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DU
CONSEIL DE CONTRÔLE
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Ref.4409.12.48/ML

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BERLIN-TEGEL/KONRADSHÖHE
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TEL. 49 30 60
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23 December 1948.

The Chief of the Luxembourg Mission
to the Allied Control Authority
in Berlin,

to

Reparations & Restitution Branch
Property Division,
OMGUS, BERLIN.

I refer to your letter dated 14 December 1948,
re the filing of claims for the restitution of securities
which were looted from occupied countries during the occu-
pation by German forces and which are now in the U.S. zone
of Germany.

The Luxembourg Government today advised me that
they had filed with the competent authorities in the
U.S. zone three claims, of which a list is attached.

Presumably the Luxembourg Government had also been
invited by U.S. authorities in the American zone to file
claims for the restitution of securities and they thus
forwarded the claims to said authorities directly, instead
of filing them with your office, as suggested in your
letters to this Mission.

I hope that nevertheless the claims in question
will reach you in due time.

A fourth claim, No. 121/122, had been delivered to
your Office in Berlin in September already and was subse-
quently returned for resubmission as outlined in your
letter dated 9 August 1948. This claim is now resub-
mitted herewith.

If anything about the latter claim should be in-
complete, or if there should be any observation as to

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the other three claims filed by the Luxembourg Government, would you kindly let me know it at once, in order to have all claims filed correctly by 31 December 1948.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter, I remain,

sincerely yours



Albert WEHRER, Colonel,
Minister plenipotentiary
Chief of the Luxembourg Mission in
Berlin

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Frankfurt
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Office of Economic Affairs

Ref No. Y-1

October 27, 1950.

Yugoslav Military Mission,
17/18 Rauchstrasse,
Berlin-Charlottenburg.

Sirs:

With letter of December 30, 1948 (Ref.No. S-1/5634) you submitted two claims for the restitution of securities. These claims were docketed under the file nos. Y-1 and Y-2.

This office advised the Yugoslav Consulate in Munich by letter of May 11, 1950 that none of the securities listed in claim no. Y-2 had been located in the US Zone of Germany and that the claim was therefore being dropped.

Investigation of claim no. Y-1 has resulted in locating two lots listed under item no.49, viz. RM 1,200 shares of Allgemeine Baugesellschaft A. Porr and 50 Otavi Mines shares. Since these securities were never physically located in Yugoslavia but had been bought and deposited by the owner, Dr. Wernerer, in Munich, there is no case for restitution, and your claim must in so far be denied. Dr. Wernerer has been requested to submit an individual application for registration of title and release, and appropriate action will be taken for the return of these items to him.

We regret to inform you that the balance of your claim no. Y-1 has not been located as being held in the US Zone under Mil.Gov. Law No. 53 and is therefore being dropped. This may partly be attributed to the fact that in most instances no certificate numbers are given. Moreover, it should be pointed out that neither law no. 53 nor the present restitution procedure are concerned with German denominated securities issued by German companies or bodies politic. Such securities should first be

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registered in accordance with the provisions of the "Securities Settlement Ordinance" no. 155 promulgated by the Economic Council as of October 1, 1949. The German banks with which the securities are deposited will certainly lend you every assistance in the matter.

We further find that, according to the statements contained in the claim, 57 items out of a total of 82 were located at the Reichsbank in Berlin and another 7 items at other Berlin banks. All of the holdings of these banks were seized by the Soviet forces, and your claim should therefore be submitted to the competent Soviet authorities.

Finally, we wish to mention that all securities of Yugoslav issue located in the US Zone and not claimed otherwise, will eventually be delivered to you as representing German external assets under the Potsdam Agreement and the Final Act of the Paris Conference on Reparations. We expect to start with such deliveries before the end of the year.

Very truly yours,

K. A. de Keyserlingk
H.A. Weismann
Chief
External Claims Branch

E:FN:KAdeKeyserlingk/eh
Telephone 8708
October 27, 1950

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Ref No. N-1 & N-3

October 19, 1950.

Norwegian Consulate,
221 Saartzenbergstrasse,
Frankfurt/Main.

Attention: Mr. H. Nord, Consul.

Sir:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation a short while ago, we have still two Norwegian claims on file for the restitution of securities, to wit:

- (a) our no. N-1, your no. 4881/48, for nkr. 35,000.- shares of Hidelhart & Co. A/S (formerly Høylandar, Høime, Hidelhart A/S).
- (b) our no. N-3, your no. 3783/48, for nkr. 270,000.- shares of Frostfjell A/S, Trondheim.

Authority for Release of item (a) will be forwarded to you with separate letter.

As to item (b), the Norwegian Military Mission informed this office's predecessor by letter of March 11, 1949 (copy of which is attached) that restitution of these shares was no longer of interest, and we consider the claim therefore as dropped. The certificates will be returned to you in due course as constituting a Norwegian issue and thereby a German external asset, pursuant to the Potsdam Agreement and the Final Act of the Paris Conference on Reparations.

Very truly yours,

E.A. Weismann
Chief
External Claims Branch

Enclosure:

Copy of letter from
Norw. Mil. Mission
dat March 11, 1949.

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C O P Y

Norwegian Military Mission

930/49 HJ/Ss

Berlin W. 35, 11 March 1949
Rauchstrasse 11

Dear Mr. McJunkins,

With reference to your letter dated 3 February 1949 regarding claim for restitution of shares of the Norwegian firm Frostfilet A/S, Trondheim, I have the honour to inform you that, according to a report now received from Norway, the shares in question have been officially called in for mortification, but no claimants have responded to the summons.

Restitution of the above mentioned shares to Norway is therefore no longer of interest, and there is no objection, as far as the Norwegian authorities are concerned, to the shares being annulled. This would, on the contrary, be regarded as an advantage to avoid misuse of the worthless shares.

Yours sincerely,

C. J. Helgeby
Major-General
Chief
Norwegian Military Mission

Mr. Orren R. McJunkins
Chief, Reparations & Restitution Branch
Property Division
Office of Military Government for Germany (US)
APO 742 Berlin

OFFICE OF MILITARY GOVERNMENT FOR HESSE
PROPERTY DIVISION
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Wiesbaden
20 July 1948

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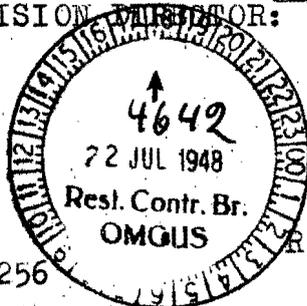
SUBJECT: Restitution Claim No. 8540-N

TO : Restitution Branch, OMGUS
APO 403, US Army, Karlsruhe, Germany

1. Reference is made to your letter, 25 May 1948, subject as above. Subject claim has been reinvestigated and the shares are not in the possession of the Landeszentralbank Frankfurt. Inquiry was made at the Foreign Exchange Depository in Frankfurt where it was discovered that the subject securities had been received on 1 Nov 45 from the Norddeutsche Kreditbank AG in Bremen. Included in a large shipment of foreign assets made on 28 April 1948 were all the securities here claimed. The FED shipping ticket number was 32.

2. It is therefore recommended that the subject claim be dropped from Hesse and reactivated in Bremen. *Ho*

FOR THE DIVISION DIRECTOR:



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ALLAN C WILSON
CHIEF
Restitution Branch

Wiesbaden 21341Ext. 256

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Mr Lee

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22 March 1949

ORR:J

Dear General Selvig:

Your letter of 11 March 1949 regarding the claim for restitution of securities of the Norwegian firm Frosk-filut A/S, Trondheim, has been received.

Although the securities listed in this claim have been located we are notifying our Office of Finance Advisor that, pursuant to your above mentioned letter, the Norwegian authorities are no longer interested in the restitution of these securities.

Sincerely,

OWEN R. MCJUNKINS
Chief - Reparations and
Restitution Branch

Major General C. J. Selvig
Chief, Norwegian Military Mission
11 Rantzstrasse
Berlin - Charlottenburg

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D R A F T

Returned herewith is your claim #59669 for the restitution of two Neusiedler Paper Shares, normal value RM 500.- each.

The claim alleges that the securities were deposited on 18 June 1945 by the Firma August W. Michel, Bankgeschaeft, Frankfurt/Main, with the Reichsbank Frankfurt in accordance with Military Government Law 53; certificate numbers as well as name of last Czechoslovakian owner, however, are stated ~~not~~ to be ^{un}known.

In the absence of the essential certificate numbers, the claimed securities can not be identified under the tabulation system specifically established by US Military Government in Germany for this purpose.

Accordingly, further investigation of the claim by this office is not warranted unless documentary evidence to support the following allegations is forthcoming:

- a. That the ~~securities~~ equities, represented by the claimed securities, were formerly the property of a Czechoslovakian national.
- b. That the Czechoslovakian national was deprived of such equities under elements of duress instigated by German action during the occupation.
- c. That the aforementioned Bankgeschaeft subsequently acquired possession of securities representing the identical equities referred to in a. and b. above.

Very truly yours

R. S. Leonard

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October 23, 1950.

Dr. August K. Stadler,
Czechoslovak R. D. & R. Mission,
Hotel Fuerstenhof,
Bad Salzflon.

Sir:

We are enclosing herewith a list of undisposed active claims filed by your Government for the restitution of securities of non-German issue or denomination. Our list shows your claim numbers as well as the claim number assigned to each claim by this office. For reference purposes we shall forthwith use exclusively the latter.

We expect to process these claims and dispose of them either by restitution or by denial, as the case may warrant, by the end of November. Restitutability will be decided in accordance with the principles laid down in the London Declaration of 5 January 1945 and the agreements reached in the Allied Control Authority.

For your guidance, we consider it appropriate to summarize these principles, as they have been developed in respect of the restitution of securities, as follows:

1. Restitution presupposes physical removal from the occupied country to be proven by the claimant nation.
2. The claimant nation must furthermore prove removal by force or under duress in the specific case. The general allegation that the sale and/or removal took place as a consequence or under the pressure of occupation is not sufficient to establish restitutability.
3. Restitution will also take place where the German owner or holder cannot show that acquisition from the occupied country took place in the course of a transaction essentially commercial in character.

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4. Absence of a "normal commercial transaction" (U.S.M.) will be presumed in all instances of acquisition and/or removal from the occupied country after the date of the London Declaration in view of the fact that this Declaration gave "constructive notice" of the intent of the Allied Governments to defeat Axis looting methods and thereby destroyed the bona fides of the purchaser. On the other hand, all transactions prior to the date of the London Declaration will be presumed to constitute normal commercial transactions. Both presumptions are open to rebuttal.

5. The subscription to or purchase of new issues during occupation will be presumed to have been a normal commercial transaction upon the ground that the economy of the occupied country benefited to the extent of the counter value invested in that country at the time.

6. "Aryanization" in the form of a purchase and sale is in itself not sufficient to make a subsequent removal a removal by force or duress. Adjudging the conflicting interests of the parties concerned is rather a matter incumbent upon the proper courts and authorities of the country in which such aryanization occurred.

Finally, we wish to point out that securities of Czechoslovak issue located in the US Zone and not claimed otherwise, will eventually be delivered to the Czechoslovak Government as representing German external assets under the Potsdam Agreement and the Final Act of the Paris Conference on Reparations. We expect to start with such deliveries before the end of the year.

Very truly yours,

K. A. de Keyserlingk
H.A. Weismann
Chief
External Claims Branch

E:FW:KAdcKeyserlingk/ah
Telephone 8708
October 25, 1950

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Ref. Nos. C-3 and C-5

December 5, 1950.

Czechoslovak R. D. & A. Mission,
 Hotel Fuerstenhof,
 Bad Salsufien.

Attention: Dr. A.K. Stadler,
 Chief of Mission.

Sir:

These claims fail to state the certificate numbers of the securities claimed which would allow their identification among the securities of the same issues which have been deposited by Volksbank Amberg pursuant to Military Government Law no. 55, and are therefore hereby denied for lack of identification.

We may add that delivery allegedly took place in the years 1941-42. In the absence of specific elements of force or duress, the claims would be subject to denial even if identity could be established.

Very truly yours,

H. A. Weismann
 Chief
 External Claims Branch

E:FW:KAdeKeyserlingk/eh
 Telephone 8798
 December 5, 1950

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Ref. Nos. C-3 and C-5

December 5, 1950.

Czechoslovak R.D.& R. Mission,
 Hotel Fuerstenhof,
 Bad Salsoufen.

Attention: Dr. A.K. Stadler,
 Chief of Mission.

Sir:

These claims fail to state the certificate numbers of the securities claimed which would allow their identification among the securities of the same issues which have been deposited by Volksbank Amberg pursuant to Military Government Law no. 53, and are therefore hereby denied for lack of identification.

We may add that delivery allegedly took place in the years 1941-42. In the absence of specific elements of force or duress, the claims would be subject to denial even if identity could be established.

Very truly yours,

K. A. de Keyserlingk
 R.A. Weismann
 Chief
 External Claims Branch

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 Telephone 8708
 December 5, 1950

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 Finance Division
 Office of Economic Affairs

Ref.No. C-7

December 1, 1950.

Czechoslovak R.D.& R. Mission,
 Hotel Fuerstenhof,
 Bad Salsufien.

Attention: Dr. A.E. Stadler
 Chief of Mission

Sir:

The securities claimed, which have been located as being held in the U.S. zone of Germany under law no. 55, were subscribed by the Dresdner Bank through the Technische Kassebank in May 1942.

In the absence of any elements of force or duress, your claim must therefore be denied.

Very truly yours,

K. A. de Keyserlingh
 H.A. Weismann
 Chief
 External Claims Branch

B:FW:KAdeKeyserlingk/eh
 Telephone 8708
 December 1, 1950

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Ref No. C-6

October 25, 1950.

Czechoslovak R.D. & R. Mission,
Hotel Furstenhof,
Bad Nauheim.

Attention: Dr. A. E. Stadler,
Chief of Mission.

Sir:

As alleged in your claim, the securities in question were issued during the occupation of Czechoslovakia in 1941. The German owner has submitted proof that he subscribed RM 5000 of said bonds through his bank in Aschaffenburg.

Pursuant to paragraphs 4 and 5 of our letter of October 25, 1950, your claim must be denied.

Very truly yours,

H.A. Weismann
Chief
External Claims Branch

EPH:KadeKeyserlingk/eh
Telephone 5708
October 26, 1950

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Ministry of Finance of the Czechoslovak Republic, Prague 31. January 1948.

(razítka peněžního ústavu - stamp of the money institution-Bank)

(místo a datum - place and date)

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Cenné papíry v Německu a Rakousku

Securities in Germany and Austria

A) které jsou předmětem restitučních nároků

A) subject to restitution

B) ~~kteřímž předmětem restitučních nároků~~

B) ~~subject to restitution~~

Issued in Czechoslovakia

Aktien der Glasshüttenwerke DUX, vormalis Lukes a spol.

(pojmenování cenného papíru a měna - designation and currency of the security)

Dux, CSR.

Jméno (firma) a adresa vlastníka - přiblašovatele Name (firm) and address of the owner - declarer	Jmenovitá hodnota (u akcií počet kusů) a připojený kupon Nominal value (number of shares) and coupon attached	Serie a číslo Series and numbers	Kam, komu a kdy byly cenné papíry odevzdány, resp. kde leží Where, to whom and when delivered or where deposited	Důvod převodu do Německa - Rakouska a doklad Reasons of transfer to Germany - Austria and proof	Poznámka Note
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Ministry of Finance of the Czechoslovak Republic, Prague	RM 167 000,-	unknown	Landeszentralbank Bamberg, in the year 1941 removed from Czechoslovakia by German forces	The securities belong to Mr. Lukes a Jew, whose plant was in 1941 arianised by H. Wiegand Steinbach a Wald, who removed the securities to Germany	These RM 167 000,- is one part of the whole shares stock capital that belonged to Mr. Lukes a Jew, Dux, Czechoslovakia. The other part e.g. RM 633 000,- was removed also from Czechoslovakia by Mr. Wiegand/Steinbach a Wald, but left to the other three brothers of Mr. Wiegand, who re-deposited this part in SSSR zone of Germany. The whole property that was removed from Czechoslovakia by Mr. Wiegand consists of RM 800 000,- shares of Glasshüttenwerke Dux, vormalis Lukes a spol. Dux, CSR.

/č.j. 226059/Š/48-se dne 19.11.1948-Ministerstvo zahraničních věcí/

Prohlašujeme, že reklamované cenné papíry nejsou papíry v Německu vydanými a nebyly v německém vlastnictví v době počátku okupace.

We hereby declare that the securities the release of which is being claimed were not issued in Germany nor were German-owned at the beginning of occupation.



Ministry of Finance by:

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Return to: E/FN
K. A. de KEYSERLINGK

Ref.No. c-10

December 20, 1950.

Bayerische Flaschen-Glasmattenerwerke,
Steinbach am Wald/Oberfranken.

Sirs:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 26, 1950 with reference to the acquisition by Dr. Harry Wiegand of the capital stock of Glasmattenerwerke G.m.b.H.

This is to advise you that, in view of the original acquisition by the Regierungspräsident in Ansbach, the shares in question are restitutable and will be restituted to the claimant Government.

Very truly yours,

K. A. de Keyserlingk
Chief
External Claims Branch

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Telephone 8708
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16 Frankfurt am Main
Headquarters Building
Office of Economic Affairs
Finance Division

Ref No. C-15

January 30, 1951.

Czechoslovak R.D. & R. Mission,
Bad Salsufien,
Hotel Fürstenhof.

Attention: Dr. A. K. Stadler,
Chief of Mission

Sirs:

Reference is made to our letter of October 27, 1950.

Since the evidence submitted with your claim is not sufficient to identify certificate no. 3512 nor the circumstances surrounding its removal from Czechoslovakia and in the absence of any substantiating proof such as was requested in our above letter we regret that your claim must be denied.

Very truly yours,

K. A. de Keyserlingk
Chief
External Claims Branch

E:FN:KAdKeyserlingk/1s
Telephone 8708
January 30, 1951

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Ref No. C-15

October 27, 1950.

Czechoslovak R.D. & R. Mission,
Hotel Furstenhof,
Bad Salzbrunn.

Attention: Dr. A.K. Stadler,
Chief of Mission.

Sir:

Of the claimed securities, serial no. 3612 has been located as being held in the US zone of Germany under law no. 53.

The owner, Dr. med. Paul Wlaka, states that he acquired the bond through the estate of his deceased father. Since this contradicts your allegation that the bonds claimed were confiscated and forwarded to Bayreuth for the account of the SEDAP Verwaltung, we request you to submit documentary evidence in support of your statement of facts.

Very truly yours,

H.A. Weismann
Chief
External Claims Branch

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Telephone 8708
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Ref No. C-16

October 27, 1950.

Czechoslovak R.D. & R. Mission,
 Hotel Fuerstehof,
 Bad Salsufien.

Attention: Dr. A. K. Stadler,
 Chief of Mission.

Sir:

The above claim is for Kc 1,170,000.- 4% Ferdinand Nordbahn bonds of 1944. No certificate numbers are given but it is stated that the bonds were deposited in Giro-sammeldepot. It further appears from the correspondence submitted that these bonds were purchased by Volkonakupni spolecnost druzstev (Grossverkaufsgesellschaft der Genossenschaften, Prague) and that they are still being held in Giro-sammeldepot for the account of the Czechoslovak purchaser.

It follows from the nature of "Giro-sammeldepot" that there is no title to specific certificates and the restitution claim must therefore be denied for lack of identifiability.

Even if identification were possible, restitution would be barred by the fact that

- a. no force or duress is shown, on the contrary the purchase took place by and for the still recognized Czechoslovak owner;
- b. the purchase took place in Germany;
- c. the bonds were issued in 1944, i.e. during the occupation of Czechoslovakia;
- d. the bonds are being held, as part of the Giro-sammeldepot, outside Germany, i.e. in Austria and Czechoslovakia.

Very truly yours,

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K. H. Weismann
 Chief

External Claims Branch

B:FN:KAdKeyserlingk/eh/8708
 October 27, 1950

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Ref no. C-17 et al.

November 9, 1950.

Czechoslovak R.D. & R. Mission,
Hotel Fuertenhof,
Bad Salsafflen.

Attention: Dr. A.K. Stadler,
Chief of Mission

Sir:

The securities of the restitution claims below have been located as being held in the US Zone of Germany under Law No. 59 as follows:

- no. C-27 : all securities
- no. C-19 : all securities
- no. C-20 : all securities
- no. C-21 : nos. 291051-290, 293701-825, 1062-66
- no. C-15A : nos. 28063, 28951, 28911-12, 33102-3
- no. C-226 : nos. 711-758.

However, all of the above are being held in Giroanwaldepot. Under the law, securities in Giroanwaldepot form a common fund and there is no claim for the particular security delivered but only for a certificate of the same kind and value, the entire fund being liable for such delivery as well as for loss of any certificates forming part thereof. It follows that, by legal fiction, the certificates, once added to the Giroanwaldepot, lose their identity as such.

Your restitution claims must therefore be denied for lack of legal identifiability. However, it would appear that, since all of the securities involved are of Czechoslovak issue, the

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Denial of the restitution claims only means that the same securities, as part of the various Grossmaldopats, will be delivered to your Government in accordance with the last paragraph of our letter of October 25, 1950.

Very truly yours,

H. A. WEISSHART
Chief
External Claims Branch

R:FN:KideKeyserling/1h
Telephone 8708
November 9, 1950

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Ref No. C-25

October 27, 1950.

**Czechoslovak R.D.& R. Mission,
Hotel Fuerstenhof,
Bad Salzuflen.**

**Attention: Dr. A.K. Stadler,
Chief of Mission.**

Sir:

**Of the securities claimed, certificate no. B/4902
has been located as being held in the US Zone of Germany
under law no. 53.**

**The German owner has submitted documentary proof
to the effect that he acquired the bond in December 1942
in a normal commercial transaction. This is in agreement
with the statements contained in the claim.**

**Pursuant to the restitution principles announced
in our letter of October 25, 1950 the claim is therefore
denied.**

Very truly yours,

**H.A. Weismann
Chief
External Claims Branch**

**E:FW:KadeKeyserlingk/eh
Telephone 8708
October 27, 1950.**

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Ref Nos. C-27, 28 and 29.

November 3, 1950.

Czechoslovak R.D. & R. Mission,
Hotel Fuernstehof,
Bad Nauheim.

Attention: Dr. A.K. Stoller,
Chief of Mission.

Sir:

These claims concern certain Hungarian securities which had been called for redemption and were so redeemed and paid by the Deutsche Effekten- und Wechselbank in Frankfurt in December 1942.

The securities in question have not been located as being held in the US zone of Germany under Law no. 58, and the above claims are therefore being dropped. We may add that, even if the securities had been located, the restitution claims would have to be denied since the transaction involved appears normal and essentially commercial in character.

Very truly yours,

K. A. de Keyserlingk
R.D. & R. Mission
Chief
External Claims Branch

H:PH:KAdKeyserlingk/eh
Telephone 8700
November 3, 1950

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Ref No. C-30

October 27, 1950.

Czechoslovak R.D. & R. Mission,
Hotel Fuerstenhof,
Bad Salzbrunn.

Attention: Dr. A.K. Stadler,
Chief of Mission.

Sir:

The claimed securities have been located as being held in the US Zone of Germany under Law no. 55.

However, since they were acquired in December 1942 in what appears a transaction essentially commercial in character, the restitution claim must be denied.

Very truly yours,

H.A. Weismann
Chief
External Claims Branch

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Ref Nos. 8-52, 53, 54, 55,
 56, 57.

November 6, 1950.

Czechoslovak R. E. & R. Mission,
 Hotel Puertzenhof,
 Bad Salmunien.

Attention: Mr. A. J. Stadler,
 Chief of Mission.

Sir:

The above claims are for the restitution of a number of Prager Wenzeliner, Stada Werke, Pilzner Brunner and Marguette shares allegedly removed by or through the banking firm of August W. Michael, Frankfurt. No serial numbers are given, nor have the names of the actual owners and the specific circumstances of removal been made known.

Under well established principles of restitution procedure, the claims must be denied for lack of substantiation.

Very truly yours,

K. A. de Keyserlingh
 R. A. Baumann
 Chief
 External Claims Branch

EA:VB:KAdcKeyserlingh/eh
 Telephone 8798
 November 6, 1950

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Ministry of Finance of the Czechoslovak Republic, Prague 13th September 1947
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Cenné papíry v Německu a Rakousku **Securities in Germany and Austria**

- A) které jsou předmětem restitučních nároků A) subject to restitution
 B) ~~...~~ B) ~~...~~

Issued in Czechoslovakia

Prager Neusiedler Aktien

(pojmenování cenného papíru a měna - designation and currency of the security)

Jméno (firma) a adresa vlastníka - přihlašovatele Name (firm) and address of the owner - declarer	Jmenovitá hodnota (u akcií počet kusů) a připojený kupon Nominal value (number of shares) and coupon attached	Serie a číslo Series and numbers	Kam, komu a kdy byly cenné papíry odevzdány, resp. kde leží Where, to whom and when delivered or where deposited	Důvod převodu do Německa - Rakouska a doklad Reasons of transfer to Germany - Austria and proof	Poznámka Note
1	2	3	4	5	6
Ministry of Finance of the Czechoslovak Republic, Prague <i>For Trib check see ll. #3491</i>	54 eg. 25 á RM 42,- 29 á RM 47,-	Serial Nos. unknown	Reichsbank Frankfurt A/Main Foreign Exchange depository, under Mil. law No. 53 on the 18.6.45 from Firma August W. Michel Bankgeschäft Frankfurt a/Main delivered	The securities existed on the territory of Czechoslovakia at the time of German occupation and were removed by force. Last known resident of our country who was owner or custodian of this property prior to its coming into the country of the enemy within the territory of our country is not quite possible to trace as transactions and removals of securities and shares confiscated from imprisoned and concentrated Czechs and Jews, as in this cases were veiled by being secretly transferred to Germany. Evidence that German ownership of the securities was acquired during the occupation of Czechoslovakia and proof that the shares were removed by force can be revealed by investigation of the present holders as; The shares have been issued before the occupation of Czechoslovakia German ownership acquired during the war by German Authorities and through a German Bank or Authority transferred.	

/č.j. 226019/S/48-ze dne 19.11.1948 Ministerstvo zahraničních věcí/

Prohlašujeme, že reklamované cenné papíry nejsou papíry v Německu vydanými a nebyly v německém vlastnictví v době počátku okupace.

We hereby declare that the securities the release of which is hereby claimed were not issued in Germany nor were German-owned at the beginning of occupation.



J. J. Hamr

(razítko a podpis - stamp and signatures)

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Ref.No. C-34

December 5, 1950

Czechoslovak R.D.& R. Mission,
 Hotel Fuerstenhof,
 Bad Salsauflen.

Attention: Dr. A.K. Stedler,
 Chief of Mission.

Sir:

Although this claim does not indicate any certificate numbers, we have traced one delivery of RM 1,000.- Neusiedler Papier by the banking firm of August W. Michel to the Reichsbank in Frankfurt on May 26, 1945.

However, this certificate of stock was purchased through normal channels on the Vienna stock exchange in October 1941. No removal by force or duress from Czechoslovakia has been shown. The claim must therefore be denied.

Very truly yours,

H.A. Weismann
 Chief
 External Claims Branch

E:FN:KAdKeyserlingk/eh
 Telephone 8708
 December 5, 1950

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Ref Nos. 9-32, 33, 34, 32.
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November 6, 1930.

Gescheftsvater R.D.A. R. Hinzman,
Hotel Schweizerhof,
Bad Nauheim.

Attention: Mr. A.H. Stollay,
Chief of Mission.

Sir:

The above claims are for the restitution of a number of Prager Reichsmark, Golda Marks, Palmenes Remerci and Marguerite Marks allegedly recovered by or through the banking firm of August W. Michel, Frankfurt. No serial numbers are given, nor have the names of the actual owners and the specific circumstances of recovery been stated.

Under well established principles of restitution procedure, the claims must be denied for lack of substantiation.

Very truly yours,

K. A. de Keyserlingk
H.A. Weismann
Chief
External Claims Branch

H:FR:KAdoKeyserlingk/ah
Telephone 8708
November 6, 1930

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Ministry of Finance of the Czechoslovak Republic, Prague 13th September 1947
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Cenné papíry v Německu a Rakousku

Securities in Germany and Austria

A) které jsou předmětem restitučních nároků
 B) ~~kteřé jsou předmětem repatriace~~

A) subject to restitution
 B) ~~subject to repatriation~~

Issued in Czechoslovakia

Pilsener Brauerei Aktien/shares

(pojmenování cenného papíru a měna - designation and currency of the security)

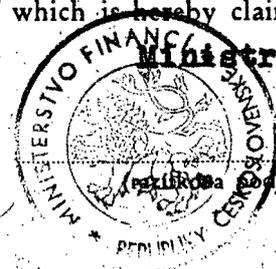
Jméno (firma) a adresa vlastníka - přihlašovatele Name (firm) and address of the owner - declarer	Jmenovitá hodnota (u akcií počet kusů) a připojený kupon Nominal value (number of shares) and coupon attached	Serie a číslo Series and numbers	Kam, komu a kdy byly cenné papíry odevzdány, resp. kde leží Where, to whom and when delivered or where deposited	Důvod převodu do Německa - Rakouska a doklad Reasons of transfer to Germany - Austria and proof	Poznámka Note
1	2	3	4	5	6
Ministry of Finance of the Czechoslovak Republic, Prague	2	Serial Nos: delivered to unknown	Reichsbank Frankfurt A/Main on the 30.7.43 from the Firma August W. Michel Bankgeschäft Frankfurt a/Main.	The securities existed on the territory of Czechoslovakia at the time of German occupation and were removed by force. Last known resident of our country who was owner or custodian of this property prior to its coming into the country of the enemy within the territory of our country is not quite possible to trace as transactions and removals of securities and shares confiscated from imprisoned and concentrated Czechs and Jews, as in this cases were veiled by being secretly transferred to Germany. Evidence that German ownership of the securities was acquired during the occupation of Czechoslovakia and proof that the shares were removed by force can be revealed by investigation of the present holders as the shares have been issued before the occupation of Czechoslovakia, German ownership acquired during the war by German Authorities and through a German Bank or Authority transferred.	

for Job note see ll. 3491

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Prohlašujeme, že reklamované cenné papíry nejsou papíry v Německu vydanými a nebyly v německém vlastnictví v době počátku okupace.

We hereby declare that the securities the release of which is hereby claimed were not issued in Germany nor were German-owned at the beginning of occupation.



Ministry of Finance by:

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FILE NO. F-73

Frankfurt
 Headquarters Building
 Finance Division
 Office of Economic Affairs

Ref No. F-73

November 16, 1950.

Bureau Central des Restitutions,
 Hotel - Villa Krupp,
 Baden-Baden.

Attention: Col. R. Ricard,
 Chief

Sir:

Reference is made to our letter of May 25, 1950 advising you of the securities which have been located.

Item 8202a concerns 923 shares at RM 1,000.- each of Elsassische Tief- und Hochbau A.G. Documentation submitted by Ed. Zueblin & Cie. A.G., Stuttgart, shows that this firm acquired in November 1940 from the Banque Rurale in Strasbourg the majority of the capital stock of the Societe Alsacienne de Travaux Publics, via 6228 shares at ffcs. 500.- each against payment of the face value (ffcs. 3,064,000.- or RM 153,200.-) and assumption of the company's indebtedness as against the Banque Rurale in the amount of ffcs. 15,000,000.- or RM 750,000.-. The transaction had been brought about by Dr. Schuerch, a director of the Societe Alsacienne. The shares of stock were thereafter converted into RM at the ratio of 20 : 1, one new certificate for RM 150.- was issued for every 10 old ones and the new certificates were increased to an amount of RM 1,000.- each by conversion of part of the above indebtedness into capital stock. Eventually, after certain transfers to Dr. Schuerch, the firm Zueblin and its directors Messrs. Lens and Moeller held at the end of the war a total of 923 shares of RM 1,000.- face value.

We find that, in the absence of any elements of force or duress, the transaction by which the original shares were purchased was essentially commercial in character, and the French Government's claim for the restitution of these securities must therefore be denied.

Very truly yours,

ES:FN:KadeKeyserling/1b
 Telephone 8708
 November 16, 1950

H. A. Weismann
 Chief
 External Claims Branch

Copy to Mr. F. Fisher

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Translation 20-4-1949-FA-98-bn/e

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re 8530/73-8202a

French Commander-in-Chief in Germany

Economics and Finance Division

Foreign Exchange Central Office
Landau/Palatinate

Landau, 18 January 1949.

FROM : Mr. Paul Marion
Chief of Foreign Securities Central Office
Landau

TO : Office of the Finance Adviser
OMGUS
APO 742
U.S. Army

Ref. No. P. M. / R. L.

SUBJECT: Restitution Claim on 523 Shares
Alsacienne de Travaux Publics

I have the honor to inform you that the Société Alsacienne de Travaux Publics (Alsation Public Work Corp.), Strasburg, filed a restitution claim for:

523 Corporation's Holdings of Own Shares Nos. 176 to 698.

According to the statement of the party concerned these securities are being deposited and blocked with the Reichsbank at Stuttgart pursuant to the provisions of Military Government Law No. 53.

These shares had been compulsorily assigned to the Etablissements Ed. Zublin et Cie at Stuttgart on 8 November 1940 during the occupation of France by the German Forces.

This assignment had been cancelled by legal decision dated 23 August 1945, pronounced in favor of the former holder, who had been robbed of the shares.

*This translation removed from Phase
3 claim 1/24-2563
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I, therefore, should be very much indebted to you for your informing me as to whether these shares have been included among the foreign exchange securities blocked in your Zone and, in the affirmative, for stating the date at which I should be able to become possessed of said shares.

/s/ Paul Marion

Stamp: Centrale des Titres Etrangers Landau
Office des Changes de la Z.F.O.

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Office of Economic Affairs

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Return to: Mr. Keyserlingk
deutsches Erlange
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Ref.No. P-73

December 5, 1950.

Bureau Central des Restitutions,
Hotel - Villa Krupp,
Baden Baden.

Attention: Mr. E. Bizard,
Chief.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 21, 1950 (no. 2703) concerning item no. 8202a of your claim no. 8850-73.

Please be advised that the securities in question, being a French issue, will eventually be returned to your Government on account of reparations (German external assets).

Very truly yours,

H.A. Weismann
Chief
External Claims Branch

E:FN:KAdeKeyserlingk/eh
Telephone 8708
December 5, 1950

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Ref.No. P-73

December 12, 1950.

Information to be furnished to the
 Economic Warfare Administration
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Bureau Central des Restitutions,
 Baden-Baden,
 Hotel-Villa Krupp.

Attention: Col. E. Bisard,
 Chief.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter no. 2703 of November 21, 1950 regarding 523 shares of Elsaessische Tief- und Hochbau A.G.

In view of the fact that we held the acquisition of these shares to have been a transaction essentially commercial in character, legal title to the certificates is still in the German purchaser and the individual application under Phase III of the Société Alsacienne de Travaux Publics (no. 1/26-2665) cannot be granted.

However, being originally of French issue, these securities will eventually be delivered to your Government under Phase IV.

Very truly yours,

H. A. de Weismann
 Chief
 External Claims Branch

E:FN:KAdeKeyserlingk/eh
 Tel. 8708
 December 12, 1950.

Copy to Mr. Fitch

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F-123

Frankfurt
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Office of Economic Affairs

Ref No. F-123

November 21, 1950.

Bureau Central
des Restitutions,
Hotel - Villa Krupp,
Baden-Baden.

Attention: Col. E. Bizard,
Chief

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 15, 1950 (your no. 2496) submitting your claim no. B.G.R. 13.961 in the form of 21 claim sheets.

We have checked the numbers listed against our records and found the following:

Items 1-7 have been located. However, you state that the securities were originally deposited with the Volksbank at Sinshain, which locality is situated in Baden, and thereafter transferred to Heidelberg. This fails to show any removal, by force or otherwise, from France, and the owner should submit his individual application under Phase III.

Items 10, 11, 19 and 20 have not been located as being held in the US Zone for the US High Commissioner and is being dropped.

Item 13 has already been released to the French owner under Phase III claim no. 12/30-1051.

Item 14, which you state to have been deposited with the Bank Metzler, Seel-Soehne & Cie., Frankfurt, does not show any elements of restitutable removal from France but appears to be a Phase III case. The owner should submit his individual application.

For items 15-17 and 18, individual Phase III claims are pending (nos. 1/18-2519 and 12/16-399 respectively) which are being processed.

The data given on item 21 are not sufficient to allow investigation.

We accept

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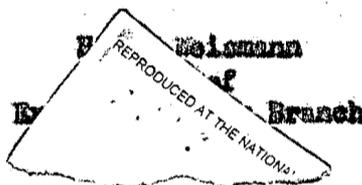
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We accept your claim with respect to items 8, 9 and 12 under the new claim no. F-123. While item 12 is still under investigation, Authority for Release of items 8 and 9 will be forwarded to you under separate cover.

Forms for individual applications with respect to items 1-7 and 14 are enclosed and we suggest that you forward them to the owners.

Very truly yours,



Enclosures:

Four application forms.

E:FN:KA de Keyserlingk/ib
Telephone 8708
November 21, 1950

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FILE NO. F-75

Frankfurt
 Headquarters Building
 Finance Division
 Office of Economic Affairs

Ref no. F-75

November 9, 1950.

Dear Mr. Suchard:

I refer to our conversation at the last FSC meeting, concerning certain Austrian securities, claimed by your Government under the above reference number. Involved are 181 10,000.- 4% Hypothek- und Credit-Institut, Vienna, bonds which were originally deposited at the Bayerische Hypothek- und Wechselbank at Kaiserslautern and were delivered to the Landescentralbank at Fuerth by the branch office of the Bayerische Hypothek- und Wechselbank at Neustadt-Aisch. They are the property of the Catholic Parish of Jaegersburg in the Saar.

No removal having taken place from outside Germany, there is no basis for the French restitution claim. In this connection I would appreciate it, however, if you would advise me as to how you handle the securities program in general in the Saar, and in particular whether you accept any claims of Saar residents for non-German securities.

Sincerely yours,

K. A. de Keyserlingk
 External Claims Branch

Mr. F. Suchard,
 Division Economic
 Generale et Finances,
 Hotel Flora,
 Bad Nauheim.

E:FN:KAdKeyserlingk/ib
 Telephone 8708
 November 9, 1950.

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Frankfurt
 Hauptquartiers Building
 Finance Division
 Office of Economic Affairs

Ref No. F-25

October 10, 1950.

Bureau Central des Restitutions,
 Hotel Stephane,
 Baden Baden, Germany.

Attention: Mr. E. Bizard,
 Chief

SIR:

Of the above claim, only serial numbers 173-316/9 (your loan no. 5780) have been located as being held in the US Zone of Germany under law No. 53 (I.G. Chemie Basel shares).

These being "50% paid in" shares, the holders were invited by the Board of Managers of the Internationale Industrie- und Handelsbetriebsunion A.G., Basel (formerly I.G. Chemie) to pay in the remaining 50% or to convert two "50% paid in" shares for one fully paid share.

Inasmuch as it was impossible to determine the true owner in every instance, shares, which were blocked in accordance with Military Government Law No. 53, were presented to the aforementioned company for registration and conversion of two "50% paid in" shares for one fully paid share. Such shares are held in the name of the US Legation in Bern, Switzerland, as custodian pending determination of the rightful owners or claimants.

The registration and conversion entailed the expenditure of approximately 50 US cents per share presented. To cover the expenses with respect to the above 2 shares, it is requested that you forward to this office a bank draft, certified check, or postal money order in the amount of US \$ 1.00 or its equivalent in Swiss francs, made payable to the Bank deutscher Laender. Upon receipt thereof, advice will be given to the Union Bank of Switzerland in Zurich so that the new certificates can be placed at your disposal in Switzerland.

The balance of your claim no. 6930-25 could not be located among the securities held in the US Zone under Law No. 53 and is being dropped.

Very truly yours,

R:VN:KadeKeyserlingk/Dd/8708
 Oct 10'50.

H. A. WEISMAN
 Chief
 External Claims Branch

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Trace
File No. 8530-28

E/PN, For Sec Sect, APO 757 — Mr. Fitch

17 August 1950

E/PN, For Exch Dep, APO 757 — Mr. Roberts

Phase III Claim No. 1/4-1545 of Dr. Eugen Namur in conflict with French Phase I Claims as indicated.

The following securities are listed in the Phase III claim and are reported on pertinent Inquiry Slip as held by LCB Wiesbaden:

- 1) hfl 750.00 Philips etc. # 23004
- 2) hfl 1000.00 Lever Brothers etc. # 84705
- 3) RM 1000.00 Berghuette etc. # 60209
- 4) RM 2000.00 Gebrueder Boehler etc. # 20910/11

The above mentioned Inquiry Slip reports conflict as follows:

- 1) French claim No. 8530-29/5996
- 2) French claim No. 8530-28/5907

Items 3), 4) are German securities for which you report no conflict. This office, however, has ascertained that these securities are also claimed in French claim No. 8531, Item Nos. 238/239.

In all cases the French acknowledge Dr. Namur as the owner of these securities and claim the securities were removed from France under duress.

Accordingly it is suggested you advise the Phase III claimant that the French claims for restitution have priority and that restitution to France will be effected in due course. Copy of your letter will be appreciated by this office.

Enclosure:
Subject Phase III claim.

FJR/1b/Tal: Ffm 7396

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**Frankfurt
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Finance Division
Office of Economic Affairs**

Ref No. P-50

October 11, 1950.

Bureau Central des Restitutions,
Hotel Stephanie,
Baden-Baden, Germany.

Sirs:

We refer to our letter of May 23, 1950 with which we advised you of the securities which have been located under this claim.

The owner of hfl. 200.-AKU shares, nos. 34653 and 34655, the Allianz Versicherungs-A.G., has stated that it purchased these securities in the usual commercial way from the bank of Merck, Finck & Co. in Munich on July 31, 1941. In the absence of any proof of removal by force or duress, your claim must in so far be denied.

As to your item nos. 6109 (Certificate no. 9597) and 6113 (certificate no. 11058), restitution is being made as per separate letter.

Very truly yours,

**H.A. Weismann
Chief
External Claims Branch**

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FILE NO. F-30

Frankfurt
Headquarters Building
Finance Division
Office of Economic Affairs

Ref No. F-30

October 16, 1950.

Bureau Central des Restitutions,
Hotel Stephanie,
Baden Baden, Germany.

Attention: Mr. E. Bizard,
Chief

Sir:

We refer to our letter of October 11, 1950, in the last paragraph of which we advised you that restitution would be made of your item nos. 6109 and 6113.

Further investigation has revealed that item no. 6109 was purchased in Holland towards the end of the war through Deutsche Effekten- und Wechsel-Bank, Frankfurt, for Mr. Charles Schroeder and was never physically located in France. Item no. 6113 was purchased and deposited at the Deutsche Bank, Saarbruecken, in December 1941 in accordance with instructions by Mr. Emile Rhodes. There is therefore no basis for a Government restitution claim in either case, and these items must be dropped from your claim no. 8530-30. They will, however, further be processed under the individual claims which have been filed by the owners (nos. 19/6-3631 and 12/30-1340 respectively).

Very truly yours,

H. A. WELSMANN
Chief
External Claims Branch

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Mr. de KEYSERLINGK

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Ref No. F-30 (8530-30 Item No. 6116)

November 20, 1950.

Bureau Central des Restitutions,
Hotel - Villa Krupp,
Baden Baden.

Attention: Col. E. Bisard,
Chief

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 18, 1950, with reference to H.L. 200.- AKU shares, nos. 34653 and 34655.

Information supplied by Herak, Fink & Co. is to the effect that they drew these shares from their "Sammel giro" account on October 23, 1941 in execution of the sale contracted for with Allianz Versicherungs-A.G.

Under the law, securities in Giroammeldepot form a common fund and there is no claim for the particular security delivered but only for a certificate of the same kind and value, the entire fund being liable for such delivery as well as for loss of any certificates forming part thereof. It follows that, by legal fiction, the certificates, once added to the Giroammeldepot, lose their identity as such.

Even if you could prove by documentary evidence, which so far is missing, that there was removal by an act involving force or duress, your claim for the above shares must be denied for lack of legal identifiability.

Very truly yours,

K. A. de Keyserlingk
H. A. Weismann
Chief
External Claims Branch

E:FN:KAdeKeyserlingk/1b
Telephone 8708
November 20, 1950

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**Frankfurt
Headquarters Building
Finance Division
Office of Economic Affairs**

Ref No. F-35

October 23, 1950.

**Monsieur Jules Berner,
7, rue des Vauges,
Schiltigheim (Bas-Rhin).**

sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 16, 1950 with reference to 2 40.-- 5% External Mexican Gold Loan of 1899.

These securities have been released for restitution to the French Government and will be returned through the Bureau Central des Restitutions in Baden-Baden.

Very truly yours,

**H.A. Weismann
Chief
External Claims Branch**

**E:FN:KAdR:KaysorLingk/eh/8708
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File No. 8530-40 IN-2113

OFFICE OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS
FINANCE DIVISION
APO 757

Bureau Central des Restitutions
Hotel Stephanie
Baden Baden, Germany

ATTN: Mr. E. Bisard, Chief

REF: Your Claim No. 8530-40 for Restitution of Securities listed
under Item Nos. 6426 to 6570.

Gentlemen:

An examination of our registry of securities reported held in the
US Zone Of Germany under Military Government Law No. 53 discloses that
only one of the securities listed in your claim has been found. This
is listed under your Item No. as follows:

6437 Certificate # 11040

To decide whether the security described under the foregoing Item
No. is eligible for restitution it is suggested you submit to this office
evidence in documentary form reflecting name of owner, date and all other
facts concerning the removal of this security under conditions of duress.

Very truly yours,


RICHARD G. LEONARD
Chief
Currency And Credit Branch

RGL/FJR/1b
Tel: Ffm 21405
23 May 1950

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Entry Economics
Box 350

Frankfurt
Headquarters Building
Finance Division
Office of Economic Affairs

Ref No. P-38

October 17, 1950.

Bureau Central des Restitutions,
Hotel Stephanie,
Baden-Baden, Germany.

Attention: Mr. E. Eisard,
Chief.

Sir:

We refer to our letter of May 25, 1950, advising you that item no. 7171 (cert. no. 114525) was located.

Information submitted by Deutsche Effekten- und Wechsel - Bank reveals that this item (Redevante shares) was pledged by Messrs. A. Gerardot & Co. as collateral for an indebtedness which is still open. Its transfer to the main office of the creditor bank in Frankfurt can therefore not be considered a removal by force or duress, and restitution must be denied. We may add that an individual claim has been filed and is being processed.

The balance of the claim could not be located among the securities held in the US zone for the account of the US High Commissioner and is being dropped.

Very truly yours,

K. A. Keyserling
K. A. Keyserling
H. A. Weismann
Chief
External Claims Branch

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J. French
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Frankfurt
Headquarters Building
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Office of Economic Affairs

Ref No. F-1

November 20, 1950.

Deutsche Hypothek-
und Wechselbank,
Randen 1,
Schallertsch,
(Nachstellung).

Attention: Dr. Walter Koch

Sir:

As refer to your letter of November 8, 1950 and our recent telephone conversation with Dr. Walter Koch concerning the French Government's claims for the restitution of certain foreign securities, mostly French, which you acquired upon taking over the Banque Regionale d'Alsace in Strasbourg during German occupation.

External restitution is based on the London Declaration of January 5, 1943, as implemented by the decisions of the Allied Control Authority, and entitles the Governments of formerly German-occupied countries to the return of all property, including securities, removed from occupied territory by force, under duress or otherwise. In developing a set of restitution rules, the term "otherwise" has been interpreted restrictively to include only such property which was acquired in a transaction not essentially commercial in character, i.e. a transaction which, in fair appreciation of all factors, would not be likely to have been entered into by the parties if it had not been for the special conditions created by the occupation. The fact that payment was made and that the parties, as far as they were concerned, may have acted in good faith, is immaterial.

From the information submitted so far, it would appear that, under these well established rules, the securities in question are restitutable to the French Government. As we pointed out on the telephone, it does not, however, appear appropriate that you be afforded full opportunity to present the complete facts as well as any comments you may wish to make.

Yours truly,

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It would like to point out in this connection that the balance of foreign securities held under Law No. 53 which are not restituted or returned to their rightful non-German owner, will be disposed of on reparations account under the Potsdam Agreement and the Final Act of the Paris Conference on Reparations. Our decision of the French restitution claims will therefore, as far as you are concerned, not affect the final result.

Your early reply would be appreciated. For your convenience, we enclose herewith a list of the securities claimed and would be obliged if you would return it after perusal.

Very truly yours,

K. A. de Keyserlingk
H. A. Heilmann
Chief
External Claims Branch

Enclosure:

One list concerning securities.

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October 23, 1950.

Banque Commerciale & Industrielle
de l'Est de la France,
3 Rue Francois-de-Curel,
Metz, France.

Sirs:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 28, 1950 with which you submitted to us a list of securities belonging to French clients of the former Volksbanken in the Moselle department.

A number of claims have been filed by the French Government for the restitution of such securities removed to Germany under the duress of occupation. We are presently processing these claims and restitution can be expected to be completed shortly. We suggest that you contact the Bureau Central des Restitutions, Direction Generale des Affaires Economiques et Financieres, Haut-Commissariat de la Republique Francaise en Allemagne, at Baden-Baden in order to ascertain in the first instance which of the securities of your list have already been claimed for restitution by your Government. If a Government claim is on file, a duplicate claim should not be filed by you since we consider all Volksbank removals of securities as removals under duress and therefore subject to Government restitution.

You will then have to screen the balance for those securities which you know from the Volksbanken files to have been deposited in banks located in the Soviet Sector of Berlin as all such securities were seized by the Soviet occupation forces and are not in our possession. There is no purpose of filing claims in their respect with us.

Furthermore you will have to separate securities of non-German denomination from those issued in RM by German firms or bodies politic. The latter are subject to the provisions of Securities Settlement Ordinance no. 155 issued by the Economic Council as of October 1, 1949, and should be registered accordingly. The West German banks with which the securities are on deposit will assist you in this registration.

Only the balance of non-German denominated issues which remains after the above process of elimination can be handled by this office

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with a view toward returning them to their rightful owners. We suggest that you submit without delay to the Bureau Central des Restitutions at Baden-Baden a list of these securities indicating certificate numbers, nominal value of each security, name and address of the owner, and circumstances of removal from France and request the Bureau Central to file a restitution claim with this office. You should make sure that the owners have not as yet submitted an individual claim to us.

Your list of securities is returned herewith.

Very truly yours,

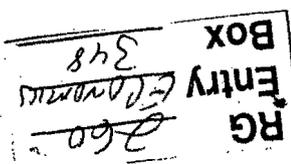
H. A. WELSHAMEN
Chief
External Claims Branch

Enclosure:

One list of securities.

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Telephone 8708
October 23, 1950.

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October 18, 1950.

Bureau Central des Restitutions,
Hotel Stephanie,
Baden Baden, Germany.

Attention: Dr. E. Bizard,
Chief

Sir:

The restitution claims filed by you on behalf of the French Government for the return of securities contain a number of items claimed to have been removed by the Strasbourg branch of the Deutsche Effecten- und Wechsel-Bank. A list of these items is attached.

Documentation and explanatory information submitted by Deutsche Effecten- und Wechsel-Bank, Frankfurt, reveals that they were approached in 1941 by Messrs. A. Gérardet & Co. who found themselves in financial difficulties. The ensuing negotiations resulted in an arrangement by the terms of which the Frankfurt bank granted A. Gérardet & Co. a substantial credit to pay off its creditors and A. Gérardet & Co. in turn transferred the majority of its assets to the creditor bank. The securities listed under I of the enclosure were among these assets pledged as a collateral.

Further assets assigned to the Frankfurt bank consisted of claims against certain debtors who had deposited securities as collateral. These securities were assigned to the Frankfurt bank together with the claims and are listed in II of the enclosure.

Finally, certain clients of the Strasbourg branch placed toward the end of the war orders for the purchase of Dutch securities. These were purchased through the Frankfurt main office on the stock exchange in Amsterdam but could not be transmitted to Strasbourg owing to military developments and, upon delivery from Holland, remained in Frankfurt for the account of the Strasbourg branch. These are listed in III of the enclosure.

It follows from the above that the transactions with respect to I and II can only be viewed as transactions essentially commercial

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in character and therefore not subject to restitution. The same applies to the instances under III where furthermore the securities claimed were never physically in France.

Under the circumstances, restitution must be denied. To say add, however, that individual claims have been filed by the Administration-Comptable de la Deutsche Effecten- und Wechsel-Bank Strasbourg and are being processed.

Very truly yours,

R. A. WEINMANN
Chief
Internal Claims Branch

Enclosure:

One list.

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OFFICE OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS
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Bureau Central des Restitutions
Hotel Stephanie
Baden Baden, Germany

ATTN: Mr. E. Rizard, Chief

Gentlemen:

In connection with our recent letters advising to what extent the securities described in various restitution claims had been found in the US Zone of Germany, it is further stated as follows:

The certificate numbers in many instances were listed as unknown in your claims and it therefore was impossible to identify the securities in our registry. This fact was referred to in certain of our letters with the observation that a further check would be instituted if numbers could now be furnished. We subsequently discovered that this offer was not stated in every instance where it was applicable; accordingly, assurance is given that a recheck to our registry will be effected in all cases where you are now able to supply the missing certificate numbers.

We also observed that some of the claims referred to in our letters included, inadvertently perhaps, some German issues. Since Law No. 33 does not provide for the reporting of German issues, they are not included, and therefore not identifiable, in our registry. The problem of how to deal with claims covering German issues is now being studied. Pending further developments it is suggested you file new claims for any German issues heretofore included in claims filed with this office covering securities of other countries.

Very truly yours,

RICHARD G. LEONARD
Chief
Currency and Credit Branch

RGL/FJR/sj
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26 May 1950

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F-2 et al

Ref. No. F-2 et al.

November 9, 1950.

Bureau Central des Restitutions,
Hotel Evrehanis,
Baden Baden, Germany.

Attention: Mr. L. Bisert,
Chief.

Sir:

We are dispatching to you under separate cover
Authorities for Release on claim nos. F-2, F-4, F-7,
F-9, F-12, F-19, F-21 and F-77 (your reference nos.
0550-2/4/1/9/12/19/21/77) covering securities deposited
with the Landesschatzbank von Hessen in Frankfurt/Main.

As far as can be seen, this completes the restitu-
tion of all those securities found restitutable that are
being held by the above Central Bank.

We would appreciate it if Monsieur Marion could,
at his earliest convenience, make the necessary arrange-
ments for taking delivery of all securities released for
restitution to the French Government Area Frankfurt. We
understand that the Bank has, or is assembling, the secu-
rities and, in view of their great number and volume,
finds it difficult to hold them in a special deposit
pending delivery.

Very truly yours,

K. A. de Keyserlingk
R.A. Volmann
Chief
External Claims Branch

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November 9, 1950

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR GERMANY

Office of Economic Affairs
Finance Division
APO 757

7 March 1960

REF: WAR(2) Form No. 045/02260
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et de Dépôts, Shares Div-warrants Noals only
No. 47274

Mr. Emil Dollist
19 rue Poincaré
Porsbach / Mosel
France

Fraud claim

8530-2 No. 779

Dear Mr. Dollist:

Notice is hereby given that the French Government has filed claim for the restitution of the reference securities on the grounds that they were looted, or acquired under duress, from that country or territory during the period of occupation.

Before approving this restitution, a period of sixty days from date of this letter is granted for the purpose, should you so desire, of filing proof of ownership with this office in conflict with the above claim. To receive consideration, such proof must be in documentary form reflecting the source from which the securities were acquired, the date, and the amount paid in purchase.

Generally speaking, claims should not be given to such countries unless it is clearly demonstrated that the securities in question were located in Germany and were owned either by yourself or another person in Germany on the date on which the claimant country was occupied or on which they were issued.

Very truly yours,

Chief
Currency and Credit Branch

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E/FN, Pcr. Sec. Sect., APO 757 - Mr. Fitch

16 August 1950

E/FN, Pcr. Exch. Dep., APO 757 - Mr. Roberts

Phase III Claim #12/30-1092 of Josephine Dangi versus Austrian Phase I Claim #1727/689.

Subject claims are in conflict re Kr 1,200.- Boehm.Union Bank Shares #131478/9, 142487.

These securities, among others, are included in the Austrian Claim as having previously been on deposit with Bankers Berger & Co., Salzburg. According to a certification dated 7 April 1948 supporting the Austrian claim, all the securities had to be brought to Munich pursuant to an order of the "Reichsgruppe Privates Bankgewerbe".

Since the securities were brought to Germany under duress their restitution will be processed under the Austrian Phase I claim. It is suggested Phase III claimant be notified to this effect.

Enclosures:

Phase III Claim File.

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Tel: Frankfurt 7396

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Ref No. D-116
 (Your No. C-2196)

September 30, 1950.

Belgian R. D. & R. Mission,
 c/o Allied Liaison Branch,
 R.A.C.A. 15,
 Bad Nauheim,
 Hephienhaus.

Attention: Major Robert van de Noortel, Chief.

Sir:

According to the facts as related in your letter of 31 July 1950 it appears that the reference securities were lawfully acquired by the Gutshoffnungsbau in 1935 in settlement of a long standing debt owed the German firm by the S.A. Carteries et Galeries Belges. It further appears from information supplied by the Gutshoffnungsbau that the securities were continuously held in Germany since 1935 except for a short period in 1938 when they were sent to Banque de la Societe Generale de Belgique S.A. Aachen in connection with a stockholders meeting.

Under the circumstances, your restitution claim must therefore be denied. However, the certificates of stock being of Belgian issue, will be delivered to you as part of the general program of turning over non-German issued securities to the countries of issue in pursuance of the Potsdam Agreement and the Final Act of the Paris Conference on Reparations.

We expect to start issuing the necessary Orders of Release by the end of November.

Very truly yours,

H.A. Weismann
 Chief
 External Claims Branch

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Ref No. B-130
 (Your No. C-2212)

October 2, 1950.

Belgian R.D.& R. Mission,
 C/O Allied Liaison Branch,
 B.A.G.R. 15,
 Bad Salsuffen,
 Sophienhaus.

Sir:

According to information received from the German owner, all of the shares of Electrolyse Belge Elpese S.A. have at all times been the property of the parent company, Langbain-Pfanhauser Werke A.G. and were held on deposit in Leipzig. Your restitution claim no. 2212 must therefore be denied with respect to serial nos. 1-360 which have been located as being held in the US Zone of Germany under Law no. 53. As to the balance which has not been located, your claim is being dropped.

However, nos. 1-360 representing a Belgian issue will be delivered to you as part of the general program of turning over non-German issued securities to the countries of issue in pursuance of the Potsdam Agreement and the Final Act of the Paris Conference on Reparations.

We expect to start issuing the necessary Orders of Release by the end of November.

Very truly yours,

H.A. Weismann
 Chief
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Finance Division

Ref No. A-79

19 APR 1951

Austrian Consulate,
Frankfurt/Main-Hoechst,
Hochmuhlstrasse 9.

Attention: Dr. Johanna Nestor

Sirs:

Reference is made to our letter of December 8, 1950 concerning Austrian restitution claim no. 1748/713.

An inquiry which we addressed to the Commerzbank A.G. in Wien i.L. reveals that the coupon sheets of 4% Hypotheken- und Creditinstitut mortgage bonds claimed in subject claim (denominations of RM 100.- each) are not identical with those listed in the release of September 26, 1950. It is requested that this Release be returned to this office for cancellation.

On the other hand, owing to belated delivery to and reporting by the Land Central Bank in Stuttgart, it has only now been ascertained that all coupon sheets claimed as having been evacuated to Stuttgart at the end of the war are actually being held in the U.S. Zone. Authority for Release and Receipt & Agreement covering the same are attached. Excluded therefrom are only two items which were recently released on private claims, viz.

RM 300.- 4% Hyp. & Creditinst. Wien, released to Hans and Katha Woywod on March 28, 1951, claim no. 14/2-4617

RM 2,000.- 4% Landeshyp. A.f. Oberdonau, released to Dr. B. Ungethuen on February 19, 1951, claim no. 28/11-4497.

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Furthermore, three items of Dt. Reichsanleihe of 1938 expressed in RM have been excluded as not falling within the present restitution program of non-German securities or German securities expressed in a non-German currency.

Very truly yours,

K. A. de Keyserlingk
Chief
External Claims Branch

Enclosure:

Release form of claim
no. A-79.

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March 29, 1951.

Bayerische Hypotheken-
und Wechsel-Bank,
Forchheim.

Sirs:

Reference is made to your letters of July 28, July 31, August 22 and August 29, 1950 concerning 4 1/2 Hypotheken- und Creditinstitut in Wien bonds owned by your clients Georg Alt, Geschwister Schneider, Katholische Kirchenstiftung in Burk and Andreas Kraus.

It has been ascertained that these securities are not identical with the securities claimed for restitution by the Austrian Government and the Austrian restitution claim has therefore been denied.

This decision does not affect the obligation of the U.S. Government to dispose of German owned foreign securities as representing German external assets. The securities will therefore remain on deposit with the Land Central Bank under Law No. 53 awaiting final disposition.

Very truly yours,

K. A. de Keyserlingk
Chief
External Claims Branch

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Ref No. A-88

September 27, 1950

Austrian R. D. & R. Mission,
 Hotel Regina,
 Baden Baden, Germany.

Attention: Mr. Norbert Kagerer,
 Chief.

Sir:

Interim Certificate No. 1 for RM 14,560,000.- shares of the Erste Donau-Dampfschiffahrts-Gesellschaft (serial nos. 14401 - 26960) has been located as being held in the US Zone of Germany under Law No. 53.

This certificate results from an increase of the capital stock of the company subscribed to by the Reichswerke A.G. fuer Binnenschiffahrt "Hermann Goering" as owner of the original shares. We hold as a matter of restitution law that the mere fact of possibly wrongful acquisition of the original shares does not, by projection, qualify the later acquisition of newly issued stock to have been a removal by force or under duress or in the course of a transaction not essentially commercial in character within the meaning and interpretation of external restitution rules.

The above claim (year no. 1748/719) must therefore be denied. We may add that the problems involved in this case fall within the domain of German External Assets and will have to await final settlement by State Treaty or otherwise.

Very truly yours,

H. A. Weismann
 Chief
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Finance Division
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Ref. No. 1/4-1551
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July 21, 1952.

Dear Dr. Bothe:

Johann Haltermann and Wilhelm Krefter

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 10, 1952 concerning certain Kamig shares which had been deposited by the Bayerische Disconto-Bank with the Land Central Bank of Bavaria in Munich pursuant to Military Government Law No. 53.

Upon the application of Dr. Harold Seidler, Wollseile Nr. 21, Vienna, Austria, as attorney for Paul Gostzel, Dr. Rudolf Illner, and Rudolf, Frederick, and Brigitte Askanas, the Land Central Bank of Bavaria was authorized by this office on January 16, 1950 to release a total of

Mark 220,000.- "Kamig" Oesterr. Kaolin- u. Montanindustrie A.G. Wien shares.

This release was authorized upon the strength of an order issued by the Restitution Commission of the Landesgericht Linz, Austria, and delivery to Dr. Harold Seidler was made by the Land Central Bank after the unconditional consent of the depositor, Bayerische Disconto-Bank, had been obtained.

We may

Dr. jur. Helmuth Bothe,
Rechtsanwalt,
Hamburg 1,
Ferdinandstrasse 53-57, III.

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We may add that, unless owned as of October 30, 1945 by a non-German national or a person falling under the Allied High Commission Press Release of March 16, 1950 (Mitteilung der Bank deutscher Länder No. 6011/50), the above Austrian securities would constitute German external assets subject to disposition in accordance with Central Council Law No. 5.

Sincerely yours,

K. A. de Keyserlingk
Chief
External Claims Branch

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October 2, 1950.

Belgian R.D. & R. Mission,
c/o Allied Liaison Branch,
B.A.O.R. 15,
Bad Nauheim,
Sophienhaus.

Sir:

Information submitted by you on this claim (your no. C-2128) would indicate that the securities in question were removed not from Belgium but from Luxembourg.

We have discussed this matter with Major Juttel, Luxembourg Consul General in Frankfurt, and have suggested to him that he contact you for clarification. We are equally agreeable to either releasing the securities to you upon the written consent of the Luxembourg representative or to effecting direct restitution to the Luxembourg Government. Please advise.

Very truly yours,

H.A. Weismann
Chief
External Claims Branch

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October 3, 1950.

Belgian R.D. & R. Mission,
 C/O Allied Liaison Branch,
 B.A.O.R. 15,
 Bad Sauerflun,
 Sophienhaus.

Sir:

Further investigation of this claim reveals that the securities in question were released to the Luxembourg Government for restitution in November 1948 upon the ground that they had been removed from that country by the former German-Luxembourg Customs Office.

Under the circumstances your claim no. C-2103 must be dropped. If there are any open questions as between your Government and the Luxembourg Government in respect of these securities, we suggest that you handle these by direct contact. The Authority for Release issued to Major Juttel as the Representative of the Luxembourg Government carried the number 9811 and is dated November 15, 1948.

Very truly yours,

H. A. Weismann
 Chief
 External Claims Branch

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GC:DD - Mr. W. Dempsey

December 11, 1950

E:FN - K.A. de Keyserlingk

Agfa-Photo S.A. shares

Reference is made to your communication of August 11, 1950 concerning a Belgian claim for the restitution of bfrs. 59,500.- Agfa-Photo S.A. shares.

This is to advise you that the Belgian restitution claim has been denied. However, pursuant to the Potsdam Agreement and the Final Act of the Paris Conference on Reparations, the certificates will eventually be delivered to the Belgian Government on account of reparations.

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Ref No. B-115

October 2, 1950.

Belgian R.D.& R. Mission,
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Sophienhaus.

Sir:

Upon inquiry, the Alliana Versicherungs-A.G. states that they acquired bfrs. 308,000.- shares on which 20% had been paid of Brabançonne S.A. d'Assurances et de Reassurances from the Belgian National Bank and some smaller shareholders in January 1941 at a price of bfrs. 225.- per share. In 1942, "Allians" as well as "Wuenche-ner Rueckversicherung" paid the remaining 80% upon request of the company.

In view of the fact that this purchase took place prior to the London Declaration of 5 January 1945 which gave constructive notice of the intent of the Allied Governments to defeat the methods of economic spoliation practiced by the Axis Governments in occupied territories, we hold that, in the absence of any proof to the contrary, the above purchase is presumed to have been a transaction essentially commercial in character, and the restitution claim must therefore be denied (your no. C-2201).

However, since these securities are of Belgian issue, they will be delivered to you as part of the general program of turning over non-German issued securities to the countries of issue in pursuance of the Potsdam Agreement and the Final Act of the Paris Conference on Reparations.

We expect to start issuing the necessary Order of Release by the end of November.

Very truly yours,

H.A. Weismann
Chief
External Claims Branch

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