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## **PRESIDENTIAL ADVISORY COMMISSION ON HOLOCAUST ASSETS IN THE UNITED STATES**

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MEMORANDUM

Re: Evidence required to secure replacement of stock certificate or bond which is lost, destroyed, or mutilated.

It appears that there is no compilation of the requirements of various corporations doing business in this country relative to the evidence required in case a stock certificate or bond is lost. However, it appears that a great many of the states have controlled this by statutes. Typical are the statutes of New York and Delaware. The Delaware statute provides (Revised Code 1935, sec. 70 and 71.):\*

"Lost or Destroyed Stock Certificates; Issuance of New.--Every corporation organized under this chapter may issue a new certificate of stock in the place of any certificate theretofore issued by it, alleged to have been lost or destroyed, and the directors may, in their discretion, require the owner of the lost or destroyed certificate, or his legal representatives, to give the corporation a bond sufficient to indemnify the corporation against any claim that may be made against it on account of the alleged loss of any such certificate or the issuance of such new certificate; a new certificate may be issued without requiring any bond when, in the judgment of the directors it is proper so to do; when any such corporation shall have refused to issue a new certificate of stock in place of one theretofore issued by it, or by any corporation of which it is the lawful successor, alleged to have been lost or destroyed, the owner of the lost or destroyed certificate or his legal representatives, may apply to the superior court of the state of Delaware in and for the county in which the principal office of the corporation is located for an order requiring the corporation to show cause why it should not issue a new certificate of stock in place of the one so lost or destroyed; such application shall be by petition duly verified, in which shall be stated the name of the corporation, the number and date of the certificate, if known or ascertainable by the petitioner, the number of shares of stock named therein and to whom issued,

\* Copied from Corporation Manual, 1940, 41st Edition, page 305.

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and a statement of the circumstances attending such loss or destruction; thereupon said court shall make an order requiring the corporation to show cause at a time and place therein mentioned, why it should not issue a new certificate of stock in place of the one described in the petition; a copy of the petition or order shall be served upon the president or other head officer of the corporation, or on the cashier, secretary, treasurer or any director thereof personally or left at the principal office or place of business of the corporation in this state at least five days before the time designated in the order.

"New Certificates; Judicial Proceedings.—At the time and place specified in the order, and on proof of service thereof, the court shall proceed to hear the proofs and allegations in behalf of the parties in interest, relative to the subject matter of inquiry, and if upon such hearing the court shall be satisfied that the petitioner is the lawful owner of the number of shares of capital stock, or any part thereof, described in the petition, and that the certificate therefor has been lost or destroyed, and no sufficient cause has been shown why a new certificate should not be issued in place thereof, it shall make an order requiring the corporation, within such time as shall be therein designated, to issue and deliver to the petitioner a new certificate for the number of shares of the capital stock of the corporation, which shall be specified in the order as owned by the petitioner, and the certificate for which shall have been lost or destroyed; in making such order the court shall direct that, prior to the issuance and delivery to the petitioner of such new certificate, the petitioner give the corporation a bond in such form and with such security as to the court shall appear sufficient to indemnify the corporation against any claim that may be made against it on account of the alleged loss of any such certificate or the issuance of such new certificate; obedience to said order may be enforced by the court by attachment against the officers of the corporation, on proof of their refusal to comply with the same. No corporation which has issued a certificate pursuant to an order of the court entered hereunder shall be liable in an amount in excess of the amount specified in such bond."

The New York statute provides (Stock Corporation Law, secs. 75 and 76.):\* \*

"The owner of a lost or destroyed certificate of stock, if the corporation shall refuse to issue a new certificate in

\* \* Copied from Corporation Manual, 1940, 41st Edition, page 1325.

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place thereof, may apply to the supreme court, at any special term held in the district where he resides, or in which the office of the corporation is located, for an order requiring the corporation to show cause why it should not be required to issue a new certificate in place of the one lost or destroyed. The application shall be by petition, duly verified by the owner, stating, that it is made pursuant to this section, the name of the corporation, the number and date of the certificate and to whom issued, if known, or if it can be ascertained by the petitioner, the number of shares represented thereby, and as particular a statement of the circumstances attending such loss or destruction as the petitioner can give. Upon the presentation of the petition the court shall make an order requiring the corporation to show cause, at a time and place therein mentioned, why it should not issue a new certificate of stock in place of the one described in the petition. A copy of the petition and order shall be served on the corporation, in the manner prescribed for the service of a summons in an action against a domestic corporation at least ten days before the return of the order to show cause.

"Upon the return of the order, with proof of due service thereof, the court, in its discretion in a summary manner, may inquire into the truth of the allegations of the petition, and hear the proofs of the parties in regard thereto, and if satisfied that the petitioner is the lawful owner of the shares, or any part thereof, described in the petition, and that the certificate therefor has been lost or destroyed and cannot after due diligence be found, and that no sufficient cause has been shown why a new certificate should not be issued, it shall make an order requiring the corporation, within a time specified, to issue and deliver to the petitioner a new certificate for the number of shares specified in the order, upon depositing in such public office as the court may designate, such security or a bond in such form and with such sureties as to the court shall appear sufficient to indemnify the corporation or any person who shall thereafter be found to be the lawful owner of the certificate lost or destroyed. Any person claiming any rights under the certificate alleged to have been lost or destroyed shall have recourse to such indemnity; and the corporation issuing such certificate shall be discharged from all liability to such person upon compliance with such order. Obedience to the order may be enforced by attachment against

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the officer or officers of the corporation on proof of his or their refusal to comply with it."

A brief search was made of actual provisions in by-laws and trust indentures contained in the registration documents of various corporations filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. As an example of what is to be regarded as typical, section 4 of article 6 of the by-laws of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation, a Delaware corporation, is as follows:

"Section 4. Lost, Destroyed and Mutilated Certificates.--The holder of any stock of the Corporation shall immediately notify the Corporation of any loss, destruction or mutilation of the certificate therefor, and the Corporation may issue a new certificate of stock in the place of any certificate theretofore issued by it, alleged to have been lost or destroyed, and the Board of Directors may, in its discretion, require the owner of the lost or destroyed certificate or his legal representatives to give the Corporation a bond in such sum, limited or unlimited, and in such form and with such surety or sureties, as the Board shall in its uncontrolled discretion determine, to indemnify the Corporation against any claim that may be made against it on account of the alleged loss or destruction of any such certificate, or the issuance of such new certificate. The Board of Directors, however, may, in its discretion refuse to issue any such new certificate, except pursuant to legal proceedings under the laws of the State of Delaware in such case made and provided."

In the trust indenture made by the Southwestern Gas and Electric Company to the Central Trust Company of Illinois, section 13 provides: "Upon receipt by the company and the trustee of evidence satisfactory to them of the loss or destruction of any outstanding temporary or definitive bond hereby secured, and of indemnity satisfactory to them, or in case of the mutilation of any such outstanding bond, upon surrender and cancellation

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of such bond and upon receipt of indemnity satisfactory to them, if requested the company in its discretion may execute, and the trustee may authenticate and deliver a new bond." There is also a provision that the company may require reimbursement for any sums necessary for stamp taxes, etc.

The laws of the various states relative to the above matter are compiled in Corporation Manual, 1940, 41st Edition. Section 20 is the applicable paragraph number for each of the respective states.

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June 1, 1940.

This memorandum was prepared by J.H. Mann for Mr. Bernstein May 13, 1940 dealing with Corporation Securities (nothing to do with any issue under Government control) on the issuance of duplicates to owners whose securities have been destroyed for the purpose of preventing their seizure. A condition which may be brought about as a result of the war.

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PLAN FOR SECURITIES BLACK LIST

Any plan for the drawing up of a list of American securities held in the invaded countries or elsewhere on the European continent must, it would seem, embody several coordinate and somewhat overlapping projects. This is so because no single method appears to be available that would provide all the information needed and because while in itself yielding partial results each method would both provide information supplemental to that supplied by the other methods and act as a check and a verification. While all the projects combined, therefore, might not yield 100 per cent results, careful and diligent work and centralized direction and coordination should increase the useful yield.

Of course, parallel with census activities of this kind there should also be a program of enforcement and intelligence work falling under the prohibitions against importation of securities or disposal of them. Careful consideration should, therefore, be given to the use of diplomatic pouches, smuggling by passengers and crew members of boats arriving in the United States, and so forth.

The problem of securities is probably largely one of bearer bonds. However, it would also be well to bear in mind that a considerable number of securities otherwise not bearer securities may have been endorsed in blank and thus become bearer securities. This is a common practice in the securities markets. In tracing securities, it is useful to note that several persons enter security transactions at different points and each may provide clues. They are at least:

1. The issuer.
2. The dividend or interest payor in the United States.
3. The dividend or interest collector in the United States.
4. The respective foreign governments and their quasi public institutions, such as stock exchanges.

A concerted effort to exhaust each of these possibilities must, therefore, be undertaken.

A. United States Government

The Government itself has facilities which should be explored. These are:

1. United States Treasury Department Public Debt Service records. All correspondence indicating ownership abroad, all records indicating issuance to foreigners, and all other records of the Public Debt Service should be

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combed and information obtained and properly listed. In the case of bearer bonds all indications of payment of interest to or for the account of persons in foreign countries should be noted.

2. Bureau of Internal Revenue income tax withholding records. The Bureau should have, shortly after March 15 (and has now for 1939 and prior years), records of withholding taxes at the source. There are special forms for bond interest. Of course, this information would not give a complete answer but neither would any other individual method taken alone. This information would give us the names of withholding agents who actually make payments abroad, the issue of the security involved, and the name of the payee. After this information is properly assembled, it should be checked with the actual records of the withholding agents and of the issuers. This is a tracing job but is difficult only in the respect that it may be tedious. It is more fully discussed infra.

3. Customs records of importations already made might well be examined with a view to checking off such importations against any lists made up under the present plan.

4. Federal Reserve Banks, as the Treasury's fiscal agents and in other capacities, are of obvious importance and their roles here need not be further dwelt upon.

#### B. Issuers and Agents of Issuers

Under this head ought to be included not only the corporations issuing the bonds but the underwriters, registrars, transfer agents, dividend paying agents, etc. of the issuers. Generally speaking, the information to be sought here is as follows:

1. Identification of the actual securities originally sent abroad and whose return has not been accounted for. It may be found that in individual cases there were actually blocks of securities delivered to foreign underwriters or to foreign purchasers etc. Great care should be taken here to examine the securities involved for identifying characteristics.

2. An examination should be made of the information available as of the latest possible date just prior to invasion to ascertain the names of the issues traded in on various European stock exchanges and the approximate amounts indicated to have been on the market in those countries. This information would serve as an index and as a means of limiting the scope of the census. Of course, there will be issues or holdings that will not have been dealt in on the exchanges, but information with regard to them can be obtained from other sources.

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3. Dividend and interest paying records of the issuers (as above defined) should be examined. Correspondence should be read with a view to obtaining a description, names, and addresses of holders abroad who may have written in concerning their holdings.

#### C. Dividend and Interest Receivers

In this category fall the various nominees, trustees, custodians, banks, brokerage firms, and others who have acted on behalf of the foreign holders. These persons may not have remitted abroad or they may not have filed withholding tax returns for various reasons. A canvass of them should be of the highest importance.

#### D. Foreign Governments and Quasi Public Institutions

Assistance should be obtained from the various European governments (or those of them friendly to us) and their quasi public officials (such as stock exchange representatives, etc.) who may have made inventories for their own purposes or who may have other information of use in this plan. Such persons would include officials of the central banks whose portfolios may have been looted, officials of large insurance companies, savings institutions, investment trusts, etc. Especially useful would be records of foreign government dollar securities.

#### PROCEDURE

It is quite obvious that the proper execution of the foregoing plan calls for a whole-hearted coordinated effort of diligence, patience, and thoroughness. There will be a certain amount of clerical work, temporary in character, such as would be called for by a census of the Treasury records. A large amount of the work, however, would consist of correspondence and contacts with issuing corporation officers, banks, brokers, and foreign government officials and the maintenance of a card index system with appropriate notations. It might be well, although it is not essential, to consider the temporary use of the SEC facilities for contacts with brokerage houses and other work of the type in which the SEC has been engaged.

Primarily the plan calls for a temporary director and for a correspondence and filing section. It would also include one or more researchers who would have to search the available records and chart the outstanding issues held abroad, etc.

The number of persons involved in the program could, of course, to a certain extent be made to depend upon how quickly it would be desired to execute the program. It is believed that a director, two or three assistants (possibly including at least one from the SEC) with power to call on the SEC and Treasury

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for additional temporary aid together with a correspondence and filing force, possibly derived from Foreign Funds, not exceeding ten persons should be adequate to begin with (excluding, of course, clerical help in the Bureau of Internal Revenue, Public Debt, etc.).

In the execution of the project it would be well to consider a formulation of rules of evidence and procedure in dealing with securities as to which there is some indication that they have been held abroad. For example, there might be great utility in a presumption that a security shown to have been held abroad as of a given date around May 1, 1940, shall be deemed to have been held abroad for the purposes of the Treasury regulations in the absence of evidence to the contrary.

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EMIL SCHRAM  
PRESIDENT

July 30, 1941.

Dear Mr. Foley:

This is written pursuant to the conference of Mr. Chester M. Carré of your Department, on July 24, 1941, in Washington with Mr. Max Jacquin, Jr., Assistant Secretary, and Mr. Arthur L. Rauch, Manager of the Division of Settlement of Contracts, of the Exchange, with regard to restrictions which the Treasury Department may place upon the payment of interest and principal on the bonds of foreign governments and municipalities, as well as certain American Corporations which may be deemed to be "blocked nationals".

Our concern in this matter arises from a recent ruling of the Treasury Department restricting the payment of interest on the Ten Year 7% Gold Notes of the Hugo Stinnes Corporation, which are dealt in on the Curb Exchange. Under this ruling, a holder of one of these bonds may obtain payment of interest only upon presentation of an affidavit that he has been the owner of said bonds since April 8, 1940. While your ruling does not so state, we understand that other holders may obtain special licenses under which, in the discretion of the Treasury Department, they may, eventually, collect said interest.

In the first place, while we must, of course, bow to your judgment on any such matters, we question whether the obvious purpose of such a ruling accomplishes a measure of good which overbalances the harm which is done to the American public who have innocently purchased these bonds, without restriction, up until the present time. It is difficult to perceive how, in view of existing restrictions under the Executive Orders, any other than a bona fide unblocked American holder could receive payment of either interest or principal on such bonds and, therefore, only such holders are in effect being penalized. Moreover, if the holdings of presently blocked nationals have since April 8th been liquidated, through sale to unblocked nationals, it seems to us that this constitutes a fait accompli which cannot be undone. The only other possible accomplishment is that, through the necessity for obtaining a special license, the present holder would be required to trace back ownership to April 8, 1940, so as to enable the Treasury Department to ascertain, if such be the case, that some presently blocked person had liquidated his holdings. The difficulty of

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tracing back under such circumstances is almost insurmountable from a practical standpoint because the securities are in bearer form and, in many instances, have changed hands a dozen or more times with, in many cases, non-member dealers intervening; so that months would be consumed in tracing ownership back to April 8, 1940, if possible at all to do so.

I hope you will forgive our frankness and understand that it is not due to any lack of sympathy or understanding of your problem, but rather because of our concern that you may do something which will accomplish no real end and do substantial damage to a great number of innocent American holders.

So much for the question as it affects holders of such bonds who purchased them prior to the date when such a ruling might be issued.

The situation with respect to the possibility of dealing in such bonds after a ruling of this kind is also an extremely difficult one. In the face of such a ruling it would be impractical to attempt to maintain the free and open market heretofore existing in these bonds on the Exchange. As you are probably aware, the Curb Exchange found it necessary to suspend trading in the Hugo Stinnes bonds when the ruling of the Treasury Department with regard thereto was issued. As was explained to Mr. Carré at the conference, the Exchange follows the practice of continuing trading in bonds on an "and interest" basis as long as the issuer continues to furnish funds for the payment of coupons and special licenses to pay are granted by the Treasury Department where necessary. As a matter of fact, we have found it necessary from time to time temporarily to hold up trading in some issues pending receipt by the paying agents of the necessary licenses, rather than permit trading on a "flat" basis, merely due to the fact that the necessary licenses from the Treasury Department had not been received before 10 A.M. on the coupon payment date. Our reason for thus suspending trading is because obviously there is a difference in the value of a security with interest being paid, as compared to a security where interest is not being paid, and until this question was cleared up we could not permit trading.

Furthermore, it must be obvious that a purchaser in the open market must know what he is purchasing, and any uncertainty as to whether a particular bond may in the future be restricted as to payment of either interest or principal renders it impractical to deal in such securities in the open market. On the other hand, to suspend trading of such securities would work a severe hardship upon those innocent persons who purchased the securities in the open market in the interim between April 8, 1940 and the time of the restrictive ruling.

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All of the foregoing we feel would be true whether the tenor of the Hugo Stinnes ruling was followed or, as intimated in our discussion, the restriction of payments was to holders resident and domiciled in the Western Hemisphere or the British Empire on or since April 8, 1940, who have continuously owned such securities since April 8, 1940.

To illustrate the seriousness of this problem as far as this Exchange is concerned, may we point to the number of issues which may possibly be affected by such a ruling.

There are listed on the Exchange 21 issues of government and municipal bonds of Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Hungary and Norway, which are traded on an "and interest" basis, the interest having been paid when due under necessary licenses.

There are also 13 issues of Japanese government, municipal and corporation bonds which are traded "and interest", the interest having been paid when due.

There are 12 issues of government and municipal bonds of Germany and Hungary, which are traded in on a "flat" basis due to the fact that they had defaulted in interest payments at some time in the past, and on which partial interest payments have regularly been made for some time. In 4 issues the last coupons due in June and July of this year have not been paid.

In addition there are domestic corporation bonds listed, some of which may be considered as foreign nationals under the Executive Orders due to ownership. It is not possible from the records of the Exchange to determine their status and we understand it is impossible under present conditions for the Federal Reserve Bank to furnish us with such information. The only corporation of which we have definite knowledge is the Silesian-American Corporation and the matter of the bonds maturing August 1, 1941, has been determined by the Treasury Department.

Most of these bonds have been actively traded on the Exchange during the past year. Picking out several issues, we find that over \$2,000,000 in Denmark 6% Bonds, due 1942, have been traded from May 1, 1940, to July 1, 1941; and that \$4,000,000 Japanese 6-1/2% Bonds, due 1954, over \$4,000,000 Tokyo Electric Light Company 6% Bonds, due 1953, and over \$7,000,000 German Government International Loan 5-1/2% Bonds, due 1965, have been traded during that time.

In addition, there are 86 bond issues of foreign governments and municipalities which have not currently paid interest because of present circumstances, but which it is conceivable may at some time in the not too far distant future resume such interest payments if permitted.

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From the foregoing we believe it is apparent that the restriction of payments of interest or principal on any or all of these bonds would cause serious damage to bona fide innocent holders who purchased said securities on the Exchange prior to the announcement of such restrictions, and would render it impossible to continue trading in said bonds. We would, therefore, respectfully request that you refrain from issuing such rulings as you may have in contemplation, restricting such payments of interest or principal.

If, notwithstanding the foregoing, you should decide to issue a general ruling restricting the payment of interest or principal on such bonds, we would suggest that such a ruling require certification of ownership as of a current date, rather than retroactively to April 8, 1940, and permit freedom of dealings in such securities without certification of subsequent ownership. This could be accomplished by use of a form of certificate by a member firm or guaranteed by a member firm, as in the case of assignments of securities, certifying that as of the date of the ruling the beneficial owner was not a blocked national or otherwise restricted under the Executive Orders and rulings of the Treasury Department issued thereunder. Such a certification could be filed with the Treasury Department or the Federal Reserve Bank, and an appropriate notation placed on or attached to the bond indicating that the certification had been filed. The ruling could provide further (as in the case of TFEL-2) that a bond with such a notation could be dealt in in the open market.

We believe that this would suffice for your purposes because it would seem that adequate control by the Treasury Department of transactions in such securities, and the payment of interest and principal thereon, already exists by virtue of existing regulations, and at the same time damage to bona fide innocent American purchasers of such securities since April 8, 1940 would be avoided.

If this is not possible it would seem to us that the only alternative, from the standpoint of the possibility of continuing trading on the Exchange in such securities, would be to rule that all payments of interest and principal on such securities be blocked. Then, even though the innocent American purchaser would be damaged from the standpoint of price, we could continue trading, from a mechanical standpoint, on a "flat" basis. In such event, however, in fairness to innocent future purchasers, it would seem to us that the Treasury Department should issue a list of the securities to be so blocked so that purchasers in the open market on the Exchange may be fully apprised of the situation.

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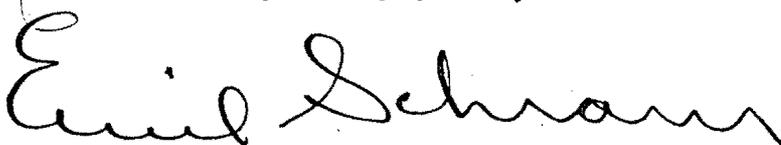
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As this problem will become cumulatively more serious, we would greatly appreciate a reply at your earliest convenience.

Please be assured of our earnest desire to cooperate with your Department in this and any other matter which may involve the public interest either directly or through the Exchange.

In this connection, we will of course be only too glad, if necessary, to discuss this matter further with you in Washington.

Very truly yours,



President.

E. H. Foley, Jr., Esq.,  
Acting Secretary of the Treasury,  
Washington, D. C.

Copy to:

Chester M. Carré, Esq.

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## TREASURY DEPARTMENT

## INTER OFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE May 23, 1941

TO Mr. Towson  
FROM Mr. Aikin

Reference is made to Mr. Day's memorandum to you of April 21 regarding collection of called or matured bonds and coupons payable in a blocked currency.

It is the opinion of Messrs. Carre and Boyer, with whom I discussed Mr. Day's suggestion, that transactions of this nature are so infrequent that at present there appears no need to establish any definite policy. Mr. Carre pointed out that each application should be judged entirely on its own merits.

In addition to the above, disadvantages of adopting the proposed procedure would be:

1. It would open up an avenue for converting frozen assets into dollars.
2. It would lend encouragement to the smuggling of foreign currency bonds or coupons into this country.

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## NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

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EMIL SCHRAM  
PRESIDENT

August 6, 1941

Dear Ed:

Permit me to express my appreciation for the courtesy and consideration shown to representatives of this Exchange by your staff in the discussion on Monday of the matters with respect to which I wrote you under date of July 30th.

It was, of course, a surprise to us here, after Mr. Jacquin and Mr. Rauch had conferred with Mr. Carre on July 24th, to learn on August 1st of the drastic restrictions which nevertheless had been placed upon the payment of interest on various bonds listed on the Exchange. I am confident that if we had been given an opportunity to discuss the matter further, we would have been able to convince you and your staff of the inadvisability of such action.

I can understand, however, that such a step having been taken it is difficult to retrace. Nevertheless, I cannot impress too strongly upon you that we at the Exchange still feel that these restrictions work a hardship upon innocent purchasers which cannot be compensated by what we understand to be the results which your Department wishes to accomplish.

I am informed by Mr. Jacquin and Mr. Rauch that, as a result of the conference on Monday, while your staff is insistent upon these restrictions being invoked in connection with future payment of interest and principal on similar securities, they recognize the necessity for putting the public on notice at the earliest possible moment so that future purchasers of these bonds may be fully informed with regard thereto. I presume that you have been informed that trading on the Exchange in the six issues directly affected by your ruling of August 1st has not been permitted to be resumed. We have refrained from similarly suspending trading in the balance of the issues affected on the understanding that a procedure will be adopted by your Department shortly (probably no later than the end of this week) so as to enable proper trading to continue.

May we again urge that you reconsider your previous action and either rescind these restrictions entirely, or withhold their application until such time as an appropriate procedure may be arranged between your Department and the Exchange which will

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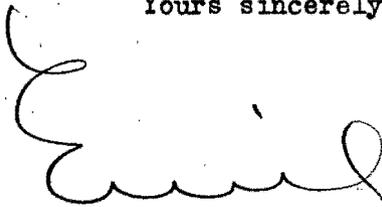
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provide the safeguards which your Department deems necessary and, at the same time, afford the bona fide purchasers the protection to which they are entitled.

With kind personal regards, I am

Yours sincerely,



E. H. Foley, Jr., Esq.,  
Acting Secretary of the Treasury,  
Washington, D. C.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES

RE: Blocked Foreign Securities Program.

Carl Marks telephoned me this afternoon regarding the above program. He stated that he felt that he was pretty well acquainted with the reasons we had initiated such program and wished to make a few suggestions.

He stated that under TFE-2A the present owner of the security is required to furnish the name of the person from whom he purchased it. He stated that in many instances it might be extremely difficult for the present holder to do this as, for instance, a holder of a Danish bond in New Orleans might have acquired such bond by going into the office of E. A. Pearce in New Orleans and placing an order for such bond. E. A. Pearce, not having a foreign bond representative on the floor of the exchange, would probably go to a second broker having such a representative and ask him to make the purchase. The second broker would then buy a bond on the exchange through a third broker who might be acting for say a Washington, D. C. client in selling. Accordingly, to now ask the present owner to obtain the actual seller of the security would require him writing at least one letter, conceivably, to E. A. Pearce, as well as to every other broker connected with the transaction, in order to obtain the information. Moreover, each broker would be very reluctant to disclose the name of his principal in a manner that another broker could capitalize upon such fact because of the competitive aspects of the field. As a result the present owner might experience serious difficulties in obtaining the data necessary.

Marks stated that he was not speaking in terms of cases in which he had sold bonds because Marks buys and sells in this field as principal rather than agent; that is, he will buy a security from a on the market, paying for it with his own money. Thereafter, a week, ten days or even a month later, he may then sell the security to some other party. Accordingly, it is a very simple matter for him to provide any information necessary to fill out TFE-2A's or to furnish any broker asking for such data with such information because he will simply state that he is the seller and not have to disclose from whom he acquired it. The difficulties will be much greater for other brokers, however, who do not buy and sell on this basis but act simply as agent for some other party.

Marks suggested that in lieu of the present procedure we should require all brokers to file with us a report on all of the issues involved, setting forth by serial number the issue, the buyer and the

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seller, and the dates of the transactions, and such information should be required back as far as April 8, 1940. He stated that the advantage in this procedure was that brokers would have all of their transactions in a particular issue, as for instance the Danish 6's, in one place so that all they would have to do would be to turn to that ledger to take off the information they had and file it with us. He stated that this would be a more efficient system for running down smuggling and the like and as soon as every broker had filed this information it would be possible to trace the history of every bond right back to April 8, 1940. He stated that there might be cases in which a security had not run through a broker and that in those cases we might have to use other means but he did feel that this proposal would cover a large bulk of cases. He said that not only would it facilitate the furnishing of information but in addition it would be far more effective in achieving our objectives.

Marks stated that he was pretty close to the foreign securities market and as far as he could tell there had not been a great amount of smuggling in that field. He stated, however, that he was considerably concerned about sterling currency transactions. On his last trip to Bermuda he had learned that there were large amounts of such currency being held in Japan which had apparently been looted in the occupied areas and sent to Japan for disposal. He stated that all of the banks in New York were buying and selling sterling at prices ranging from 2 to 3 dollars per pound sterling, depending on the denomination of the currency. He felt that this was a lucrative source of income for Nazi representatives.

Mr. Marks was particularly anxious that I understand that he was making these suggestions out of spirit of cooperation with the government rather than from the point of view of any personal advantage. He stated that he would be very glad to come down and discuss any phase of these suggestions which we might be interested in. I thanked him for his information.

September 18, 1941 Carl Marks called me again today and stated that he thought it was only fair that it be made clear that he made his suggestions without consulting other brokers, so that he did not know for sure that their record system would lead itself to his proposal as conveniently as the record Marks kept. He also stated that he had no objection to sending us a memorandum of his suggestions if we wished it. I suggested that he do that. He further stated that it was not necessary to throw overboard our present system of using Form TFE-2A under his proposal; that we would simply announce that all the holder had to do would be to report the broker through whom he acquired the security and the reports we receive from the brokers could be used to supplement this data.

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CURRENCY IMPORTATION

Policy being followed in the handling of currency cases.

EUROPE:

Effective date: March 13, 1942 (Zero)

Currency acquired or imported pre-zero:1) Denied. Stipulation GS (3), (4), and (6)

This action is used on practically all cases involving currency imported from Europe. Its purpose is to obtain pertinent information as to the circumstances surrounding the acquisition of the currency abroad.

2) Approved.

Only after documentary proof as to the pre-zero acquisition of currency and other important information has been furnished.

Currency acquired or imported post-zero:Denied.

Under this action currency is to remain frozen either in custody of the Federal Reserve Banks or in a General Ruling No. 6 account with a domestic bank.

Cases to be given special attention:Applications by members of the American Foreign Service Staff:

These people being repatriated by exchange vessel are bringing in considerable amounts of currency and their usual claim is that such currency results from conversion of savings and the sale of furniture, automobiles, wine-cellars etc. They are not to be accorded any preferential treatment, but will have to furnish conclusive documentary proof and complete information with respect to the circumstances under which currency was acquired by them in Europe.

Applications by or on behalf of Greek seamen:

According to a decision by Mr. Hoffman, currency brought in on vessels which left a European port (usually Lisbon) on or prior to May 10, 1942, is to be released, while currency from vessels having sailed after May 10, 1942, is to be retained, pending further negotiations with the Greek Legation.

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Cases to be given special attention: (cont'd.)Applications concerning currency shipped from Tangiers:

Currency is being mailed to the United States from Tangiers in payment for merchandise bought in and shipped from this country. Inasmuch as doubtlessly such currency shipments are made to benefit from the price difference of currency as against other means of remittance, such applications are to be denied.

LATIN AMERICA: Effective date: May 19, 1942 (Zero)

Dollar-using countries: Cuba, Panama, Puerto Rico, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Haiti and Northern Mexico.

Currency imported or acquired pre-zero:(1) Approved.

Action taken if application contains all essential information establishing proof of pre-zero acquisition of the currency.

(2) Code "P" or "Green Slip".

If application is incomplete or entirely deficient of pertinent information, Code "P" is used.

If application lacks certain specific data, such as significant dates, a "Green Slip" requesting direct answers embodying the desired information, would be more in order.

After proof of pre-zero acquisition has been established by the information obtained in answer to either Code "P" or "Green Slip", then the application may be approved.

Currency acquired or imported post-zero:

Denied. The return of the currency to a recognized bank in ..... for credit to applicant's account is authorized.

Cases to be given special attention:Applications concerning currency brought from Canal Zone:

Currency brought into the United States by soldiers and sailors, or by civilians having been engaged in Government work, is to be released.

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Cases to be given special attention: (cont'd.)Applications concerning currency carried by tourists:

Currency carried by tourists returning from Dollar-using countries, may be released, after proof is established that funds were originally obtained in the United States, that no funds were acquired outside of the United States and that the tourist did not visit any non-Dollar-using countries.

Code "P" or "Green Slip" is used in such cases as initial action.

Bank to bank shipment of currency:

Such applications are to be approved, provided that the currency is to be credited to the account of the remitting bank with the bank receiving the shipment.

This action is taken in similar cases involving currency shipments from bank to bank, as long as the remitting bank is located within the generally licensed trade area.

Non-Dollar-using countries: Rest of Central and South America.Currency acquired or imported pre-zero:1) Code "P".

This is used as a delaying action, especially in cases where the information contained in the application is vague, or entirely insufficient.

2) "Green Slip"

Used in cases where the application, although fairly complete as to information, lacks certain specific facts concerning the acquisition of the currency.

3) Approved.

This action is taken after conclusive proof as to pre-zero acquisition of currency has been furnished by the applicant in answer to Code "P" or "Green Slip".

Currency acquired or imported post-zero:Denied.

Inasmuch as currency cannot be returned to non-Dollar-using countries, this action is effectively freezing such currency in custody of the Federal Reserve Bank or in a General Ruling No. 6 account with a domestic bank.

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Cases to be given special attention:Applications concerning currency carried by tourists:

Currency carried by tourists returning from non-Dollar-using countries, may be released only after applicant has furnished conclusive documentary proof that funds were originally obtained in the United States, that no part of such currency was acquired by or paid to the traveler within any non-Dollar-using country.

Denied. Stipulation SS or "Green Slip" is used in such cases as initial action and after the requested proof is furnished by applicant, either on a new application or as supplementary information, the currency may be released.

BRITISH WEST INDIES.

In general, all applications involving currency which originates in the British West Indies, are approved, regardless of the acquisition or importation date. In all these cases we rely largely on the effectiveness of the British control.

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SUMMARY

During the first four years of the war, German financial and industrial penetration in the countries temporarily under her control attracted wide publicity and attention. Less notice has been taken of the reverse tendency - early symptoms of which date back to mid-1942 - which, under the pressure of German clearing debts has recently become more pronounced.

The object of this paper is to record the known examples of German-held foreign securities being repurchased by the countries of issue as a partial offset against the German Clearing debt.

The main points emerging from this study are the following:

- (i) The countries benefiting from repatriation are mainly Germany's South Eastern Allies.
- (ii) The repatriated securities consist mainly of Government bonds and railway loans, while examples of repatriated industrial shares are few.
- (iii) There is an obvious tendency, on the part of Germany, to retain her banking and insurance interests.

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- (iv) Several of the South Eastern countries are apparently endeavouring also to repatriate securities from other countries e.g. France, Belgium, Switzerland, which suggests that they are regarding the German repatriation as a welcome starting point for a more comprehensive scheme of ensuring national ownership of industry.

The repatriation of foreign securities in German hands has not, as yet, reached very great dimensions. The Germans would probably have preferred to maintain all their holdings; so far, however, pressure has not been sufficiently strong to enforce the repatriation of securities which the Germans regard as essential.

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INTRODUCTION

Difficulties arising from increasing German debit balances in the clearing with other countries have finally forced the German government to accede to demands for repatriation both of Government bonds and industrial shares of some of the countries towards which Germany is heavily in debt.

At present the repatriation is affecting mainly the South Eastern European allies - Hungary, Roumania, Bulgaria and Slovakia - with the exception of Croatia which is a debtor to Germany on the clearing account.

The reason why Germany's allies rather than occupied countries are affected is that their greater degree of independence puts them in a more favourable position for bargaining. In two of the countries at least, Hungary and Roumania, the actual repatriation was preceded by a threat, possibly partially carried out, to cut down vital exports unless effective measures were taken to reduce the German debt in the clearing.

1. The Situation in Western Europe

In Western Europe, the only example so far noted of clearing credits being used for this type of repayment concerns France and Belgium. An agreement between the two countries was made under German auspices whereby as from July 1943 certificates of the 800 mill. Belgian fr. Belgian 5-1/2% loan floated in France in 1932 were to be repaid out of the Belgian credit in the goods and services account of the Franco-Belgian clearing. As the greater part of this loan was no longer held in France it was also agreed that certain other Belgian loans placed in France would be paid out of the clearing during 1943. It is not, however, known whether this has in fact taken place, or what other loans were involved.

A transaction of a somewhat similar nature appears to be in progress between France and Hungary. (See below)

Between Holland and Germany, on the other hand, the reverse of what is happening between Germany and her South Eastern European allies is taking place. Germany instead of receiving clearing credits for repatriated loans is converting long-term loans (raised in Holland at the time of great capital shortage in Germany) into nominally short-term debts.

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Before the war, the servicing of these loans could not be fully carried out owing to the German foreign exchange of laws which restricted the transfer of large sums of money. Holland, however, was in a more favourable position than many of Germany's other creditors, in that her foreign trade with Germany resulted in a considerable import balance and Germany, rather than lose one of her best customers, agreed that a certain percentage of the Dutch payments for German merchandise should be used to meet part of the liabilities in respect of German debts.

After the occupation of Holland all restrictions on money transfers were lifted, and the full service of the loans therefore had to be resumed. But owing to the capital shortage at the time when the loans were raised the interest payable on them is well above the present market level. German debtors find it, therefore convenient to redeem the loans before maturity even if it entails borrowing the necessary amounts from the German market.

From the point of view of Holland this is hardly an acceptable solution since in addition to the loss of high interest rates, repayment does not, as was the case before the war, result in increased supplies of goods, but merely in the accumulation of RM balances which, for the time being, are of little or no value. Holland, however, is not in a position to refuse repayment.

## 2. The Technique of Repatriation in South-Eastern Europe.

In the case of South-Eastern Europe, however, Germany's position is reversed. As far as the loans to be repatriated are concerned she is the creditor, but since she is the stronger partner the debtor countries will not get everything their own way as Germany did in Holland. This is particularly true where the repatriation of industrial shares is concerned.

Whereas after the initial unwillingness of Germany to take part in any transactions of this kind few difficulties have been put in the way of repurchasing government securities, industrial shares are only being repatriated to any large extent in Slovakia. In the only other country where it has been officially announced that shares are being repurchased - i.e. Hungary - the transactions appear to be taking place very slowly and it seems that the Germans have only agreed to repatriate individual shares and not packets of shares, therefore retaining a considerable measure of their former control. It is of interest to note that they are particularly reluctant to part with their interests in banks or insurance companies which allow of supervision if not control of the whole industrial system - the more so since Hungarian banks have very wide industrial interests.

In connection with the repatriation of shares it may also be mentioned that both Hungary and Roumania have recently been repurchasing shares held in countries other than Germany or the Protectorate. In Hungary shares in Belgian and Swiss hands have

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been bought back, the former against deliveries of wheat to the Belgian Red Cross, the latter against foreign exchange received from additional exports.

In the case of Roumanian, French and Belgian interests in the cement industry are involved, but no information is available as to how they are to be paid for.

In all the countries - excluding probably Switzerland - from which the shares are being repatriated laws exist empowering the government to demand the surrender of any foreign securities. In the case of Germany, holders of such securities which have to be surrendered receive compensation in cash, in France and Belgium it is not known exactly what form compensation takes but it is probably either cash or government securities.

### 3. The Development in Individual Countries.

The following paragraphs survey the process of repatriation in each of the individual countries concerned. A list of government securities and industrial shares known to have been repatriated is given in the Appendix.

#### (a) Bulgaria

The first evidence of an attempt to solve the clearing problem by repatriation of government securities came from Bulgaria when, early in 1942, the Bulgarian Government announced its intention of redeeming before maturity, through the clearing, the 6% Treasury Bills due in 1946 which had been issued to German exporters in payment for machinery imported in previous years. These bills had been taken over by the Reichsbank and objections were raised to repayment on the grounds that reinvestment was only then possible at 3%. The Bulgarian Government was therefore requested to make good at least half the loss of interest; whether or not this request was acceded to is not known, but these bills together with other Bulgarian government bonds in German and Protectorate hands (see appendix) have been repurchased through the clearing.

The exact amounts involved in these transactions are not known, but it is stated that at the end of 1942 the Bulgarian National Bank owned 8.6 million worth of the 6% Treasury Bills originally issued to German exporters, while one British estimate gave the value of other Bulgarian government bonds in the hands of German or Protectorate citizens at approximately 3.5 million, or 11.5 million.

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Though these sums are not very great compared with the total clearing balance in Bulgaria's favour - at present estimated at 24 md leva - in 1942 there was a definite slowing down of the rate of growth of the balance. The net increase in that year amounted to only 4.4 md leva compared with 8.4 md in 1941 and some 6 to 9 md in 1943.

It does not appear that as yet there has been any repatriation of Bulgarian industrial shares in German hands but there is evidence to suggest that negotiations to this end are at present taking place.

The nominal value of German interests in Bulgarian companies of all kinds is stated to be about 246 mill. leva of which approximately 111 mill. leva is in industrial concerns, and of Protectorate interests 124 mill. leva of which 83 mill. leva is in industrial concerns.

German interests are centred mainly in coal mines, electricity companies and chemical factories, while the most important Protectorate interest is the Gerns-Groschowitz sugar factory.

Although the total nominal value of these interest amounts to only 370 mill. leva the repurchase price, based on the present market value of the shares, is estimated at 50 mill RM or more than 1,500 mill. leva.

(b) Hungary

Hungary followed the example of Bulgaria in demanding the repatriation of Hungarian interest in German hands at the end of 1942. In December that year the German clearing debt reached 1 md RM and the Hungarian Government refused to make further deliveries against payment in RM, demanding instead the transfer to Hungarian ownership of German investments in Hungary.

The demand appears to have been acceded to fairly readily, and at the same time the Germans took over Hungarian debts to Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia and Holland and offset them against their own clearing debt to Hungary.

Early in 1943 it was stated that 176 mill. p. had been used for the repurchase of bonds and for other extraordinary payments in Germany including payments connected with the Czechoslovak and Yugoslav state debts and also the repurchase of pre-1918 loans denominated in marks and kronen the repatriation of which had been agreed to in 1940. By the beginning of 1944 the

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total amount used for this purpose was said to have risen to 200 mill. p (approximately 120 mill. DM). In the course of these transactions the Hungarian debt to the Swiss Combank has been to all intents and purposes wiped out. It appears that Hungary is also repurchasing securities held in France. Information has been received to the effect that the French government recently purchased bonds in Hungary (valued at 6 mill. Sw.fr.) for which payment was made half in Swiss currency and half in Hungarian Government securities.

While the government is repatriating bonds, banks have been given the task of repatriating shares. Six leading Hungarian banks (their names are not specified) and the Dresdner Bank, the Creditanstalt Bankverein, Vienna and the Landersbank Vienna are concerned in this.

For the purpose of the repatriation the Hungarian banks have been divided into two groups. Those banks which have interests in companies in which there are also German interests will repurchase the German shares in these companies, while the other banks will be concerned with German interests in other companies.

An article in the Sudest Economist of February 1943 put the value of shares to be repatriated by the first group of banks at some 170 mill. DM or some 250 mill. p., but from a German report of February 1944 it seems that only 30 mill. p. is being used for the repurchase of shares.

This confirms the various reports which have been received throughout the year that the repatriation of shares was not being carried out very thoroughly and that only individual and not packets of shares were involved. It is interesting to note in this connection that the Germans are said to have refused to part with their recently acquired 16% holding in the largest Hungarian Commercial bank i.e. the Ungarische Allgemeine Creditbank A.G.

Given the lack of published figures it is difficult to assess the effect of these measures on the German clearing debt to Hungary. An unconfirmed report stated that by April 1943 the debt had dropped to 450 mill. DM but later information conflicts with this. It is, however, known that at the end of 1943 the German debt stood at about the same level as at the end of 1942 i.e. 1 md. DM.

#### (c) Roumania

In the case of Roumania it is more difficult to fix the exact date at which repatriation was agreed upon. Difficulties have arisen periodically over the last three years as a result of the increasing German clearing debt, and it became evident at the end of 1942 and beginning of 1943 that Roumanian Government securities in German hands were being repurchased.

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Some idea of the values involved in this transactions can be obtained from the fact that between March 1942 and March 1943 the Roumanian foreign debt fell from 63.5 to 45.6 mil. lei., and it is not unlikely that a further fall may have occurred for the same reason during the budget year 1943/44.

In the spring of 1943 the German government offered to take over the Roumanian debt to France and offset it against the clearing. Unlike Hungary, Roumania refused this offer on the grounds that after the war such an agreement might not be recognized and that Roumania would thus lose a claim without having discharged a liability.

No mention was originally made of the repatriation of industrial shares but it is evident that German shares in some companies are being repatriated. Whether this is the result of an agreement with the Germans similar to that reached with regard to government securities or whether it is the result of a law passed in Roumania in the summer of 1943 empowering the government, under certain circumstances to take over foreign shares in companies in which less than 33% of the capital is held by Roumanians, is not clear, but in either case it seems likely that payment for the shares thus taken over would be made from the RM balance in Roumania's favour.

Though there has been no definite report of the Germans refusing to give up their banking interests in Roumania - which are very much more considerable than those in Hungary - no mention has been made of bank shares changing hands, and it is probable that here as in Hungary attempts will be made to retain banking and insurance interests.

No estimate can at present be made of the total value of industrial shares involved, nor is there as yet sufficient statistical data available to assess the effect of the whole transaction on the German debit balance in the Roumanian clearing.

#### (a) Slovakia

In Slovakia unlike the other countries it is mainly shares rather than government securities which are being repatriated. There are two probable reasons for this, first that so very great amount of Slovak government securities is held in Germany, and second that Germany has a stronger direct control over the country, than making participation in individual firms less essential.

The repatriation is to be carried out gradually and at present it is mainly shares in the possession of Protectorate citizens which are involved. Up to the present shares to a value of 270 mil. kc.

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have been repurchased from the Protectorate and 80 mill. kc. from Germany. Further transactions valued at about 100 million kc. are expected to take place during the first 6 months of 1945, making a total of 450 mill. kc.

The shares thus transferred are either taken over by the companies concerned or groups interested in these companies or by a consortium formed for the purpose, which will gradually resell the shares on the open market.

It is not known exactly what proportion of the total German and Protectorate holding of Czech shares the 450 mill. kc. represents but it is not unlikely that further transfers will take place, which should have some effect in reducing the German clearing debt to Slovakia at present estimated at some 1.5 md. kc.

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## APPENDIX

Securities believed to have been repatriatedBulgaria

Bulgarian Government loans known to have been called up by the Reichsbank for the purpose of repatriation:

6% State loan of 1892  
 5% State loan of 1896  
 5% State loan of 1902  
 5% State loan of 1904  
 4-1/2% State loan of 1907  
 4-1/2% State loan of 1909

6% Bulgarian Treasury Bills issued to German exporters in 1940 and 1941 are also known to have been repurchased.

Hungary

Hungarian loans known to have been called up by the Reichsbank for the purpose of repatriation:

4% Hungarian Gold Loan.  
 2-1/2% Stuhlweissemburg-Haab-Gras Lottery Bonds.  
 5% 4-1/2% and 4% Pango loans of the Hungarian local railways of the year 1926, together with their coupons dated 31/12/31 to 1/7/43 inclusive and certificates dated 1.7.43.  
 All coupons payable from 31/12/31 to 31/10/40 of the 4-1/2% Budapest loan dated 1941.  
 All coupons payable between 31/12/31 to 31/10/40 of 52 Hungarian long term private loans, not in pango, surrendered by an order of the Reichsbank dated 23.8.41.

Shares in the following companies are reported to have been repurchased from German hands:

Bismaranyi-Sajgy-Barjany Hitelessegek A.G. share capital 30 mill. p.

Sajgy-Barjany Steinkohlen Bergbau A.G. share capital 45.9 mill. p.

Aitaiusa Kocsa. Share capital 48 mill. p.

In no case is it thought that the Germans had more than a minority holding.

Shares in the following companies are known to have been repurchased from Belgian hands:

Espresso- und Fortland Zementfabrik A.G. Share capital 6 mill. p. majority holding.

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Branche Steinbohlen und Siegwirker (Gesellschaft) Feest. Share capital 3.2 mill. p.

Baurettenspinners AG. share capital 1 mill. p. full majority.

Bayerer Kunstseidenfabrik AG. Share capital 25,000 p. majority holding.

Belgisch-Bunnenische Textill AG. Kolover. Share capital 25 mill. lei. majority holding.

Shares in the following companies are known to have been repurchased from Swiss hands:

"Wiltex" Vereinigte Ungarische Filaterigat-Posttextilerischer Textilwerke und Textile AG. Share capital 4 mill. p. Majority holding.

A.P.S textile factory. Share capital 2 mill. p. Majority holding.

#### Roumania

The following Roumanian loans and coupons have been called up by the Reichsbank for the purpose of repatriation:

(a) 4% Leuberg-Carmovitz-Jassi Railway Priority loan of 1894 III issue with interest coupons due 1/7/39 to 1/1/34.

(b) Certificates of the 4-1/2% Roumanian Consolidation loan of 1934.

(c) 1. Coupons due up to 1/10/40 of the unified Roumanian State Bonds (Berlin agreement 1922).

2. Coupons of the 7% Roumanian monopoly loan of 1929 due up to 1/2/40 and of the 7-1/2% Roumanian monopoly loan of 1931 due up to 1/4/40.

3. Coupons due before 1/4/40 of the non-German issue of both these monopoly loans.

4. Coupons payable on 1/2/34 (50% already paid) of all issues of the 7% Roumanian monopoly loan of 1931.

5. Coupons payable on 1/10/33 (25% already paid) of the unified Roumanian State Bonds of 1923.

6. Coupons payable on 1/10/33 (25% already paid) of the 4% Roumanian Consolidation loan of 1922.

7. Coupons payable on 1/5/40 and 1/2/41 of the 7% Roumanian monopoly loan of 1929 and those payable on 1/10/40 of the 7-1/2% Roumanian monopoly loan of 1931.

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8. Coupons due before 31/3/41 of the 7% Roumanian monopoly loan of 1929 and the 7-1/2% Roumanian monopoly loan of 1931, so far as Austrian and Czech issues are concerned.

9. Coupons of the 4-1/2% Consolidation loan of 1934 all issues are due on 1/11/39 or earlier.

10. Coupons of the 4-1/2% Bonds of 1933 due on 1/4/39 or earlier.

11. Coupons of the 4-1/2% Consolidation loan of 1922 due on 1/10/39 or earlier.

12. Coupons of the 5% amortizable loan of 1926 (private railway) due on 1/1/40 or earlier.

13. Coupons of the 4% foreign loan of 1922 due on 1/12/39 or earlier.

14. Coupons of the 4% unified bonds (Paris agreement 1925) due on 1/1/40 or earlier.

15. Coupons of the 5% unified loan (Paris agreement 1925) due on 1/1/40 or earlier.

Shares in the following companies are known to have been repurchased from German hands:

Resita - share capital ind. lei - 40,000 shares.

Titan-Hodrag-Kalan - share capital 500 mill lei - 16098 shares.

Regifer - share capital 500 mill lei probably about 50% of the shares.

#### Slovakia

Protectorate owned shares in the following companies have been repatriated:

Karl Stumm Zuckerfabriken AG - share capital 29.25 mill. ks. in 73125 shares of 400 ks. each. About 41000 shares with a market value of some 100 mill. ks. have been repurchased.

Kabelfabrik A.G. Presburg - share capital 62.5 mill. ks. in 125,000 shares of 500 ks. each, about 30,000 shares with a market value of 90 mill ks. have been repurchased.

Magnit Industrie A.S. - share capital 10.35 mill. ks. in 51750 shares of 200 ks. each. About 10% of the shares with a market value of 60 mill. ks. have been repurchased.

Slovakische Papierfabrik A.G. in Bzenovec - a minority of shares with a market value of 3 mill. ks. have been repurchased.

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**Slovenska Banka** - a minority holding with a market value of 10 mill. kc. has been repurchased.

**Tatra Banka** - a minority holding with a market value of 3 mill. kc. has been repurchased.

40,000 German owned shares in Slovakian National Bank have also been repatriated. The nominal value of the shares is 1000 kc. each but it is not known at what price they were repurchased from Germany. They will, however, be sold in the open market in Slovakia at 2010 kc.

Information is not yet available as to what shares will be repatriated during the first 6 months of 1944.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES.

Re: Trading in American Securities on Swiss Stock Exchanges

In connection with the current discussions with the Swiss bankers the following intercept, dated October 7, 1944, from Hofmann Company to Hayden Stone Company, New York, may be of interest:

" Pursuant to Executive Order No. 8785 transactions in American shares registered in the names of Societe de Banque Suisse and Credit Suisse officially quoted on Swiss stock exchanges are since June 14th 1941 limited to certificates of Swiss citizens residing permanently in Switzerland stop The introduction of special declarations through the Association of Swiss Bankers makes it possible also in future to furnish the proof of pure Swiss property right back to June 14th 1941 stop Besides since October 20th 1943 the seller must always certify by supplementary declaration that the securities do not originate from individuals or body of persons which are placed on the American Proclaimed List of Certain Blocked Nationals in Switzerland stop Would like to have your opinion or the opinion of authoritative quarters whether in case of purchases of American securities with aforementioned affidavits for ourselves or for our customers such purchases can be considered quite safe or is there any risk of the American Government decreasing still more rigorous measures with retroactive force as to proof of property stop"

L. E. Hartwig

cc: Messrs. Schmidt, Bennett, Richards, Lesser, Fisher (Monetary Research),  
 Gilbert  
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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

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DATE February 9, 1942

TO Mr. Luxford

FROM Mr. Aarons

Inasmuch as you are now primarily interested in securities problems; I suggest you consider the following:

Davis has raised a question as to the responsibility of the New York Federal Reserve Bank, acting as fiscal agent, in paying coupons presented to it which have been detached from Philippine bonds. I have advised him that responsibility for determining whether Form TFEL-2 has been attached to such bonds rests with the collecting bank. Davis thought that we might want to put in some sort of procedure whereby presenting banks would be required to satisfy themselves that the basic securities comply with General Ruling No. 10. I told him that I did not think we would consider this to be worthwhile. However, I think that perhaps we should get out a press release to the effect that the responsibility with respect to coupons rests upon the collecting banks. We have already so advised the Treasurer of the United States.

Davis also again raised the question of the applicability of Public Circular No. 14 to trusts. I think this is a real problem. Under the theory of General License No. 30 a trust estate is considered to be blocked if there is any blocked interest in it. Thus, there might be a contingent or future blocked interest in a trust estate which would make it necessary for a broker to consolidate the interests of all other beneficiaries of the trust. If we ask for strict enforcement of Public Circular No. 14 in the case of trusts, I am afraid we might run into a mess similar to that encountered in the case of trusts in attempting to enforce the excess holdings provisions concerning savings bonds. I have not focused on this sufficiently to know the answer excepting that we will have to attempt a practical approach.

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Davis  
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Federal Reserve Bank  
Philippine bonds  
TFEL-2  
collecting bank  
presenting banks  
General Ruling No. 10  
press release  
responsibility  
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SECURITIES SECTION  
UNIT C

Transactions under Section 2 of the Order and transactions under Section 1 of the Order on application Form TFE-2.

A. APPLICATIONS FOR RELEASE OF SECURITIES UNDER GENERAL RULING NO. 5 AND 6.

1. It is established by specific evidence that no blocked country or national thereof has, at any time on or since effective date of Order, had any interest in the securities.

Approved.

2. It is established that a blocked country or national thereof has, at any time on or since effective date of Order, had any interest in the securities, even if such interest is alleged to have been terminated. (Subject to provisions of section (4) (b) of Circular No. 8.)

Approved. Stipulation No. 1 (except in special circumstances.)

3. It is not clearly established that no blocked country or national thereof has, at any time on or since effective date of Order, had any interest in the securities.

Not approved on basis of present information.

4. Securities imported from British Empire.

- (a) If supported by documentary evidence establishing that the export from British Empire has been approved by appropriate British official authority.

Approved; if national interest disclosed, Stipulation No. 2.

- (b) If subject to vesting order of appropriate British authority or will be deposited in reputable banking institution within U. S. to credit of such authority.

Approved.

- (c) If transmitted by banking institutions within British West Indies or Australia to reputable banking institution within U. S. for account of transmitting institution which advises that securities or proceeds will be subject to British exchange control.

Approved (without stipulation regardless of blocked nation interest).

5. Securities imported from Latin American Country, by such Country or a representative thereof, which are obligations of the government of such country, applications for the release of such securities do not contain complete information as to beneficial owner of securities and where they have been situated on and since the date of the order.

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Approved. Applicant to be notified that in future cases complete answers should be given to all parts of statement Form TFA-1.

**B. APPLICATIONS FOR ATTACHMENT OF FORM TFA-2 TO SECURITIES HAVING STAMPS OR SERIALS AS SPECIFIED IN SECTION 2 A(1) OF THE ORDER.**

1. It is established by specific evidence that no blocked country or national thereof has, at any time on or since effective date of Order, had any interest in the securities.

Approved.

2. It is established that a blocked country or national thereof has, at any time on or since effective date of Order, had an interest in the securities

(a) If provisions of section 3 (c) of Circular No. 11 are applicable.

Approved.

(b) If provisions of section 3(c) of Circular No. 11 are not applicable.

Approved. Stipulation No. 1 (subject to provisions of section 4 of Circular No. 11.)

3. It is not clearly established that no blocked country or national thereof has, at any time on or since effective date of Order, had any interest in the securities.

(a) If provisions of section 3 (c) of Circular No. 11 are applicable.

Approved.

(b) If provisions of section 3 (c) of Circular No. 11 are not applicable.

Not approved on basis of present information.

**C. APPLICATIONS INVOLVING ACQUISITION BY OR TRANSFER TO PERSON WITHIN UNITED STATES OF SECURITIES PHYSICALLY SITUATED OUTSIDE UNITED STATES.**

1. Securities situated in British Empire.

Approved.

2. Securities situated in Latin American Countries.

(a) If American securities situated in Cuba and satisfactory information specified in Form TFA-1 is furnished in advance.

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Approved without waiver of General Ruling No. 5.

- (b) If securities issued by Latin American government, expressed in local currency or dollars and situated in country of such government, and satisfactory information specified in Form TFA-1 is furnished in advance

Approved without waiver of General Ruling No. 5.

- (c) If securities issued by Mexican government, expressed in local currency and situated in Mexico.

Approved without waiver of General Ruling No. 5.

3. Securities situated in free China, issued by Chinese government in registered form, and satisfactory information specified in Form TFA-1 is furnished in advance.

Approved without waiver of General Ruling No. 5.

4. Other transactions.

Denied; except in special circumstances.

D. REDEMPTION OF GOVERNMENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC 7½% BONDS DUE JUNE 1, 1941.

1. Securities owned by individual American citizens who are domiciled within Continental United States.

- (a) Owned and deposited within Continental United States continuously on and since June 17, 1940.

Approved for payment. This action may be taken if the facts are reasonably complete, the tendency is to be quite lenient.

- (b) Acquired subsequent to June 17, 1940.

Payment may be authorized where the amount involved is not greater than \$5,000 and the securities were acquired on a national securities exchange or pursuant to a license issued by or at the direction of the United States Treasury. If the amount involved is greater than \$5,000 complete information should be given as to ownership and place of deposit at all times on and since June 17, 1940, unless securities were acquired pursuant to a license.

2. Securities, the proceeds of which are to be remitted to Canada or Great Britain.

Approved for payment provided proceeds are remitted to a banking institution within Canada or Great Britain which there is reason to believe is subject to the control of such countries.

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3. Securities owned by persons domiciled within possessions of the United States other than Continental United States, Western Hemisphere and British Empire other than England and Canada, who are not "nationals" of blocked countries and whose names do not appear on the "Proclaimed List".

(a) Owned by such persons and deposited within the British Empire or the Western Hemisphere at all times on and since June 17, 1940.

Approved for payment.

(b) Acquired subsequent to June 17, 1940.

If amount is less than \$5,000 and the securities were purchased on a National Securities Exchange or pursuant to a license issued by or at the direction of the United States Treasury, payment may be authorized. It is not necessary to trace ownership in such cases. If amount is greater than \$5,000 payment should not be authorized until complete information has been given as to ownership and location of securities at all times on and since June 17, 1940.

4. Securities owned by persons who are nationals of countries other than those indicated above which are not blocked.

(a) Owned by such persons and deposited within such country or countries indicated above, on and since June 17, 1940.

Approved for payment.

(b) Acquired subsequent to June 17, 1940. Payment should not be authorized unless and until complete information has been given as to owner (or owners) and place (or places) of deposit at all times on and since June 17, 1940 unless securities were acquired pursuant to a license issued by or at the direction of the United States Treasury.

5. Securities owned by blocked countries or "nationals" thereof other than China, Russia, Switzerland, Sweden, Spain, Portugal or Finland or any national thereof.

Approved for payment. Stipulation No. 1.

6. Securities owned by China, Russia, Switzerland, Sweden, Spain, Portugal or Finland or "nationals" thereof.

Payment should not be authorized until it has been clearly established that no blocked country other than the seven named above or nationals thereof has or has had an interest in the securities on and since June 17, 1940. If such interest has been held it should be determined beyond a doubt that all transactions entered into relative to the securities were in good faith and/or for value. All payments authorized should be subject to Stipulation No. 1.

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SECURITIES AND CURRENCY SECTION

## UNIT B

Transactions under Section 1 of the Order involving securities issued by others than blocked nationals.

A. PURCHASES AND SALES OF SECURITIES FOR BLOCKED ACCOUNTS.

1. Purchases of dollar securities of governments of U. S. and Canada, including political subdivisions thereof, and corporations organized under the laws thereof.

- (a) If securities are specified and are listed on a national securities exchange.

Approved on a national securities exchange or over-the-counter at market value.

- (b) If securities are specified and are unlisted.

Approved at market value, except in special circumstances.

- (c) If securities are unspecified but listed on a national securities exchange.

Approved substantially within principles of General Authorization No. 13, excluding Section 1 (c) thereof.

- (d) If securities are unspecified and unlisted.

Not approved. Will consider applications for specific transactions.

- (e) Purchases of War Savings Bonds for account of blocked nationals.

Approved. Stipulation No. 1. Direct applicant's attention to Regulations governing U.S. Savings Bonds Treasury Department Circular No. 530, as amended and revised.

Purchases and sales of securities for the account of enemy nationals, except under unusual circumstances, denied.

2. Purchase of dollar securities of countries of the Western Hemisphere and British Empire, other than U.S., Canada and blocked countries.

- (a) If securities are specified, are obligation of a government or political subdivision thereof, and are listed on a national securities exchange.

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**(b) Other securities.**

Special consideration in each case.

**3. Sales of securities.**

Approved on a national securities exchange or over-the-counter at market value.

**4. Purchases and sales of securities substantially within the principles of General Authorization No. 53.**

- (a) If applicant's volume of transactions for blocked accounts is substantial and there is no reason to believe that applicant will not fully cooperate in carrying out the purposes of the Order.

Approved, except in special circumstances.

**(b) Amendments to General Authorization No. 53 licenses.**

Denied, except in special circumstances.

**(c) Other cases.**

Not approved. Will consider applications for specific transactions or accounts.

**5. Short sales and option contracts.**

- (a) If short sales are specified, in small amounts, and are for non-speculative investment.

Approved.

**(b) If application is for blanket license.**

Not approved. Will consider applications for specific transactions.

**(c) Other transactions.**

Special consideration in each case. (See Action Guide SE 2 A)

**B. TRANSFERS OF SECURITIES AND/OR CASH BETWEEN ACCOUNTS AND/OR SAFE DEPOSIT BOXES IN BANKING INSTITUTIONS WITHIN U. S.**

1. Transfer from blocked account to another blocked account in different name.

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- (a) If there is conclusive documentary evidence originating prior to effective date of Order that securities belonged to present owner prior to such date, and account to which securities are to be transferred is in name of present owner.

Approved, except in special circumstances. Stipulation No. 1 if transferee is blocked national.

- (b) If conditions in (a) are not fulfilled.

Denied.

2. Transfer from blocked account to another blocked account in same name in the same or another banking institution.

- (a) If being transferred within or to a blocked banking institution.

Special consideration in each case.

- (b) If being transferred to a non-blocked banking institution.

Approved except in special circumstances.

3. Transfer from blocked account in banking institution to safe deposit box in same name.

Approved with stipulation as to blocking of safe deposit box and notification to lessor as to blocked interest.

4. Transfer from blocked safe deposit box to account in same name in banking institution.

Not approved. Will consider new application if transaction cannot be consummated under General License No. 12.

C. TRANSFER OF REGISTRATION OF SECURITIES.

1. From name of blocked national to "street name" or name of nominee of domestic bank.

Approved, except in special circumstances, Stipulation No. 1.

2. Other transfers.

Special consideration in each case.

D. EXPORTATION OF SECURITIES FROM UNITED STATES.

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1. To a banking institution within the British Empire.

Approved.

2. For sale or collection to a blocked neutral country, having a general license, from a blocked account in name of national of such country.

(a) Switzerland

Approved. (Stipulation No. 1, if sent from blocked account.)

(b) Spain, Sweden, and Portugal.

Not approved. Will consider new application if transaction cannot be consummated under General License.

3. To a non-blocked country other than British Empire for sale or collection, and it is definitely established that proceeds will be remitted in dollars to blocked account from which securities were withdrawn.

Approved.

4. Other transactions.

Denied.

E. MISCELLANEOUS.

1. Applications to permit recognized banking institutions or Legations of friendly countries to vote by proxy or in person or to exchange securities under plan.

Approved, except under special circumstances.

2. Applications by recognized domestic banking institutions for blanket licenses to collect securities, owned by nationals of blocked countries, for free account of British Banks.

Approved.

3. Applications to send communications prohibited by General Ruling No. 11.

Denied, except under special circumstances.

4. Applications by blocked nationals to purchase, directly or indirectly, securities of any one issue of a corporation if securities so purchased together with aggregate of all other securities held directly or

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indirectly by such blocked country or national constitute more than 1% of outstanding securities of that issue.

Special consideration given to each transaction.

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SECURITIES AND CURRENCY UNITUNIT 249CURRENCY IMPORTATION

Policy being followed in the handling of currency cases.

EUROPE:

Effective date (zero) has been advanced from March 13, 1942, to June 9, 1942, for all instances involving the acquisition of currency in the neutral European countries, including unoccupied France (prior to November 8, 1942). This concession was based on the fact that our currency control was not generally known in Europe before that date.

Currency acquired or imported pre-zero:

- 1) Denied. Stipulation GS (3), (4), and (6)

This action is generally used, since most cases are presented with scant information and insufficient, if any, documentation as to the acquisition of the currency in question.

- 2) Approved.

After pre-zero acquisition has been established by proper documentation or other satisfactory evidence submitted in answer to initial action (1).

Currency acquired or imported post-zero:

- 1) Denied.

Currency is to remain frozen either in the custody of the Federal Reserve Bank or in a General Ruling No. 6 account with a domestic bank.

- 2) Approved.

Only in exceptional cases involving bona-fide refugees from unoccupied France, where the currency is in amounts up to \$2,000, acquired at the official rate and where application is fully documented.

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Cases to be given special attention:Applications by members of the American Foreign Service Staff and other American rematriates:

Contrary to the original decision against granting these people any privileges it has been deemed advisable to approve release of currency acquired in neutral countries or unoccupied France, brought in by passengers of the "Drottningholm", inasmuch as such passengers would naturally have acquired currency pre-zero (June 9, 1942). Exceptions are made only on a few definitely bad cases involving purchases in occupied territory, purchases for purely speculative purposes, or where satisfactory documentation is lacking. Such cases will be decided individually.

Applications by or on behalf of Greek seamen:

Policy is based on the decision by Mr. Hoffman which establishes May 10, 1942, as an arbitrary zero date. Currency brought in on vessels which left a European port (usually Lisbon) on or prior to May 10, 1942, is to be released, while currency from vessels of later sailing is to be retained, pending further negotiations with the Greek Legation.

This does not apply to Greek or other nation seamen serving on ships chartered to the United Nations or their recognized agencies, which are not engaged in European trade. (see below).

Applications concerning currency shipped for commercial

Currency is being shipped principally from Tangiers and the Portuguese East African possessions in payment for merchandise bought in and shipped from this country. Doubtlessly, such currency shipments are being made in order to benefit from the price difference of currency as against remittance through regular banking channels. Such applications are being denied.

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Authority NND 467105  
By SE NARA Date 10-7-99

L A T I N A M E R I C A : Effective date: May 19, 1942 (zero)

Dollar using countries: Cuba, Panama, Puerto Rico, Costa Rica  
Dominican Republic, and Haiti.

Currency acquired or imported pre-zero:

1) Approved,

if application contains all essential information and proof of pre-zero acquisition is definitely established.

2) Code "P" or "Green Slip",

when the application is either incomplete and entirely deficient of pertinent information, or when certain specific information, such as significant dates, origin of currency, etc. is desirable before final decision can be made.

After proof of pre-zero acquisition has been established by the information or documents obtained in answer to either Code "P" or "Green Slip," the application may be approved.

Currency acquired or imported post-zero:

Initial action follows the same pattern as used in respect to pre-zero acquisition. (See No. 2 above). However, even though the information received may warrant the release of the currency, we may use the alternative of returning the currency to a bank in the country of origin for credit to applicant's account.

This procedure may be looked upon as a mildly punitive measure inasmuch as any advantages gained by the applicant through the import of currency into the United States would be nullified by returning the funds to the country of origin.

Cases to be given special attention:

Applications concerning currency brought from the Central American Republics:

Currency brought into the United States by members of the armed forces, or by civilians having been

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engaged, directly or indirectly, in Government work in the countries specified in General Authorization No. 94 is to be released, provided that the amount involved is in reasonable proportion to applicant's period of employment and provided further that we are assured that no currency was acquired in L. A. countries outside the specified area.

(Applications involving amounts over \$1000)

Applications concerning currency carried by tourists:

If applicant establishes proof that currency was originally obtained in the United States, stating that no funds were acquired outside the United States and that none of the non-dollar using countries was visited, the application is approved.

A "Green Slip" is generally used as initial action in order to develop certain points.

MEXICO:

Currency sent up by the Central Bank (Banco de Mexico)

Dollar currency held by the Banco de Mexico (or its agents, including other Mexican banks) prior to August 14, 1942, will be released. [See Special Authorization Dallas No. 2]. For currency held outside of the Federal District of Mexico we should rely on the statement of the Banco de Mexico dated September 1, 1942. A record should be kept to make sure that no one bank exceeds the amount listed by the Banco de Mexico. For currency held by Mexican banks with the Federal District we should rely on the statement of the Banco de Mexico, which statement will accompany each application.

On dollar currency bought outright by Mexican banks under the terms of the Mexican decree in individual amounts up to \$250, the same procedure will be followed as above.

Through an agreement with the Banco de Mexico, all dollar currency forwarded on a collection basis by the Banco de Mexico (or its branches or agents) will immediately be credited, without restrictions, to the account of the Banco de Mexico on the books of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. This agreement

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includes not only currency which the Federal Reserve Bank is holding and which has not as yet been released pursuant to authorization from this Department, but also all future shipments by the Banco de Mexico. This agreement, however, contains the provision that this Department will continue to determine whether individual deposits in excess of \$1,000 with the Banco de Mexico are to be paid by it. Those funds which the Treasury does not desire to release will remain blocked with the Banco de Mexico, rather than with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. The Banco de Mexico will be advised by this Department of its decisions through the United States Embassy in Mexico. Reports will be submitted by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York covering each shipment released pursuant to the foregoing, and attaching the various statements and declarations received with respect to such shipment, in order that examination of the circumstances may be made and the Banco de Mexico notified of the action decided upon.

Non-dollar using countries: Rest of Central and South America

Currency acquired or imported pre-zero:

Currency in amounts up to \$1,000 shipped by individuals direct or through the intermediary of a designated bank on a collection basis should be released provided that pre-zero acquisition is clearly established, that currency has been held for personal savings and was not the result of a commercial transaction for profit, and provided further that the facts presented in the application are fully documented.

Applications by commercial exchange houses, even though pre-zero acquisition is claimed, are to be denied, or at least delayed, depending on the extent of cooperation of the corresponding Latin American country. This applies particularly to Argentina.

Currency acquired or imported post-zero:

Direct currency shipments from the various Latin American countries effected by individuals are not to be released if the currency was acquired and/or imported after May 19, 1942. However, in cases where conclusive proof of pre-zero acquisition has been established and the currency has been shipped after May 19, 1942, but prior to the effective date of the

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Decree applying to the respective Latin American country, due consideration may be given to the lapse of time between the two dates.

This group includes the shipments by the Central Banks of the various Latin American countries. Here our action is governed by a consideration of amount, date of acquisition and information available on any one individual depositor.

Items of less than \$1,000, fully documented as to acquisition prior to effective date of controls instituted by the country in question may be approved provided our files contain no unfavorable information on the individual.

Items over \$1,000, fully documented as to acquisition prior to effective date of controls instituted by the country in question are to be approved only if our files contain some favorable information on the individual. If no definite information is available in our files the procedure is to send a wire, "Await separate wire as to item ....." and send the name of the individual depositor to the Mission for investigation.

Items in any amount where our files furnish positive unfavorable information, are to be denied.

#### BRITISH EMPIRE:

##### Bank to Bank shipments of currency:

Such applications are to be approved, provided that the currency is to be credited to the account of the remitting bank with the bank receiving the shipment.

Currency shipped from the section of the British Empire presently occupied by the enemy, may be released when it has been established that shipment was effected prior to such occupation.

##### British West Indies:

In general, applications involving currency which originates in the British West Indies, are approved, regardless of acquisition or importation date. In these cases we rely largely on the effectiveness of the British control.

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UNITED NATIONS SEAMEN:

Applications by or on behalf of seamen, regardless of nationality, who serve on United Nations' vessels are to be approved if the amount is less than \$1,000 and provided that affidavit by ship's master (see G. A. No. 92) is duly executed and submitted with the application.

This action is not applied to seamen on vessels engaged in the European trade, even though the registry of the vessel might be that of a friendly nation. Such applications in general are denied.

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SECURITIES AND CURRENCY SECTIONPolicies in old "Unit C" (223)A. CONTROL OF IMPORTED SECURITIES SUBJECT TO GENERAL RULINGS NOS. 5 AND 6.Applications on Statement Form TFA-1

1. It is not clearly established whether or not a blocked country or national thereof has, at any time on and since the effective date of the Order, had any interest in the securities or the application lacks required information with respect to the physical location of the securities on and since July 1, 1939.

Code "P" or "Green Slip" is used, requesting, if appropriate, complete and direct answers to all parts of statement Form TFA-1, particularly items "C" and "D".

2. It is established by specific evidence that no blocked country or national thereof has, at any time on and since the effective date of the Order, had any interest in the securities.

\* "Approved."

3. It is established that a blocked country or national thereof has, at any time on and since the effective date of the Order, had an interest in the securities, even though such blocked interest is allegedly no longer existent.

(See Section (A) of Confidential Circular No. 8)

\* "Approved. Stipulation No. 1"

4. An enemy national as defined in General Ruling No. 11 has, or has had an interest in the securities, or such securities have emanated from enemy occupied territory after the date of occupation.

(See Action Guide SE-5a)

- (a) "Denied. This action does not preclude the applicant from the privileges of General Ruling No. 6,"  
 if securities are held under General Ruling No. 5 by a FEB;

- (b) "Denied"  
 if securities are already in a General Ruling No. 6 account with a domestic bank.

- (c) \*Approved in rare instances, where the circumstances involved are of such unusual nature as to warrant possibly favorable consideration. Stipulation No. 1 where applicable.

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5. Applications involving obligations of the government of a Latin American country, or political subdivision thereof, imported from such country for account of the government or any of its agencies.

(a) If the shipment is the first of its kind, even though information on statement Form TPA-1 is not completely in accordance with requirements:

\* "Approved. Applicant to be notified that in future cases complete and direct answers to all parts of statement Form TPA-1 will be required."

(b) If the shipment is made subsequent to notification indicated in (a) and information submitted is still incomplete:

\*Code "P"

6. Applications involving securities (detached coupons) imported from countries which have not broken off relations with the Axis.

(See Confidential Circular No. 8A and General License No. 29)

"Denied. Consideration will be given to the release, collection, and/or payment of coupons only after the bonds to which they relate have been imported into this country pursuant to the provisions of General Ruling No. 5."

7. Securities imported from the British Empire, not including Great Britain, Canada, Newfoundland, and Bermuda.

(a) It is established that securities have been exported from the British Empire with the approval of the appropriate British authorities (Export certificate) and no blocked country or national thereof has, on and since the effective date of the Order, had any interest in the securities.

\* "Approved"

(b) Application states or indicates that a blocked country or national thereof has, at any time on or since the effective date of the Order, had any interest in the securities and that such securities are subject to the control of the Enemy Property Custodian.

\* "Approved, provided that securities or their proceeds be placed in a special blocked account in a domestic bank, which account shall be treated as a General Ruling No. 6 account."

The special blocked account is to be kept preferably in the name of the beneficial owner, giving his full address

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and/or nationality or, if a foreign bank is involved, in the name of such bank "for account of, or in trust for" the beneficial owner. If the beneficial owner is not known we should put the account in the name of the foreign bank "for account of, or in trust for" the Custodian involved, rather than to insist on disclosure of the beneficial owner.

(See sample wire)

**8. Securities imported from Latin American countries.**

(a) Application contains complete information, properly documented, as to the ownership and physical location of the securities at all times on and since April 8, 1940.

\* "Approved. (Stipulation No. 1 where applicable)"

(b) Securities were purchased on a national securities exchange and/or shipped to a Latin American country subsequent to April 8, 1940 and have been held by or on behalf of the purchaser without a change in the beneficial ownership.

\* "Approved. (Stipulation No. 1, where applicable)"

Note

\* Confidential Circular No. 88 provides that action wires ("Approvals") contain specific reference to General Ruling No. 5 or to General Ruling No. 6 accounts. Full text of wires, therefore, should read either:

"Approved for release from provisions of General Ruling No. 5."

or

"Approved for release from General Ruling No. 6 account", whichever is applicable.

**B. ATTACHMENT OF FORM TFEI-2 TO SECURITIES BEARING A STAMP OR SEAL OF A BLOCKED COUNTRY, AS SPECIFIED IN SECTION 2A-1 OF THE ORDER.**

**Applications on Statement Form TFE-2**

1. It is established by specific evidence either, that no blocked country or national thereof has, at any time on and since the effective date of the Order, had any interest in the securities, or the provisions of Section 3(c) of Confidential Circular No. 11 are applicable.

"Approved for attachment of TFEI-2."

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2. Applications disclose interest of a blocked country or national thereof on and since the effective date of the Order, as indicated in Sections 4 and 5 of Confidential Circular No. 11.

"Approved for attachment of TFEI-2. Stipulation No. 1"

3. Securities involved are of the type described in Section 8 of Confidential Circular No. 11.

"Denied"

However, a specific transaction with respect to such securities may be authorized notwithstanding the fact that Form TFEI-2 is not attached.

4. Applications disclose that the Enemy Property Custodian of an allied country has an interest in the securities.

"Approved for attachment of TFEI-2, provided that securities or their proceeds be placed in a special blocked account in a domestic bank, which account shall be treated as a General Ruling No. 6 account."

The special blocked account is to be kept preferably in the name of the beneficial owner, giving his full address and/or nationality or, if a foreign bank is involved, in the name of such bank "for account of, or in trust for" the beneficial owner. If the beneficial owner is not known, we should put the account in the name of the foreign bank "for account of, or in trust for" the Custodian involved, rather than to insist on disclosure of the beneficial owner.

(See sample wire)

- D. APPLICATIONS ON BEHALF OF BONDHOLDERS FOR LICENSES AUTHORIZING PAYING AGENT TO PAY DOLLAR BONDS OF BLOCKED COUNTRY (Government of the French Republic 7 1/2 bonds due 6/1/41).

Applications on Statement Form TFE-2

1. Securities owned by individual American citizens who are domiciled within U. S.
- (a) Owned and deposited within U. S. continuously on and since June 17, 1940.

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**"Approved for payment"**

This action may be taken if the facts are reasonably complete; the tendency being to be quite lenient.

**(b) Acquired subsequent to June 17, 1940.**

Payment may be authorized where amount involved is not greater than about \$5,000 and securities were acquired on a national securities exchange or pursuant to license. If the amount involved is greater than \$5,000 complete information should be given as to ownership and place of deposit at all times on and since June 17, 1940, unless securities were acquired pursuant to license.

**2. Securities, the proceeds of which are to be remitted to Great Britain or Canada.**

**"Approved for payment provided proceeds are remitted to a banking institution within Canada or Great Britain which there is reason to believe is subject to the control of such country.**

**Special consideration in all cases involving Enemy Property Custodian.**

**3. Securities owned by person domiciled within Western Hemisphere other than U. S. or British Empire other than Great Britain and Canada, who is not a national of a blocked country.****(a) Deposited within Western Hemisphere or British Empire at all times on and since June 17, 1940.****"Approved for payment"****(b) Acquired subsequent to June 17, 1940.**

If amount is less than about \$5,000 and the securities were purchased on a national securities exchange or pursuant to license, payment may be authorized. Ownership not traced in such cases. If amount is greater than \$5,000, payment should not be authorized until complete information has been given as to ownership and location of securities at all times on and since June 17, 1940.

**Special consideration in all cases involving Enemy Property Custodian.**

**4. Securities owned by persons who are nationals of countries other than those indicated above which are not blocked.**

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- (a) Owned by such persons and deposited within such country or countries indicated above, on and since June 17, 1940.

"Approved for payment"

- (b) Acquired subsequent to June 17, 1940. Payment should not be authorized unless complete information has been given as to owners and places of deposit at all times on and since June 17, 1940, unless securities were acquired pursuant to license.

5. Securities owned by blocked countries or nationals thereof other than China, Russia, Switzerland, Sweden, Spain, Portugal or Finland or any national thereof.

"Approved for payment. Stipulation No. 1"

6. Securities owned by China, Russia, Switzerland, Sweden, Spain, Portugal or Finland or nationals thereof.

Payment should not be authorized unless it has been clearly established that no blocked country other than the seven named above or nationals thereof has or has had an interest in the securities on and since June 17, 1940. If such interest has been held it should be determined beyond a doubt that all transactions entered into relative to the securities were in good faith and for value. All payments authorized should be subject to Stipulation No. 1.

D. ATTACHMENT OF FORM TFE-2 TO SECURITIES OF THE TYPE REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF PUBLIC CIRCULAR NO. 6.

Applications of Statement Form TFE-2A

1. Applications involving securities which have been owned prior to September 15, 1941 (Part II of Form TFE-2A applicable) are generally handled by the FIB's in accordance with the provisions of Section (4) of Confidential Circular No. 35.
2. Present owner of the securities acquired then subsequent to September 15, 1941, as a result of the distribution of an estate or trust had owned the securities on and since the effective date of the Order.

"Approved". (Stipulation No. 1 where applicable)

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3. Applications disclose that the Enemy Property Custodian of an allied country has an interest in the securities.

"Approved"

Follow same procedure and use same type of wire as indicated in the case of stamped securities.

4. Applications involve securities not covered by paragraph (1) of Public Circular No. 6.

"No action in view of paragraph (1) of Public Circular No. 6 which does not appear to indicate the necessity of having Form TFEL-2 attached to securities of the type covered by this application."

E. ACQUISITION BY OR TRANSFER TO PERSON WITHIN U. S. OF SECURITIES PHYSICALLY SITUATED OUTSIDE U. S.

Application on Statement Form TFE-1

1. Securities situated in British Empire.

"Approved", except in special circumstances.

2. Securities situated in Latin American Countries.

- (a) If American securities situated in Cuba and satisfactory information specified in Form TFA-1 is furnished in advance.

"Approved", without waiver of General Ruling No. 5.

- (b) If securities issued by Latin American government, expressed in dollars and situated in country of such government, and satisfactory information specified in Form TFA-1 is furnished in advance.

"Approved", without waiver of General Ruling No. 5.

- (c) If securities issued by Mexican government, expressed in local currency and situated in Mexico.

"Approved", without waiver of General Ruling No. 5.

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3. Securities situated in free China, issued by Chinese government in registered form, and satisfactory information specified in Form TPA-1 is furnished in advance.

"Approved", without waiver of General Ruling No. 5.

4. Other transactions.

"Denied", except in special circumstances.

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Approved for release from provisions of General Ruling No. 5 provided however that the holders of the relative securities place them or their proceeds, if sold, or released, in a special blocked account in a domestic bank in the name of .....(Foreign Bank).....for account of or in trust for .....(name of beneficial owner or Custodian)....., which account shall be treated as a General Ruling No. 6 account. Any applications for specific licenses to make payments, transfers, or withdrawals from such account must make reference to this license. Inform holder of the special blocked account that it is required to maintain a record which, in the case of proceeds of securities, will identify the amount credited to such special blocked account with the specific securities from which such proceeds were realized. Report

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Approved for the attachment of TFEI-2 provided however that the holders of the relative securities place them or their proceeds, if sold, or released, in a special blocked account in a domestic bank in the name of ..... (Foreign Bank).....for account of or in trust for..... (name of beneficial owner or Custodian)....., which account shall be treated as a General Ruling No. 6 account. Any applications for specific licenses to make payments, transfers, or withdrawals from such account must make reference to this license. Inform holder of the special blocked account that it is required to maintain a record which, in the case of proceeds of securities, will identify the amount credited to such special blocked account with the specific securities from which such proceeds were realized. Report

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File SECURITIES  
Box 404**(SECURITIES SECTION****UNIT A**

Transactions under Section 1 of the Order involving securities issued by blocked nationals (except transactions on Application Form TFE-2)

**A. PURCHASE AND SALE OF SECURITIES ON BEHALF OF BLOCKED NATIONALS (EXCEPT TRANSACTIONS ON BEHALF OF ISSUER).**

**1. Purchase of securities (subject to Public Circular #14).**

- (a) If securities are of enemy country.  
Denied, except in special circumstances.
- (b) If securities are of enemy occupied country.  
Special consideration in each case.
- (c) If securities are of blocked neutral country.  
Special consideration in each case.
- (d) If securities are of U.S. corporation which is a blocked national.  
Special consideration in each case.
- (e) If securities are expressed in foreign currency.  
Denied, except in special circumstances.

**2. Sale of securities not authorized by General License No. 4.**

- (a) If securities are of enemy country.  
Denied, except in special circumstances.
- (b) If transaction would result in transfer of blocked interest in corporation, subject to Public Circular #14.  
Special consideration in each case.
- (c) If securities are expressed in foreign currency and sale will be at fair market value in dollars.  
Special consideration in each case.

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## 2. Continued.

- (d) If securities are physically situated abroad.

Denied, except in special circumstances.

## 3. Purchase and sale of securities.

- (a) If application is to organize U.S. corporation and purchase securities to be issued by it.

Special consideration in each case.

- (b) If application is for blanket license.

Not approved; will consider separate applications for specific transactions.

B. TRANSFER OF SECURITIES BETWEEN ACCOUNTS AND/OR SAFE DEPOSIT BOXES IN BANKING INSTITUTIONS WITHIN U. S.

1. Transfer from blocked account to another blocked account in different name.

- (a) If there is conclusive documentary evidence originating prior to effective date of Order that securities belonged to present owner prior to such date, and account to which securities are to be transferred is in the name of present owner:

Approved, except in special circumstances. Stipulation No. 1 if transferee is blocked national.

- (b) If conditions in (a) are not fulfilled:

Denied.

2. Transfer from blocked account to another blocked account in same name in the same or another banking institution.

- (a) If being transferred to a blocked banking institution:

Special consideration in each case.

- (b) If being transferred to a non-blocked banking institution:

Approved except in special circumstances.

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3. Transfer from blocked account in banking institution to safe deposit box in same name.

Denied.

C. TRANSFER OF REGISTRATION OF SECURITIES

1. From name of blocked national to "Street name" or name of nominee of domestic bank.

Approved, except in special circumstances. Stipulation No. 1.

2. Other transfers.

Special consideration in each case.

D. SERVICING OF DOLLAR SECURITIES OF BLOCKED COUNTRIES AND NATIONALS THEREOF

1. Transfer of funds from blocked account to paying agent for servicing of securities of blocked countries or nationals thereof.

- (a) If funds are in name of obligor.

Approved, provided no enemy communication is involved.

- (b) If funds are in name of central bank and are to be used for paying obligations of national government of same country.

Approved, provided neither preference nor enemy communication is involved.

- (c) If obligor is a political subdivision of a blocked country and funds are in name of a bank of such country and are to be used in meeting contractual obligations and it is reasonable to assume that the obligor would normally service its obligations through such accounts.

Special consideration in each case.

- (d) Other transactions.

Denied except in special circumstances.

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2. Payment of current or past due coupons of bonds of blocked countries or nationals thereof.

Special consideration in each case.

3. Payment of matured bonds and bonds called for redemption.

Special consideration in each case.

4. Purchase of bonds to meet sinking fund requirements, purchases in excess of such requirements, and purchases for retirement.

Special consideration in each case, with particular reference to preference.

5. Delivery of bonds to fiscal agent on behalf of obligor for sinking funds purposes.

8. Approved only if no preference or enemy communication involved.

6. Payment of dividend by U.S. corporation which is a blocked national.

Approved, except in special circumstances, provided payments to or for blocked nationals are made to blocked accounts in domestic banks.

7. Payment of dividends by a foreign corporation.

Special consideration in each case.

E. SERVICING OF FOREIGN CURRENCY SECURITIES OF BLOCKED COUNTRIES OR NATIONALS THEREOF.

Special consideration in each case.

F. EXPORTATION OF SECURITIES FROM U.S.

1. To a banking institution within the British Empire.

Special consideration in each case.

2. To a blocked neutral country having a general license, from blocked account in name of national of such country.

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**2. Continued**

Approved provided there is an exchange of value and no enemy communication is involved.

2. To a non-blocked country or blocked neutral other than British Empire for collection, and it is definitely established that proceeds will be remitted in dollars to blocked account from which securities were withdrawn.

Approved, provided no enemy interest is involved.

**4. Other transactions.**

Denied, except in special circumstances.

**G. MISCELLANEOUS**

1. Release of securities account from provisions of the Order.

Denied, except in special circumstances.

2. Request to credit specific interest and dividend payments to account of a blocked national, for sub-account of another blocked national.

Denied, except in special circumstances.

3. Request for approval of transaction already consummated without license.

Special consideration in each case.

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By SDM NARA Date 9/27/00RG 260  
Entry External Assets  
File COMBINATION METALS  
Box 649Currency*Specimen metal  
Ex Asset  
Info*

1 July 1946

SUBJECT: Status Report on Assets Held in Foreign Exchange Depository

TO : Director, Finance Division, Office of Military Government  
for Germany (US), APO 742, U. S. Army

1. In accordance with your request for information concerning assets held in the Foreign Exchange Depository, together with our estimate of the time required to inventory such assets, the following report is submitted: This report has been prepared from available information and records and is complete only to the extent such records permit and also to the extent of time available to investigate the records and prepare this report. The following information is classified according to the type of assets held and also shows an estimate of the time required to inventory them:

a. Gold Bullion

A total of 12,636 gold bars are held. Of this amount 8,307 bars were received from the Merkers Mine; these bars weigh 113,853,523 fine grams. Items such as the Hungarian gold are included in the above total gold bar amount.

b. Silver Bullion

Silver bullion shown by existing records amounts to over 3,000,000 fine ounces. The complete inventory is not available.

c. Commercial Silver

Commercial silver shown by existing records amounts to over 3,450,000 ounces, in the form of ingots, plates, pipes, wires, shot, etc. The complete inventory is not available.

d. Other Precious Metal

There are also other metals such as 25,000 ounces of platinum, and small quantities of iridium and palladium and other platinum bars. The complete inventory is not available.

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e. Gold Coin

There are approximately 3,700 bags of gold coin. Detailed inventory count is not available.

f. Silver Coin

There are approximately 800 bags of silver coin. Detailed inventory count is not available.

g. Currency

There are approximately 1,700 bags of currency, comprising practically all important issues. As an example there are about 200 bags of French currency totaling over two and one-half billion French Francs. The inventory of currency has been started.

h. Securities

There are about 500 bags of assorted securities. The largest class of securities in volume seems to be Columbia and Concordia shares.

i. Jewelry

This classification includes SS loot and items from other shipments, such as jewelry, watches, tableware, etc. It is contained in about 500 assorted containers, such as suitcases, sacks, and boxes. This item has not been inventoried.

j. Other Assets

This classification consists of other items such as: 150,000 carats of industrial diamonds, engraving plates, some cultural objects, some rare coins.

2. The following is an estimate of time required to inventory the above items:

<u>Classification</u>	<u>No. of Weeks</u>
a. Gold Bullion	None
b. Silver Bullion	4 weeks
c. Commercial Silver	4 weeks
d. Other precious metal	1 week

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<u>Classification</u>	<u>No. of Weeks</u>
e. Gold Coin	4 weeks
f. Silver Coin	1 week
g. Currency	6 weeks
h. Securities	6 weeks
i. Jewelry	8 weeks
j. Other Assets	4 weeks

3. Paragraph 2 indicates a total required inventory time of 9 and  $\frac{1}{2}$  months, assuming that the necessary personnel is present and that the items are inventoried consecutively. However, if inventory teams are established, it is believed that the inventory operation could be completed in 6 months.

WILLIAM G. BREY  
 Colonel GSC

Chief, Foreign Exchange Depository

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TOO 051859Z

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TOR 052156B JUNE  
hgt 052220B JUNE

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P R I O R I T Y

FROM : AGWAR  
TO : SHAEP FWD, SHAEP REAR  
REF NO : WX-11995, 05 JUNE 1945

GOV 358

Use of Mark currency found in Merkers Mine.

You are not authorized to issue stocks of currencies mentioned VOG 462 pending further instructions from CCS.

VOG-462 is FWD-22856, FS OUT 5704, 31/5/45, G-5.

ACTION : G-5  
INFORMATION : SGS  
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SHAEF MAIN  
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S E C R E T  
P R I O R I T Y

FROM : SHAEF FORWARD SIGNED EISENHOWER  
TO : AGWAR  
REF NO : FWD 22856

VOG 416

1. Request authority to use stocks of Reichsmarks and Rentenmarks discovered in Merkers Mine to supplement Reichsbank stocks for civil use as required.
2. At present local shortages of lower denomination notes have been reported locally but such shortages have so far been overcome. However we anticipate that there will be urgent demands for small change fairly soon.
3. If you agree paragraph 1 above we would lodge whole amount with Reichsbank in Frankfurt under subject to our orders to be distributed thence to Reichsbank Branches if and when required for use in banking system.

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INFORMATION : G-5  
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**OUTGOING MESSAGE** PRIORITY



TO FOR ACTION: AGWAR FOR COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF FOR CCAC

INFORMATION: USFOR BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF

REF NO: F 57801

SIGNED: WILSON CITE: FHCG

OFFICE OF THE REPRESENTATIVE  
JUN 12 1944  
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

THIS IS MAT 219

As matter emergency Allied control Commission took possession currency in hands 550 Jewish refugees recently evacuated PALESTINE giving receipts signed by Officers displaced persons Subcommission. Total equivalent to 9 million (9000000) Lire mostly in Lire but includes some other currencies. No provision any specified rate of exchange into PALESTINE Pounds refugees agreeing abide by later decision Allied Authorities. Approval urgently needed of some procedure for conversion this currency into PALESTINE Pounds. Suggest consideration be given proposal in MAT 215 of 9 June of Joint Distribution Committee to take up Lire against dollars made available to PALESTINE Bank.



Numerous instances of need to convert currencies for all types of refugees certain to arise. Above procedure involving change occurrence counterparty proposed only to meet emergency case. Proposal for orderly procedure contained in following MAT Airgram. Admittedly any scheme gives preference to refugees over other holders of Lire claims but refusal to do so will greatly complicate displaced persons problem.

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MR MURPHY  
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ROUTINE POLITICAL ADVISER

TO FOR ACTION: AGWAR FOR COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF FOR CCAC

INFORMATION: USFOR FOR BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF AND ETCUSA

REF NO: FX 90125

SIGNED: WILSON

CITE: FHGEG

*C.I.*

THIS IS MAT 295

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Reference MAT 253 of 25 July and MAT 243 of 14 July.

High Commissioner PALESTINE reports considerable distress among refugees owing to delay completion outpayment Palestinian Pound equivalent of Lire surrendered by refugees to ACC in ITALY. Joint Distribution Committee is still prepared to take over Lire for relief use in ITALY and pay out full amount in Palestinian Pounds to refugees through Central Bank provided US Treasury will grant JDC License to export US Dollar equivalent (about 90,000 Dollars) to PALESTINE. ACC will release Lire to JDC as soon as the Palestinian Pounds paid out to refugees.

*840.1 - JEWS*

It is requested that, unless there are strong reasons to the contrary, a license be granted for the JDC remittance to PALESTINE in order to effect final settlement of this long pending transaction.

New Subject. Detailed reply to TAM 259 of 16 August will follow shortly.

ORIGINATOR: G-5

AUTH: ~~N P SEAGRAVE MAJ~~

INFO: SGS MR MURPHY  
MR MACMILLAN DPIC  
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26 Feb. 48

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF ASSETS INVENTORIED, AND ON HAND, AT THE FED.

<u>Classification &amp; Description</u>	<u>Estimated Weight</u>	<u>Estimated Value</u>
1. <u>Precious Metals - Silver:</u> Includes all silver other than Silver Coin		\$ 2,520,000.00
2. <u>Precious Metals - Other:</u> Includes all metals other than Gold and Silver and Coins		2,400,000.00
3. <u>Coins - Silver:</u>	40 tons	1,000,000.00
4. <u>Coins - Other:</u>	10 tons	10,000.00
5. <u>Numismatic Coins:</u> Includes Museum collection		600,000.00
6. <u>Jewelry:</u> Includes family collections		150,000.00
7. <u>Precious Stones:</u>		150,000.00
8. <u>Other Assets:</u> Includes all miscellaneous assets, which could not be included in other classifications		1,000.00
9. <u>Other Assets - Collection:</u> Includes assets from every classification grouped under name of individuals		500,000.00
10. <u>MG Law 53:</u> Represents deposits under law 53 from 29 different German Banks		
11. <u>Currency:</u> Includes currency from more than 120 different countries, see schedule, including,		
United States      dollars		3,575,808.00
Belgium            Francs	43,251,130.00	
Norway             Kroners	5,189,331.00	
Sweden             Kroners	165,445.00	
Switzerland        Francs	1,148,540.20	
12. <u>Securities:</u> Includes		
Concordia Shares	2,000,000.00	
Columbia Shares	500,000.00	
Other Shares	500,000.00	

All of the above figures are estimated.

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By CP NARA Date 1/24/00RG 260  
Entry EXTERNAL ASSETS  
File ASSETS OF TABULA-  
Box 670 TIONS

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SUBJECT: GERMAN EXTERNAL ASSETS  
Distribution of Extracts from  
MGAX(1) and BKAX(1) Declarations  
for IARA, Brussels

TO : IARA External Assets Directorate  
7 Uhlandstrasse, Berlin

Attn: Mr. Kieffer

1. There are attached hereto

1 copy each

of typewritten extracts covering certain assets only from approximately 52 000 MGAX(1) and 400 BKAX(1) declarations filed in accordance with MG Law 53 or Berlin Kommandatura Order (46) 337 and received by us subsequent to the closing dates for Machine Tabulation. None of the information contained therein has previously been distributed.

2. The "extracts" are arranged by countries, lists of which are attached as Annex No. 1 and 2. The information extracted does not, by necessity, indicate that all the declared information is herewith revealed. Inquiries for possible additional information should be addressed to:

Property Division OMGUS  
Property Control and External Assets Branch  
c/o OMG-Hesse, APO 633, U.S. Army

3. With reference to the attached material the following explanatory remarks are offered:

(a) DISTRIBUTION of this information will be made to the same Agencies which received copies of the Machine Tabulations.

(b) VERIFICATION. It is emphasized that items contained in these extracts are only such as have been declared by persons in Germany, and have not been verified by this Branch. Consequently, such items, although reported as German assets, may actually be subject to claims, including restitution claims, by persons, corporations, etc., other than those given as the owners.

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Kieffer  
10/18/48

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(c) TYPES OF INFORMATION CONTAINED:

(i) Information appearing in the extracts is in most cases all that was given by the declarant. The only general exception is in the case of securities, for which numbers have not been given in the extracts, even though they may have appeared in original declarations.

(ii) Securities which are regarded as being almost certainly without value have been excluded.

(iii) Other securities are shown at stated nominal value rather than at actual value, in all cases where the monetary value has been reported by the declarant.

(iv) Assets which have been assigned a specific monetary value by the declarant, have been included only in those cases, in which the reported value equals or exceeds RM 5,000, or its estimated equivalent, using as a basis the enclosed conversion schedule. Exceptions have been made in cases of assets lying in Hungary, Poland and Roumania, for which a minimum value of RM 25,000 has been adopted.

(v) In cases of assets to which no monetary value has been assigned by the declarant, such as patents, licenses, etc., the asset has in general been included.

(d) EXPELLEES, U.S. ZONE. Assets reported to exist in Austria, Hungary, or Czechoslovakia, have been excluded in all cases where it has been possible to identify the declarant as an expellee.

4. Since the U.S. Census Section will cease operations on 30 September 1948, you may wish to advise IARA, Brussels that no further Machine Tabulations or Extracts from MGAX(1) or SKAX(1) declarations filed in the U.S. Zone or Sector will be prepared by this Branch.

  
SAMUEL M. ROSE  
Associate Chief, Property Control  
and External Assets Branch

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*Securities*

Headquarters United States Forces in Austria  
USACA Section; RD & R Division  
APO 777, U. S. ARMY

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5 October 1950

Federal Ministry of Finance  
Section Vermögenssicherung  
Vienna, I.,  
Hofburg, Amalienstrasse

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to attached letter, dated 24 September 1950,  
subject: Authorization for Transfer of Assets from Austria to  
Germany- U.S. Zone, from Dipl. Ing. T.V. Artweger, Murnau-Allach.

As stated in our letter HSH:AMH, dated 8 March 1949, to the  
Austrian Federal Ministry of Property Control and Economic Planning  
only those securities in which there appears to be a non-German  
ownership or beneficial interest are to be released. Therefore it  
is requested that you instruct the Bank for Upper Austria and Salz-  
burg, Bad Ischl to inform Dipl. Ing. Artweger of the present regula-  
tions.

Very truly yours,

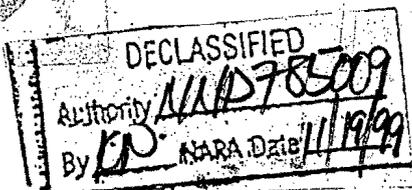
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ltr fr Dipl. Ing.  
Artweger dtd  
24 Sept 50

JAMES A. GARRISON  
Chief, R D & R Division

Telephones: VIENNA D-43122

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Dipl. Ing. J. V. Artweger  
Muenchen, Allach  
Lautenschlaegerstrasse 3

München-Allach, 24 Sept. 1950

To Headquarters USFA Finance Division USACA,  
Vienna IX., Allianze-Building

Subject: Authorization for transfer of assets from Austria to Germany -  
U.S. Zone.

In February 1948 you were so kind as to approve the transfer to Germany of securities which are my property and were deposited in Austria.

Excepted at that time were Hfl. 500.- Hypoth. Nederlanda Pfandbriefe, which are still administrated by the Bank fuer Oberoesterreich und Salzburg, Branch Bad Ischl.

I beg to inquire whether it would be possible at present to transfer also these securities to Munich. The reasons for this request are the same as stated in my letter to you of 20 January 1948.

Thanking you in advance for your kind reply

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Artweger

translated by: Emil Hoffman  
checked by : Dr/G.Lorenz  
29 Sept. 1950

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TELEGRAMM-ADRESSE:  
SPANGLERBANK  
NATIONALBANK  
G.C.O.-KONTO SALZBURG 48  
BANKKONTEN IN WIEN:  
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# Bankhaus Carl Spängler & Co., Salzburg

FERNSPRECHER Nr. 52 42

GEGRÜNDET 1828

FERNSCHREIBER Nr. 629

Eff/WH

SALZBURG, 31. Aug. 1950

An die

Finance Division, USFA USACA

W i e n VIII.,

Friedrich Schlinggasse

Betrifft: Freigabe von Effekten-Depots

Wir beziehen uns auf unser Schreiben vom 29.7.50 und teilen Ihnen mit, dass wir bis heute noch ohne Nachricht von Ihnen sind. Es handelt sich um die Freigabeansuchen für Dr. Walter Hofer und Gerta Wellers.

Wir wären Ihnen für eine umgehende Erledigung sehr verbunden und zeichnen

hochachtungsvoll

Bankhaus Carl Spängler & Co.

Referring to our letter of 29.7.50 we wish to inform you that to date we have received no reply from you. The matter deals with the release-request of Dr. Walter Hofer and Gerta Wellers.

We would appreciate an expeditious settlement of the matter, and sign

Very respectfully yours,

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Spangler on 16 Sept  
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CARL SPAENGLER & CO., SALZBURG

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*kl. 194*

9 August 1950

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by*

Federal Ministry of Finance  
Sekt. Vermögenssicherung  
Vienna I  
Hofburg, Amalienstrasse

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to attached letter Eff/WH, dated 29 July 1950, from the Bankhaus Carl Spaengler & Co., Salzburg, concerning the release of various securities deposited in the name of Gerta Wellers, Krefeld, and Walter Hofer, Heilbronn, Germany.

As stated in our letter BMM:AMC, dated 8 March 1949 to the Ministry of Property Control and Economic Planning, all securities in which there appears to be a German ownership or beneficial interest are not to be released from control. Therefore, it is requested that you instruct the Bankhaus Carl Spaengler that the securities of Gerta Wellers and Walter Hofer may not be released at the present time.

Very truly yours,

JAMES A. GARRISON  
Chief, R D & R Division

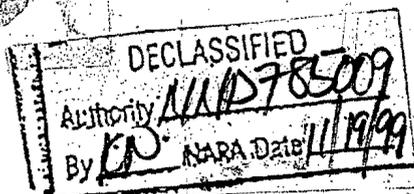
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CARL SPAENGLER &amp; CO., SALZBURG

To  
Finance Division USFA, USACA  
Vienna

29 July 1950

SUBJ: Release of Securities

Upon request of our clients we request you to unblock the securities cited below:

Gerta Wellers, Krefeld, Lessingstr. 14

Mrs. Wellers needs Austrian schillings for a visit to Austria. The sale of her securities deposited with this bank represents the only way to make the schillings available for this purpose.

RM 4,000.-	4% Gebr.Boehler & Co., obl. 1943
" 300.-	Leykam Josefstal Aktien
" 1,000	Steyr - Daimler Puch Aktien

The countervalue amounts to approximately S 3,000. Withdrawals would have to be made in accordance with the Austrian Foreign Exchange Law. (Devisensperrkonto)

Walter Hofer, Heilbronn, Bayern

Dr. Hofer wants to sell the following securities:

S 2,000.- 4% Ob.Oest. Landes Hyp.Anst.Pfandbriefe R 1

Since all the relatives of Mr. Hofer are living in Austria he frequently stays in Salzburg. For covering the costs of these sojourns he has to sell the securities. Withdrawals in accordance with Austrian Foreign Exchange Law.

In both cases no special blocking by the Austrian National Bank is involved.

Very truly yours

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Oesterreichische Laenderbank  
 Vienna I  
 Am Hof 2

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to your letter Eff. Korresp. H/KD, dated 20 July 1950, addressed to the Provost Marshal, U.S.F.A., concerning the safekeeping of various securities for the account of Barclays Ltd., Chief Foreign Branch, London, on behalf of their Baywater Branch.

Although no specific release has been made of these particular securities, it appears that they are included in the general release contained in our letter RSM:AMC, dated 8 March 1949 and addressed to the Austrian Federal Ministry for Property Control and Economic Planning. Should additional information with respect to this release be required, it is suggested that an inquiry be addressed to the Ministry of Finance.

Very truly yours,

JAMES A. GARRISON  
 Chief, R D & R Division

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I do not know why the Bank of England  
requires a confirmation that the securities  
in question are cleared from lauderbach  
How can any US office confirm status of  
lauderbach?  
At any rate Finance Division is likely to be  
the proper office for handling securities problems.

P.B.  
2 Aug 50

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**ÖSTERREICHISCHE  
 LANDBANK**  
 AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT

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WIEN, I., AM HOF 2  
 Postschließfach 271.

*W. 28300  
 Honnath*

The Provost Marshal,  
 United States Forces in Austria  
 and Vienna Area Command  
W i e n VIII.,  
 Auerspergstrasse 1

Ihr Zeichen      Ihre Nachricht vom      Unser Heusruf      Unser Zeichen: ~~XXXXXX~~ Vienna, July 20, 1950  
 Eff. Korresp.  
 H/KD

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 Ben + Kelen*

Sir:

We beg to inform you that we hold the following securities in safe-keeping, for account of Barclays Bank Ltd., Chief Foreign Branch, London, on behalf of their Bayswater Branch:

- RM 1.700.- Ilse Bergbau Genuss-Scheine
- " 600.- Deutsche Atlantische Telegraphenges. Aktien
- " 300.- Freund Stahl (Berliner A.G.f. Eisengiesserei) Aktien
- " 100.- Mantel zu Sächsische Maschinenfabrik vorm. Richard Harman Akt. ex 4. Liquid. Rate
- " 1.500.- Bank des Berliner Kassenvereines Namens Aktien (giriert)
- " 12.000.- Deutsche Waffen- u. Munitionsfabriken Aktien
- " 1.100.- Kaliwerke Salzdorfurth Aktien
- " 300.- Maschinenbau u. Bahnbedarf Stamm Aktien Lit.C (vorm. Örenstein & Koppel)
- " 300.- Concordia Bergbau Aktien
- " 400.- Deutscher Eisenhandel Aktien
- " 67.800.- 3 1/2 % Deutsche Reichsschätze 1943/III
- " 38.500.- 3 1/2 % Deutsche Reichsschätze 1943/II
- " 5.200.- 2 % Österreichische Bundesschuldverschreibungen 1947.

Beneficial owners of the above securities are Erfa Werke S. Erben & Sohn who are in turn owned by Samuel und Andor Erben, Lancaster Court Hotel 69, Lancaster Gate, London W 2.

p.t.o.

*Landesbank requested that we reply in this vein.*

*Th*

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Telegramm-Adresse:  
 Landesbank

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 Wien 1729

Österr. Nationalbank-  
 Giro-Konto Wien 25

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**ÖSTERREICHISCHE LÄNDERBANK**  
AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT

Blatt zum Briefe vom July 20, 1950

The Provost Marshal,  
United States Forces in  
Austria and Vienna Area  
Command  
W i e n

In this connection we have received the following letter from Barclays Bank Ltd., Bayswater Branch:

29th June 1950

"Dear Sir,

a/c A. Erben.

With reference to the securities which you are holding to the order of our Chief Foreign Branch, on account of the above, the Bank of England will require the confirmation of the appropriate Military Authority from the American Zone in Austria that the securities have been released from your Bank.

We shall be glad if you will kindly obtain this for us at your early convenience and oblige

Yours faithfully  
Manager"

We should be glad if you would give us the confirmation required by the aforementioned and thank you beforehand for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

ÖSTERREICHISCHE LÄNDERBANK  
Aktiengesellschaft

*[Handwritten signature]*

*6 Sept - 11:30 - Welcome -  
Clara Gales - Teachers of Austrian  
3 minutes*

*Community aspects of teachers -*

*Waters - Principal*

*Tea for (Madam)*

*4:30 reception*

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11 May 1950

Federal Ministry of Finance  
Section Vermögenssicherung  
Vienna, I.,  
Hofburg, Anstaltstrakt

Gentlemen:

By letter of 8 March 1949 this Headquarters released to your Government securities and other evidences of ownership which were blocked under U.S. Military Government Decree No. 12, subject to specific provisions set forth in the letter of release.

This Headquarters is holding certain abandoned securities taken under direct control by the U.S. Forces in Austria of which the ownership is unknown to this Headquarters. An inventory of these securities is attached hereto.

These securities are hereby released to your Government under the same conditions as set forth in the letter of this Headquarters dated 8 March 1949.

It is requested that receipt of these securities be acknowledged.

Very truly yours,

Encl:  
Inv. of  
Securities

WALTER G. LOHME  
Acting Chief, R D & R Division

Telephone: VIENNA 2-42423

*delivered in person  
by Miss E.E. Kraus  
Copies of Payment Voucher  
signed. One in account  
branch. The other is  
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*receipt filed in S7.3010*

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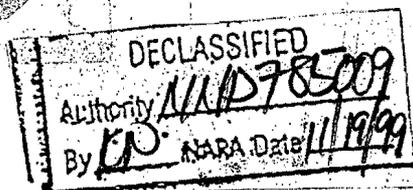
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LIST OF POLISH SECURITIES

1. 87 Government Bonds each 85 - Zl.44.57, 12 Bonds with 4 coupons  
     75       "       "       3       "
2. 2 Government Bonds 5% 1924 total value Zl. 6, no coupons
3. 2       "       "       5% 1924 each Zl. 200, no coupons
4. Shares of "Bank of Poland" each Zl. 100, each containing 15 coupons
5. 224 Government Bonds 3% 1935 each Zl. 100 - 6 Bonds with 18 Coupons  
     101   "       "       11   "  
     20   "       "       13   "  
     96   "       "       17   "  
     1   "       "       20   "  
     224
6. 6 Bonds of "Societe du Credit Foncier de Varsovie" 4-1/2% total value  
     Zl. 2,200 - each containing 4 coupons
7. Warsaw Minicipal Bonds 5% 1924 total value Zl. 1,700  
     each containing 7 coupons
8. 2 Coupon Sheets from 2 - 100 Zl. Government Bonds 5% 1924  
     each containing 11 coupons
9. Collateral Debr Certificate for Zl. 180, no coupons
10. 23 Government Bonds 5% 1924 total value Zl. 460, no coupons
11. 65 Government Bonds 4-1/2% 1937 each Zl. 100, ea containing 24 coupons
12. 13 Government Bonds 4-1/2% 1937 each Zl. 500, 12 Bonds with 24 coupons  
     1 Bond   "       14   "
13. 46   "       "       "       "       each Zl.1,000, 37 Bonds "       24 coupons  
     9       "       "       14   "
14. 198 Shares of "Bank for International Trade" each 10,000 Marks issued  
     in 1920, each containing 10 coupons
15. 187 Mortgage Bonds 6% 1929 of "Societe du Credit Foncier" each 1,000 FRC  
     or S39-179/100 - 84 Bonds with 33 coupons  
     103   "       "       34   "



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16. 81 Shares of "Crannum" Co. each 1,000 Marks issue 1920, ea 8 coupons
17. 51 Bonds 4-1/2% 1935 of "Tov. Kredytowe Ziemskie W Warczawie" total value  
 Zl. 19,668 - 8 Bonds without coupons  
           6 " with 7 coupons  
           37 " " 8 "
18. 6-total 28 shares issue 1924 each 500 Marks of "Fabryka Sukna w Opatowku"  
       each containing 10 coupons
19. 2 Shares of "Fabryka Massyn i Odlownia Orthwein, Karasinski i Ska"  
       each Zl. 25 - issue 1926, each containing 10 coupons
20. 4 Shares of "Bank Kredytowy w Warszawie" each 1,000 Marks issue 1922,  
       each containing 9 coupons
21. 1-total 10 Shares of "Fabrika Cukru i Rafinerji CZERSK" total value  
       5,000 Marks - issue 1922, ea containing 9 coupons

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LIST OF HUNGARIAN BONDS, GERMAN BONDS  
& Misc. Papers

- # 1 15 Bonds @ 100 Darab @ 1000 Pengo - 15 @ 21 coupons  
 50 " " 10 " " 100 " - 50 @ 21 "  
 172 " " " " 10 " - 172 @ 21 "
- # 2 257 Bonds @ 10 Pengo - 247 @ 21 coupons  
 10 " 9 "
- # 3 5 Bonds "Kuehne" Factory Agricultural Machines Joint-stock Comp.  
 Shares # 54729-33 @ 15 Pengo - 5 @ 20 coupons
- # 4 40 Joint-Stock Company for Electrical and Traffic Enterprises  
 @ 100 Pengo - 40 @ 12 coupons
- # 5 10 Bonds Hungarian General Coal-mines Joint-stock Comp.  
 @ 200 Pengo - 10 @ 3 coupons
- # 6 7 Bonds (Promissory Notes) (3% Kal Kamatozo) dtd 1 July 1942  
 1 @ 50 Pengo - 1 @ 39 coupons  
 5 " 100 " - 5 " 39 coupons  
 1 " 1000 " - 1 " 39 "
- # 7 8 Bonds Egyezer Koronard @ 1000 Pengo - 5 @ 8 coupons  
 - 1 " 9 "  
 - 2 " 2 "
- # 8 6 Bonds - Promissory Notes, 4% Kal Kamatozo, dtd 1 Nov 1941  
 @ 200 Pengo - 6 @ 18 coupons
- # 9 1 Bond @ 25 shares @ 30 Pengo Salgetarjaner Stone Coal Joint-Stock Co.  
 1 @ 10 coupons
- # 10 3600 Pharmacia Medical Dose Factory and Stone Joint-stock Comp.  
 30 Bonds @ 5 (150) @ 200 Korona - no coupons  
 50 " @ 25 (1250) " 200 " - " "  
 14 " @ 50 (700) " 200 " - " "  
 14 " @ 100 (1400) " 200 " - " "
- # 11 2 Bonds Hungar. General Credit-bank (Gold Mortgage Bonds) 7 1/2%  
 @ 500 USA \$ 2 @ 10 coupons

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- # 12 Miscellaneous:
  - 3 Savings Books - Gyula, Laszlo, Jolan
  - 16 Pawn Tickets - Hungarian Saving Office
  - 1 Cancelled Check (2 copies) # 9444 - 50,000 Pengo
  - 1 Interim Bill @ 1331 - 10 @ 100 Swiss Fr.
  
- # 13 1 Bond @ Slooo.- Hungarian Consolidated Municipal Loan 7%  
 2 coupons
  
- # 14 16 Bonds @ 10 q buza "3%-Kal Kamatozo Torlesztetes Kolosone",  
 Hungarian, dtd 1 February 1944 (Warrants of Incebtedness)  
 16 @ 50 coupons
  
- # 15 35 Bonds - Hungarian General Coal Mine Joint-stock Comp.,  
 dtd 30 April 1926, Budapest
 

3 @ 10	@	200 Pengo	-	3 @ 3	coupons
2 " 5	"	200 "	-	2 @ 3	"
20 " 1	"	200 "	-	30 @ 3	"
  
- # 16 1 Bond # 6379 @ 4,800 Koronas 1 @ 4 coupons  
 4 1/2% City of Budapest
  
- # 17 1 Blank Check, Hungarian (30f) 200 marked in ink over 5,000  
 signed Terna Es Kosztin Testver
  
- # 18 1 Check # 023701 @ 46 74/100 RM  
 1 Check # 022034 @ 45 00/100 RM
  
- # 19 1 Bond @ 5 Salgo-Tarjani Stone Coal Shares - 5 darab, no coupons  
 # 04850
  
- # 20 13 German Promissory Notes -
 

3 @ 1000	RM
5 " 200	RM
5 " 100	RM
45 coupons @ 20 RM	
75 " " 4 RM	
75 " " 2 RM	

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DISPOSITION FORM

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SUBJECT: Miscellaneous Securities

TO: RD&R Div USACA  
ATTN: Mr. Dean

FROM: Civ Supply Div

DATE 19 Apr 1950 COMMENT NO.1  
W.H.Carter/Vienna B-48339

1. Attached is a detailed inventory of Polish, Hungarian and German miscellaneous securities found in Salzburg when the Currency Section was transferred to Vienna. No record of the securities were found on the Currency Section records except as a safe custody receipt for a package purported to contain securities. It is not known if the receipt referred to these securities or not.
2. The packages will be held pending notification of the method of transmittal to the Austrian Government.

Incls

/s/ William H. Carter  
/t/ WILLIAM H. CARTER  
D/A Civilian  
Head, Acctg Branch

TO: C/USACA

FROM: RD&R Div.

DATE 21 April 1950 COMMENT #2  
JAG/JMD/AN/B-48423/ah

1. Reference is made to Comment #1.
2. Attached Tab A is letter proposed by this Division in regard to the release of the securities held in custody of this Headquarters to the Austrian Federal Government. (Tab B is copy of letter dated 8 March 1949 referred to in paragraph 1 of proposed letter).
3. It is recommended that the letter Tab A be forwarded to USACA Accounting Branch for concurrence that a direct release of the securities to the Austrian Government by this Division is proper under the light of GAO No. 157 (Finance #18) dated 11 April 1950, entitled "Accounting for Civil Affairs Public Funds Civil Affairs Courts".
4. If no objection is made to the dispatch of letter Tab A, arrangements will be made by this Division to transfer the securities to the custody of the Austrian Government.

Incls:

- 1-Proposed Ltr to Min (Tab A)
- 2-Cy Ltr to Min dtd 8 Mar 49 (Tab B)

JAMES A. GARRISON  
Chief, R D & R Division

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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES FORCES IN AUSTRIA  
 USACA Section; R D & R Division  
 APO 777, U. S. Army

HHS/tl

April 1950

Federal Ministry of Finance  
 Section Vermögenssicherung  
 Vienna, I.,  
 Hofburg, Amalienstrakt

Gentlemen:

By letter of 8 March 1949 this Headquarters released to your Government securities and other evidences of ownership which were blocked under U.S. Military Government Decree No. 12, subject to specific provisions set forth in the letter of release.

This Headquarters is holding certain abandoned securities taken under direct control by the U.S. Forces in Austria of which the ownership is unknown to this Headquarters. An inventory of these securities is attached hereto.

It is intended to release these securities to your Government under the same conditions as set forth in the above letter of this Headquarters dated 8 March 1949.

It is requested that this Headquarters be informed by your Ministry where to deposit these securities.

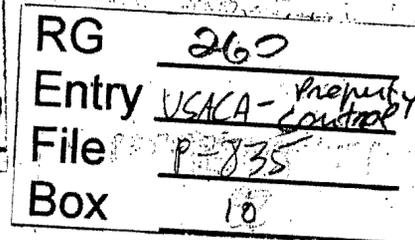
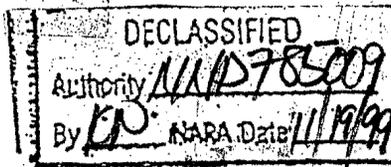
Very truly yours,

JAMES A. GARRISON  
 Chief, R D & R Division

Incl:  
 Inv. of Securities

Telephone: VIENNA B-48424

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Vienna, Austria  
8 March 1949

Federal Ministry for Property  
Control and Economic Planning  
Vienna I  
Hafburg, Analienstrakt

SUBJECT: Release of Certain  
Blocked Securities

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Yours very truly,

WALTER G. LONGIE  
Acting Chief, S D & R Division

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UNITED STATES FORCES IN AUSTRIA  
APO 777, U.S. ARMY

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SUBJECT: Release of certain blocked securities

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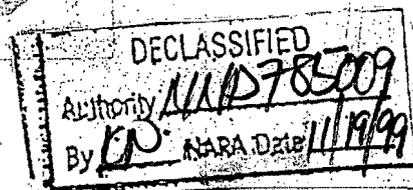
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R. D. & R. Division

NO	FROM	TO	DATE	MESSAGE
1	Fin Div Econ Group	RD&R Div Attn: Property Control	20 May 1949	<p>1. The attached copy of a letter to the Austrian National Bank branch in Linz permits the use of certain blocked securities to purchase new Austrian government bonds, on condition that the bonds thus purchased, or the cash equivalent, be re-deposited in the blocked accounts.</p> <p>2. It is suggested that your Division issue a similar letter to administrators of property blocked under Decree No.3</p>
<p>1 Incl: 1 copy of letter</p>				
<p>AFAckermann/hk Tel. Vienna B-48394</p>				

*Hubert K. Ladenburg*  
HUBERT K LADENBURG  
Chief  
Finance Division

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Ministry was verbally informed (Dr. Keller) on 24 May '49 even though (1) no properties under control are believed involved (2) Publicity has been given to the conversion possibilities (3) large firms have a hand Dept. which keep abreast of such matters.  
No action taken as per agreement with Mr. Loehn  
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HEADQUARTERS  
UNITED STATES FORCES IN AUSTRIA  
USACA SECTION  
FINANCE DIVISION-ECONOMIC GROUP  
APO 777, U.S. ARMY

20 May 1949

Oesterreichische Nationalbank  
Zweiganstalt Linz,  
Museumstrasse 15.

Dear Sirs:

The Austrian government has announced that the 1938 Reichsanleihe, series II, may be used to purchase new Austrian government bonds at one half of their face value in Reichsmarks, provided that additional new government bonds, in an amount equal to at least 3 times the amount acquired through the use of Reichsanleihe, are purchased for cash, and that this opportunity is available only until 26 May 1949.

In view of the above you are hereby permitted, in conformity with article II of Military Government Decree No.12, to unblock 1938 series II Reichsanleihe owned by German nationals and deposited with you, provided that the unblocked securities are used to purchase new Austrian government bonds, and that the equivalent schilling value, i.e. one half of the face value, of the unblocked securities, either in the form of new Austrian government bonds or in the form of cash, is re-deposited with you in the blocked account of the German nationals in question.

Should your bank not be authorized to handle subscriptions for the new Austrian government bonds, you are permitted to carry out the conversion of the Reichsanleihe in question through any other financial institution which has the necessary authorization.

Attached hereto is a copy of a letter from the RD&R Division of this Headquarters to the Federal Ministry for Property Control and Economic Planning.

In view of this letter no special provisions seem to be needed with respect to Reichsanleihe owned by foreigners in Austria, except those owned by German nationals.

1 Incl:  
1 copy of letter

HUBERT K LADENBURG  
Chief  
Finance Division

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19 July 1949

Federal Ministry for Property  
Control and Economic Planning  
Vienna I  
Hofburg, Amalienstrasse

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to a request for authorization of restitution proceedings in the appropriate Austrian courts made by Dr. Alois Nekarda and involving real estate property NZ 59, Lots 153 and 154, NZ 1426, Lots 124 and 155, Cat. Gen. Maxglan.

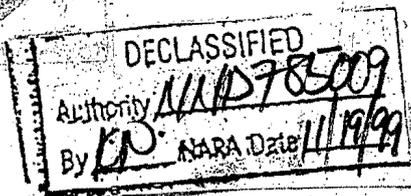
Attached for your information is authorization dated 18 July 1949 from this Headquarters for restitution proceedings.

Yours very truly,

WALTER G. LOEHR  
Acting Chief, REAR Division

1 Incl:  
as mentioned in para 2

Telephone: VIENNA 2-45120



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SUBJECT: Wertpapiersammelbank Securities

1 Chief D/USACA 14 Sep 49  
Fin. Div.

1. In August 1947 the Wertpapier-sammelbank securities which had been removed by the then German authorities from Vienna to Regensburg, Germany shortly before the Soviets entered Vienna, were transferred from Regensburg to Salzburg, Austria, the U.S. Commanding General at USFA assuming custodianship, as per declaration of custody (see attachment to draft letter).

2. As pointed out in the attached draft letter to the Finance Advisor, High Commissioner for Germany (enclosure 1), it was not possible to comply fully with the conditions of the custody declaration.

3. It is believed that the political and economic considerations which caused OMGUS to insist on the inventory establishing German ownership and on retaining custody, have changed. The problem of unscrambling the complicated set-up of the Wertpapiersammelbank has been turned over to the German authorities which have conferred with Austrian authorities on the matter, with approval of both OMGUS and USFA.

4. These securities should be turned over to the Austrian Government in furtherance of our policy of relinquishing economic and political controls. The Austrian Government will retain control over securities in which there appears to be a German ownership or beneficial interest.

5. It is requested that the attached draft letter (enclosure 1) which suggests that restrictive clauses regarding these securities be abolished, be approved and dispatched.

6. After receiving the requested authority, it is proposed to release the Wertpapiersammelbank securities to the Austrian authorities in conformity with established policy as executed by letter of 8 March 1949 (see attachment to draft letter) from RD&R Division to Austrian Government.

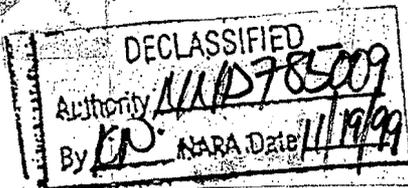
7. Legal and RD&amp;R Divisions concur.

Legal Div by \_\_\_\_\_

HUBERT K. LADENBURG  
Chief - Finance DivisionRD&R Div by JAG

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HEADQUARTERS  
UNITED STATES FORCES IN AUSTRIA  
APO 777, U. S. ARMY

SUBJECT: Wertpapiersammelbank Securities

TO: High Commissioner for Germany  
Frankfurt, APO 757  
Attention: Office of the Finance Advisor  
Mr. Shepard Morgan

Due to the fact that the Austrian treaty negotiations again have broken down, this Headquarters is continuing its policy of returning economic and political controls to the Austrian Government. In this framework, this Headquarters would like to turn the custody of Wertpapiersammelbank securities over to the Austrian Government.

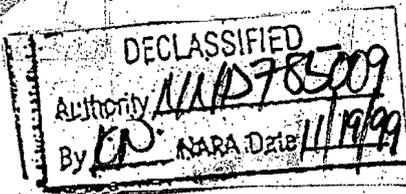
These securities were removed by the then German authorities from Vienna to Regensburg, Germany, shortly before the Soviets entered Vienna. In Regensburg, they were taken under custody by American authorities.

In August, 1947 the securities were transferred from Regensburg to Salzburg, Austria, the U.S. Commanding General, USEA assuming custodianship as per declaration of custody, copy attached.

A physical inventory was made and it was determined that the securities as reported to be contained in the 311 bags delivered by OMGUS to USEA were actually on hand. It was, however, not possible to comply with the conditions of the custody declaration regarding the inventory establishing German ownership for the following reasons:

- A. The term "German national" was never clearly defined.
- B. Any property right a German national might have with regard to a security of the former Austrian Wertpapiersammelbank does not give him a right to a specific security located there, but only a proportionate right to the same type of security located in 13 different Wertpapiersammelbanken all over Germany, the Wertpapiersammelbanken being considered a single legal entity.
- C. In the books of the Wertpapiersammelbank, only the names of the participating commercial banks appear as owners of securities; the actual owners, therefore, can be determined only by perusal of the books of the commercial banks.

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In the meantime, all foreign securities which had been blocked in the U.S. Zone of Austria by Military Government decree were turned over by this Headquarters to the Austrian Government with the approval of the Department of the Army. The Austrian Government was specifically charged with retaining control and assuming responsibility for identifying those securities in which there appears to be a German ownership or beneficial interest. Attached is a copy of the letter, dated 8 March 1949, executing this policy and containing a suitable definition of the term "German national". It is believed that the interests which the High Commissioner for Germany might have in securities belonging to German nationals are thereby sufficiently safeguarded.

German and Austrian financial authorities have been conferring, with the approval of the respective U.S. authorities, in order to straighten out the complicated problem of the Wertpapiersammelbank securities, which presupposes liberty of action on their part.

In view of the foregoing, it is suggested that the High Commissioner for Germany, as successor to OMGUS, abrogate the restrictive clauses contained in the declaration of custody and turn over the Wertpapier - sammelbank securities, free of any incumbrances, to the Commanding General, USFA.

2 Incls:

1. Decl. of custody  
of August 1947
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DECLARATION OF CUSTODY

In accordance with arrangements made between Finance Division, OMG Bavaria, and Finance Division, USACA Section, confirming to exchange of cables between OMGUS and USACA (USACA P 6662 and P 7203, OMGUS CO 9307), Mr. William H. Carter, Chief, U.S. Austrian Currency Section, Finance Division, USACA, will hand this Declaration to Mr. K. Fredericks, Chief, Finance Division, OMG Bavaria, in exchange for an order addressed to the Bayrische Landeszentralbank, Regensburg, directing release to Mr. Carter of 311 bags of securities purporting to be the securities formerly held by the Wertpapiersammelbank, Vienna. Mr. Carter is herewith authorized to take delivery of and to receipt, in behalf of the Commanding General, United States Forces in Austria, for these 311 bags of securities, and to transport them to Salzburg, U.S. Zone of Austria.

This is to certify that, with the surrender to Mr. Carter of said 311 bags of securities as stated above, said securities pass into the custody of Commanding General, United States Forces in Austria, and are accepted by him as custodian, for the limited purpose of examination and inventory, and clarification of ownership rights. Upon completion of the inventory, a duly clarified copy thereof, listing all securities and disclosing ownership thereof by name and nationality, shall be furnished to OMGUS, Finance Division. All such securities found to be owned in whole or in part by any person of GERMAN nationality inside Germany or outside Germany, as defined in Control Council Law No. 5 and Regulation number 1 thereunder, or by any branch of any business, corporation, or other legal entity organized under the laws of Germany or having its principal place of business in Germany, shall be returned forthwith to OMGUS. The remaining securities shall be held by the Commanding General, United States Forces in Austria, for the account of OMGUS and will not be restituted to the owners or otherwise released without specific approval of OMGUS. They will be returned to OMGUS upon request.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL KEYES:

HOWARD V. JUDSON  
Major AGD  
Asst Adj General

Tel Vienna B 48306

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Vienna, Austria  
8 March 1949

Federal Ministry for Property  
Control and Economic Planning  
Vienna, I  
Hofburg, Amalienstrasse

SUBJECT: Release of Certain  
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WALTER Q. LOEHR  
Acting Chief,  
R D & R Division

Telephone: VIENNA B-48420

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**Release of Certain Blocked Securities (Briefing Note)**

5. RDEH Div Dir 29 March  
USACA 1949

Reference is made to Minute 3.

Included are securities which are expressed in a currency other than Austrian currency. For instance, there is a large number of shares and bonds issued in Czechoslovakian currency by pre-war Czechoslovakian corporations, the pre-war Czechoslovakian Government and by Sudeten German corporations. Also included are securities issued by corporations or the former governments of Hungary, Jugoslavia, Romania and Bulgaria. The great majority of the securities were issued in countries which are now under Soviet domination and are therefore of extremely doubtful value. There are over 1,600 individual deposits of blocks of shares and bonds involved.

JAMES A. GARRISON  
Chief, RDEH Division

RDEH:ANC

Telephone: VIENNA B-48420

FOR COMPLIANCE WITH MINUTE 3.  
FOR THE DIRECTOR'S INFO

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JAMES A. GARRISON  
Chief, RDEH Division

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2 From D/Usaca To C/S 17 Mar 49 For your information

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JOSEPH R. GROVES  
Lt Colonel GSC  
Act. D/Usaca

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What do these include?

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For compliance with Minute 3.

FOR THE DIRECTOR USACA:

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ROY A JAMESON  
Major GSC  
Adjutant

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REF: AMC

DAILY BRIEFING NOTE — Release of Certain Blocked Securities

1. Chief, RIER Div USACA 11 March 1949 1. U. S. Military Government Decrees No. 4 and No. 11 directed that:

"All securities, including Reich Government securities, and other evidences of ownership in Austria if expressed in a currency other than Austrian currency—" be registered with, delivered to and blocked by the Branches of the Austrian National Bank in Linz and Salzburg.

2. Decree No. 12, which superseded Decrees No. 4 and No. 11 and became effective on 25 July 1943, provided that such properties:

"shall not be acquired or disposed of without special written authority of U. S. Military Government."

3. WX-89482 from CSCAG, Washington directed that these securities (i.e., those expressed in a currency other than Austrian) be released, with the exception of those in which there appears to be German ownership or beneficial interest.

4. Upon receipt of this cable an investigation of the present status of these securities was made by this Division, and conferences were held with the Finance Division as well as with representative of the Ministry for Property Control and Economic Planning, the Finance Ministry and the Austrian National Bank for the purpose of determining the most feasible method of releasing such of these securities as were not German owned while retaining control of those which were German owned. As a result of these conferences it was agreed that the Austrian Government would not release from control and would the responsibility for identifying those securities in which there appears to be German ownership or beneficial interest.

5. Pursuant to the above-mentioned cable this Division has, therefore, released these securities from the provisions Decree No. 12, except those in which there is a German interest, as per the attached letter. Finance Division has concurred.

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 ltr this Div to Fed Min  
 dtd 8 March 1949

Tel. VIENNA B-48420

JAMES A. GARRISON  
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Vienna, Austria  
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Federal Ministry for Property  
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Yours very truly,

~~James A. CARLISLE~~ *Walter G. Laehr*  
Chief, REED Division *Acting Chief*  
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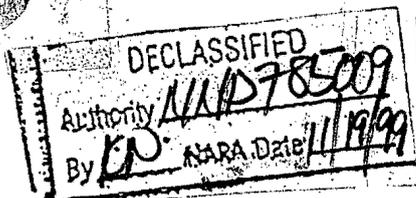
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Subject:- Shares deposited with Laenderbank Wien AG

1. Laenderbank Wien AG has 144,256 shares of "Apollo Mineraloelraffinerie AG" which were deposited by a Czechoslovakian bank (Bratislava). According to an order of the Allied Commission these shares had to be put to the disposition of Military Government (blocked). Laenderbank believes that these shares were pledged for a loan given by Deutsche Laenderbank-Berlin and erroneously deposited with Laenderbank Wien AG. This error probably arose from the fact that the styles of both banks are very similar.
2. Laenderbank Wien AG has been informed that the Czechoslovakian bank at Bratislava tries to get back the shares and wants to remove them to Czechoslovakia, as Czechoslovakian property.
3. Laenderbank Wien AG states its eminent interest that the shares be left with them until the mutual claims between Austria and Czechoslovakia are settled.
4. Opinion: As long as the loan is not paid back to Deutsche Laenderbank Berlin the shares are a German external asset. It must, however, be considered that after the loan plus interests is refunded the shares will have to be returned. Since the German external assets are subject to future disposition the loan plus interests would have to be paid into a blocked account.

In the light of above it is suggested:

- (a) to block the shares until the whole matter becomes clear,
- (b) to inquire about the exact circumstances and conditions under which the stated loan was granted by Deutsche Laenderbank-Berlin. It would possibly be expedient to have the inquiry made by U.S. Authorities in Berlin.

21 January 1948,

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LAENDERBANK WIEN A.O.  
Der Generaldirektor

Wien, 29 Dezember 1947  
Am Hof 2

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*Laenderbank*  
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Herrn  
Oberst Arthur W. Marget,  
Wien.

Sehr geehrter Herr Oberst !

Ich beehre mich, Ihre Aufmerksamkeit darauf zu lenken, dass uns im April d.J. seitens der Alliierten Kontrollkommission die Weisung zugegangen ist, die im Depot der Bratislavská Obchodná a Uverná Banka Učastinárska Spoločnosť likvidácií bei uns erliegenden

St. 144,256 Apollo Mineraloelraffinerie A.G. Aktien  
sowie einige weitere Effekten

zur Verfügung der Militärregierung zu halten.

Wie wird aus uns gegenüber erfolgten Äußerungen glauben entnehmen zu dürfen, lag der Verhängung dieser Sperre die Annahme zugrunde, dass es sich im vorliegenden Falle im Zusammenhang mit einem seitens der Deutschen Laenderbank, Berlin (welche Bank infolge der Namensähnlichkeit als mit unserem Institute identisch angesehen wurde) unter Verpfandung dieser Effekten erteilten Kredit um deutsches Eigentum handelt. 2

Jedenfalls haben wir auf Grund der verfügten Sperre ein im Sommer d.J. seitens der Obchodná gestelltes Verlangen nach Ausfolgung der gegenständlichen Werte abgelehnt.

Wie wird nun in Erfahrung bringen konnten, beabsichtigt die Obchodná unter Hinweis darauf, dass es sich im vorliegenden Falle um tschechoslovak. Eigentum handelt, die Aufhebung der Sperre bei der Alliierten Kontrollkommission zu betreiben und nach erlangter Freigabe die gegenständlichen Effekten nach Bratislava zu verbringen. - Dabei haben wir mit Rücksicht auf zahl reiche zwischen Oesterreich und der Tschechoslovakei bestehende, bisher völlig ungeklärte vermögensrechtliche Beziehungen, aus denen Oesterreich im allgemeinen und unserer Bank im besonderen Forderungen gegenüber der Tschechoslovakischen Republik zustehen, ein eminentes Interesse, dass nicht tschechoslovakische Vermögensobjekte, bezüglich welcher die Ausübung eines Retentionsrechtes oder eine Kompensation möglich wäre, aus unserem Verfügungsreich ausscheiden.

Aus diesem Grunde gestatte ich mir die ergebene Bitte zu stellen, bei Behandlung des gegenständlichen Freigabeansuchens der Obchodná durch die Alliierte Kontrollkommission dem Antrag auf Aufhebung der bestehenden Sperre nicht die Zustimmung zu erteilen.

Ich zeichne mit vorzüglicher Hochachtung als

Ihr sehr ergebener  
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## Release of Currencies, Accounts &amp; Securities

		<u>TAB NO.</u>
	List No. I of blocked securities on deposit at Linz and Salzburg	1
	List No. II of blocked securities under restitution claim from non-UN countries	2
12 Oct 48	Release of securities, currencies and bank accounts as directed by WX-98482	3
23 July 48	List of claims for restitution of currencies, accounts & securities	4
8 Mar 49	Ltr to FM for PC&EP - Release of certain blocked securities	5
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REPARATIONS, DELIVERIES AND RESTITUTION DIVISION  
APO 777, U.S. Army

Memo for the File (Head, R&amp;R Branch)

Date: 13 January 1950

SUBJECT: Release of Securities, Currencies, and Bank Accounts as  
directed by WX-89482

1. Reference is made to IRS of this office dated 12 Oct 1948 and attached IRS of FC Branch: "Foreign Currencies", dated 1 Aug 1949.

2. It is recommended that the currencies and securities listed on Annex "A", attached, with the exception of items 4 and 7, be turned over to the Austrian Government for disposition and the respective Missions notified.

Recommend that item 4 (unknown) be released from control and subsequent disposition left to the operation of Austrian law (par. 7, WX-89482).

Recommend that item 7 be restituted (par 4).

3. Recommend that bank accounts listed on Annex "B" be released and subsequent disposition left to operation of Austrian law (par. 3).

4. Lists referred to are those which accompanied IRS of R&R Branch dated 12 Oct 1948:

List I Securities (already released to the Austrian Government)

List II Securities for which restitution claims have been received from non-United Nations

List III Bank accounts (Austrian Schillings)

List IV Currencies claimed by United Nations

List V Currencies claimed by non-United Nations

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Owner Nation	Claim or P.C. No.	Type of Currency	Location	Remarks
1. Hungary	S4.3005 Sa	RM banknotes & coins; US Austrian Currency Pengoes	US Austrian Currency Section, Salzburg	List V
2. Hungary	S4.3001 Sa	Fine gold and silver	ditto	List V
3. Hungary	S4.3006 Sa (claim 168?)	Foreign currencies	"	List V
4. Unknown	S9.3016	20 British Pounds	"	su bank acct Annex B not listed
5. Hungary	S4.3003 Sa (also claim No.168)	Danish Kronen and Pengoes	"	List V
6. Hungary	S7.3010 Sa	Securities	"	List II
7. Czechoslovakia	01.3004 Li	Foreign Currency	"	Does not appear on list IV of currencies to be restituted
8. Hungary	Claim #236	Foreign Currencies	pe Warehouse Salzburg	not listed

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ANNEX "B" - BANK ACCOUNTS

Claimant Country	Claim or FC No.	Amount	Location	Remarks
1. Poland	Claim #112	Acct #2209, W.F.Kiesel: 2% Fed. Bonds: S 7,400.- Cash (interest): S 153.92 Acct #2182, Liens Kiesel: 2% Fed. Bonds: S 87,250.- Interest: S 1,814.80	Creditanstalt-Bankverein Filiale Salzburg	List III
2. Poland	Claim #113	Acct #421: 2% Fed. Bonds: S 15,150.- Cash (interest): S 270.80	Sparkasse Lambach	List III
3. Yugoslavia	Claim #165	Gemeinde St.Gilgen: Acct#5592, Konto 1: S 37,779.- Konto 2: S 37,779.- Acct#22/2028: S 37,776.24 Acct#22/1116: S 75,559.19 Total S188,893.43	Salzburger Credit- u. Wechsel-Bank	List III
4. Czecho-slovakia	01.3004 LI	Acct#957, Rudolf Kubis: 2% Fed. Bonds: S 44,500.- Cash: S 10,213.92	Bank fuer Ober-Oesterreich und Salzburg, Hauptanstalt Linz a/D	Foreign Securities listed on Annex "B"
5. Hungary	Claim #168	probably for (b) below:		List III (Currencies listed on Annex "A")
6. Hungary	S 4.3006 sa	acct # 9016 Cash: S 436.36 2/3 Fed. Bonds: S 34,050.-	Salzburg verbal info	Currencies listed on Annex "A"

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Release of Securities, Currencies and Bank Accounts as Directed  
by WX 89482.

15/12/49: For list # 1 see G.E.E. Branch  
file # 1-22a.

1 Head Head 12 Oct  
R&R Br FC Br 1948  
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GEA Br

1. In compliance with WX-89482 the  
restitution question as regards securities  
(lists attached), bank accounts and  
currencies has been under study by this  
branch with the following results:

SECURITIES- a. It has been  
decided that this office has no interest in the securities as per attached  
List No. I for restitution and hence finds no objection to the immediate release  
of same to the Austrian Government.

b. It is requested  
that the securities as per List No. II for which restitution claims have been  
received from non-United Nations countries be turned over to the Austrian  
Government for disposition. This office is acquainting the Missions with this  
release.

c. No Securities  
are recommended for release to IRO as far as this office is concerned.

d. Segregation of  
those securities of German ownership or of German beneficial interest is  
considered a matter pertaining to the GEA Branch.

BANK ACCOUNTS- a. This office  
has bank accounts according to the attached List No. III under restitution claim.  
It is requested that these be released to the Austrian Government. We will  
inform the Missions concerned of this action.

b. Segregation of  
those bank accounts under German ownership with German beneficial interest is  
considered a matter pertaining to the GEA Branch.

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CURRENCIES- a. This office will accomplish the restitution of currencies under claim as per attached List No. IV.

b. Currencies under restitution claim of a non-United Nations country are indicated on the attached List No. V. It is requested that these be turned over to the Austrian Government for disposition. This office will notify the Missions concerned.

c. No currencies are recommended for release to IRO as far as this Branch is concerned.

d. Segregation of those currencies of German ownership or with German beneficial interest is considered a matter pertaining to the CPA Branch.

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Lists

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Fin Br of Ec & Fin Div

ATT: Mr. Ladenburg

W.R. Loeffler/sk

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Claimant Government	List No. (USFA Claim or PC No.)	Foreign List No.	Type of Property	Claimed Location	Actual Location	Reported Owner	Remarks
Hungary	PC File #7.30109a		1 bond #6379 52 4,800 Crowns. 4 1/2% Hungarian with coupons. 70 shares 200.- Pengő Hungarian dated 30 Apr 26 with coupons. 16 warrants of indebtedness. 27 "Kal Kerna-tovz Tartalekos Kossone" Hungarian 1 Feb 44, denomination, "10 q buzs" 1 blank check Hungarian (30F) signed "Terna Es Kossan Testver" (200 marked in ink over 5,000.)		US-Austrian Currency-Control Section, Salz- burg, Austria	German Secret Service, Leit- stelle II, "Adopt"	
Hungary	USFA-Hungary Claim #7 P.C. file #04.0001 11	#18-23	Securities etc. in custody of National Bank of Hungary lo- cated at Spital am Pyhrn. (See remarks Column)	Spital am Pyhrn	Spital am Pyhrn Land Upper Austria	Hungarian National Bank as trustee for depositors	122 cases containing securities per list attached

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LIST NO. III

BANK ACCOUNTS

(Austrian Schillings)

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Claimant Government	List No. (USFA Claim or PC No.)	Foreign List No.	Type of Property	Claimed Location	Actual Location	Purported Owner
Hungary			34,050.- Austrian Schillings 11.71 Austrian Schillings		Account #9016 Bank for Upper Austria and Salzburg, Austria	Liquidation Office of former Hungarian Legation
Hungary	USFA-Hungarian Claim #168		220,000.- RM (later converted into Austrian Schillings); 26,477 RM; 260 Hung. Pengo	Not indicated	US Mil. Govt., Salzburg, Austria	Hungarian Consulate General, Vienna
Poland	USFA-Polish Claim #112	AA-184	Austrian Schillings	Kreditanstalt-Wiener Bankverein, Branch Salzburg, Schwarzstrasse 5	Austrian National Bank Branch, Salzburg, Salzburg	Alexandronica-Sons W.F.K. Kiesel Liene Kiesel
Poland	USFA-Polish Claim #113	#256	Austrian Schillings	Lambacher Sparkasse, Lambach Upper Austria	(See preceding column)	Polish industrial firm under German trusteeship known as Werke des General-Gouvernements
Yugoslavia	USFA-Yugo Claim #165	#36	Austrian Schillings	Salzburger Sparkasse & Salzburger Kredit und Wechselbank	Sparkasse Bad Aussee Austria	Yugoslav State

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OF CURRENCIES TO BE RESTITUTED  
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Claimant Government	List No. (USFA Claim or PC No.)	Foreign List No.	Type of Property	Claimed Location	Actual Location	Purported Owner
Hungary	USFA-Hungarian Claim #127 PC File #4.30019a	#AWZ 1019	10,844.4 kg fine gold in 2 boxes 119,818 kg fine silver in 9 boxes	US Property Control Section Salzburg, Austria	Austrian National Bank	Hungaria Chemische & Huetten Werke, A.G. Budapest, Hungary
Hungary	USFA-Hungarian Claim #168 PC File #4.3003. 4.3005 Sa	Not indicated	19,040 Hungarian Pengs 990 Denmark Crowns	Not indicated	US-Austrian Currency-Control Section, Salzburg	Dr. Zoltan Baransky
Hungary	USFA-Hungarian Claim #168 PC File #04.3003 L1	Not indicated	149,260 Hungarian Pengs (non-legal paper) 34,457 RM (legal paper) 4.05 RM (taken legal)	Not indicated	US-Austrian Currency-Control Section, Salzburg	Hungarian Consulate Vienna
Hungary	PC File #4.30069a		959.- US Dollars (paper) 2.- Canadian (Dollars paper)	Not indicated	Same as above	Liquidation Office of former Hungarian Legation
Hungary			3,000 Czech Crowns, Share of State loan at 4 1/2%		National Bank of Salzburg, Austria	Same as above

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Claimant Government	List No. (USFA Claim or FC No.)	Foreign List No.	Type of Property	Claimed Location	Actual Location	Perpetrated Owner
(Continued from Page 1)			48,269 Slovakian Crowns 0.60 Czech Crowns	Not indicated	US-Austria Currency-Control Section, Salzburg, Austria	Liquidation Office of former Hungarian Legation
Hungary	USFA-Hungarian Claim #236 PCAR File R 527/01135	Hungarian List #1244	Iron bar containing the following currencies: 433 Rumanian Lei (Paper) 2 Russian silver Poltink 6,587 Polish Zloty (paper) 1,200 Ukrenian Karbovanso (paper) 3,014.50 RM (paper) 4,760 Serbian Dinars (paper) 11 Russian Ruble (paper) 251 Hungarian Pengo (paper) 74.90 Hungarian Pengo (coins)		Property Control Section, Salzburg, Austria	Hungarian State

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Claimant Government	List No. (USFA Claim or FC No.)	Foreign List No.	Type of Property	Claimed Location	Actual Location	Purported Owner																																				
Hungary	USFA-Hungary Claim No. 7 FC File No. Q4-0001 Li	No. 18-23	<p>1 case containing Slovakian Crowns Banknotes Ks: 3,852,360; Czechish Crown Banknotes Kc: 10,116,686</p> <p>1 parcel containing 7 envelopes of miscellaneous foreign currencies deposited by the Hungarian Public Prosecutor</p> <p>1 envelope containing Slovakian Crowns 70.-</p> <p>1 envelope containing Croatian Kuna 1.100; and Dinar 710.-</p> <p>1 case containing</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Dinar</td> <td>8,458,000</td> <td>banknotes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kuna</td> <td>3,073,960</td> <td>"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Leu</td> <td>7,313,000</td> <td>"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Swiss francs</td> <td>500</td> <td>"</td> </tr> </table> <p>Schillings 15,333.94 cash holding</p> <p>205 cases containing damaged and now worthless Pengö banknotes;</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>335,100</td> <td>banknotes</td> <td>at P 1000</td> <td>ea P 335,100,000.-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>235,000</td> <td>"</td> <td>at P 100</td> <td>ea P 23,500,000.-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>56,000</td> <td>"</td> <td>at P 20</td> <td>ea P 1,120,000.-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2,450,000</td> <td>"</td> <td>at P 10</td> <td>ea P 24,500,000.-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>751,000</td> <td>"</td> <td>at P 5</td> <td>ea P 3,755,000.-</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td><b>Total</b></td> <td><b>P 387,975,000.-</b></td> </tr> </table>	Dinar	8,458,000	banknotes	Kuna	3,073,960	"	Leu	7,313,000	"	Swiss francs	500	"	335,100	banknotes	at P 1000	ea P 335,100,000.-	235,000	"	at P 100	ea P 23,500,000.-	56,000	"	at P 20	ea P 1,120,000.-	2,450,000	"	at P 10	ea P 24,500,000.-	751,000	"	at P 5	ea P 3,755,000.-			<b>Total</b>	<b>P 387,975,000.-</b>	Spital a-Fyarn Land Upper Austria	Spital a-Fyarn	Hungarian National Bank as trustee for depositors
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Claimant Government	List No. (USFA Claim or PC No.)	Foreign List No.	Type of Property	Claimed Location	Actual Location	Purported Owner
Poland	USFA-Polish Claim #141	AA-328	92.5 kg Polish silver-coins	Property Control Landhaus, Linz Upper Austria	Property Control, Linz, Landhaus	Unknown
Poland	USFA-Polish Claim #142	AA-329	650.- Polish Kloty	Finance Section, Zone Command, Salzburg, Austria	Finance Section, Zone Command, Salzburg, Austria	Not indicated
U.S.S.R.	USFA-USSR Claim #17 <i>Russian not found assets are custody</i>	#271	46,770.- Rubles	Bad Aussee at premises of former Fascist Govts of Slovakia and Rumania	Sparckasse Bad Aussee Austria	Not indicated

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LIST NO. V

CURRENCIES OF NON-UNITED NATIONS COUNTRIES

FOR RELEASE TO THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT

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1 Head FC Branch 23 Nov  
R&R Br THRU 48  
CEA

1. Supplementary to our IRS dated 12 Oct 1948, subject, "Release of Securities, Currencies, and Bank Accounts as Directed by WK 89482", the following additional information from R&R files is

submitted to assist the CEA Branch in their segregation of items of German ownership or German beneficial interests:

- a. Item #1, List #II represents securities and notes looted by the Germans from Hungary.
- b. Item #2, List #II was released to the Austrian Government per Property Control letter dated 4 Oct 1948, in accordance with IX 89893.
- c. All items on List #III represent sums looted by the Germans from the various claimant governments which sums were later converted into Austrian schillings.
- d. All items on List #IV were looted by the Germans from the various claimant governments.
- e. All items on List #V were transferred under duress or looted by the Germans from Hungary.
- f. Item #7, page 9, List #V was turned over to the Austrian Government per Property Control letter dated 4 Oct 1948.

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Lt. Col. Inf.  
Head, R&R Branch

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HEADQUARTERS  
 UNITED STATES FORCES IN AUSTRIA  
 APO 777, U.S. ARMY

File: 01.3004, S4.3001, S4.3005, S4.3006, S9.3016

SUBJECT: Foreign Currencies

Number each message consecutively. Fill in all columns, authenticate message, draw a line across the page just below authentication. Use entire width of page. Use for inter-office communications only.

NO	FROM	TO	DATE	MESSAGE
1	P.C.	R&R	1 August 1949	<p>1. This Branch has under its control certain deposits of foreign currencies, bank accounts and securities, part of which are believed to be subject to transfer to the Austrian Government as ex-enemy nations' property, and also a deposit which is believed subject to restitution to a United Nation (Czechoslovakia).</p> <p>2. It is recommended that the following Property Control files be reviewed in order to determine the appropriate action to be taken for the proper disposition of the items referred to therein:</p> <p>File No: 01.3004 ✓                      S4.3005 ✓</p> <p>File No: S4.3001 ✓                      S4.3006 ✓                      S9.3016</p> <p style="text-align: right;">R.S.                      ALBERT SEGAT                      Head, Property Control Branch</p> <p>Telephone: VIENNA B-48420                      DEAYmb</p>

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**BANK JR OBERÖSTERREICH  
 UND SALZBURG**  
 HAUPTANSTALT LINZ A. D. DONAU  
 HAUPTPLATZ 11 Telefon 26331  
 Gegründet 1869 • Drahtanschrift: Oberbank • Fernschreiber 02110  
 ZWEIGNIEDERLASSUNG SALZBURG  
 ALTER MARKT 4  
 Niederlassungen: Amstetten, Badgastein, Bad Ischl,  
 Braunau am Inn, Ebensee, Gmunden, Mattighofen, Ried  
 im Innkreis, Schwannstadt, Steyr, Vöcklabruck, Wels.  
 Zweigstellen in Linz a. d. Donau: Landstraße  
 Nr. 35 b, Wiener Reichsstraße 18, Urfahr, Hauptstraße 11.

Ihr Zeichen Ihre Nachricht vom Unsere Nachricht vom Unser Zeichen

K/Gr Linz, den 19. Dez. 1949

Betreff: Konto 957 lautend auf  
 Herrn Rudolf Kubis, Leitender Direktor der Slovakischen Nationalbank

Wir bestätigen Ihnen wunschgemäß, dass auf obigem Konto ein Roh-

saldo von S 10.213.92 per 19.12.1949

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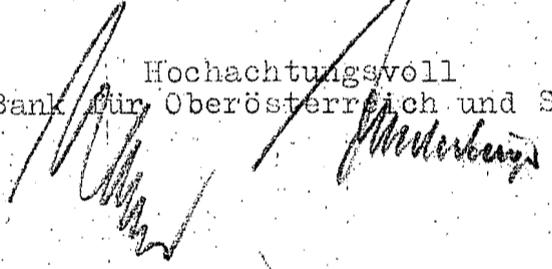
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USACA SECTION, R.D.& R.DIVISION  
PC & R Office (Upper Austria)  
APO 174 US ARMYLM/ad  
7 December 1949REPORT OF INVESTIGATIONSUBJECT: Former Slovakian National Bank, Bratislava,  
Czechoslovakia, Serial No. 01.3004 Li

## REFERENCES:

- a. File No. 01.3004 Li
- b. Letter Hq LUAAC, S-5, Restitution, 30 March 48

## FINDINGS:

1. On 10 February 1947, property of former Slovakian National Bank, consisting of 6 closed boxes containing:

Slovakian Crowns	110,000,000.00
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and one strong box containing:

Slovakian Crowns	2,138,957.80
Protectorat Crowns	1,217.20
U.S.Dollars	110.00
French Francs	50.00
Italian Lire	63.00
Brit. Pounds	5,--.--
Swiss Francs	45.00
Rumanian Lei	2,500.00
Hungarian Pengös	2,441.00

deposited at the Bank for Upper Austria and Salzburg, Linz, was taken under control by Property Control Section, Movable Property, as allied property.

2. On 7 March 1947, the Bank for Upper Austria and Salzburg, Linz, informed Property Control Section, Movable Property, that on 25 May 1945, Mr. Kubis, manager of the Slovakian National Bank, established the bank account No. 957 under his name, as manager of the Slovakian National Bank depositing RM 159,790.10 in cash. The Bank has no evidence, but believes, that this money belongs to the Slovakian National Bank. With letter Hq. LUAAC, MG, Property Control, Movable Property, 11 March 1947, this account was attached to the property already under control since 10 February 1947.

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3. Subject property was transferred to U.S. Austrian Currency Section, Salzburg, on 24 March 1948 probably according to a telephone call made by Mr. Dean of Property Control Branch, USACA, to Mr. Shaw of this office.

4. According to the Austrian Conversion Law of 1945, this account No. 957 was converted into Austrian Schillings, whilst 60% of the amount were blocked and later on booked off in the favor of the Austrian Treasury. In account of the Austrian Currency Protection Law of 1947 the remainder of 40% of this amount, was changed into 2% Austrian Federal Bonds, S 44,500.00 and into cash, S 18,717.00. From this amount of S 18,717.00 cash, S 9,359.00 were withdrawable in cash and S 9,358.00 blocked until 9 June 1948 and 9 September 1948 respectively. Furthermore, this account No. 957 was charged with S 208.00 for settlement of accounts and deposit fees, so that the balance as per 4 March 1948 shows the amount of S 9,151.00 withdrawable in cash and S 9,358.00 blocked.

5. On 24 March 1948, the entire property had to be transferred to U.S. Austrian Currency Section, Salzburg (see par. 3 of this report). On this date, the amount of S 9,358.00 was still blocked in accordance with Austrian Currency Protection Law and the 2% Federal Bonds amounting to S 44,500.00 not available yet, which is why these two amounts of the account No. 957 were not transferred also.

6. Therefore, the balance of this blocked account No. 957 with the Bank for Upper Austria and Salzburg, Linz, still under direct control of this office, shows as per 6 December 1949:

Cash	S 10,213.92	(increased by interests)
and 2% Fed.		
Bonds	S 44,500.00	(nominal, with the interest coupons of 1 Feb 50).

7. There is a letter, 21 March 1949, in the file from this office to RD&R Division, Property Control Branch, requesting the turn-over of this remainder of subject property to the U.S. Austrian Currency Section Salzburg. No decision was ever received.

## RECOMMENDATIONS:

8. It is recommended to re-submit the recommended transfer to the U.S. Austrian Currency Section Salzburg, to Vienna in order to close the file on this property.

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Dkfm. L. Milleker  
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Vienna, Austria  
 8 March 1949

File: P-835

Federal Ministry for Property  
 Control and Economic Planning  
 Vienna I  
 Hofburg, Amalienstrasse

SUBJECT: Release of Certain  
 Blocked Securities

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to Military Government Decree No. 12 under which "all securities and other evidences of ownership in Austria if expressed in a currency other than Austrian" were blocked and their acquisition and disposition were prohibited except by special written authority of the U. S. Military Government.

The securities and other evidence of ownership which were blocked under that decree, except those which are directly or indirectly owned by German nationals, are herewith released from the provisions of Decree No. 12.

It is understood that the Austrian Federal Government will not release from control and will assume the responsibility for identifying those securities in which there appears to be a German ownership or beneficial interest.

It is also understood that, for the purpose of this action only, all persons will be considered as German nationals who:

1. Were German citizens on 12 March 1938 and did not acquire non-German citizenship prior to 8 May 1945.
2. Were German citizens on 12 March 1938 and have since 8 May 1945 acquired Austrian citizenship under Austrian laws or who have since 8 May 1945 acquired any other non-German citizenship.
3. Were non-German or non-Austrian citizens on 12 March 1938 but acquired German citizenship prior to 8 May 1945 and possessed such citizenship on 8 May 1945 irrespective of the manner in which it was acquired.
4. Were Austrian citizens on 12 March 1938 and who became German citizens prior to 8 May 1945 by reason of any act except the automatic change from Austrian to German citizenship directly resulting from the Anschluss.

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It is further understood that any of the above-mentioned securities directly owned by banks and other financial institutions are released except those directly owned by such institutions whose home office is located in Germany.

Any of the above-mentioned securities owned by corporations, partnerships, institutions or associations with collective ownership other than banks or financial institutions are released if more than 50% of the ownership of the organizations on 8 May 1945 was vested in individuals not considered German nationals under definitions 1, 2, 3, and 4 above.

It is requested that your Ministry furnish this Headquarters with a list of the German property involved as soon as available.

Yours very truly,

/s/ WALTER Q. LOEHR  
Acting Chief  
RD&R Division

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## Release of Certain Blocked Securities (Briefing Note)

5. RD&R Div Dir 29 March  
USACA 1949

Reference is made to Minute 3.

Included are securities which are expressed in a currency other than Austrian currency. For instance, there is a large number of shares and bonds issued in Czechoslovakian currency by pre-war Czechoslovakian corporations, the pre-war Czechoslovakian Government and by Sudeten German corporations. Also included are securities issued by corporations or the former governments of Hungary, Yugoslavia, Romania and Bulgaria. The great majority of the securities were issued in countries which are now under Soviet domination and are therefore of extremely doubtful value. There are over 1,600 individual deposits of blocks of shares and bonds involved.

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For your information.

JOSEPH R. GROVES  
Lt Colonel GSC  
Act. D/USACA

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3 From D/USACA

What do these include?

/s/ D

4 D/USACA RD&R 21 Mar 1949

For compliance with Minute 3.

FOR THE DIRECTOR USACA:

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DAILY BRIEFING NOTE -- Release of Certain Blocked Securities

1 Chief, Dir 11 March 1. U.S. Military Government  
 RD&R Div USACA 1949 Decrees No. 4 and No. 11 directed that:

"All securities, including Reich Government securities, and other evidences of ownership in Austria if expressed in a currency other than Austrian currency \_\_\_\_\_" be registered with, delivered to and blocked by the Branches of the Austrian National Bank in Linz and Salzburg.

2. Decree No. 12, which superseded Decrees No 4 and No. 11 and became effective on 25 July 1948, provided that such properties;

"shall not be acquired or disposed of without special written authority of U.S. Military Government."

3. WX-89482 from CSCAD, Washington, directed that these securities (i.e., those expressed in a currency other than Austrian) be released, with the exception of those in which there appears to be German ownership or beneficial interest.

4. Upon receipt of this cable an investigation of the present status of these securities was made by this Division, and conferences were held with the Finance Division as well as with representatives of the Ministry for Property Control and Economic Planning, the Finance Ministry and the Austrian National Bank for the purpose of determining the most feasible method of releasing such of these securities as were not German owned while retaining control of those which were German owned. As a result of these conferences it was agreed that the Austrian Government would not release from control and would take the responsibility for identifying those securities in which there appears to be a German ownership or beneficial interest.

5. Pursuant to the above-mentioned cable this Division has, therefore, released these securities from the provisions of Decree No. 12, except those in which there is a German interest, as per the attached letter. Finance Division has concurred.

1 Incl.  
 Ltr this Div to Fed Min  
 dtd 8 March 1949

/s/ JAMES A. GARRISON  
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List of Claims for Restitution of Currencies, Accounts & Securities. *R.P. Lee*

- 1 Acting Deputy 23 July  
 Chief Director 1948  
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1. One of the current and important restitution problems is the disposition of looted currencies, accounts and securities. While a resolution of this particular restitution problem is most urgent, there is as yet no directive from Washington covering this phase of the U.S. restitution policy.
2. The inclosure to the attached draft letter (Incl. #1) to the Department of the Army is an inventory of the foreign currencies, accounts and securities under U.S. control, in accordance with the provisions of Military Government Decree No. 3. Included also in this inventory is a list of the claims filed with this Headquarters by foreign nations, including ex-enemy nations, for restitution of currencies, accounts and securities.
3. The compiled data are essential information required by Washington for the preparation of a directive on the disposition of looted securities (See Incl. #2).
4. The attached draft letter on subject matter with inclosure is recommended for approval and dispatch to the Department of the Army.

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1. Draft ltr to Dept of Army with incl
2. Cy of extract fr ltr fr Gen. Nee to Gen. Keyes

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HEADQUARTERS  
 UNITED STATES FORCES IN AUSTRIA  
 APO 777, U.S. ARMY

SUBJECT: List of Claims for Restitution of Currencies, Accounts  
 and Securities

TO : Civil Affairs Division  
 Department of the Army  
 Washington 25, D. C.

1. Reference is made to par. 1, page 3 of letter from General Noce to General Keyes dated 27 May 1948 pertaining to above subject matter.
2. Inclosed for your information is a summary list of all foreign currencies, accounts and securities which have been claimed by foreign nations, including the ex-enemy nations. The list also enumerates all foreign currencies, accounts and securities held under control in the U.S. Zone of Austria by the Property Control and Restitution Section, RIGR Division, under Military Government Decree #9.
3. Consolidated lists of securities which would form the basis for a claim for restitution of securities presumed to be located in Austria have not been received by this Headquarters from any nation.
4. The inclosure does not include the summary inventory of securities now blocked in Salzburg and Linz under Military Government Decree #12, Foreign Exchange Control. A list of these securities was submitted to your office in November 1947.
5. No agreement has been reached in the RIGR Directorate for the disposition of currencies and securities in the International Zone of Vienna, but discussions on subject matter are continuing.
6. Since the problem of restitution of securities becomes more urgent and a considerable burden is placed on banks and security holders due to the blocking of these securities in the U.S. Zone, a decision as to the disposition of these assets should be reached soon.

1 Incl.:  
 Summary list of  
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EXTRACT FROM LETTER FROM GENERAL NOCE TO GENERAL KEYES  
Dated 27 May 1948

"The directive mentioned above does not encompass either securities or currencies, inasmuch as insufficient information is available in Washington to make an adequate study of their disposition. This was discussed with Mr. Garrison, of your headquarters, who agreed to furnish us as soon as possible with an inventory of the currencies on hand, and as much information as possible concerning circumstances of the acquisition of these currencies. We already have necessary inventories on securities, but have no information as to the number of restitution claims filed with U.S. authorities for securities, nor information as to who filed them. Garrison was also requested to supply this information which he agreed to do. As soon as he has completed the studies on these two items, and gets the information to us, we can get to work on it. In connection with Garrison's study on the securities, we would also appreciate information as to what arrangements have been made for the disposition of securities in the International Zone of Vienna".

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Claimant Government	List No. (USFA Claim or FC No.)	Foreign List No.	Date Received	Type of Property	Claimed Location	Actual Location	Estimated Value	Disposition	Perpetrated Country	Remarks
Czechoslovakia	USFA-Czech Claim #363	#3627/47	19 June 47	Cases of gold and silver	Dr. Rudolf Elstner, Bad-Hall	(See preceding column)	-	Investigation in progress	Not Indicated	Property was removed in March 1945 from Glanoutz, Czechoslovakia to Bad-Hall, Austria by Dr. R. ELSTNER, an active Nazi Party member.
	<i>Not found claim dropped.</i>									
Hungary	USFA-Hungarian Claim #127 FC File #4,30015a	#487, 1019	28 Oct 46	10,944.4 kg fine gold in 2 boxes 119.618 kg fine silver in 9 boxes	US Property Control, Section Salzburg, Austria	Austrian National Bank	-	No action. Under custody of Mil. Govt. Control Section, Salzburg	Hungaria Chemische & Huettten Werke, A.G., Budapest Hungary	Property had been stored in Wolf Stollen near HALLEIN. Had been de- to General Direktion of Alpenland Salinon by the Ebenacer Selvay-Ne Property had been removed for selling from Hungary by President of Hungarian Chemische & Huettten Wer FARAGO. Serious doubts as to true ship.
Hungary	USFA-Hungarian Claim #168 FC File #34,3003, 34,3005a	Not indicated	Nov 46	29,048 Hungarian Pengo 990. -Denmark Crowns	Not indicated	US-Austrian Currency-Control Section, Salzburg	-	No action	Dr. Zoltan Jarensky	Property was confiscated from Jarensky, ex-Hungarian Army Officer residing at the time in KASSAU Austria.
Hungary	USFA-Hungarian Claim #168 FC File #34,3003-11	Not indicated	Nov 46	149,260. -Hungarian Pengo (non-legal paper) 34,457. -RM (legal paper) 4.05 RM (taken legal)	Not indicated	Same as above	-	No action	Hungarian Consulate, Vienna	
Hungary	FC File #34,3006a			959.433 Dollars (paper) 2. -Canadian Dollars (paper)	Not indicated	Same as above	-	No action	Liquidation Office of former Hungarian Legation	Property voluntarily turned over by Hungarian Consul General and Chief, Liquidation Office of former Hungarian Legation in Bad-Gastein, to Salzburger Sparkasse, Branch Office, Bad-Gastein. According to info from Dr. Bekassy, money is partly Hungarian State Property (Hungarian Legations at Berlin, Bratislava), and partly private property of Legation members.
Hungary				34,050. -Austrian Schillings 11.71 Austrian Schillings		Account #9016 Bank for Upper Austria and Salzburg, Austria	-	No Action Account blocked	Same as above	Same as Above
Hungary				3,000. -Czech		National Bank	-	Same as	Same as	Same as above

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Item	List No. (USFA Claim or FC No.)	Foreign List No.	Date Received	Type of Property	Claimed Location	Actual Location	Estimated Value	Disposition	Purported Owner	Remarks
	(Continued from Page 1)			48,269.-Slovakian Crowns 0.60 Czech Crowns  226,079.66 Hungarian Pengo	Not indicated	US-Austrian Currency-Control Section, Salzburg, Austria  Same as above	-	No action	Same as on Page 1	Same as on Page 1
Property	USFA-Hungarian Claim #168		Nov 46	220,000.-RM (later converted into Austrian Schillings), 26,477. RM; 260 Hung. Pengo	Not indicated	US Mil. Govt., Salzburg, Austria	-	Taken under control 23 June 45	Hungarian Consulate General, Vienna	The sum of 220,000.-RM was received 29 June 45 from Director of Hungarian Consulate General in Vienna. Mr. J. TOMAS-VARY.
Property	FC File #7.99103a			1 bond #6379 82 4,800 Crowns, 4 1/2 Hungarian with coupons. 70 shares 200.- Pengo Hungarian dated 30 Apr 26 with coupons. 15 warrants of indebtedness, 25 "Kai Zernatono Torlessiens Fozsone" Hungarian 1 Feb 44, denomination, "10 q huzo" 1 blank check, Hungarian (30¢) signed "Teran Es Kosztin Testvor" (200 marked in ink over 5,000.)		US-Austrian Currency-Control Section, Salzburg, Austria	-	No action	German Secret Service, Leitstelle II, "Sudost."	
Property	USFA-Hungarian Claim #236 FCN File R. 527/01195	Hungarian List #1244	4 Mar 47	Iron box containing the following currencies: 439.-Romanian Lei (paper) 2.-Russian silver Peltnik 6,587.-Polish Sloty (paper) 1,200.-Ukrainian Karbovance (paper) 3,014.50.-RM (paper) 4,760.-Serbian Dinara (paper) 11.-Russian Ruble	Andreas Zimmer Haus 17, Gmab near Salzburg	Property Control Section, Salzburg, Austria	-	No action. Under Property Control, Salzburg, Austria	Hungarian State	Former EMER stated a Hungarian, name unknown, left property in iron case with him in 1944 and returned to Hungary in 1945; he never returned to get the case.

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Claimant Government	List No. (USFA Claim or FC No.)	Foreign List No.	Date Received	Type of Property	Claimed Location	Actual Location	Estimated Value	Disposition	Purported Owner	Remarks
Poland	USFA-Polish Claim #182	AA-254-a	19 Feb 48	22,646.- Austrian Schillings	Mr. Gustav Höfer Wegscheid 7, Linz, Austria	(See preceding column)	22,646.- Austrian Schillings	No action	Zygn. HANLOK 9-CY Rydzankiego 98 Szwajc. Poland (Individual nationals in Poland)	Amount realized from sale of Polish property by Austrian firm G. HUKO WIECKY & Co. Letter from Chief Polish Restitution Mission of June 48 informs agreement had reached with WROSCHELTER-PASCH b.H., Lina-Wegscheid 217 and therefore requests that claim dropped.
Poland	USFA-Polish Claim #202	AA-354	21 Apr 48	Foreign currencies in the equivalent of RM 3,993, 264.27. Foreign bills of exchange in the equivalent of RM 511,470.81. This includes US \$950,000; Sw. Frs. 130,000; Pounds Sterling 15,000	Not specified	Not located	(See column 5)	No action	Individual nationals in Poland	A summary claim for currency, utilities, and accounts, looted Germans during occupation.
Poland	USFA-Polish Claim #173	AA-327	23 Dec 47	RM 968,500.- bills of exchange	Austrian-National Bank Branch, Salzburg, Salzburg	-	-	Custodianship	Bank Gospodarst-wo-rojowego (BGR), Warsaw, Poland	Property was moved to Salzburg reasons of safety. Austrian BGR willing to retribute.
Poland	USFA-Polish Claim #112	AA-184	12 Feb 47	Austrian Schillings	Kreditanstalt-Wiener Bankverein, Branch Salzburg, Schwarza gasse 5	(Same as preceding column)	304,049 and 235,295.95 Austrian Schillings	No action. Account blocked	(See remarks)	ALEXANDROWICZ-SOHN: Sch. 15,400.- W.F.K. KIESEL: " 185,803.- LILIANE KIESEL: " 103,110.- Total " 304,049.- and for R. Aleksandrowicz Schillings 235,295.95
Poland	USFA-Polish Claim #119	#256	2 Jan 47	Austrian Schillings	Lambacher Sparkasse, Lambach, Upper Austria	(See preceding column)	98,850.- Austrian Schillings	No action. Account blocked	Polish industrial firm under German trusteeship known as WERNEKES GENERAL GOVERNMENTS	Sum was deposited in Austria by Herr WEICHMANN of Krakow MOSCICE
Poland	USFA-Polish Claim #141	AA-328	18 July 47	92.5 kg Polish silver-coins	Property Control Landhaus, Linz, Austria	Property Control Landhaus	-	No action	Unknown	

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HEADQUARTERS - UNITED STATES FORCES IN AUSTRIA  
USACA SECTION - REPARATIONS, DELIVERIES AND RESTITUTION DIVISION

LIST OF FOREIGN CURRENCIES, ACCOUNTS, AND SECURITIES UNDER U.S. CUSTODY

As of 1 July 1948

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Claimant Government	List No. (USFA claim or FC No.)	Foreign List No.	Date Received	Type of Property	Claimed Location	Actual Location	Estimated Value	Disposition	Surported Owner	Remarks
U.S.A.	USFA-U.S.A. Claim #22	-	29 Jan 47	Gold coins and medals collection	Not indicated	Not located	-	No action	Mr. & Mrs. Julius and Greta Rulton	Owners formerly German nationals, before 1st Germany beginning 39, had to deposit claimed property at Deutsche Bank, Branch Frankfurt against receipt #10515; Nazi seized collection Apr 40 and sent it to Städtische Pfandleihan Abt. III Zentralstelle, Berlin No. 55.
U.S.S.R.	USFA-USSR Claim #17	#271	23 June 47	Rubles 16,770.-	Red-Aussas at premises of former Fascist Govts of Slovakia and Rumania	Spartaco Red-Aussas Austria	-	Under control. Blocked account. Mr. Karl KLIMENTZ of Spartaco, Red-Aussas appointed custodian	Not indicated	
Yugo-slovia	USFA-Yugo Claim #165	#96	22 Aug 47	Austrian Schillings	Salzburger Spartaco & Salzburger Kredit and Wechselbank	(See preceding column)	Austrian Schillings 250,000.-	Account blocked by Mil. Govt.	Yugoslav State	Allegedly representing funds of former Yugoslav Government and given to community of St. 311 by Croatian war criminal, Dr. TUKIHO.
Hungary	USFA-Hungary Claim #7 P.O. file #04,0001 L4	#18-23	9 May 46	Securities etc. in custody of National Bank of Hungary located at Spital am Pyhrn. (See Remarks Column)	Spital am Pyhrn	Spital am Pyhrn, Land Upper Austria	Not known	Under control. Account blocked.	Hungarian National Bank as trustee for depositors	Summary list of values in custody of National Bank of Hungary, located at Spital am Pyhrn: 1) 122 cases containing securities, (stocks, bonds, and other actions) referring mostly to Hungarian interests. 2) 1 case containing Slovakian Crown banknotes Kcs 3,852,950; Czechoslovakian Crown banknotes Kcs 10,116,686 3) 1 parcel containing 7 envelopes of miscellaneous foreign currencies deposited by the Hungarian Public Prosecutor 4) 1 envelope containing Slovakian Crowns 70.- 5) 1 envelope containing Croatian Kuna 1.100; and Dinar 710.- 6) 1 case containing Dinar 8,458,000 banknotes Kuna 9,079,960 Leu 7,319,000 Swiss francs 500 7) 205 satillings 15.933.94 each holding 8) 205 cases containing damaged and now worthless foreign banknotes

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Release of securities, currencies and Bank Accounts as Directed  
by WX 89482.

1. Head 12 Oct  
RAR Br FC Br 1948  
GIAU  
GEA Br

1. In compliance with WX 89482 the restitution question as regards securities (lists attached), bank accounts and currencies has been under study by this branch with the following results:

SECURITIES- a. It has been decided that this office has no interest in the securities as per attached \* List No. I for restitution and hence finds no objection to the immediate release of same to the Austrian Government.

b. It is requested that the securities as per List No. II for which restitution claims have been received from non-United Nations countries be turned over to the Austrian Government for disposition. This office is acquainting the Missions with this release.

c. No securities are recommended for release to IRO as far as this office is concerned.

d. Segregation of those securities of German ownership or of German beneficial interest is considered a matter pertaining to the GEA Branch.

BANK ACCOUNTS- a. This office has bank accounts according to the attached List No. III under restitution claims. It is requested that these be released to the Austrian Government. We will inform the Missions concerned of this action.

b. Segregation of those bank accounts under German ownership with German beneficial interest is considered a matter pertaining to the GEA Branch.

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Release of securities, currencies and Bank Accounts as Directed  
by WX 89482 continued.

CURRENCIES- a. This office will accomplish the restitution of currencies under claim as per attached List No. IV.

b. Currencies under restitution claim of a non-United Nations country are indicated on the attached List No. V. It is requested that these be turned over to the Austrian Government for disposition. This office will notify the Missions concerned.

c. No currencies are recommended for release to IRO as far as this Branch is concerned.

d. Segregation of those currencies of German ownership or with German beneficial interest is considered a matter pertaining to the CPA Branch.

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W.R. Lockley/ak

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Osterreichische Nationalbank, Salzburg

Allgemeine Sparkasse in Linz

Oberosterreichische Landes-Hypothekenanstalt

Länderbank Wien Aktiengesellschaft, Filiale Linz

Creditanstalt-Bankverein Filiale Linz

Oberösterr. Volkskredit Bauern-u. Gewerbebank  
F.G.m.b.H. Linz a.d.D.

Osterreichische Nationalbank, Zweigenstalt Linz

Hypotheken-und Credit-Institut Aktiengesellschaft  
Zweigniederlassung, Linz (Donau) Landstr.55

Bank für Oberösterreich und Salzburg, Linz

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LIST NO. II

OF BLOCKED SECURITIES UNDER RESTITUTION CLAIM  
FROM NON-UNITED NATIONS COUNTRIES

Claimant Government	List No. (USFA Claim or PC No.)	Foreign List No.	Type of Property	Claimed Location	Actual Location	Perpetrated Owner	Remarks
Hungary	PC File #7.30109a		<p>1 bond #6379 \$2 4,800 Crowns, 4 1/2 Hungarian with coupons.</p> <p>70 shares 200.- Pengő Hungarian dated 30 Apr 26 with coupons.</p> <p>16 warrants of indebtedness. 2% "Kal Kernatezo Terleszeses Koszone" Hungarian 1 Feb 44, denomination, "10 q buza" 1 blank check Hungarian (30f) signed "Terna Es Kosztin Testver" (200 marked in ink over 5,000.)</p>		US-Austrian Currency-Control Section, Salz- burg, Austria	German Secret Service, Leit- stelle II, "Sudost"	
Hungary	USFA-Hungary Claim #7 P.C. file #04.0001 14	#18-23	Securities etc. in custody of National Bank of Hungary lo- cated at Spital an Pyhra. (See remarks Column)	Spital an Pyhra	Spital an Pyhra Land Upper Austria	Hungarian National Bank as trustee for depositors	122 cases containing securities per list attached

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BANK ACCOUNTS

(Austrian Schillings)

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Claimant Government	List No. (USFA Claim or PC No.)	Foreign List No.	Type of Property	Claimed Location	Actual Location	Perpetrated Owner
Hungary			34,050.- Austrian Schillings 11.71 Austrian Schillings		Account #9016 Bank for Upper Austria and Salzburg, Austria	Liquidation Office of former Hungarian Legation
Hungary	USFA-Hungarian Claim #168		220,000.-RM (later converted into Austrian Schillings); 26,477 RM, 260 Hung.Pengs	Not indicated	US Mil. Govt., Salzburg, Austria	Hungarian Consulate General, Vienna
Poland	USFA-Polish Claim #112	AA-184	Austrian Schillings	Kreditanstalt-Wiener Bankverein, Branch Salzburg, Schwarzstrasse 5	Austrian National Bank Branch, Salzburg, Salzburg	Alexandrowicz-Sons W.F.K. Kiesel Liene Kiesel
Poland	USFA-Polish Claim #113	#256	Austrian Schillings	Lambacher Sparkasse, Lambach Upper Austria	(See preceding column)	Polish industrial firm under German trusteeship known as Werke des General Governments
Yugoslavia	USFA-Yugo Claim #165	#96	Austrian Schillings	Salzburger Sparkasse & Salzburger Kredit und Wechselbank	Sparkasse Bad Aussee Austria	Yugoslav State

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LIST NO. IV

OF CURRENCIES TO BE RESTITUTED

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Claimant Government	List No. (USFA Claim or PC No.)	Foreign List No.	Type of Property	Claimed Location	Actual Location	Purported Owner
Poland	USFA-Polish Claim #141	AA-328	92.5 kg Polish silver-coins	Property Control Landhaus, Linz Upper Austria	Property Control, Linz, Landhaus	Unknown
Poland	USFA-Polish Claim #142	AA-329	650.- Polish złoty	Finance Section, Zone Command, Salzburg, Austria	Finance Section, Zone Command, Salzburg, Austria	Not indicated
U.S.S.R.	USFA-USSR Claim #17	#271	46,770.- Rubles	Bed Aussee at premises of former Fascist Corps of Slovakia and Rumania	Sporkasse Bed Aussee Austria	Not indicated

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CURRENCIES OF NON-UNITED NATIONS COUNTRIES  
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Claimant Government	List No. (USFA Claim or PC No.)	Foreign List No.	Type of Property	Claimed Location	Actual Location	Perpetrated Owner
Hungary	USFA-Hungarian Claim #127 PC File #A.30019a	#AVE 1019	10,844.4 kg fine gold in 2 boxes 119,818 kg fine silver in 9 boxes	US Property Control Section Salzburg, Austria	Austrian National Bank	Hungaria Chemische & Metallwerke, A.G. Budapest, Hungary
Hungary	USFA-Hungarian Claim #168 PC File #A.3003, #A.3005 Sa	Not indicated	19,040 Hungarian Pengo 990 Danish Crowns	Not indicated	US-Austrian Currency-Control Section, Salzburg	Dr. Zoltan Szrensky
Hungary	USFA-Hungarian Claim #168 PC File #A.3003 11	Not indicated	119,260 Hungarian Pengo (non-legal paper) 34,457 FM (legal paper) 4.05 FM (taken legal)	Not indicated	US-Austrian Currency-Control Section, Salzburg	Hungarian Consulate Vienna
Hungary	PC File #A.3006Sa		953.- US Dollars (paper) 2.- Canadian (Dollars paper)	Not indicated	Same as above	Liquidation Office of former Hungarian Legation
Hungary			3,000 Czech Crowns, Share of State Loan at 4 1/2%		National Bank of Salzburg, Austria	Same as above

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Claimant Government	List No. (USFA Claim or FC No.)	Foreign List No.	Type of Property	Claimed Location	Actual Location	Purported Owner
	(Continued from Page 1)		48,269 Slovakian Crowns 0.60 Czech Crowns	Not indicated	US-Austrian Currency-Control Section, Salzburg, Austria	Liquidation Office of former Hungarian Legation
Hungary	USFA-Hungarian Claim #836 PC&A File # 527/01135	Hungarian List #1244	Iron bar containing the following currencies: 499 Rumanian Lei (Paper) 2 Ruedan silver Peltinik 6,587 Polish Glety (paper) 1,200 Ukrainian Karbovanec (paper) 3,014.50 RM (paper) 4,760 Serbian Dinars (paper) 11 Russian Ruble (paper) 251 Hungarian Pengo (paper) 74.96 Hungarian Pengo (coins)		Property Control Section, Salzburg, Austria	Hungarian State

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Claimant Government	List No. (USFA Claim or FC No.)	Foreign list No.	Type of Property	Claimed Location	Actual Location	Purported Owner
Hungary	USFA-Hungary Claim No. 7 FC File No. 04-0001 1A	No. 15-23	1 case containing Slovenian Crowns Banknotes No: 3,852,360; Croatian Crown Banknotes No: 10,116,686	Split a. Rybn	Split a. Rybn Lond. Honor ALGERIA	Hungarian National Bank as trustee for depositors
			1 parcel containing 7 envelopes of miscellaneous foreign currencies deposited by the Hungarian Public Prosecutor			
			1 envelope containing Slovenian Crowns 70.-			
			1 envelope containing Croatian Kuna 1,100; and Dinar 710.-			
			1 case containing Dinar 8,458,000 banknotes			
			Kuna 3,073,960			
			Lei 7,315,000			
			Swiss francs 500			
			Schillings 15,333.94 cash holding			
			205 cases containing damaged and now worthless Pungo banknotes;			
			335,100 banknotes at P 1000 ea P 335,100,000.-			
			235,000 " at P 100 ea P 23,500,000.-			
			56,000 " at P 20 ea P 1,120,000.-			
			2,450,000 " at P 10 ea P 24,500,000.-			
			751,000 " at P 5 ea P 3,755,000.-			
			Total P 37,970,000.-			

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Osterreichische Nationalbank, Salzburg  
Allgemeine Sparkasse in Linz  
Oberösterreichische Landes-Hypothekenanstalt  
Länderbank Wien Aktiengesellschaft, Filiale Linz  
Creditanstalt-Bankverein Filiale Linz  
Oberösterr. Volkskredit Bauern-u. Gewerbebank  
r.G.m.b.H. Linz a.d.D.  
Osterreichische Nationalbank, Zweiganstalt Linz  
Hypotheken-und Credit-Institut Aktiengesellschaft  
Zweigniederlassung: Linz (Donau) Landstr.55  
Bank für Oberösterreich und Salzburg, Linz

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LIST NO. II

OF BLOCKED SECURITIES UNDER RESTITUTION CLAIM  
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Box 155Spital am Pyhrn,  
Bezirk Kirchdorf,  
Upper Austria.  
July 24, 1948.NATIONAL BANK OF HUNGARY  
The Administrator under  
US M.C. /Property Control/  
Property Serial No. 04.0001.Ki.SUBJECT: Report on Securities kept by the National Bank  
of Hungary at Spital am Pyhrn.TO: Commanding General,  
7831, Land Upper Austria, Area Command,  
APO 174, US Army,Attention: 4-5 Property Control,  
Mr. McKenzie, Chief of PCR Section.LENZ a. D.

1. Pursuant to verbal instructions received by telephone I beg to submit /in five copies/ the list of securities kept by the National Bank of Hungary located at Spital am Pyhrn.
2. The lists were drawn in accordance with those originally submitted to your Office and through it to HQ USFA, USACA Section, R.D. & R. Division and in accordance with the subdivision of the various types of deposits as originally kept on record by the National Bank of Hungary at Budapest. Consequently, for clearer understanding, I beg to submit the following explanatory comments to the lists:
  - List A./ "DEPOSITS IN MANIPULATION" represents regular Customers' deposits administered by the National Bank of Hungary within its regular banking business;
  - List B./ "CAUTION OF PAYING AGENCIES" represents deposits of the provincial paying agencies of the National Bank of Hungary to guarantee the payment of their commitments incurred towards the National Bank of Hungary in the course of collecting monies for the National Bank of Hungary; /corresponds to caution monies/;
  - List C./ "STANDSTILL DEPOSITS" represents deposits of Hungarian debtors as collateral for their liabilities abroad;
  - List D./ "BLOCKED DEPOSITS" represents securities owned by foreign holders and which, under the foreign exchange regulations introduced in 1931, had to be kept on blocked deposit;
  - List E./ "PENSION FUND OF THE NATIONAL BANK OF HUNGARY" represents securities owned by said Pension Fund;
  - List F./ "MISCELLANEOUS DEPOSITS" represents deposits of owners who for reasons of decease or else could not be traced for some time past;
  - List G./ "NICOLAS MONTHY JUBILEE FOUNDATION" represents securities owned by said cultural foundation and administered by the National Bank of Hungary;
  - List H./ "BOEKARD LOUIS" represents securities deposited by clients as collateral for advances granted to them by the National Bank of Hungary;

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- List I./ "NATIONAL BANK OF HUNGARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY DEPOSITS AT THE NATIONAL BANK OF HUN/GARY" represents shares in the National Bank of Hungary deposited by their owners for the purpose of securing their right to take part in the General Assembly of Bank's shareholders;
- List J./ "CASH FOR FOREIGN CREDITS DEPOSITS" represents Hungarian Government Treasury Bills against which the Hungarian Government borrowed the funds paid into the Cash by Hungarian Debtors on foreign loans which funds, owing to the shortage of foreign exchange, could not be transferred to the foreign creditors;
- List K./ "DEPOSITS IN CUSTODY" represents ordinary safe deposits of clients; these safe deposits were opened and recorded by me in the course of the look of listing in numerical list the securities kept here;
- List L./ "DEPOSIT OF THE PAPER FACTORY OF DIÓSCYÓR" represents shares in said factory which under a special contract had manufactured the banknote printing paper for the National Bank of Hungary and the administration of which was under the control of the National Bank of Hungary;
- List M./ "GUARANTEE DEPOSITS OF TENEMENT HOUSES OF THE PENSION FUND OF THE NATIONAL BANK OF HUNGARY" represents caution deposits of leasees in said houses;
- List N./ "NATIONAL BANK OF HUNGARY BRANCH'S DEPOSITS" represents securities deposited by clients with provincial branches of the National Bank of Hungary;
- List O./ "THE EVACUATED ASSETS OF THE NATIONAL BANK OF YUGOSLAVIA" represents assets of said Bank evacuated by it to Hungary in April 1941 at the occasion of the invasion by the Germans of Yugoslavia;
- List P./ "HUNGARIAN FINANCE MINISTRY, CAUTION DEPOSITS FOR SUGAR-TAX" represents deposits made by the Hungarian sugar factories to ensure the payment by them of the sugar tax;
- List Q./ "HUNGARIAN FINANCE MINISTRY, NATIONAL BANK OF HUNGARY SHARES" represents shares in the National Bank of Hungary owned by the Hungarian Government;
- List R./ "HUNGARIAN FINANCE MINISTRY, REPURCHASED HUNGARIAN SHARES" represents shares in various Hungarian companies owned by nationals of countries occupied by Germany in 1939-1945 and sold by the German Government to the Hungarian Government during the years 1943/44; These securities do not figure on the original records of the National Bank of Hungary, nor on any previous reports as they had been deposited with the Bank during the last days of its evacuation to Austria and I have established their existence in the course of the work of listing in numerical lists the securities kept here;
- List S./ "SECURITIES IN THE CHEST NOS 23 and 24" represents securities issued prior to 1920 and which, owing to the depreciation of the former Hungarian /or Austrian/ currency had lost their value. As these securities owned by various depositors figure on the original ledger of the National Bank of Hungary, the list has been enclosed hereto, it is pointed out, however, that those securities themselves had not brought to Spital an Pyhrn, but left at Budapest in December 1944. *been*

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3. Any changes that, since May 1945, have occurred within the stock of securities of any individual type of deposits have been marked by asterics and footnotes in red ink on the lists themselves. The lists thus marked are those bearing the Mark A./ pages 2, 4, 6, 7, 9 and 10 and D./ page 21.



NATIONAL BANK OF HUNGARY  
THE ADMINISTRATOR UNDER  
US M.G. /PROPERTY CONTROL/

*Richard Quandt*  
RICHARD QUANDT  
General Manager /ret'd./ of  
the National Bank of Hungary

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