einschliesslich 981  
zwei ungarischen Flüchtlingen, die gegenwärtig in der Schweiz leben,  
freigegeben. Es bleibt also eine Gesamtsumme von 1.164 Gemälde.

Es darf gebeten werden, dass Sie Frau Kirchner bitten,  
mit der Property Control and Restitution Branch of ZCA, wohnhaft im  
oben erwähnten Regierungsgebäude, in Verbindung zu treten.

Ihr ergebener

James A. Garrison,  
Chief, RA & R. Division

1 Beilage:

Liste der Gemälde,

Telefon: Wien B 47-3-93

Abschrift gleichlautend an:

PC & R Branch ZCA

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## AMERICAN LEGATION

Budapest, Hungary, November 12, 1947

Central Board of Jews in Hungary,  
Sip utca 12.  
Budapest, VII.

Sirs:

I have received instructions from the Department of State in Washington to inform you that your letter of July 28, 1947 concerning the contents of the so-called "Gold Train" has been received and given careful and sympathetic consideration. There does not, however, appear at this time to be anything to add to the information contained in my letter of May 19, 1947 on the same subject.

Very truly yours,

Robert J. Folsom  
Second Secretary of Legation

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**TELEGRAM SENT**

To: SECSTATE WASHINGTON

Date: October 23, 9 a.m. 1947

No.: 1718

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Charged to:

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**PARAPHRASE**

Reference: Dept's Instruction No. 31 of September 24.

Legation, after further reflection, ventures suggestion that our proposal to turn over identifiable Jewish property at Salzburg to IGCR might be inconsistent with our previous liberal policy for restitution of identifiable Hungarian displaced property and with the spirit of Articles 27 and 30 of the Treaty.

Pending the receipt of further instructions Legation shall defer communication with Central Board of Jews on the subject.

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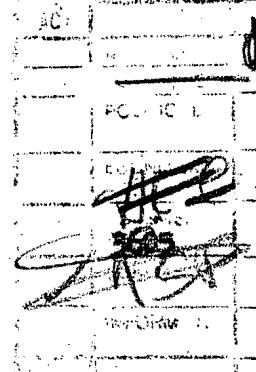
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DAIS  
DSS

April 29, 1947



ATTACHMENT.

BUDapest, Hungary.

Reference is made to your dispatch No. 4768 of March 15, 1947, transmitting a petition from the Central Board of Jews in Hungary relating to the so-called Hungarian gold train.

Portion of the property in question (not most valuable portion) to be held by the U.S. Forces in Salzburg. With approval this government Commanding General, U.S. Forces, Austria, determined that property should be turned over to Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees for relief and rehabilitation non-reparative victims German action. This means in practice that ninety percent of proceeds will be disposed of by American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and the Jewish Agency for Palestine jointly. This decision based on fact that instructional return individual items to owners or heirs and so believed to be in best interest of class who were dispossessed.

Everybody was informed this decision on visit here and was told no disposition to reconsider. If representatives Central Board inquire, you should inform them accordingly. You may suggest that so far as their interests are involved they may wish to consult with the above two Jewish organizations.

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① Not necessary until  
additional inquiry  
made*

*② See letter May 14/47  
RBC RBC*

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## AMERICAN LEGATION

Budapest, Hungary, May 19, 1947.

Central Board of Jews in Hungary,  
Sip utca 12,  
Budapest, VII.

Sirs:

In response to your letter of May 19, 1947, I am enclosing herewith a copy of my letter of March 20, 1947, concerning receipt by the Department of State of your cable of February 21, 1947, concerning the "gold train".

You may be interested to know that a portion of the property, understood to be the less valuable part, is held by the United States Forces in Salzburg. With the approval of the United States Government, the Commanding General, U.S. Forces, Austria, determined that the property should be turned over to the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees for relief and rehabilitation of non repatriable victims of German action. This means in practice that ninety per cent of the proceeds will be disposed of by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and the Jewish Agency for Palestine. This decision was based on the fact that it was impracticable to return individual items to the original owners or heirs and is believed to have been made in the best interests of the class which was despoiled.

To the extent that your interests are involved, you may wish to consult with the two Jewish organizations named above.

Very truly yours,

For the Minister:

Enclosure:

Copy of Legation's  
letter dated March 20,  
1947.

Robert S. Folsom  
Second Secretary of Legation

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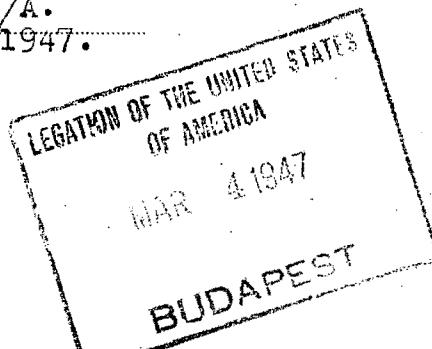
A Magyarországi Izraeliták  
Országos Irodája

Budapest, VII., Sip-utca 12.  
Telephone: 423-930.

משרד הארצי ליהודי הונגרי

Central Board  
of Jews in Hungary

Szám: Dr. M. A.  
3043/1947.



Mr. Arthur Schönfeld,  
Minister of the United States in Hungary,  
Budapest.

Budapest, 1<sup>st</sup> March 1947

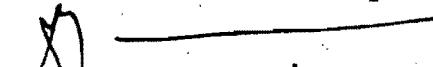
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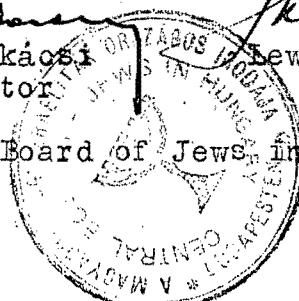
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Dear Sir,

We send enclosed a copy of the note we presented yesterday to the Foreign Minister of Hungary concerning the "Train of Gold". We ask for your effective support, that the valuables forming their property should be placed at the disposal of the Hungarian Jews.

Yours respectfully

  
Dr. Ernest Munkácsy, Manager-Director  
  
Lewis Stoekler, President  
of the Central Board of Jews in Hungary.



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Info:

Mr. Haraldson

**FOR RUMIN.**

In continuation past efforts Embassy and in concert with Embassy representatives, Department desires you discuss non-monetary gold provisions article 8, Paris RCP Agreement, with appropriate Foreign Office officials. Embassy files undoubtedly contain all relevant background telegrams and airmails. Special attention invited following: SECDEKL 1262, January 28, 1947 (362 Paris); SECDEKL 1363 March 21, 1947 (1059 Paris); DEKLSIG 1448 from Moscow, April 19, 1947 (160 Paris); DEPTKL 1695 May 8, and KMFTKL 2359 June 19, 1947; also USPOLAD Berlin telegram 2091, August 29, 1947 (Paris 381).

Department especially interested having Hungarian gold train properties delivered IRO and otherwise in obtaining most liberal French interpretation and application which may be feasible. Department would not be inclined to agree refer "broader" definition to new five power conference as is reported to have been suggested

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French Foreign Office. Department also fails to see usefulness further discussions IARA (USPOLAD telegram 2091) (Paris 381), August 29, 1947, through French Government or course free to raise matter there.

Suggest you make most of point that French delegate Moscow CPM gave what were regarded as commitments to US representatives. Important that non-monetary gold deliveries not be further delayed and even if not successful securing substantial French agreement with US views, you should press for full information re French plans for implementation. Suggest you discuss with Patten recent informal disclosure some French reasons delay and reluctance this matter.

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FRANCAIS EN ALLEMAGNE

Berlin-Frohnau le 22 Aout 1947.

GROUPE FRANCAIS  
DU  
CONSEIL DE CONTROLE

Delegation Economique et Financiere

DIVISION DES FINANCES

PRC/CR

7346 / FIN

Le Chef de la Division Finances du GECC  
a Monsieur le Chef de la Division Finances  
Americaine - OMGUS APO 742DEFINITION DE L'OR NON MONETAIRE

En reponse a votre lettre du 15 Aout 1947 par laquelle vous avez bien voulu me communiquer la definition adoptee par vous au sujet de l'or non monetaire, je vous informe que le Gouvernement français est favorable en principe a un elargissement de la definition fournie par l'article 8 de l'Acte Final de Paris afin de permettre d'y inclure des objets de valeur autres que les articles en or.

Mais il estime qu'avant de prendre une decision definitive, il est indispensable de consulter les autres pays signataires de l'Acte Final. En consequence j'ai transmis le texte de votre definition a Paris par telegramme avec priere d'en saisir le president de l'Agence Interalliee des Reparations a Bruxelles.

Le Chef de la Division Finances



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By D NARA Date 6/1/99RG 260  
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FEDOFFICE OF MILITARY GOVERNMENT FOR GERMANY (U.S.)  
Office of the Director of Political Affairs  
APO 742

Berlin, August 25, 1947

CONFIDENTIALMEMORANDUMTo : Mr. Albert F. Bender, Jr.  
Finance Division

From : Office of Political Affairs

Reference is made to two recent memoranda from your office concerning your discussions with the British on the definition of non-monetary gold. We are quoting below, substance of a telegram recently received from the State Department on this subject.

"Department gratified British element Berlin favors U.S. definition non-monetary gold.

"Please advise further developments.

"Some time ago Department queried London re "operation sparkler". Foreign Office advised Embassy that no repeat no loot whatever uncovered this operation. In view press reports at time re substantial amounts uncovered, request you obtain clarification. If property uncovered was not repeat not loot, information requested as to what its classification is."

If it is possible for your office to get any information from the British concerning the assets taken during "operation sparkler", we should be pleased to be so informed.

*Wesley C. Haraldson*  
Wesley C. Haraldson,  
Acting Chief, Economics Branch

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Headquarters  
United States Forces in Austria  
USACA Section  
Reparation, Deliveries and Restitution Section  
Reparation and Restitution Branch  
APO 777 U.S.Army

Spital am Pyhrn, August 26, 1946.

SUBJECT: Modification of instruction, dated Spital am Pyhrn, July 19, 1946 concerning the delivery to the Hungarian Government for the National Bank of Hungary of the Bank's office equipment, motor cars, trucks etc.

TO: The Administrator under M.G.Property Control of the National Bank of Hungary located at Spital am Pyhrn.

1. Clause 3 of the abovementioned instruction /:as per copy enclosed sub I:/ is herewith modified to the effect that you are herewith instructed to deliver together with the objects as defined in Clause 1 of the said instruction all Hungarian Pengoe banknotes held by the Bank at Spital am Pyhrn as well as, with the exception of those containing securities, gold or foreign currency, the deposits deposited by the Public Prosecutor at Budapest, and containing objects and values seized in connexion with criminal investigations. You are also instructed to deliver to the Hungarian Government the three cases No.588, 589 and 590 received by you from the Headquarters, Documents Centre G.2.USFA on August 20, 1946 the contents of which are enumerated in the list enclosed sub II and being the Property of the Hungarian Ministry of Agriculture.
2. Clause 3 of the said instruction as per copy enclosed sub I is further modified to the effect that you are here-with instructed not to deliver until further instruction any jewels or other ~~gold~~ values held by the Bank that might be deemed to have been property of Hungarian and/or other nationals of Jewish descent. ~~over~~
3. All other stipulations of said instruction remain in full force and your discharge of all responsibilities as Administrator under Property Control in respect of all objects delivered to you under said instruction is here-with extended to all objects to be delivered by you under Clause 1 of the present instruction.

FOR THE DIVISION CHIEF:



Capt. William R. Loeffler  
U.S. Army C.E.

Headquarters  
United States Forces in Austria  
USACA Section

Reparation, Deliveries and Restitution Div.,  
Reparation and Restitution Branch  
APO 777 U.S.Army

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**CROSS-REFERENCE SHEET****DOCUMENT FILE****NOTE**SEE 840.1 - Jewish Property FOR Tel. #43 1948FROM USPolad, Berlin (\_\_\_\_\_) DATED July 7, 1946  
TO NAME a-e 1-1368**REGARDING:**

Suggestion re no immediate disposition of gold train or for rehabilitation Stateless persons pending consideration of plan discussed in Berlin by Minister Nyaradi. About 200,000 Jews remain in Hungary; formation of Jewish Rehabilitation Agency there.

Rg. 84, box 103, file 840.1

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Yours 3209 and 318

To File. R228

1. Conclude that restitution by Roman Catholic religious to  
Austrian Government January 5, 1946 was fully authorized under  
US directive WASH 99226, March 14, 1946. Documents relating to  
Austrian ownership and Nazi removal from Vienna to Hungary under  
Hitler's orders August 29, 1953 are in Department files. In  
view US German Bundestag claim in 1952 unfounded. Summary report  
will follow.

2. Release of art objects now in Austrian Government  
still under USCOA control to Austrian Government is approved, sub-  
ject to restitution to owner-nations of following items, which have  
been identified as to former ownership in countries named:-

(A) Among objects described enclosure EMEDES-1509, June 1, 1954.  
76 items - Salzburg C16, 37, 18, 13, 24, 25, 14, 24, 10 (895-LPC72)  
to Austria; 1 item - Salzburg C26 to France; 2 items BPC, 24 to  
Germany; 1 item Lm 2597 to Netherlands; 1 item Lm 2312 to  
Italy; 8 items Lm 3, 457, 813, 389, 2574, 2587, 2575, 3036 to  
Germany; approximately 1178 items to Hungary, (B) among the 957 un-  
identified works of art transferred Munich CCP to USCOA  
(EMEDS-1466).

Drafted by

A/AMARHALL:RGE-7/14/55

Enclosed herewith are:  
1. Letter to Mr. Daniel R. Mangolies  
2. Letter to Mrs. McElroy

Mr. John P. Hall

Dictated by

W.H. McElroy - in draft. GER - Mr. Daniel R. Mangolies

GER - Mr. McElroy

Mr. John P. Hall

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No. 422

American Legation,

Vienna, Austria, September 24, 1948

REF ID: A65124

SUBJECT: Romanian Gold Train

THE HONORABLE

THE SECRETARY OF STATE,  
WASHINGTON.

SIR:

I have the honor to report that the Division of Reparations, Delivery, and Restitution of USACA would appreciate information from the Department with regard to the releases which may have been given out in Hungary or elsewhere with regard to the disposition of non-monetary gold from the so-called Hungarian gold train.

The AD & R Division have indicated that information bearing on the United States publicity on this matter would be useful to them and also might be of value to others in connection with public relations in Austria if the question is raised at a later date. In this connection they refer to Despatch No. 516 of June 11, 1948 from Budapest, Hungary with translations of articles attacking United States disposition of these valuables resulting in public sale of some of them.

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Respectfully yours,

John C. Erhardt

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To Department in Original and Hectograph.

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HEADQUARTERS ZONE COMMAND AUSTRIA  
PROPERTY CONTROL AND RESTITUTION SECTION  
APO 541, US ARMY

*Handwritten signatures*  
*J. F. Kennedy*  
*Kata von Csillaghy*  
*Place: Salzburg, Residenzpl. 1*

Place: Salzburg, Residenzpl. 1

Date : 2 February 1948

The following paintings which were identified from list furnished by Mr. Nikoleus von Csillaghy in 1945 were released to Mrs. KATA von CSILLAGHY on behalf of Mr. Nikoleus von Csillaghy and Mrs. Joli Gergely:

- Inv. # & 977 2 pictures showing a saint, oil on wood, 55x15 each,  
978 (property of Mr. Csillaghy)
- 355 1 picture "The Holy Family", oil on canvas, 65x50 cm,  
master unknown (property of Mr. Csillaghy)
- 487 1 painting "Head of Salome", oil on wood, 20x25 cm,  
(property of Mrs. Gergely)
- 981 1 painting, Uitenheimer School "Church Builders",  
oil on canvas, 168 x 127 cm (property of Mrs. Gergely)
- 979 1 painting "Madonna with Child", oil on canvas, 114 x  
87 cm, (property of Mrs. Gergely)
- 980 1 painting "A French Dandy of the 17th century", oil  
on canvas, 127 x 100 cm, (property of Mrs. Gergely)
- 415 1 Greek Ikon "The Holy Child" (property of Mrs. Gergely).

Vernon R. Kennedy  
(Witness)  
VERNON R. KENNEDY  
Chief  
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The above paintings figure under the Nos. 355, 415, 487,  
977, 978, 979, 980 and 981 on the inventory list of undetermined  
paintings, stored at Residenz Depot, Salzburg.

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## OFFICE OF MILITARY GOVERNMENT FOR GERMANY (U.S.)

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## INCOMING MESSAGE

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FROM : AGWAR FROM WDSCA  
TO : USFET, USFA  
INFO : OMGUS, ACC HUNGARY  
REF NO : WX-93185

Reured June P-9355. Representatives of Jewish Agency report that trainload Jewish property looted by SS in Hungary consisted 24 RR cars comprising following items, as indicated by Hungarian Station Master:

50 crates gold bullion, 30 crates gold coin, 30 cases jewelry, 40 boxes gold watches, 1560 boxes silverware, 100 art paintings, 5,000 valuable carpets.

USFA reports in P-9355 following as inventory of trainload of personal property from Hungary now in Salzburg MG warehouse. Jewish representatives believe this represents 16 of 24 original cars, eight having been stopped in French Zone Austria:

100 cases jewelry and watches, 140 cases linens and cloth of various types, 440 cases china and porcelain assorted, 300 cases silverware assorted, 152 cases furs, various kinds, 800 cases miscellaneous items and bales of rugs.

Is there possibility that some portion of property this train was transferred to Frankfurt prior to inventory reported by USFA? In particular, have gold crates been so transferred? Question important since acting Secretary State has committed US to restitution of only Hungarian National Bank gold (subject to reservation legitimate claims against this gold for looting), and private

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gold may now be with National Bank gold. Please advise urgently also informing SecDel, Paris via USPOLAD. USPA please investigate Salzburg and advise similarly.

P-9355 is not identified in AGCC.

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OFFICE  
CHIEF MILITARY GOVERNMENT OFFICER  
ZONE COMMAND, AUSTRIA  
APO 541, US ARMY

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SUBJ:

3 July 1946

MEMORANDUM: HUNGARIAN CROWN ~~INVENTORY~~  
TREASURE

TO Colonel HYDE.

1. The following report is made of preliminary investigations concerning objects of the Hungarian Crown at present in Land Salzburg. This report is not to be considered as final.

2. Hungarian Crown property left Budapest in advance of the Russian entry and was subsequently divided into several transports which ultimately arrived at various depots throughout Germany and Austria. This office is thus far cognizant of only one such place, Mattsee, Austria.

3. On June 1945 Military Government Offices recovered at Mattsee the following items:

- (a.) Hand of St. Stefan
- (b.) Coronation robe of Stephan
- (c.) Gloves of Charles IV
- (d.) Protocols of Crown Treasure custody
- (e.) Table silver of Franz Josef I.

Items are only a small portion of subject property removed from Budapest.

Interrogation of Charles Brause, a Hungarian connected with the transfer of this material revealed that in addition to above items the following were left in custody of the village priest:

- (f.) Faience statuette of Husser
- (g.) " " woman
- (h.) " " bonbonier
- (i.) silver platter

4. Following depositions was made:

Items (a) (b) (c) and (d) were transferred to vaults of prince-archbishop of Salzburg, item (a) subsequently restituted to Hungaria.

Item (e) was transferred to Property Control Warehouse, Salzburg.

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Items (f), (g), (h) and (i) were not announced at removal of other objects from Mattsee, although in September 1945 two men removed them from custody of village priest without giving receipt. These men have not, to date, been identified.

5. Further investigation is necessary on following points:

(1) The gloves of Charles IV are missing, and it is currently believed they were removed from their case during the time the cases were removed from Mattsee to the time of their arrival in the vaults of the Prince-archbishop.

(2) Goblets from (e) are missing, although it is believed they were removed by the Hungarians in charge of the treasure.

(3) Deposited with the other cases in custody of Prince-archbishop were two iron chests which when opened were empty. There is, as yet, no trace of their original contents.

(4) Present location of items (f), (g), (h) and (i).

6. It is therefore recommended that no action be taken toward announcement of above outlined situation until this office can clear the points of paragraph 5 above.

7. The following offices have thus far taken action:

Property Control OCMGQ

MFA

MFA-USFET investigator (Lt. Walter Horn)

Property Control OCMGQ is continuing investigation with possible future aid from CIC, if deemed necessary after scheduled interrogations of persons connected with the matter.

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ZONE COMMAND, AUSTRIA  
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27 June 1946

MEMORANDUM TO: Colonel F. W. Hyde

SUBJECT: Crown Jewels of Hungary

1. A representative from the Property Control Section visited the Archbishop's Palace this morning at 0930 hours for the purpose of inventorying certain crown jewels of Hungary, which were supposedly in three cases in the Archbishop's vault.
2. The three cases consisted of two heavy steel boxes and one wooden crate.
3. No keys were available. We had a locksmith with us, but he was unable to open the lock. The steel cases were forced open and were found to be empty. The wooden case was opened and contained the cloak of Saint Stephan, the official coronation cloak of the Hungarian Monarchy.
4. The statement of the Archbishop was that these three cases were turned over to him for safekeeping by Lt. Col. Jensen last fall.
5. We suggest that we interview the Archbishop and get the full details of the turn-over to him of the cases, and what he understood was in the cases at the time that he accepted them.
6. We suggest that we have an official army photographer take color pictures of the cloak of Saint Stephan.

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Claim No. 1165  
Country: Hungary

THE ARCHBISHOP'S BUDAPEST VICAR GENERAL

NR. 662/1946.

BUDAPESTI ERSEKI  
ALTALANOS HELYTARTOI HIVATAL

Budapest, I. Lant-utca 2.  
Telefon: 160-110

BUDAPEST, Hungary, February 20, 1946.

Reparations Delivery and Restitution Division,  
U. S. Allied Commission for Austria,  
HQ. USFA, APC 777, c/o Postmaster,  
New York City. Attention: Major Simpson.

Gentlemen:

By request of the Very Reverend Chaplain Ralph J. Diefenbach, Captain, O-523762, Catholic priest, Archbishop's Consultor, I the undersigned Bela Witz, Protonotary Apostolic, Canon, the Cardinal-Archbishop's Budapest Vicar General Custodian of the Holy Dexter of King Saint Stephen of Hungary, do hereby certify that the said Very Reverend Chaplain of the United States Army has officially handed and delivered to me the aforementioned Sacred Relic of our nation, in the presence of a considerable number of ecclesiastic, military and civilian dignitaries, officers, and officials -- among them, the Right Rev. Monsignor John Drakos, D.D., Protonotary Apostolic, then Vicar Capitular of the Archdiocese of Esztergom; Major General William S. Key, Col. Simmonite, Lt-Col. Kovach, Major Czerniuk, Sgt Schmergel, all these officers of the United States Army; H. E. Mr. Arthur Schoenfeld, now United States Minister to Hungary, Count Géza Teleki, then Hungarian Minister for Affairs of Cult and Public Instruction, etc. etc. ----, in Budapest, at the Convent of the English Sisters, on the 20th of August, 1945, -- the said Holy Dexter being intact in the original relic -holder, of which latter the seals were unbroken.

While thus the United States Army is cleared of all responsibility in the matter, I cannot forego the opportunity, not to express once more the most deeply felt appreciation and gratitude of all of us toward the same United States Army, on behalf of the whole Hungarian nation, especially of the Hungarian Catholics some 70 per cent. of the Hungarians, headed by our national ecclesiastic chief, His Eminence, Joseph Cardinal Mindszenti, Archbishop of Esztergom, Prince-Primate of Hungary, who is at the writing of this document in Rome, which temporary absence of His Eminence from Hungary has been the cause of this urgent paper not being signed by himself as well.

I am, Gentlemen,

Very respectfully yours,

/s/ WITZ, BELA

(Right Rev. Monsignor) Bela WITZ,  
Protonotary Apostolic, the Archbishop's Budapest V.G.,  
Custodian of the Holy Dexter of King Saint Stephen.

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*Aaron Spiegel*

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HEADQUARTERS  
42nd INFANTRY DIVISION  
RAINBOW UNIVERSITY

11 January 1946

The Very Rev. Stephen Kemenes,  
c/o Allied Control Commission for Hungary,  
APO 512, U. S. Army.

Dear Father Kemenes:

The U. S. authorities need an official statement for their files showing that the Holy Hand of St. Stephen was returned by me to the proper authorities in Budapest and that the U. S. Army is cleared of any responsibility in the matter of the Holy Relic.

Would you please speak to the Archbishop and have prepared a document in Hungarian and in English (exact translations) stating the facts of the return of the Relic by me (Chaplain Ralph J. Diefenbach, Captain, O-523762, catholic priest) and clearing the U. S. Army of all responsibility. Please have it signed and sealed by the proper ecclesiastical authorities in the Diocese.

When the documents are prepared please send them to the following address as soon as possible:

Reparations Delivery and Restitution Division,  
U. S. Allied Commission for Austria,  
Hq. USFA, APO 777, c/o Postmaster,  
New York City. Attention: Major Simpson.

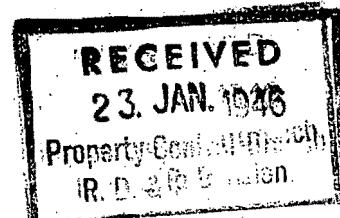
I hope that all is well with you and yours and that things are returning to normal in Budapest. I should be on my way back to America in a few days and I shall send you the magazines that you desire as soon as possible.

Thanking you for this and past favors, I am,  
Yours sincerely in Christ,

Ralph J. Diefenbach,  
Chaplain (Capt.) U. S. Army.

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## OFFICE OF MILITARY GOVERNMENT FOR HESSE

Property Division

APO 633

US Army

Wiesbaden, Germany  
20 October 1948

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SUBJECT: Monthly Consolidated Field Report for September 1948.

To: Office of Military Government for Germany (US)  
 Property Division, Restitution Branch  
 APO 633, US Army  
 Attn: Mr. Richard F. Howard, MFAA Section

PART IINFORMATIONRepositories

	<u>September</u>	<u>Total</u>
a. Reported (within Hesse) (outside H)*	1 0	101 137
b. False reports and duplications	0	35
c. Total inspected (in Hesse)w (outside Hesse)w	64 0	351 78
d. Total evacuated (in Hesse) (outside Hesse)	33 0	336 90
e. Total in German custody (in Hesse)	57	88
f. Total partially evacuated (in Hesse)x (outside H)	4 0	27 16
g. Total requiring further action (in Hesse)y (outside H)z		2 2

\* refers only to material originating from Hesse

w initial inspection only (routine subsequent inspections are not statistically reported)

x first partial evacuation only (subsequent partial evacuations of previously reported long-term projects are not statistically reported for the current period as, i.e., Bad Wildungen).

y One newly reported repository carried on active list pending inspection; one old repository containing almost exclusively loot retained pending clearance.

z Our records show 46 repositories outside Hessen, but containing Hessian material, to be still active. Of these, two are known to have been transferred to German custody by OGE, the others, mostly scattered in other Zones, will continue to be a matter of interest to this office, although it is not insisted that statistical recognition be given this continuing problem by OMGUS.

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PART II

Wiesbaden Central Collecting Point (see Annex "C")

1. Two small out-shipments of paintings and tapestries were made to Poland and the USSR. The Polish shipment included a tapestry consigned on special receipt for deposit with the owning institution, the Municipal Museum of the former Free City of Danzig. A bulky lot of antique furniture was released to the German owner. Both France and the Netherlands requested later shipping dates for the large quantities of materials packed and awaiting shipment to their governments.
2. A number of large and important in-shipments were received in addition to the usual odd-lots of restitutable materials. The most important of these were the two shipments of masterpieces belonging to the Kaiser Friedrich Museum of Berlin, returned to Wiesbaden after their three-year sojourn in the United States. The first, consisting of 52 paintings, reached the Central Collecting Point on 10 September via the Munich Collecting Point, the second, with 54 paintings, reached the Central Collecting Point direct from the United States on 27 September. All paintings are in good condition after their travels and will go on exhibition on 16 October, at which time responsibility for their safeguard will be transferred to baileeship of the Hessian Minister-President. A large quantity of scientific instruments belonging to Berlin institutions and received at the Central Collecting Point from Bavaria on 15 September will be transferred to Hessian custody at the same time. A large shipment of items restitutable variously to Belgium, France, The Netherlands, Poland, The USSR and to expropriated former German owners was received from OMGW-B on 21 September and processing was well forward by the end of the month. A very large quantity of devotional silver, mostly of Jewish origin, was transferred to the CCP from Offenbach Archival Depot and was placed on newly-created shelves in the Treasure Room. As the material now in course of transfer amounts to about 15,000 items, processing will be a lengthy operation.
3. Alterations in the security system in conformity with the recommendations of the Inspector-General went forward very slowly under the aegis of the Post Engineer. A new exterior lighting system is being installed and discussions are still continuing on the subject of the fence, which the Post wishes to have removed despite our strong objections. It is hoped to retain about a quarter of it to provide additional security for the vulnerable parts of the building.
4. Two Dutch experts, one of them one of the highest officers of the Netherlands Bank, were attached temporarily to commence detailed examination of the Reichsbank Numismatic Museum collections with a view to proving identities of looted gold coins of high value which are known to have been incorporated in the collection. Their initial work produced conclusive evidence of the justness of their detailed claim.
5. In a box of Schlossmuseum property temporarily withheld from the general transfer of former Prussian State property to baileeship of the Hessian Minister-President, apparently complete photo-copies of Schlossmuseum accessions were found in negative form. Study of this material has been commenced.
6. The eighth Collecting Point exhibition, "REMBRANDT" was closed on 12 September after having been visited by 64,294 persons.

PART III

Offenbach Archival Depot (see Annex "D")

1. Restitutions shipments were made to Austria (7224 items), Great Britain (a recently discovered additional lot of 1122 items removed by the Germans from the Channel Islands) and the Netherlands (5393 items). A small additional lot of books belonging to German institutions in the British Zone was transferred to the owners. Transfer of a considerable part of the vast collection of silver synagogue ornaments to the Wiesbaden Collecting Point was accomplished.

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2. In-shipments were received from Buedingen, Frankfurt, Munich and Stuttgart. The Munich shipment, two freight-car loads of archives of the Patentamt and of Trades Unions, will require little processing, as the patent records will be deposited en bloc in Darmstadt as soon as the Patentamt, now being reestablished there, can provide space.
3. Considerable progress was made in the detailed sorting of Hebrew unidentifiable books. Two of the three experts previously assisting in this task on a volunteer basis were added to the payroll. Their full-time employment result in an immediate increase in the rate of progress. Materials of considerable value have come to light in this category and in that of Hebrew periodica, which had not previously received detailed attention.
4. An anticipated in-shipment of considerable interest consists of books originating from expropriated German Jewish libraries which had been incorporated into the Preussische Staatsbibliothek. A considerable number of such books has come to light in the sorting and cataloguing of the former Prussian State Library at Marburg and they are being segregated for transfer to Offenbach.
5. As of 30 September the Depot had handled a total of 3,195,193 items, of which 2,820,143 had been restituted or returned to German institutions, and 375,050 remained on hand.

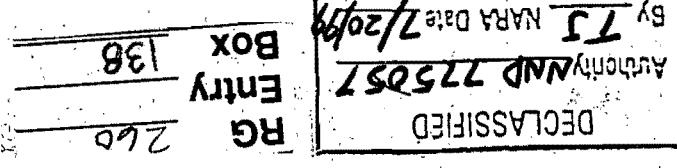
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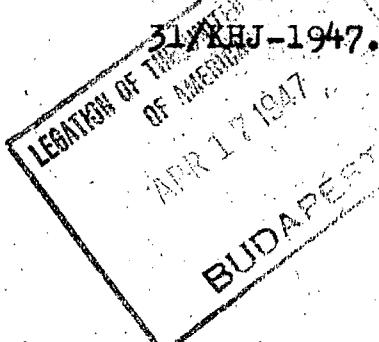
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Annexes:

"A" - Report of the Landeskonservator, for September  
"B-1" ) Reports of the Director-General of Museums, August and September  
"B-2" )  
"C" - Wiesbaden Central Collecting Point Report, September  
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Foreign Affairs.



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Note Verbal e.

The Hungarian Ministry for Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the American Legation and has the honor to communicate as follows:

Concerning the art treasures of the family Manfred Weiss, mechanic Joseph Lakatos /Budapest, V., Csáky-utca 28/ presented himself to the Hungarian competent authorities, where he declared that the art treasures in question are stored at a brewery which served probably as a war plant. This is situated at the left side of the road Passau-Salzburg next the village Ried-Zipf at about 1.5 - 2 kms. at a foot of a mountain. According to his opinion colonel of the SS Kurt Bächert - who was the leader of the industrial looting of Hungary and who for the price of above mentioned art treasures brought about the escape of the Weiss family to Switzerland - has perfect knowledge of the exact lieu where those art treasures were hidden, as he was present when they were stored. The above named colonel of the SS was captured by the American Military Authorities near Bad-Ischl and is still in American custody.

The Hungarian Ministry for Foreign - Affairs has the honor to beg the American Legation to be kind enough to make request on the competent American Authorities for conducting the necessary investigations and for taking further steps for the sake of finding out and restitution to the Hungarian Government of art treasures in question.

Budapest, April 12, 1947.

American Legation,

Budapest.



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FROM	SUPPLY OFFICER ① <b>Property Control and Restitution Section, Salzburg, Hq ZCA</b>			ISSUE SLIP NO.		PROPERTY 1			
				TYPE OF ISSUE		paintings PROPERTY CLASS			
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<p>I acknowledge receipt of the below listed paintings and realize that this property is subject to restitution and will be released upon demand.</p>									
448	Rivulet in winterlandscape by Santhal 1913, 31x23, w.frame oil on cardboard								
624	Madonna with sleeping Child and young Saint, artist unknown, oil on copper, 16.5x21.5, w.frame								
739	Portrait of a Lady, framed porcelain plate, w.frame, 16.5 diam.								
740	Camping scene w.horses, Dutch manner, oil on wood, 58x35, w.frame								
741	Landscape with sheep and shepherd oil on canvas, 54 x 45, w.frame								
742	2 peasants women and one peasant on the field, oil on wood, 34 x 24, w.frame, under glass								
<del>XXXXXXXXXX</del> last item <del>XXXXXXXXXX</del>									
<p><b>AUTHORITY:</b> ISSUANCE OF QUANTITY IN "QUANTITY REQUESTED" COLUMN IS AUTHORIZED. ITEMS MARKED "DUE OUT" WILL BE ORDERED AND WHEN RECEIVED ORGANIZATION WILL BE NOTIFIED.</p> <p>(DATE) (FOR THE STATION SUPPLY OFFICER)</p> <p>QUANTITIES SHOWN IN "ACTION" COLUMN HAVE BEEN ISSUED:</p> <p>(DATE) (STOREKEEPER)</p>									
<p>FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER: <b>16 Jan 48 Mr. Vernon R. Kennedy</b> (DATE) (ORGANIZATION SUPPLY OFFICER)</p> <p>QUANTITIES SHOWN IN "ACTION" COLUMN HAVE BEEN RECEIVED: <b>20 Jan 48 [Signature] My 20</b> (DATE) (AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE) VOUCHER NO. <b>103503</b></p>									

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UNITED STATES FORCES IN AUSTRIA  
USACA SECTION

Reparations, Deliveries and Restitution Division  
APO 777, U.S.ARMY

EVELYN TUCKER  
MFA&A Representative

SUBJECT: Field Report.  
Period : 25 Feb to 28 Feb 1948.

1. Left Vienna, 25 Feb 48, on the Mozart, arrived Salzburg 6:30 AM, 26 Feb, and was billeted at the Bristol Hotel.

(2) Met Polish Mission, consisting of Jerzy Zanczinski, Polish Art Expert, and Capt. Marian Gmach, at the PC&R Section, ZCA. Thursday morning, and exhibited to them the following two paintings, which were identified as Polish property:

"Holy Family" by Sicciolelante da SERMONETA, (Raphael School)  
Tempera on wood, size 116.1 x 82.3 cm (unframed)

This was identified in Katalog Galerii Malarstwa OBCHGO,  
Warsawa 1938 - as being part of the collection of the  
Museum Narodowe w Warszawie (National Gallery of Warsaw)

"Battle Scene from the Napoleonic War 1804, Polish Cavalry  
Attacking in the Battle of Tudela in Spain" by A.KONSTANTY  
Watercolor on paper, size 76.5 x 139 cm (unframed)

Identified by stamp on rear as being part of the  
collection of Museum Narodowe Króla Jana III  
(National Museum of King John III, Cracow, Poland)

Immediate restitution was made to the Polish Mission of these two paintings - see Polish Claim No. 184, Receipt P-44, dated 26 Feb 1948.

(3) Schloss Fischhorn (near Zell-am-See) was used by the Nazis as a deposit for a great quantity of Polish art — restitution of which was made to Poland by this headquarters in the summer of 1946. Restitution comprised a 12-car freight train, which travelled from Salzburg to Warsaw with American armed guards and was known as the "Polish Art Train". The above two paintings were stolen from Schloss Fischhorn by a peasant during the looting which took place the last few days of the war. Several months ago the peasant turned the paintings over to the village priest, who in turn brought them to Salzburg and left them with the Salzburg Landesregierung.

4. The rest of the day and the following morning were spent in exhibiting to the Polish Mission the unidentified paintings in our art depot in the Residenz Palais (Carabinerisal). No Polish art was found and nothing was claimed by the Mission.

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5. Showed to the Mission a list of paintings in the possession of the owner of Schloss Fischhorn, which he claims as his private pre-war property. Nothing was claimed by the Mission.

16 Thursday afternoon, 27 Feb, went to the warehouse of Property Control Section, MG Land Salzburg, with Capt. Gingery and the Polish Mission to check the four cases of paintings in the von Ribbentrop property. The cases contain mostly family portraits and some very modern paintings by German and Austrian artists, and would be of little interest to anyone except Ribbentrop's family. However, notes were made of the following paintings and they were put in a separate case:

Fruit Still-life - by Waldmueller

Size about 18" x 12", oil on canvas (very nice frame)

Stamp on rear showed it was on exhibition in Wien in 1930

White Horse - by Albert Cuyp, 1605

Size about 8" x 8", oil on wood

Number stamped on rear "A 3704")

Landscape, Sheep Crossing Bridge - Dutch Early 19th Century

Size about 8" x 8", oil on wood

Number stamped on rear "A 3704"

Landscape, Sheep Crossing Bridge - Dutch Early 19th Century

Size about 18" x 12", oil on wood

On rear - Wien, 30 May 1851, FBGFLEK

Landscape, Peasants in Foreground, Ruined Castle on left,

River, Village on right - by Schulz

Size about 18" x 12", oil on wood

On rear - Hans Henkell, Wiesbaden, 1232

French Landscape (Modern) - artist unknown

size about 2½' x 1½', oil on cardboard

On rear "Ferme du Untoissoinant - M. Vollard,

28 Rue de Martignac, Paris

An exact duplicate of the above French Landscape, which the closest inspection failed to reveal as a print.

Check will be made to ascertain if there are any claims against the above paintings. No Polish art was found and nothing was claimed by the Mission.

17 Inspected the following cases of Silver in the warehouse:

- a) 2 cases of Ribbentrop silver, consisting of usual household items such as Vases, Ashtrays, Cigarette Boxes, etc. (PC No.57.6001 Sa).

This appeared to be nothing unusual and believe it can be considered to be Ribbentrop family property.

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- b) There are supposed to be two oblong cases of Ribbentrop tablesilver. Only one was visible, however, Property Control stated later there are definitely two. I didn't waste any time looking for the other as PC assured me it has Ribbentrop's initials on it, and therefore can be assumed to be family silver.
- c) 4-drawer chest of Table Silver (for 12 persons) with initials looking like a "J" through a "G". Chest is about 2½' long, 1' wide and 1' deep; is of wood, with brass handles, and lined with red satin. Chest has the dealer sign "POLLAK ALFRED, BUDAPEST" inside the lid. History of chest is unknown. It was discovered recently sitting on rack near the Japanese Embassy property. It is not on any lists of the Japanese property and is not believed to have any relation to it. Will transfer this to our art depot in the Residenz Palais.
- d) Small leather case (about 1" x 1") containing Silver Deri-Tasse Coffee Set for 6 persons, the inner china cups showing they were made in Czechoslovakia. History of this case is also unknown. It was found recently in the general cleaning out of the warehouse and removal to the rear upstairs section. Will also transfer this to our art depot in the Residenz Palais.
- e) There are two wooden cases of Silver which belonged to German Lt. Gen. Boehme (S7-3008 Sa), which were tightly sealed and we did not open since we were numb with cold by this time, but it is believed to contain the same type of household silver items as the two cases of Ribbentrop's.
- f) Since it was unbearable to work in the warehouse any longer we did not stay to inspect Goering property stored there for paintings or silver. This will have to be done later, though doubt if we will find anything much other than family property.

8. Left the warehouse and went to PC office of MG Land Salzburg to inspect silver which belonged to the German Luftwaffe (S7-8012 Sa), and the long Ermine Evening Coat which belonged to Robert Ley's mistress (PC No. S7-8013 Sa). However, Major King was out of his office in a conference with Col. Patrick and had the key to the safe. He telephoned me that evening at the hotel, expressed his regrets, and offered to take me down then to see them. I told him it was not necessary and I could look at them some other time when I am in Salzburg. Both Major King and Capt. Gingery seem to be very anxious to cooperate in every way possible. The Luftwaffe Silver is believed to have the Luftwaffe Insignia on it, and if true will not interest us as a possible restitutable item. While the Ermine Evening Coat is possibly also in this same category all such property in Germany is handled by the Art Collecting Center. For three years this very valuable coat has been folded and kept in a safe in Property Control. The question of who would pay the few shillings necessary to put the coat in cold storage to protect it, is not consistent with the value that

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is being ruined. Request that this coat be released to me and I will see that it is properly stored with a reliable cold-storage firm, which will be the officially appointed custodian.

9. Located the following three Nazi military paintings in the unidentified paintings under our control in Salzburg:

Parade in Front of the Feldherrnhalle in Munich - by Diebitsch 1933  
oil on canvas, 86 x 66 cm

German Cavalry riding through Wintry Forest - artist unknown  
tempera on cartoon, 91 x 71 cm  
On rear - Dedicated to Dr. Gustav Scheel,  
Leader of the German Students on 22 Nov 1940

German Aeroplanes flying over a Lake - by W. Schaedler 1940  
oil on canvas, 97 x 87 cm

The above will be reported to the Historical Division of EJCCM, which it is believed is collecting all such paintings for transfer to Washington.

10. Was notified in Salzburg by telephone call from Mr. Leonard of Art Collecting Center in Munich, that Dr. Kajetan Mihlmann had escaped from a prison-hospital in Munich and is believed to have gone to Austria.... his first wife lives in Attersee and his second in Vienna. Mr. Leonard stated he did not believe they needed Mihlmann any longer for questioning at the Center, but he is considered a war criminal as he was one of the leading Nazis in the art looting of Europe. Police agencies were notified direct by Munich.

11. Left Salzburg, 27 Feb, on the Mozart, arriving in Vienna Saturday morning, 28 Feb 48.



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HEADQUARTERS  
MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
LAND SALZBURG AUSTRIA

EDUCATION RELIGION MONUMENTS  
AND FINE ARTS OFFICE

2 Nov 1945

SUBJECT: MONTHLY REPORT

TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, DET EIE,  
MILITARY GOVERNMENT, LAND SALZBURG

C. FINE ARTS AND MONUMENTS :  
(Submitted by Capt Sattgast)

1. The month of October was spent in the movement of the Herziana library Collection from the salt mines of Hallein, the movement of the Polish arts and books collection from Schloss Fischhorn and the movement of the Tibetan collection from Schloss Mittersill.

2. THE SALT MINES OF HALLEIN. All of the Herziana Collection and all art objects that were stored in the salt mines of Hallein, with the exception of 13 cases of books and one case of pictures, have been moved to the warehouse in Salzburg and released to Property Control. The 13 cases of books and one case of pictures will be moved on November 2. An inventory of all this is being made and will be distributed to all military officials concerned. The mines will then be cleared with the exception of the store of dynamite which is not the responsibility of the arts officer. On 30 October 1945 a complete inspection tour of the mine was made by Sgt M. Richshafer and two Austrian civilians. Sgt Richshafer reports the mine empty except for the books, pictures and dynamite mentioned above.

3. SCHLOSS FISCHHORN. Seven large van-loads of books, art and furniture belonging to the City Library in Warsaw and the City Museum in Warsaw have been moved to the storehouse in Salzburg and released to Property Control. There is at present remaining in Schloss Fischhorn from twelve to fifteen more van-loads of this collection. An inventory of all this is being made and will be distributed to all military officials concerned. It is anticipated to continue the work until it is finished.

4. SCHLOSS MITTERSILL. One truck-load of the Tibetan Collection in the Schloss Mittersill was moved to the warehouse in Salzburg. This has been stored in the warehouse for safekeeping, but has not been turned over to Property Control. It is claimed that this is the property of the Haus der Natur in Salzburg. An inventory will be made of the contents of the cases and when completed, this will be turned over to Property Control with the recommendation as to what disposition they should make of it.

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5. SCHLOSS LICHTENBERG. An inspection tour was made in the Schloss Lichtenberg. It was found that the collections contained there are as follows; 1. St. Peter's collections, 2. Studienbibliothek Collection, 3. Vienna Art Museum Collection, 4. Residenz Collection, 5. Salzburg Museum Collection, 6. Hertziana Library Collection and 7. Villa Welz Collection. Ownership for all collections is easily established. The Hertziana library Collection and the Villa Welz Collection will be moved to the Salzburg warehouse and turned over to Property Control. On all other collections releases have been prepared and it is anticipated that these releases will be made without the movement of the collections. As soon as the Hertziana and Villa Welz collections have been moved, the Austrians may then take the responsibility for the movement of all of the collections there.

GEORGE A. SELKE  
Major AUS, Acting Head

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MONUMENTS AND FINE ARTS BRANCH  
U. S. ALLIED COMMISSION - AUSTRIA - REAR  
APO 777, U. S. Army

18 September 1945

SUBJECT: Deposit in Salt Mine at HALLEIN

TO : Chief, R D & R Division, USACA (Vienna)  
Attn: Lt.Col. DeWald

1. Visited 14 Sept 45 with Lt. Grinberg.
2. SECURITY. Mine guarded as a G-2 target by 2nd Bn., 222nd Inf. Regt. Guard arrangements appeared satisfactory. Collections stored deep in mine, to which there is only one entrance.
3. CONDITION OF COLLECTIONS. Boxes piled roughly in large, unlighted chamber, not free from dampness. Mine itself subject to cave ins at certain points. Not a satisfactory storage place. Many boxes have been broken open and contents scattered about. Valuable documents of mediaeval history of Salzburg were rescued from muddy floor. Photographic plates broken and strewn about. Card-catalogue of Herziana Library in disordered condition.
4. CHARACTER OF COLLECTIONS. Cases seen come chiefly from Biblioteca Herziana in Rome, but there are also cases from Salzburg Archives. It appears that entire Herziana Library is there, but no inventory is available for checking this assumption. Other corridors of mine were investigated and found to be blocked by massive lumber piles. It is not known whether further deposits exist beyond these piles.
5. RECOMMENDED ACTION. Collections, property of Salzburg Studienbibliotek, have already been removed by Lt. Grinberg, and it is proposed that he continue removal of civilian archives personnel.
6. It is proposed that Herziana Library be removed to Property Control Warehouse, Salzburg, for safe keeping.  
It is further recommended that the Italian Ministry of Public Instruction be contacted for further disposition of this valuable library.

Copy to:

Military Govt., Land Salzburg  
Attn: Capt. SELKE  
Military Govt., Land Salzburg  
Attn: Lt.Col. HELLER.

*Frederick Hartt*  
FREDERICK HARTT  
1st Lt., Air Corps  
Chief, M & FA Branch

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# RECEIPT AND AGREEMENT FOR DELIVERY OF GOODS

Receipt No. 1

Place ..... Linz, Austria .....

Property Control Social NO. 04.8011 Gm Date ..... 17 April 1947

Country Hungary

1. Receipt of items described in ~~Exhibit A~~ Inventory, attached hereto, from the Commanding General, United States Forces in Austria, is hereby acknowledged on behalf of the Government of Countess K. A. R. O. L. Y. I. per Address First..... by the undersigned Countess K. A. R. O. L. Y. I. F. U. S. C. H. L. who certifies that he is a duly accredited official representative of said country, authorized to execute said receipt in the terms in which it is drawn, as per copy of his credentials annexed hereto;
- a. That he is not, and does not represent, a private claimant (or claimants) to the property (or any part thereof) for which the above receipt is given; and
  - b. That said property is urgently required for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of his country, as per statement attached Exhibit "B".
2. The said Government hereby agrees that the items described in Schedule "A", attached, will be held by it as custodians pending the determination of the lawful owners thereof; that said items will be returned to their lawful owners within the territorial jurisdiction of the said Government, as they may appear, except that:
- a. If it shall appear that the lawful owner of any such item is the Government, or a public or private organization of any sort, or a national, of another state, except of Germany or Austria, the item in question will be turned over to the government of such state for holding on like condition.
  - b. If it shall appear that the lawful owner of any such item is the Government, or a public or private organization of any sort, or a national, of Germany or Austria, the item in question will be returned promptly to the custody of the Commanding General, United States Forces in Austria.
3. The said Government further agrees that within six (6) months from the date hereof, it will deliver to the Commanding General, United States Forces In Austria, or to such person or authority as he may designate:
- a. An estimate of the value of each item listed in Schedule "A" (based, if possible, on the insurance value of the item);
  - b. A statement of all information available to it with respect to ownership, possession, custody, seizure or transfer of each item since 22 May 1946.....
  - c. A statement of all the information available to it as to the amount of any compensation paid in connection with the seizure or transfer of such item, whether such payment was made by the Government or a public or private organization of any sort, or a national of Germany or her allies, or by any person, firm or organization which was acting, directly or indirectly, for or on behalf of the Government or a public or private organization of any sort or a national of Germany or her allies.

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4. Said Government further agrees that any compensation paid, as described in paragraph 3 c hereof, for any item on Schedule "A" may be considered as reparations payments to said Government if so decided by the Allied Reparations Commission or other competent authority.
5. Said Government further agrees that the United States and all its agents and representatives shall be saved harmless from any claim for loss, damage or deterioration suffered by any item from the time of its removal from the territory, jurisdiction or custody of said Government until its return to the territory of the owner nation.

*Muller*

(Witness)

HANS B. KOHL  
Dep. HEAD

*Helen Karolyi*

(Signature)

*Franz Erblehner*

(Witness)

Franz ERBLEHNER  
Dep. HEAD

Countess Helen KAROLYI

(Signature Typed)

Owner

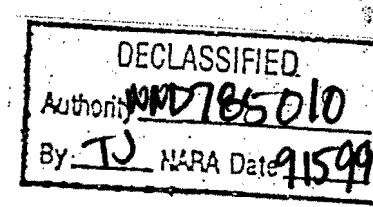
(Title or Capacity of Signer)

DR. ALFRED TONELLES  
Lawyer of Countess KAROLYI

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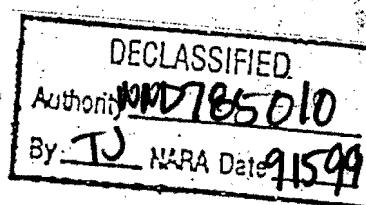
1 case containing:

12 knives  
12 forks  
12 spoons  
1 big fork  
1 cake spoon

loose:

115 knives  
91 forks  
79 spoons  
1 juice spoon  
75 little spoons  
5 serving spoons  
5 serving forks  
54 forks with 3 points  
18 fish knives  
12 crab knives  
12 crab forks  
25 cake forks  
6 oyster knives  
1 butter knife  
1 salad set  
3 different sieves  
1 sugar pincer  
4 dippers  
3 cake pincers  
1 serving spoon  
1 fish serving spoon  
1 fish serving fork  
14 glass holders  
39 various plates  
18 various bowls  
70 items, various jugs, cups and bottles  
1 serving set (3 items)  
1 sauce spoon  
1 juice spoon  
1 letter opener  
10 saucers for bottles  
6 fish spoons  
11 forks (bent points)  
8 lampshades  
1 silver box (4 stands)  
6 candle holders  
6 sauce boats  
2 bread baskets

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11 various saucers  
1 little oil stove  
1 napkin ring  
2 dish shovels  
1 bell  
1 pipe box  
4 ash trays  
3 table sets  
2 peacocks  
2 cocks  
5 spice strewers  
4 spice boxes  
9 cork holders  
1 cork screw  
8 saucers  
2 silver handles loose  
5 cups  
4 crystal jugs  
6 icecream cups  
5 bread baskets  
2 saucers for bottles  
5 oyster forks  
1 serving fork  
1 serving spoon  
12 little spoons

1 box travelling utensils containing:

1 mirror  
2 square bowls  
1 water jug  
3 candle holders  
1 small cup  
2 perfume bottles (flagons)  
7 various boxes  
2 bowls with 4 stands

Other valuables:

2 boxes with Hungarian Jewelry  
1 sabor with etui  
2 sabors  
1 wooden box

China and ceramic articles:

8 boxes  
5 egg cups  
34 birds  
1 vase  
5 statua sets  
4 cups

Paintings and pictures:

20 english copper imprint pictures  
31 various paintings  
38 various miniature pictures

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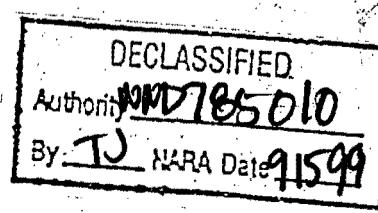
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Rugs and Linen a.s.o.:

1 gobelin  
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21 horse blankets  
75 napkins  
4 big table cloths  
10 little table cloths

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Gentlemen:

By request of the Very Reverend Chaplain Ralph J. Diefenbach, Captain, O-523762, Catholic priest, Archbishop's Consultor, I, the undersigned Béla Witz, Protonotary Apostolic, Canon, the Cardinal-Archbishop's Budapest Vicar General, Custodian of the Holy Dexter of King Saint Stephen of Hungary, do hereby certify that the said Very Reverend Chaplain of the United States Army has officially handed and delivered to me the aforementioned Sacred Relic of our nation, in the presence of a considerable number of ecclesiastic, military, and civilian dignitaries, officers, and officials --among them, the Right Rev. Monsignor John Drahos, D.D., Protonotary Apostolic, then Vicar Capitular of the Archdiocese of Esztergom; Major General William S. Key, Col. Simonite, Lt-Col. Kovach, Major Cerniuk, Sgt Schmergel, all these officers of the United States Army; H. E. Mr. Arthur Schoenfeld, now United States Minister to Hungary, Count Géza Teleki, then Hungarian Minister for Affairs of Cult and Public Instruction, etc. etc. --, in Budapest, at the Convent of the English Sisters, on the 20<sup>th</sup> of August, 1945, -- the said Holy Dexter being intact in the original relic-holder, of which latter the seals were unbroken.

While thus the United States Army is cleared of all responsibility in the matter, I cannot forego the opportunity, not to express once more the most deeply felt appreciation and gratitude of all of us toward the same United States Army, on behalf of the whole Hungarian nation, especially of the Hungarian Catholics, some 70 per cent. of the Hungarians, headed by our national ecclesiastic chief, His Eminence, Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty, Archbishop of Esztergom, Prince-Primate of Hungary, who is at the writing of this document in Rome, which temporary absence of His Eminence from Hungary has been the cause of this urgent paper not being signed by himself as well.

I am, Gentlemen,

Very respectfully yours,

*Witz Bély*



/Right Rev. Monsignor/ Béla WITZ,  
Protonotary Apostolic, the Archbishop's Budapest V. G.,  
Custodian of the Holy Dexter of King Saint Stephen.

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Hq.USFA,A PO 777,c/o Postmaster,  
New York City. Attention:Major Simpson.

Uraim!

Nagyontisztelezendő Ralph J.Diefenbach, taborilelkész-százados, katolikus pap, érseki tanácsos ur felkérésére, én, alulírott Witz Béla, protonotarius kanonok, a Biboros Érsek ur budapesti helytartója, Szent István magyar király Szent Jobbjának őre, ezennel hivatalosan bizonyítom, hogy a nevezett nagyontisztelezendő Tábori Lelkész ur hivatalosan átadta és átszolgáltatta nekem nemzetünknek nevezett Szent Ereklyéjét, tekintélyes számu egyházi, katonai és polgári méltóság, tiszt és tisztviselő/köztük méltóságos és főtisztelezendő Drahos János akkori esztergomi főkáptalani helytartó, William S.Kay altábornagy, Simonits ezredes, Kovach alezredes, Czerniuk őrnagy, Schmergel őrnagy, mindenek az Északamerikai Egyesült Államok tisztjei; ő exc.Arthur Schoenfeld, az Egyesült Államok mostani magyarországi követe, gr.Teleky Géza akkori magyar vallás és közoktatásügyi miniszter urak, stb.stb./jelenlétében Budapesten, az Angolkisasszonynak Intézetében, 1945.augusztus 20.-án, a mondott Szent Jobb érintetlen állapotban lévén a sérhetetlen lepecsételt erédei e-reklyetartóban.

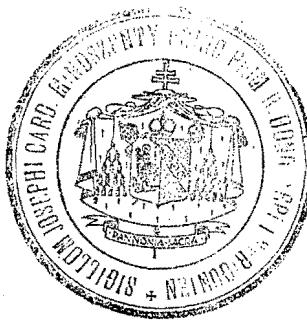
Amidón tehát így az Egyesült Államok Hadserege teljes felmentvényben részesül az ügyre vonatkozó minden felelősség alól, nem mulasztatom el az alkalmat, hogy mindenjunknak mélyesen átérzett háláját ugyanazon Hadsereg iránt még egyszer ki ne fejezzem, az egész magyar nemzet, de nevezetesen a nemzetnek vagy hetven százalékát kitevő katolikus magyarság névében, amelynek élén nemzeti vallási főnk, ő Eminenciája, Mindszenty József biboros ur, esztergomi érsek, Magyarország hercegprimása áll/aki ez okmány megirásának idején Rómában tartózkodik és éppen ő Eminenciájának e Magyarország-tól való átmeneti távolléte az oka annak, hogy e gyorsan elküldendő iratot ő szintén nem irja alá./

Budapest, 1946.február 20.-án.

Kiváló tisztelettel

*Witz Béla*

apostoli protonotarius, kanonok  
budapesti érseki általános helytartó.  
a Szent Jobb őre.



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HEADQUARTERS  
42nd INFANTRY DIVISION  
RAINBOW UNIVERSITY

11 January 1946

The Very Rev. Stephen Kemenes,  
c/o Allied Control Commission for Hungary,  
APO 512, U. S. Army.

Dear Father Kemenes:

The U. S. authorities need an official statement for their files showing that the Holy Hand of St. Stephen was returned by me to the proper authorities in Budapest and that the U.S. Army is cleared of any responsibility in the matter of the Holy Relic.

Would you please speak to the Archbishop and have prepared a document in Hungarian and in English (exact translations) stating the facts of the return of the Relic by me (Chaplain Ralph J. Diefenbach, Captain, O-523762, catholic priest) and clearing the U.S. Army of all responsibility. Please have it signed and sealed by the proper ecclesiastical authorities in the Diocese.

When the documents are prepared please send them to the following address as soon as possible:

Reparations Delivery and Restitution Division,  
U.S. Allied Commission for Austria,  
HQ. USFA, APO 777, c/o Postmaster,  
New York City. Attention: Major Simpson.

I hope that all is well with you and yours and that things are returning to normal in Budapest. I should be on my way back to America in a few days and I shall send you the magazines that you desire as soon as possible.

Thanking you for this and past favors, I am,  
Yours sincerely in Christ,

Ralph J. Diefenbach,  
Chaplain (Capt.) U.S. Army

True Copy:

Ralph J. Diefenbach  
Chaplain (Capt)

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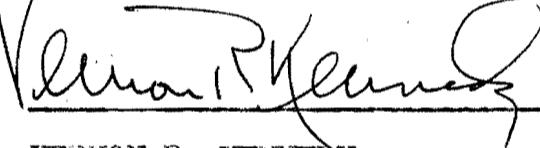
HEADQUARTERS ZONE COMMAND AUSTRIA  
PROPERTY CONTROL AND RESTITUTION BRANCH  
APO 541, US ARMY

Date: 5 January 1949

Place: Salzburg, Residenzpl. 1

1. Receipt of the items described in attached Schedule "A", which are believed to be of Hungarian origin, from the Commanding General, United States Forces in Austria, is hereby acknowledged on behalf of the Austrian Federal Government by the undersigned Ministerialrat JOSEF REITH, who is duly authorized to receive said items and to execute this receipt and agreement.

2. The objects listed on Schedule "A" will be held by the Austrian Government in accordance with higher directives and their acceptance releases the Commanding General, United States Forces in Austria from all responsibilities or claims with respect to them.

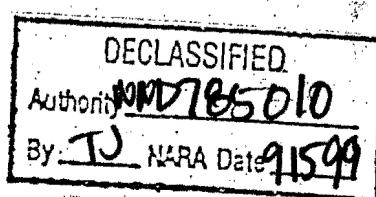
  
VERNON R. KENNEDY  
Chief  
Property Control and  
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(Signature)

Ministerialrat JOSEF REITH  
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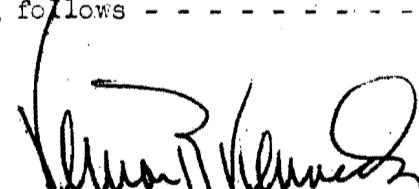
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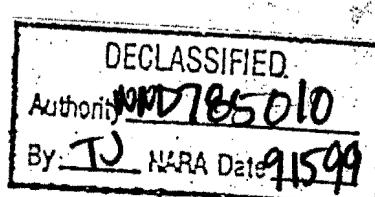
- 210 ARTIST UNKNOWN: Rivulet, flowing between house  
in landscape, water-color, 26 x 35 cm, with #189
- 347 KOMAROMI KACZ: Sunset with peasant-house at a  
lake, oil/canvas, 31 x 42 cm, broad, golden frame  
(rev. side Dr.Szalvendy, Odom Ugyved Salgotarian Kr.7)
- 690 ZUBER R: Peasant woman, oil-wood, 29 x 23 cm,  
under glass, black frame
- 756 HEYER A: White angora-cat, oil/canvas,  
50 x 40 cm, no frame
- 777 FZENTHALY FERENCZ: Forest landscape in winter  
with woman collecting wood, oil/ canvas, 47 x 56,  
golden frame (Friedmann Rezos, Salgotaryan)
- 966 ARTIST UNKNOWN: Picture of an old castle,  
oil/canvas, 58 x 40, with frame
- 1065 ARTIST UNKNOWN: Head of a man, oil/cartoon,  
34 x 24, with frame
- 1085 CSILLAG: Old peasants with pitcher, colored etching,  
31 x 23, with frame and glass (rev.side 1255)
- 1090 OLGYOS: Winter-landscape with big trees,  
colored etching, 35 x 26, with frame and glass,  
(rev. side 255)

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VERNON R. KENNEDY  
Chief, Property Control and  
Restitution Branch  
Civil Affairs Section  
Hq, ZCA

Salzburg, 5 January 1949

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The following paintings which are included in Schedule "A" are in use by FD&R Division, USACA Section, Hq. USFA, (Custodian Lt. Col. Frederic W. Hodge):

- 448 SANTHAL 1913: Brook in winterlandscape,  
oil/cartoon, 31 x 23 cm, nice golden frame
- 624 ARTIST UNKNOWN: Holy Virgin with sleeping  
little Jesus and young saint, oil/copper,  
16.5 x 21.5 cm, with broad golden frame  
(250 Fischhorn, Stockholm)
- 739 ARTIST UNKNOWN: Portrait of a lady, on  
porcelaine plate, round, diam. 16 cm, golden  
frame
- 740 ARTIST UNKNOWN: Society with horses and tent (*Camping Scene*)  
Dutch ~~School~~ 18th century, oil/wood, 50 x 35 cm, golden frame
- 742 ARTIST UNKNOWN: Two peasant woman and peasant  
at the field, oil/wood, 34 x 24 cm, framed,  
under glass

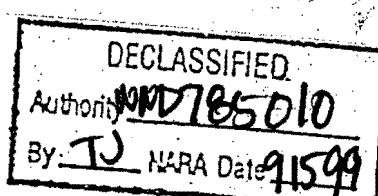
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*FW Hodge*  
FREDERIC W. HODGE  
Lt. Col. FA  
Administrative Officer  
FD&R Division, USACA

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HEADQUARTERS ZONE COMMAND AUSTRIA PROPERTY CONTROL  
AND RESTITUTION BRANCH APO 541, US ARMY

Date: 5 January 1949

Place: Salzburg, Residenzplatz 1

1. Receipt of the items described in attached Schedule "A" which are believed to be of Hungarian origin, from the Commanding General, United States Forces in Austria, is hereby acknowledged on behalf of the Austrian Federal Government by the undersigned Ministerialrat JOSEF REITH, who is duly authorized to receive said items and to execute this receipt and agreement.
2. The objects listed on Schedule "A" will be held by the Austrian Government in accordance with higher directives and their acceptance releases the Commanding General, United States Forces in Austria from all responsibilities or claims with respect to them.

Vernon R. Kennedy  
Chief  
Property Control and  
Restitution Branch

Ministerialrat Josef Reith  
(Signature typed)

Leiter der Abteilung 2 des  
Bundesministeriums für Vermögens-  
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Übersetzung

HEADQUARTERS  
UNITED STATES FORCES IN AUSTRIA  
USACA SECTION  
Reparations, Deliveries and Restitution Division  
APO 777, U.S. Army.

ET/ew  
28.Okttober 1948.

Dr. Otto Demus  
Präsident des Bundesdenkmalamtes,  
W i e n I .  
In der Burg, Amalienstrakt.

Betreff: Gemälde von angeblich ungarischem Ursprung.

Werter Herr Dr. Demus, !

Gemäss des Briefes von General Keyes an Bundeskanzler Figl vom 13.April 1948, worin die Verantwortung der Restitution der Ex-Feindstaaten an die Österreichische Regierung übertragen wurde, wird die angeschlossene Liste der Gemälde von angeblich ungarischem Ursprung in die Kompetenz Ihrer bevollmächtigten Vertreter in Salzburg übertragen.

Die angeschlossene Liste enthält 1.176 Gemälde, jedoch wurden die Punkte

355,415,487,977 bis einschliesslich 981  
zwei ungarischen Flüchtlingen, die gegenwärtig in der Schweiz leben, freigegeben. Es bleibt also eine Gesamtsumme von 1.164 Gemälde.

Es darf gebeten werden, dass Sie Frau Kirchner bitten, mit der Property Control and Restitution Branch of ZCA, wohnhaft im oben erwähnten Regierungsgebäude, in Verbindung zu treten.

Ihr ergebener

James A. Garrison,  
Chief, RA & R. Division

1. Beilage:

Liste der Gemälde,

Telefont: Wien B 47-3-93

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LIST OF UNIDENTIFIED PAINTINGS STORED AT RESIDENZ-DEPOT SALZBURG.

1. HORWARD A.: Hussar with peasant girl, oil on canvas, 54 x 68 cm, no frame HORWARD A. Husar mit Bauernmädchen, Öl auf Lwd., 54 x 68 cm, o.Rahmen.
2. NEISSLER A.? Landscape with farm house near a brook, oil on canvas, 55 x 67 cm, on frame NEISSLER A.? Landschaft mit Bauernhaus am Bach, Öl/Lwd., 55 x 67 cm, o.Rahmen
3. -- Farm house with oxencart, oil in canvas, 53 x 67, no frame -- Bauernhaus mit Ochsengespann, Öl/Lwd., 53 x 67 cm, o.Rahmen
4. BRENDIER?: Market scene with donkey-cart, oil on canvas, 59 x 48 cm, no frame BRENDIER?: Marktszene mit Eselgespann, Öl/Lwd., 59 x 48 cm, o.R.
5. CORNAROMI CAROL: Sunset, Landscape with church and brook, oil/canvas, 66 x 54, no frame CORNAROMI CAROL: Sonnenuntergang, Landschaft m.Bach u.Kirche, Öl/Lwd., 66 x 54 cm, o.Rahmen
6. Battle with Turks, roof of the house marked with date of the year 1598, oil/canvas, 62 x 45 cm, no frame 1930 - Türkenschlacht, am Hausdach Jahrzahl 1598, Öl/Lwd., 62 x 45 cm, o.Rahmen
7. KISS GABOR: Portrait of the child "Vera", oil/canvas, 50 x 59 cm, no frame KISS GABOR, 1930: Kinderporträt "Vera", Öl/Lwd., 50 x 59 cm, o.Rahmen
8. GLATZ ERICH, 1939: Peasant girl with white cat, oil/canvas, 60 x 45 cm, no frame GLATZ ERICH, 1939: Bauernmädchen m.weisser Katze, Öl/Lwd., 60 x 45 cm, o.Rahmen
9. SCATO A.: 1926: Park landscape, oil/canvas, 64 x 56, no frame SCATO A. 1926: Parklandschaft, Öl/Lwd., 64 x 56, o.Rahmen
10. BARATH ? A.: Portrait of a woman, oil/canvas, 73 x 54 cm, no frame BARATH ? A.: Frauenporträt, Öl/Lwd., 73 x 54 cm, o.Rahmen
11. DUTCH MANNER (old painting) Rider on a white horse in front of an inn, (reverse side marked: Rest.Prof.Medvey Györ 1933) oil/canvas, 49 x 63 cm, no frame HOLLANDISCHE ART (altes Bild) Reiter auf Schimmel vor einem Gasthaus. (Rückwärts vermerkt: Rest. Prof.Medvey Györ 1933) Öl/Lwd., 49 x 63 cm, o.Rahmen
12. PANDUR JOSEF: Design for a mural painting of the Catholic church in Kisber, water color, 50 x 50, no frame PANDUR JOSEF: Entwurf eines Deckengemäldes für die röm.kath.Kirche in Kisber, Wasserfarben, 50 x 50, o.Rahmen.

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1171. CSILLAG 1932: Horse carts in front of a farm, oil/canvas, 80 x 60, with frame, damaged. (rev.side L 12/5 Kovacs Dezso, Salgotranyan, Poe utca 45)

1172. - Half-length portrait of a lady in blue dress and green turban, oil/canvas, 98 x 76, oval gold frame (rev.side Rahmenhändler Tausig Siegfried, Budapest)

1173. Counterpiece to 1172: Portrait of a girl in yellow dress holding a paper with the inscription: Virgine Conceptus Ab... Delfica, oil/canvas, 98 x 76, oval gold frame

1174. ZOMHARY L.: Leading of a hay-cart in approaching thunder-storm, oil/canvas, 72 x 58, with frame (rev.side L 6/5)

1175. - Christ with crown of thorns and heads of two angels, antique Italian painting, half-length portrait, oil/canvas, 90 x 58, no frame

~~1176. A Grotto and bathing nymphs, antique painting, oil on wood, 74 x 58, no frame~~

*dutch claim by Mrs. Egante Salzburg*

CSILLAG 1932: Pferdefuhrwerke vor einem Schüttkasten, Öl/Lwd., 80 - 60, mit Rahmen, beschädigt (Rückseite L 12/5, Kovacs Dezso, Salgotranyan, Poe utca 45)

- Brustbild einer Frau in blauem Gewand mit grünem Turban, Öl/Lwd., 98 x 76, ovaler Goldrahmen, (Rückseite Rahmenhändler Tausig Siegfried, Budapest)

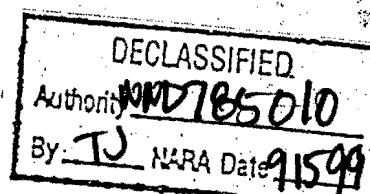
Gegenstück zu 1172: Brustbild eines Mädchens in gelbem Gewand, hält ein Blatt Papier mit Inschrift: Virgine Conceptus Ab... Delfica, Öl/Lwd., 98 x 76, ovaler Goldrahmen

ZOMHARY L.: Beladen eines Heuwagens bei nahendem Gewitter, Öl/Lwd., 72 x 58, mit Rahmen (Rückseite L 6/5)

- Schmerzhafter Christus mit Dornenkrone und zwei Engelsköpfen, antikes italienisches Bild, Öl/Lwd., 90 x 58, o. Rahmen

- Grotte und badeende Nymphen, antikes Bild, Öl auf Holz, 74 x 58 o. Rahmen

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Interim Report on Status of Monuments, Fine Arts and Archives

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Forwarded for your information.

JAMES A. GARRISON  
Chief, RD&R Div.

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**Interim Report on Status of Monuments, Fine Arts and Archives**

1 Head Chief 28 March  
R&R Br RD&R 1949

1. Attached hereto is a copy of the final status report on monuments, fine arts and archives as prepared by Miss Tucker on 16 Feb 1949.

2. On the basis of this report and in view of recommendations made, certain dispositions have occurred with respect to certain fine arts properties since 16 Feb 1949. Listed below by page number and paragraph number of the attached report are current changes which have occurred since 16 Feb 1949:

- I. a.(1) These paintings are currently being segregated and when segregation is completed they will be transferred to the Austrian Government as Austrian property; transferred to the Austrian Government as Hungarian property or unknown property and/or transferred to CCP, Munich, as German property, such as the case may be.
- (2) Letters releasing these paintings were forwarded to Zone Command Austria and the Federal Ministry for PCEP on 24 March 1949.
- (3) Letter releasing these paintings to the custody of CCP, Munich, was forwarded to Zone Command Austria on 24 March 1949. Shipment to Munich will take place between 30 March to 10 April 1949.
- (4) a, b, c, d - Transferred to the Austrian Government on 15 March 1949.
- e. Retained in Art Depot, Salzburg, as possible Dutch property (Dutch Claim #109).

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f. Letters releasing this painting were forwarded to Zone Command Austria and the Federal Ministry for PC&EP on 24 March 1949.

(5) Pending

(6) Pending

(7) Letter releasing these paintings to the custody of CCP, Munich, as German property was forwarded on 24 March 1949. They are being transported to Munich between the period 30 March to 10 April 1949.

(8) Awaiting restitution to France.

(9) Released to the Austrian Government on 11 Feb 1949.

(10) Letters releasing this property to the Austrian Government as unidentified property were forwarded to Zone Command Austria and the Federal Ministry for PC&EP on 24 March 1949.

(11) a & b - Letters releasing these paintings to the Austrian Government as Hungarian and unidentified, respectively, were forwarded to Zone Command Austria and the Federal Ministry for PC&EP on 24 March 1949.

c. Awaiting restitution to Holland.

(12) Letter releasing this painting to the custody of CCP, Munich, as German property was forwarded to Zone Command Austria on 24 March 1949. This painting will be shipped to Munich during the period 30 March to 10 April 1949.

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Interim Report on Status of MFAA (cont'd)

- (13) Letter releasing 2 woodcuts in custody of CCP, Munich, as German property was forwarded to Zone Command Austria on 24 March 1949. These woodcuts will be shipped to Munich during the period 30 March to 10 April 1949.
- (14) Pending
- (15) Letters releasing these picture frames to the custody of the Austrian Government were forwarded to Zone Command Austria and the Federal Ministry for FC&EP on 24 March 1949.
- (16) Letter releasing this rug to the Quartermaster, U.S. Army for use in dependents' billets was forwarded to Zone Command Austria on 24 March 1949.
- (17) Letter authorizing the return of this property directly to Schloss Mitterzell was forwarded to Zone Command Austria on 24 March 1949.
- b. (1) This property was released to the Austrian Government on 10 March 1949.
- (2) Pending
- (3) Circumstances surrounding this painting and recommendations are included in a special report.
- c. (1) Letters releasing these paintings to the Austrian Government have been forwarded to Zone Command Austria and the Federal Ministry for FC&EP on 24 March 1949.
- (2) Letters releasing these paintings to the Austrian Government have been forwarded to Zone Command Austria and the Federal Ministry for FC&EP on 24 March 1949.

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Interim Report on Status of MFA&A (con'td)

- (3) Letters releasing the 4 paintings mentioned herein to the Austrian Government were forwarded to Zone Command Austria and the Federal Ministry for PC&EP on 24 March 1949. The two rugs listed herein are retained under U.S. control as they are currently being used in U.S. billets.
- (4) The first 3 rugs mentioned herein are retained under U.S. control as they are in use in U.S. offices and billets. Letters releasing the remaining rug to the Austrian Government were forwarded to Zone Command Austria and the Federal Ministry for PC&EP on 24 March 1949.

d. Finished

II. a. No comments.

- b. Although the 1 remaining painting from Schloss Fischhorn was released to Mr. Gildemeister on 9 Feb 1949, it is anticipated that further protest letters will be received from the Gildemeisters concerning damages to this painting which allegedly occurred while under U.S. control. The damages do exist but there is no way possible to determine whether or not these damages existed prior to the time the painting was taken under U.S. control.

Letter releasing the SS furniture in Schloss Fischhorn to the Quartermaster, U.S. Army for use in dependents' billets was forwarded to Zone Command Austria on 24 March 1949.

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Interim Report on Status of MFAA (cont'd)

- III. a. A letter cancelling the trusteeship agreement of the Reichsrundfunk property, existing in Stift St. Florian, to the direct custody of the Austrian Government was forwarded by Property Control Branch, RD&R Division, to the Federal Ministry for PGSMP on 25 Mar 49. Excluded from this transfer were 6 paintings and 1 valuable musical instrument which are retained under U.S. control pending shipment to Munich as German property. The release letter to the Austrian Government contained the restitution recall clause in case some of this property should be determined as restitutable to a United Nation at a later date.

No records are available as to what properties were removed from Stift St. Florian in 1945 and 1946 for use in U.S. billets in Land Upper Austria. However, a check has revealed that all property in U.S. billets in Land Upper Austria is inventoried by real estate with appropriate rent thereon being paid to the Austrian Government. As such, the property from St. Florian is listed on real estate inventories as well as those of the Austrian Government and is indirectly under Austrian control. No further action is deemed necessary on this property at this time.

- b. The property in the Kavelier Haus, Officers Club, Salzburg, is inventoried under the same conditions as mentioned in a. above. Reports of investigation from the field indicate that the investigators of the PC&R Section, Zone Command, were allowed to enter the Kavelier Haus to search for fine arts whenever necessary. If Miss Tucker was not allowed entry to the Kavelier Haus for this purpose, indications are that she did not use a diplomatic approach to gain entry therein.

One painting covered by French Claim #674 has been identified in the Kavelier Haus. Letter requesting the removal of this painting to the Art Depot, Salzburg, for restitution to France was forwarded to Zone Command Austria on 24 March 1949.

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**Interim Report on Status of MFA&A (cont'd)**

Recommendation #1 of this paragraph is covered by real estate inventories mentioned in III. a. above.

Recommendation #2 is being effected.

- c. Properties mentioned herein are covered by real estate inventories as mentioned in III. a. above. The condition of entry into various villas by the fine arts representative is covered in b. above.

A tapestry and 4 chairs in Maj. Gen. Kendall's quarters are subject to restitution to France under French Claim Nos. 233 and 52. A letter was forwarded to Zone Command Austria on 24 Mar 49 requesting that this property be removed to the Art Depot preparatory to restitution to France. It was suggested that substitutions for this property be made in Gen. Kendall's quarters from unidentified property now in the Art Depot.

No information is available on the missing Dutch items. This property has evidently lost its identity and will probably be dropped from our files.

d. Pending

- e. The paintings listed as missing have been missing since 1945 and no information is available as to their whereabouts.
- f. Will be handled by Dr. Dennis of the Bundeskonskonsulent.
- g. Will be transferred to the custody of the Austrian Government upon their request.
- h. This item should not have been brought to the attention of the Restitutions Branch as the transaction mentioned herein was not the concern of the RDM Division.

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Interim Report on Status of MFAAA (cont'd)

i. These paintings were never formally transferred to the Austrian Government. They have since been deleted from those paintings released to the Austrian Government and retained under U.S. control as they are still in use in U.S. offices and billets.

IV. The first shipment of 3 freight carloads of this property was returned to Salzburg from Munich on 10 March 1949. Similar shipments are expected every 2 to 3 weeks until completion.

V. The status of pending restitution claims as listed in attached report is unchanged, except as noted here below:

US Claims 10, 12, 13, 16 and 27 dropped.

Austrian Claim 122 dropped.

German Claims 17, 20, 23, 30, 35, 37, 38, 39, 42 and 44 are being collected and released and are awaiting transport to Munich. German Claim 46 already has been completed.

VI. All fine arts claims other than U.S., Austrian or German are being distributed among the remaining field representatives for action. Subsequent reports will be submitted when further dispositions have been made of remaining fine arts properties under U.S. control.

E. S. McKEE  
Lt. Col. Inf.  
Head, R&R Branch

Telephone: VIENNA B-48424

CC: PCAR, Salzburg

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**Memorandum of Conversation**

**DATE:** June 3, 1953

**SUBJECT:** Identification and restitution of art treasures currently in Austria.

**PARTICIPANTS:** Miss Ardelia Hall - ICS, Department  
George Freimark - WE/P, Department

Dr. Otto Demus - Chairman of Federal Monuments Office of Austria  
(Bundesdenkmalamt)

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Dr. Demus, who is currently a Visiting Fellow at Dumbarton Oaks, called on me this morning in the company of Miss Ardelia Hall, Arts and Monuments Adviser of ICS, who had arranged the meeting.

Mr. Demus described the various art collections currently in Austria which have to be restituted or authenticated.

Those that are properly identified and authenticated are the Kassel, Kiel and Luebeck collections. The Kassel and Kiel collections are German property and are both housed in Vienna's International Sector, the former in the Kunsthistorisches Museum, the latter in a store-house belonging to the "Vienna Galleries." The fact that they are in the International Sector makes any disposition of them dependent on quadripartite decision. What Dr. Demus described as "an unfortunate attempt" on the part of the US Army to remove these two collections surreptitiously in 1947 (with a view to restoring them to their proper owners) apparently irritated the Soviet element to such an extent that any move with respect to these collections on a quadripartite level was subsequently blocked by the Soviets.

The Luebeck collection is housed near Graz and is under control of the British element.

In addition to the collections mentioned above, according to Dr. Demus and Miss Hall, there are two other "blocks" of art objects whose ownership is either in doubt or not Austrian property. These are a collection of "some 1500 paintings which are presently housed in a mine near Bad Aussee and a collection of 967 paintings from the former Munich Collecting Point." These latter are also in the

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Salzburg area where they were shipped upon the closing of the Munich Collecting Point. According to Dr. Demus the 1500 paintings in Aussee are clearly looted Hungarian property. He describes them as "mostly 20th Century stuff and quite worthless." The 967 paintings from the Munich Collecting Point he describes as "mainly looted and some quite good." He feels certain that some among them are Austrian property. Both the Aussee and the Salzburg blocks are under control of USCOA.

Dr. Demus said that the Austrian Government is most anxious to clear up this situation in order to "clear the atmosphere." He said that the continued presence in Austria of such important collections as the Kassel and Kiel ones has "poisoned the cultural atmosphere" vis a' vis Germany and Austria. He cited the fact that he was advised by some of his German colleagues who are friends of his not to accept speaking engagements at certain German universities because they feared that there might be demonstrations.

I asked Dr. Demus what he would propose doing in these premises. He said that it might be a good gambit if the Aussee collection were restored to the Hungarian Government, without any fanfare, and that after a decent time interval the problem of the Kassel and Kiel collections were to be raised "in a routine manner" in the proper quadripartite body. As for the paintings from the Munich Collecting Point, it was his opinion that only the Department of State could dispose of them after proper research work had been done with a view to establishing their identity and ownership. Miss Hall agreed with this latter opinion.

I told Dr. Demus that I would communicate his views to my colleagues and that I hoped that the problem might be solved to everyone's satisfaction.

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EE - Mr. McKesson

March 26, 1952

ICS - Ardelia R. Hall, Arts and Monuments Officer

Hungarian Cultural Property in U. S. Government Custody.

I would like to propose that all cultural property of Hungarian ownership will be held indefinitely for eventual return to the rightful owners and that this fact should be broadcasted to Hungary.

Hungarian cultural property includes:

- (1) Hungarian Library, under seizure by the Alien Property Custodian, stored at Columbia University;
- (2) the 1176 paintings from the Hungarian Gold Train now in U. S. control, stored at the Residing Depot, Salzburg, Austria;
- (3) the Crown of St. Stephen and related objects.

I was informed by the last MFA&A officer in Austria that the names of the individual owners and addresses in Hungary were attached to the paintings. Should I find evidence of ownership of these 1176 paintings when I go to Salzburg, I would suggest that the detailed list of the objects and owners, painting by painting, should be broadcast to Hungary with the statement that the property is held under trusteeship for eventual return to the owners.

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SUBJECT : DISPOSITION OF ART OBJECTS AND SCIENTIFIC WORKS UNDER USFA CONTROL

The disposition of certain groups of art objects and scientific works taken under control by USFA has up to this time remained unresolved.

Group A consists of approximately 1150 objects of which 740 are oil paintings, 115 watercolors and sketches, and the balance prints, embroideries and woodinlays. More than 400 of the paintings are not signed by the artists.

All of these properties were part of a trainload of valuables taken over by US troops near Werfen in Land Salzburg. The Hungarian Minister Nikolaus Nyaradi in a personal interview with the RD&R Division in February 1948 claimed that the contents of the train were the property of Hungarian persecutees who had been forced to deposit them in Hungarian banks. During the last days of the war the Nazis had loaded them on a train and sent them westward. The train had been looted by SS troops and civilians before falling into US hands. Minister Nyaradi filed a blanket restitution claim but was told that the evidence was insufficient. At the time of the interview the contents of the train, except the art objects, had actually been turned over to I.R.O. as heirless properties or properties in which determination of individual ownership was impractical.

The art objects were in January 1949 turned over to the custody of the Austrian Government subject to further US directives. It is believed that they are the property of middle-class Hungarians partly dead, partly living in Hungary, and in some cases now possibly living outside of Hungary. The Austrian Monuments and Fine Arts Office concurs in the opinion that they are impressive primarily because of their number and not because of their known or possible individual value. There exists doubt here whether they would be of any significance to any future general exchange agreement of cultural objects among any nations concerned.

In view of their origin and by virtue of the identity of most of the artists of the oil paintings insofar as they are known from signatures, the objects should undoubtedly be considered Hungarian art. This would place them into the category of properties which are part of the cultural heritage of a nation and would ordinarily be returned to that nation.

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List of paintings included in the luggage of the family  
CSILLAGHY which were transported in wagon No 55,438 and  
unloaded in Salzburg-Lehen, Heereszeugsmagazin on 24 July  
1945.

- 8 Water-colors: French ball-room scenes
- R (1) 2 Greek Ikons, one of them representing Christ, at the bottom heads of Apostles, second: Holy Child (property of Mrs. Gergely)
- 1 Russian Ikon: 2 Saints, painted on copper
- R (1) 2 oil paintings on wood": Heads of Salome and Magdalene (property of Mrs. Gergely)
- R L 2 paintings (oil on wood) representing Saints
- R L 1 picture (oil) appr. size 65 x 50 : The Holy Family (master unknown)
- 1 copper engraving: Descent from the Cross
- 3 Ivory miniatures: Seated and standing idol, kneeling mother
- 3 Water-colors by Madarasz A.  
1. Adriatic scene Dalmatian coast  
2. The Danube in winter. 3. Wooded hill side
- 1 picture (oil) by Szinyesy-Merse Pal: Autumn Landscape
- 1 " do Forest Brook
- 1 Picture in oil by Karpathy Jeno: Autumn Landscape
- 1 Picture by Madarasz A. Stillife with Flowers
- 1 Drawing: self portrait with signature and quotation by Tostoy jr.
- 8 Aquarelle: Franzoesische Ball-szenen
- (1) 2 Griechische Ikone, eines Christus darstellend, unten Koepfe der Apostel, das zweite: Das Heilige Kind darstellend. (Eigentum Fr. Gergely)
- 1 Russischer Ikon: 2 Heilige, (auf Messing gemalt)
- (1) 2 Olgemaelde auf Holz: Koepfe der Salome und der Magdalene (Eigentum der Fr. Gergely)
- L 2 Olgemaelde auf Holz: Heilige
- L 1 Olgemaelde ungef. 65x50: Die Heilige Familie (Meister unbek.)
- 1 Kupferstich: Kreuzabnahme
- 3 Elfenbein Miniaturen: Stehender und sitzender Goetze, Knieende Mutter.
- 3 Aquarelle von A. Madarasz: 1. Adriatisch-Dalmatinische Küstenlandschaft. 2. Die Donau im Winter, 3. Berghang mit Wald.
- Olgemaelde von Paul von Szinyei-Merse: Herbstlandschaft dtto: Waldbach
- 1 Olgemaelde von Jeno v. Karpathy: Herbstlandschaft
- 1 Olgemaelde von Madarasz Adleine: Blumenstilleben
- 1 Kohlenzeichnung: Selbstportrait und Widmung mit Autogramm des Tolstoy jr.

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antique picture (oil) Uitenheimer School: Church builders (Property of Mrs. Gergely)

1 antikes Oelgemaelde: Uitenheimer Schule: Die Kirchenbau (Frau Gergely's Eigentum)

R 1 oilpainting by unknown master: Madonna with Child (property of Mrs. Gergely)

1 Oelgemaelde unbekannter Meister: Madonna mit dem Kind (Eigentum v. Fr. Gergely)

R 1 oilpainting by unknown master: A French Dandy from the 17th century (property of Mrs. Gergely)

1 Oelgemaelde, unbekannter Maler: Franzoesischer vornehmer Mann aus dem 17. Jahrh. (Eigentum der Frau Joli Gergely)

Books:

1 discreet album by Zichy Mihaly with copper engravings (1 engraving missing)

1 pornographisches Album des Meisters Zichy Mihaly mit Kupferstichen (1 Kupferstich fehlt)

1 antique book in Latin language: Hungarien Kings (Mrs Gergely's property)

1 antikes Buch in lateinischer Sprache: Ungarische Koenige (Frau Gergely's Eigentum)

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Register from luggages of the family von CSILLAGHY who  
were in the waggon N° 55.438 and were unloaded in SALZBURG  
LEHEN, "Heereszeugmagazin" the 24<sup>th</sup> July 1945. with approx.

Contents:

REDDAW

Verzeichnis der Gepaeckstuecke der Familie von CSILLAGHY,

welche am 24. Juli 1945 im Heereszeugmagazin SALZBURG -

LEHEN aus dem Eisenbahnwaggon N° 55.438 ausgeladen wurden,  
nebst annaehernder Inhaltsangabe: an folge einzelne

1 trunk, brown coloured:

bed linen, table linen, placed, emb. Bett- und Tischwaesche mit  
brodered, with B.K. - B.M. - Cs. Handarbeit und Spitzen, mit  
K. and F.J. initials (lathers be., Monogramm B.K. - B.M. -  
longing to Mrs. Joly Gergely - Cs.K. - F.J. (letztere Ei-  
gentum Frau Joly Gergely -  
Forbath) gentum Frau Joly Gergely -  
Forbath.), ditto garnet  
Baby clothes and linens, silk &  
cotton, knitted

1 reel white bed linen material

25 m double length linen pique

Fine quality damask table linen,  
white & blue material

8 m silk-cotton, baby design

10 M. pink rayon

20 m double length cloth material  
differently coloured.

12 m real silk shirt material

28 pieces

Red, blue, pea-green, white and

pink coloured 3/4 length jackets

1 men's silvergrey dressing-gown

1 brauner Schaffrufferr

bedding, table and serv. were made  
with B.K. - B.M. - Cs. Handarbeit und Spitzen, mit  
K. and F.J. initials (lathers be., Monogramm B.K. - B.M. -  
longing to Mrs. Joly Gergely - Cs.K. - F.J. (letztere Ei-  
gentum Frau Joly Gergely -  
Forbath.), ditto garnet  
Baby clothes and linens, silk &  
cotton, knitted

Kinderkleider & Waesche aus  
Seidenleinen und Zwirnleinen

1 Rolle weisse Leinwand

25 Meter doppelbreites Pique

Tischwaeschen-Damast, nicht  
komfektioniert, blau & weiss.

8 M. Kinder-Seidenleinen

10 M. rosa Batistleinen

20 M. Kleiderstoffe in diver-  
sen Farben

12 M. Rohseide fuer Herren-  
hemden.

Sommer-Damenkleider, faerbi-  
ger Schantung, Seide mit Blu-  
mmuster, alles fuer diesel-  
ben gestalt gearbeitet, insge-  
samt 28 Stuecke.

Rote, Mittelblaue, hellgruene  
weisse und tiefrote sommer

3/4 Jacken.

silbergruener Herr-Hausman-  
tel.

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1 woman's blue dressing-gown.

White, fawn, brown, red and black handbags with emroidered initials and the family's coat-of-arms.

1 blauer Damen-Ahkleid.

Weisse, hellbraune, braune, dunkelrote und schwarze Damen-Handtaschen (Ridicules), teilweise mit Monograms und Familienwappen.

1 trunk, bigger size:

cca. 18 pair men, women and children's shoes

1 groesserer Schiffkoffer:

cca. 18 Paar maenner- Frauen & Kinderschuhe.

White and red hand-knitted children's clothes

Rot- und weissagestrickte Kinderkleider (Handgestrickt).

64 suits: black white striped woolen, grey white striped, dark grey flannel thick, dark grey flannel thin, light grey material, dark grey material, cheque suit, Flanell, dunkelgrauer Sommerstoff, mittelgrauer Sommerstoff hellgrauer Sommerstoff, hellgrauer Quadratierter Sportanzug, grauer "Pepita" Anzug, schwarzer Reitanzug, hellbrauner Leinen-Sommer-Anzug grauer Leinen-Sommer-Anzug, weisser Seiden-Leinen-Anzug, mittelgrauer Ueberrock, Sommer-Ueberrock aus Seidengabardin, dunkelblauer Smoking-Anzug, schwarzer Smoking Anzug, Frackanzug. (Teilweise Schneiderarbeit Buechler & Rausch Knize Vienna)

24 Maenner-Anzuge: schwarz-weiss gestreifter, reinwollen, grauweissgestreifter, dunkelgrauer Flanell, dunkelgrauer dunner Sommerstoff, mittelgrauer Sommerstoff hellgrauer Sommerstoff, hellgrauer Quadratierter Sportanzug, grauer "Pepita" Anzug, schwarzer Reitanzug, hellbrauner Leinen-Sommer-Anzug grauer Leinen-Sommer-Anzug, weisser Seiden-Leinen-Anzug, mittelgrauer Ueberrock, Sommer-Ueberrock aus Seidengabardin, dunkelblauer Smoking-Anzug, schwarzer Smoking Anzug, Frackanzug. (Teilweise Schneiderarbeit Buechler & Rausch Knize Vienna.)

Merke: verarbeitet seien u. M. O.

cca. 26 woman's winter frockst. black, with black and white embroidered woollen lace. - black lace with velvet, - fawn colour, - red, - brown, - green, - grey-green, - blue woollen, black silk, - light blue costume, - lightgrey do, - dark grey do, - black do - green do, - cotton and silk blouses, - vests, - skirts, - jacket knitted, 1 black riding outfit, 1 brown ski costume complete with brown and green knitted set, - 1 dark-grey overcoat, - 1 wildcat fur coat sport.

ungef. 26 Damen-Winterkleider: schwarzer Stoff, - schwarz mit weisser Wollenstickerei, - schwarze Wollspitze mit Samt, - lichtbraun, - gruen, - grau, - dunkelblaue Wollenstoffkleider, - schwarzes Seidenkleid, - Dunkelgraues, - lichtgraues, - schwarzes, - glasgrunes Damen-Stoffkostume, - Blousen aus Stoffen und Seide, Damen-Westen, Röcke, 1 gestrickte Jacke, - 1 schwarzes Damen-Reitkostume, 1 dunkelbraunes Damen-Ski-Kostume mit hellgrünem und braunem

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Gesamt = A. N. H. eine stattliche  
Anzahl mehrere sehr schöne  
(. unklassifiziert)

ausserdem viele Belege davon geschiedene

Highly important family and  
personal documents, corres-  
pondence, stamps, all enclo-  
closed in numbered files.

Gestrick, si dunkelgrauer Damen-  
Ueberzieher, - 1 langer Wildkatzen-  
Sportpelz, alles fuer die Figur der  
Frau von Csillaghy.

Sehr wichtige Familien- und Privat-  
dokumente, Korrespondenzen, Briefmar-  
ken, alles in Hartpapier Umschlä-  
gen.

1 ironed wooden box:

Komplette Sèvres-Service fuer 12  
Personen, handgemalt mit Sculpturen-  
verzierung (Eigentum der Frau Joly  
Gergely).

Blumenwasen, Bonbonnières und Schues-  
sel aus Porzellan Marke Herend, Ro-  
senthal & Meissen, Bleikristall Va-  
sen & Behälter mit silberbeschlag.

das Obige in einen persischen Bet-  
teppich eingewickelt, (letzterer  
ist Eigentum der Frau Gergely).

2 big wooden case, ironed:

2 grosse eisenbeschlagene Holzkisten:

1 complettes Silber-Essbesteck fuer  
12 Personen, glatt, separat 6 Kaffe-  
und 6 Mocca-Loeffel mit Monogram:  
P.J. - Grosse Suppen-Servierloeffel  
teilweise ohne Monogram, teilweise  
mit Monogram P.J. oder W.J.

Elfenbein Servierloeffel und Gabel  
mit Initialen: P.J. oder W.J.

1 ungef. 50x70 Cm. grosse, handgeschmiedete  
Silberschüssel mit französi-  
scher Ball-Scene, in der Mitte der  
Bourbon-Wappen (mit) Lilien und ge-  
schlossener Krone.

1 lange Silberschüssel ungef. 11 M. lang mit Initialen H.N.

2 lange Silberschüssel fuer Fisch

2 kürzere Silberplatten fuer Broed-  
chen, alle mit H.N. Initialen.

(P.J. = Tante der Mutter, Pallaghy Ilka  
W.J. = Willnrotter Julia die ka

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mother, and H.H. = Hanzély  
Nathalie, father's aunt of  
Mrs. von Csillaghy.)

Mutter und H.N. = Hanzély  
Tante des Vaters der Frau von  
Csillaghy.)

3 different size silver dishes  
for dessert with or without  
H.N. initials. (silver, engraved  
engraved bread-dish, one leg  
broken, no initials, sugar  
bowl with engraving made of  
silver, a silver sugar-cellars  
with engraving, silver crystal  
vase, different vases and di-  
shes bowls made of silver-cry-  
stal. (Viegret)

3 Silberplatten verschiedener Groesse  
mit, oder ohne H.N. Initialen.  
(silver, engraved bread-dish,

1. Silber-Broetschuessel (1 Fuss  
gebrochen, ohne Monogram, zisel-  
liert,) 1 viereckige Zuckerdose zi-  
selliert, Zuckerstreuer aus Blei-  
kristall mit ziselliertem Silber-  
oberteil, Bleikristallene Karaffe in  
Silberbehaelter, Verschiedene Blei-  
kristall-Vasen & Behaelter.

Silberne Milch- und Kaffee-Kannen  
kleinere Schuessel und Aschenbe-  
cher mit oder ohne Initialen H.N.  
ungef. 8-10 Stuecke.

1 handgeschmiedetes Silber-Fruoch-  
tekoerbchen mit einem gebrochenen  
Ohr.

8 Aquarelle: franz. Ballszenen.

2 grecische Ikons: Christus unten  
at the bottom heads of Apostles  
second: Holy Child (Mrs. Gergely's)  
1 russischer Ikon: 2 Heilige,  
Messing und gemalt

2 Oelgemaelden auf Holz: Koepfe der  
Salome und der Magdalene (Eigentum  
der Frau Gergely.)

2 Oelgemaelden auf Holz: Heilige.

1 Oelgemaelde ungef. 65x50: die Hei-  
lige Familie (Meister unbekannt)

1 Kupferstich: Kreuzabnahme, Csillaghy  
Elfenbein Miniaturen: Stehender &  
sitzender Goetze, knieende Mutter.  
3 Aquarelle von A. Madarasz: (1./Ad-  
riatisch-Dalmatische Kuestenland-  
schaft, 2./Die Donau im Winter 3./  
Donau im Winter) (Meister unbekannt)

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(Berghang mit Wald.)  
 1 oil painting: "Autumn landscape with forest stream" by Szinyei Merse Pál: Autumn landscape  
 \* do : Forest Brook  
 1 Picture in oil: By Kárpáthy Jenő: Autumn landscape  
 1 do by Madarász A.: Still-life with flowers  
 1 drawing: self-portrait with signature and quotation by Tolstoy Jr.  
 1 discreet album by Zichy Mihály with copper engravings (1 engraving missed)  
 1 antique book in latin language: "Hungarian Kings" (Mrs. Gergely's property)  
 approx 5x4 m. double lace curtains  
 do. Venetian curtains  
 must approx 5x4 modern curtains  
 do. (5x4 hand) embroidered "Csetnek" (hungarian) curtains  
 do in pink colour  
 do in yellow  
 double, blue velvet brocade  
 curtains  
 cream coloured Cashmir curtains with Turkish design  
 double, cherry red coloured velvet  
 brocade curtains  
 do grass-green coloured velvet  
 to 5 - 10 m. pieces  
 silver brocade with gold embroidery plaids and tableclothes,  
 old-gold gobelins, lace embroidery, velvet-gold lace covers, purple pall, robes  
 old French (Mrs. Gergely's)

(Berghang mit Wald.)  
 1 Oelgemälde von Paul von Szinyei-Merse: Herbstlandschaft.  
 dtto: Waldbach.  
 1 Oelgemälde von Jenő v. Kárpáthy: Herbstlandschaft.  
 1 dtto von Madarász Adleine: Blumenstillleben.  
 1 Kohlenzeichnung: Selbstporträt und Widmung mit Autogramm des Tolstoy Jr.  
 1 pornographic Album des Meisters Zichy Mihály mit Kupferstichen (1 Kupferstich fehlt)  
 1 antikes Buch in lateinischer Sprache: Ungarische Könige (Frau Gergely's Eigentum)  
 ungef. 5x4 M. doppel-Spitzenvorhänge, (Netz) dtto, venezianer Arbeitsteig  
 ungef. 5x4 M. moderne Vorhänge  
 ungef. 5x4 M. handgestrickte Vorhänge  
 dtto in rosa bedeckung eines  
 dtto in gelb  
 doppelte dunkelblaue Samt-Brokat  
 Verhänge aus den 18. Jhd. mit  
 Creme-farbige Kashmirkvorhänge mit türkischem Muster  
 doppelte, kirschrote Samtvorhänge  
 in Brokatsausführung für einen  
 dunkelroter Samt fuer Vorhänge, Ueberdecken und Draperien in Stuecken  
 vom 5 - 10 Mts.  
 atto herbgruenfarbig in Stuecken zu 5 - 10 Mts.  
 Silberbrokat und goldgestickte Tischdecken mit Goldspitzen  
 Alt-gold Spitzenverzierte Gobelins  
 Wandsdecken, Kirchenkleider und Stola (Frau Gergely's Eigentum)  
 aufgezogen, aufgestellt vorne

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- 1 dame wintercoat, light, lined  
sable collar and cuffs (belonged to Mrs. Gergely's property)
- 1 dame wintercoat, blue with  
red-fox collar (belonged to Mrs. Gergely's property)
- 1 approx. 3x4 m. Indian silk,  
cream-coloured carpet (Mrs. Gergely's property)
- 1 3x4.5 M. purple-blue with blue  
design shiras-persian silk carpet (belonged to Mrs. Gergely's property)
- 1 approx. 1.5x2.5 Persian praying  
rug (belongs to Mrs. Gergely)
- 1) 2 approx. 1.5x2 Persian silk carpet  
(Mrs. Gergely's property)
- 1 approx. 2x3 m. silk Turkish car-  
pet (Mrs. Gergely's property) slightly damaged
- 1 lillac-purple Hungarian gala dress  
(Magnate-dress) with a wide Astrachan collar and Astrachen trimmings, a gala hat in the same colour with Astrachan trimmings, purple gala trousers and gala jacket, purple warnished high-boots with golden cord trimmings
- 1 wooden velvet lined jewelry-box with all the necessary Hungarian gala-jewelry i.e. belt, buttons, spurs; everything real 17-nth Century Hungarian wrought silversmith-work, with turquoise and some rubies ornamented
- 1 leather-box containing the patent of nobility of the Csillaghy family bound in purple velvet, richly covered with gold in a case the stamp of the Imperial-Austrian-House.
- 6 leatherbound picture-albums, blue, purple, green, red, brown coloured Family portraits, photographs and inscriptions
- 1 Damen-winterrock, hellblau  
Zobel-Kragen und Manchetten,  
tierhaft, ca. 1.50 x 1.50 cm
- 1 Damen-Winterrock, blau, mit Rotfuchskragen (belonged to Mrs. Gergely's property)
- 1 ungef. 3x4 M. Indischer Seiden-Teppich, auf cremafaerbigem Grund (Frau Gergely's Eigentum)
- 1 cca. 3x4.5 M. purpur & blau gemusterter Shiras-Perser Teppich (Frau Gergely's Eigentum)
- 1 cca. 1.5x2.5 M. Perser Bettteppich (Frau Gergely's Eigentum)
- 2 cca. 1.5x2 M. Perser Seidenteppich (Frau Gergely's Eigentum)
- 1 ungef. 2x3 M. tuerkischer Seiden-Teppich (Frau Gergely's Eigent.) in der Mitte stark geschaedigt.
- 1 purpur-lilla ungarische Magnaten-Tracht, Ueberwurftmantel mit breitem Astrachan-kragen und Astrachan-Besatz, dazu Galametze ("Kalpegs") in derselben Farbe, rote Hosen und "Attila", Galastiefel aus Purpurleder mit Goldbesatz
- 1 Holz-Etuis mit Sammt, gefuettert fuer den ungarischen Magnaten-Schmuck, beinhaltend die zur obigen Gala-Tracht gehoerenden Knoepfchen, Mantel- und Saebelketten, Kalpagverzierung, Sporen etc. alles ungarisches Goldschmiedearbeit aus dem 17 Jahrhundert mit Tuerilien und einigen Rubinen verziert.
- 1 Leder-Etuis den Adelsbrief der Familie von Csillaghy beinhaltend, in roten Samt gebunden und in einer reich vergoldeten Schachtkiste mit dem Siegel des Oesterreichischen Kaiserhauses.
- 6 Lederalbums, blau, purpur, gruen rot & braunaerbig mit Familienfotographien und Inschriften.

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Carpet roll:

- 1 6x8 M. Smyrna carpet, golden yellow-purple coloured with green designs (Mrs. Gergely's property)
- 1 4x5 m. Persian Bocchara carpet, pearl coloured, purple designs (Mrs. Gergely's property)
- 1 antic picture (oil) Uitenheimer school: Church-Builders (Gergely)
- 1 Unknown Masters: Madonna with the Child (Gergely's own)
- 1 Unknown Painter: A French Dandy from the 17-th Century (belongs to Mrs. Gergely)
- 1 pearlcoloured persian silk carpet with green designs approx 2x3 m. (Mrs. Gergely's)
- 1 3x4 m. Persian-Turkish carpet
- 2 1.5x2 prying-rug, silk, mignonne green-lilac pattern
- 2 1.x1.5 m. persian communication-carpets.
- 1 1x1.5 Persian silk carpet, round letter patter. (Mrs. Gergely's)

1 gold covered monstrance box with cross (Baroque) Mrs Gergely's)

1 modern "Singer" sewing machine.

10 Cushions with gobelin works.

Wrapped in a yellow-gold coloured silk brocade bedcower:

2 pink coloured silk brocade blanket  
1 green " " blanket  
1 blue " " "  
6 big feather cushions  
2 small " "  
2 blanket (camelhair)

1 Teppich Rolle:

- 1 St. 6x8 M. Smyrnateppich, auf rot-goldgelbem Grund im gruen gearbeitet (Frau Gergely's Eigentum)
- 1 Perser-Bocchara Teppich cca 4x5 M. perlfaerbig mit Purpurmustern (Frau Gergely's Eigentum)
- 1 antikes Oelgemaerde: Uitenheimer Schule: Die Kirchenbaut. (Gergely)
- 1 Unbekannte Meister: Madonna mit dem Kind (Gergely's Eigentum)
- 1 Unbekannter Maler: Franzoesischer vornehmer Mann aus dem 17 Jahrh. (Eigentum der Frau Joli Gergely)
- 1 Persischer Seidentteppich, perlfaerbig mit gruenem Dessin, ungef. 2x3 M. (Frau Gergely's Eigent.)
- 1 3x4 M. Tuerkisch-Perser-Teppich
- 2 ungef 1.5x2 Betteppiche, Seide, Resedagruen mit violett gearb.
- 2 ungef 1.1.5 M. Persische Verbindende (Lauf-) Teppiche.
- 1 ungef. 1.1.5 M. Perser Seiden-teppich mit rundlaufenden Blaettermotiven (Mme. Gergely's Eigentum)

1 Monstranzschrank, reich vergoldet, Barok mit Kruzifix (Frau Gergely's Eigent.)

1 Versenkbarer Singer Naehmaschine.

10 Divankissen mit Gobelin-Handarbeiten.

Wrapped in a yellow-gold coloured silk brocade bedcower: In einer gebrokatenen Bettdecke eingepackt:

2 rosa Bett-Humeaus Seidenbrocat.  
1 grunes Seidenplumeau,  
1 blaues "  
6 grosse Bett-Kopfkissen,  
2 kleine " "  
2 Kamelhaardecken.

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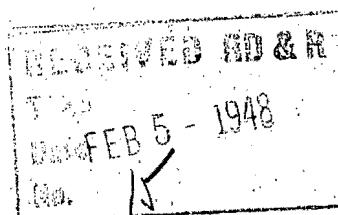
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ZONE COMMAND AUSTRIA  
APO 541, US ARMY

AG 386 GNMHH  
PC and R File 413

4 February 1948

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Receipts.

TO : Commanding General  
United States Forces in Austria  
APO 777, US Army  
USACA Section, RD and R Division  
Reparations and Restitution Branch



1. Forwarded herewith are receipts for Hungarian art property released to Mrs Csillaghy on 2 February 1948 and power of attorney from Mrs Gergely authorizing her to obtain art property belonging to the latter.
2. This property was released on verbal order of Miss Tucker, MF&A representative, RD and R.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

T. R. WILLINGHAM

WOJG USA  
Asst Adj General



2 Incls:

1. 3 Receipts dtd 2 Febr 48
2. 1 power of attorney  
dtd 19 Jan 48.

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Fides Union Fiduciaire  
Zurich, Switzerland

Subject: Claim of Mrs. Joli GORGELY, Baden near Zurich

Dear Sirs:

Reference is made to your letter of 8 Feb 46 addressed to the Allied Military Government, Salzburg, concerning personal property which Mrs. Joli Gorgely brought out of Hungary with her on the so-called "Hungarian Gold Train".

Following is a report which has just been received from the Property Control Officer, Land Salzburg:

"The property of Mrs. Joli Gorgely which was taken into custody with the Werfen Train material is still in the possession of this office; however, the identification of the subject property will be most difficult. Officers who were formerly in charge of Property Control Warehouse in Salzburg, believed that the material could not be identified and restituted. Therefore, in order to preserve clothing, linens, etc., such articles were removed from their original containers, treated with moth-repellent and placed in new boxes.

A very few items belonging to Mrs. Joli Gorgely can be recognized easily. We suggest that Mrs. Gorgely send a representative with a detailed description of her belongings to this office to aid in the identification. Restitution is impossible with the information which we now possess."

If Mrs. Gorgely wishes to authorize Mr. Miklos von Csillaghy to act on her behalf, it is requested that a cable be dispatched to this headquarters requesting entry for Mr. von Csillaghy. Full information, such as place and date of birth, citizenship, etc., should be submitted.

FOR THE DIVISION CHIEF:

E. S. MCKEE  
Lt. Col., Inf.  
Chief, R & R Branch

Telephone: VIENNA A-25345

Copy to: US Consul General, American Legation, Vienna, Austria

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20th September 1945

The American Legation,

BERN

Dear Sirs,

Mrs. Joli Gergely, born P6(b)(6), now living at the Hotel Verenahof, Baden near Zurich, has asked us to look after her interests.

Our customer, a "non-arian" has left Hungary in order to escape race prosecution and has taken up residence in Switzerland some years ago. Her husband who had to stay in Hungary, died there.

We enclose a photostat copy of a document set up by Mr. Nikolaus von Csillaghy. From said enclosure it appears that Mr. von Csillaghy has taken care of the baggage belonging to our customer and containing valuable works of art.

Mrs. Gergely has asked us now to find out the present whereabouts of the valuables. From the message of Mr. von Csillaghy it appears that the baggage was stored away in the same train to which the Hungarian national treasure had been loaded. We thought it advisable to inform you of the above and beg you to extend your searches also on the baggage of Mrs. Gergely. We should be very much obliged to you if you would advise us as soon as any trace of the works of art could be found.

The address of Mr. N. von Csillaghy reads as follows: Feldkirch, Vorarlberg/Oesterreich, Glasenberggasse 4, I. links; the envelop should be sent to Schaanwald in Liechtenstein p. Adr. Grenzpolizei.

We thank you beforehand for your endeavours in the matter. Believe us to be, dear Sirs,

Yours very truly

FIDES  
UNION FIDUCIAIRE  
sig. Leder sig. Meyer

1 enclosure.

P.S. The same letter is addressed to the Ambassade de France, Bern.

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C o p y

Register from Luggages of Csillaghy.

The luggage of the family Csillaghy who were in the van Dr. 55.438 remained in Hopfgarten. Every piece of the luggage was provided with the inscription „Nikolaus von Csillaghy.

1 piece woodenbox (article of dresses, pictures, curtains, oriental carpets, fine art of handwork a.s.o.)

1 piece woodenbox (curtains, Hungarian magnatuniform with the belonging of jewellery in case, pictures a.s.o.)

1 piece bigger shiptrunk (linen, article of dresses, silver objects, papers a.s.o.)

1 piece smaller shiptrunk (linen, article of dresses, silver objects a.s.o.)

1 piece old grey wooden trunk (complete service of Sevres for 12 persons handpainted with sculptures, porcelain "Herend" objects, cutglass service a.s.o.)

1 piece bale in oriental carpet: contains 3 oilpictures (Socle of Uitenheimer "Churchbuild". - Tiepolo: "Madonna with the Child" - Unknown master: Distinguished Frenchman from the XVII century)

1 piece Churchtabernacle with crucifix, richly gilded from the XV century.

1 piece sewing-engine "Singer"

Several photographic Albums in bookshape and books.

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In consequence of the advance of the Red Army we have promised the Hungarian authorities to the civil population of Brennbergbanya - where we since our departure from Budapest lived - that for the escape to Austria shall be one train at our disposal. We were waiting from the 27 March but the train arrived only the 30 March, when the battle were fought already about 10 Km. from Brennbergbanya. The Hungarian police told us that the train, which contained already the values of the Hungarian Pawnshopinstitution Postsaving-bank and the Hungarian National - bank will stop for some hours on the purpose to take with the policement, the surveyors of customs and the luggage of them. On that train, of which the aim was Hallein (Salzburg), we put our luggage too, and after the departure of the train we left Brennbergbanya on my own autocar for Hallein too.

In Ems (Upper-Austria) requisited the Germans my autocar and so we were obliged to continue our travel to Voedlabruck on a motor-lorry and further on to Hallein on a train. Nevertheless, that our travel to Hallein was during more as ten days, the goods-train with our luggage didn't arrive yet. After 4 or 5 days we were told that the goodstrain didn't stop at Hallein and it were staying at Hopfgarten (Tyrol). About the 15th of April we travelled to Hopfgarten, where we found the goodstrain and our luggage in the van DR 55.438.

The goodstrain was composed of about 40 vans and it was loaded with luggages, trunks, boxes and carpets and because the Hungarian policement and the surveyors of customs were also on the train, we hadn't there any place for ourselves.

At the same time we learned, that the goodstrain would continue the journey for St. Anton am Arlberg. The following day, about the 20th April we hired a railway passenger carriage and on them with a passenger train we arrived at St. Anton a/A. But the goodstrain didn't arrive neither on the following day, nor afterwards, because - as we learned later - the bridge of Erixlegg were on the following day of our departure bombed and so remained the train in Hopfgarten.

In St. Anton a/A. by a railway-accident we were hurt badly of cause which we couldn't go back to Hopfgarten and therefore we were obliged to write a letter to the railwaymaster of Hopfgarten, in which we asked him to be so kind to unload and to put in depository our luggage at our expenses. The letter was sent away by the railwaymaster of St. Anton a/A., but we do not know, whether it is arrived or not and with what a success.

On the 30th April turned our condition so bad that we were transported to the hospital of Feldkirch and from that day we didn't get any news from our luggage.

Naturally our luggage wasn't booked according to regulations

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but it was - as the other ones - only given up simply on the risk of the owners; nevertheless every piece of our luggage was provided with an etiquette, bearing our names. Naturally the address wasn't given, because the aim of our travel wasn't fixed at all.

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FIDES

UNION FIDUCIAIRE

Zuerich, 8th February 1946

Allied Military Government,

Salzburg.

"Eigentums-Nachweisungs-Abteilung"

Dear Sirs,

At the request of Mrs. Joli GERGELY, born P6(b)(6), now living at the Hotel Verenahof, Baden near Zuerich, we inform you of the following:

On 20th September 1945 we wrote to the American Legation in Berne as per enclosed copy (encl.1.). Meanwhile we have succeeded in making investigations in this affair, the details of which are contained in the enclosed copies Nr. 2 and 3. In this connection we give you the following supplementary information:

Every piece of the luggage is the property of our customer, Mrs. Joli Gergely. The trunks were, however, marked outside as being the property of Mr. Nikolaus von Csillaghy, a friend of Mrs. Gergely, and who at the time attended to the transport of the luggage. The car 55438 containing the property of our client, has been unloaded at the goodstation in Salzburg-Lehen ("Heereszeugmagazin") on 24th July 1945. Lieutenant Colonel Heller, an American subject, and his secretary Miss Schnee dealt with the matter. When submitting the inventory of the luggage, Mr. von Csillaghy discussed the matter with Lieutenant Colonel Heller in his former office (2nd floor, door Nr. 148). Basing on this discussion it should be possible to proceed with the investigations about the property of our client's luggage. Should the presence of Mr. von Csillaghy be desired for this purpose, Mr. von Csillaghy would be prepared to come to Salzburg. His present address is:

Nikolaus von Csillaghy, Villa Maria, Soprabolzano (Italy). In this case we kindly ask you to intervene with the competent authority of the Allied Military Government in Bozen, enabling Mr. von Csillaghy a trip to Salzburg on the strength of a permission granted by this American authority. Mr. von Csillaghy would than take care of the above-mentioned luggage in our name and for our customer and look for its expedition.

Yours faithfully,  
FIDES UNION FIDUCIAIRE

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*R & R  
JG*  
ESM/gh  
3 October 1946

SUBJECT: Personal Property and Werfen Train

TO: Office Chief Military Government Officer  
Zone Command Austria  
APO 541, U.S. Army  
ATTENTION: Property Control Officer

1. Request investigation of property listed in inclosures.
2. It is the opinion of this office that this property can be released to the individual concerned because:
  - a. It was indentified in the company of the former Property Control Officer in July 1945.
  - b. Assuch, it does not constitute a part of the present property of the Werfen train but has been kept in storage by Property Control until such time as the owner could receive.
3. Please notify this office when this property has been located and collected.

FOR THE DIVISION CHIEF:

1 Incl:  
Subj. file

E. S. McKEE  
Lt. Col., Inf.  
Chief, R & R Br.

Telephone: VIENNA A-29448

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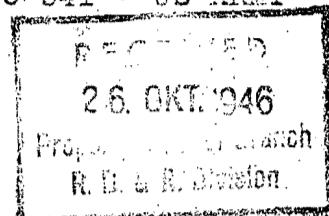
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had this file  
for me*

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APO 541 - US ARMY



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RJC/bes  
18 October 1946

SUBJECT: Personal Property and Werfen Train.

THROUGH: Chief Military Government Officer, Zone Command Austria. ATTN: Mr Kennedy, Property Control Officer.

TO : Headquarters United States Forces in Austria,  
USACA Section, Reparations, Deliveries and Restitution  
Division, Reparations and Restitution Branch,  
APO 777, US Army.

1. Reference is made to letter you headquarters, subject as above, dated 3 October 1946.

2. The property of Mrs Joli Gergely which was taken into custody with the Werfen Train material is still in the possession of this office; however, the identification of the subject property will be most difficult. Officers who were formerly in charge of Property Control Warehouse in Salzburg, believed that the material could not be identified and restituted. Therefore, in order to preserve clothing, linens, etc., such articles were removed from their original containers, treated with moth-repellent and placed in new boxes.

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FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

*H. Mackenzie*  
Howard A Mackenzie  
Captain - Spec Res  
Property Control Officer

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*D. Dean*

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

RECEIVED RD & R  
Time SEP 11 1946  
Date No. 5

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"Train"

Vienna, Austria, September 9, 1946.

Memorandum.

TO : Reparations, Deliveries and Restitution  
Division,  
United States Allied Commission,  
APO 777, U.S.Army.

SUBJECT : Property Claim of FIDES UNION FIDUCIAIRE.  
Attention: Property Control Branch.

The American Legation in Bern has forwarded to this office a claim of the FIDES UNION FIDUCIAIRE, a Swiss company, with the request that the claim be forwarded to the appropriate military authorities in Austria.

It would be appreciated if this matter could be forwarded to Salzburg for intervention.

*L.C. Frank*

Laurence C. Frank  
Consul General of the United States  
of America

Enclosure:  
As stated

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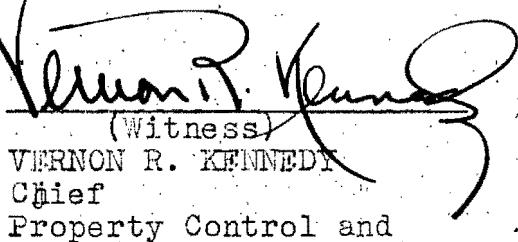
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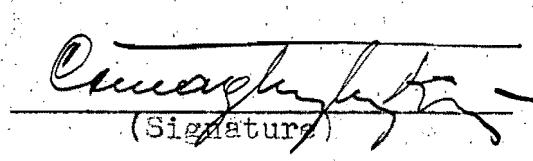
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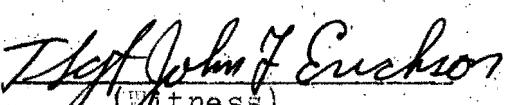
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The following paintings which were identified from list furnished by Mr. Nikolaus von Csillaghy in 1945 were released to Mrs. KATA von CSILLAGHY on behalf of Mr. Nikolaus von Csillaghy and Mrs. Joli Gergely:

- 2 pictures showing a saint; oil on wood, 55 x 15 cm,  
(property of Mr. Csillaghy)
- 1 picture "The Holy Family", oil on canvas, 65 x 50,  
master unknown (property of Mr. Csillaghy)
- 1 painting "Head of Salome", oil on wood, 20 x 25 cm,  
(property of Mrs. Gergely)
- 1 painting, Uitenheimer School "Church Builders", oil  
on canvas, 168 x 127 cm (Property of Mrs. Gergely)
- 1 painting "Madonna with Child", oil on canvas, 114  
x 87 cm, (property of Mrs. Gergely)
- 1 painting "A French Dandy of the 17th century", oil  
on canvas, 127 x 100 cm (property of Mrs. Gergely)
- 1 Greek Ikon "The Holy Child" (property of Mrs. Gergely).

  
(Witness)  
VERNON R. KENNEDY  
Chief  
Property Control and  
Restitution Section

  
(Signature)  
KATA von CSILLAGHY  
(Signature typed)

  
(Witness)  
T/Sgt JOHN F. ERICKSON, 20141912  
7794 Sq & Hq Co, ZCA  
Property Control and  
Restitution Section

(Title or capacity of signer)

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