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**SUMMARY OF APPLICATIONS FOR RELEASE
AS REQUESTED BY FEDERAL
BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

| Country of Origin | PENDING DEC. 19, 1948 | | ORIGINAL ACTION DURING FILED | | No. |
|--|-----------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|----------|
| | No. | Amount | No. | Amount | |
| EUROPE AND AFRICA | | | | | |
| Belgium | 3 | \$ 1,511 | | | |
| Cape Verde Islands | | | | | |
| England | 1 | 470 | | | |
| France | 14 | 9,562 | 1 | \$ 180 | |
| Germany | 1 | 188 | | | |
| Hungary | | | | | |
| Italy | | | | | |
| Liberia | 3 | 1,711 | 1 | 100 | 1 |
| Portugal | 9 | 19,889 | 6 | 1,997 | |
| Portuguese East Africa | 1 | 11 | | | |
| Rhodesia, North | 1 | 110 | | | 1 |
| Rhodesia, South | 1 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 1 |
| Roumania | | | | | |
| Spain | 1 | 250 | | | |
| Switzerland | 7 | 18,778 | 3 | 657 | 1 |
| Turkey | 3 | 1,145 | | | |
| U.S.S.R. | 1 | 4,958 | | | |
| Total | 48 | \$54,870 | 12 | \$2,919 | 3 |
| ASIA AND AUSTRALIA | | | | | |
| Burma | | | | | |
| China | 3 | \$ 717 | | | 1 |
| India | 3 | 325 | | | |
| Iraq | | | | | |
| Straits Settlements | | | | | |
| Total | 6 | \$1,042 | | | 1 |
| THE AMERICAS (USING U.S. DOLLARS) | | | | | |
| Canal Zone | | | 1 | \$ 88 | 1 |
| Cuba | 51 | \$ 14,007 | 5 | 3,162 | 1 |
| Dominican Republic | 1 | 100,000 | 1 | 10 | 1 |
| El Salvador | 3 | 2,255 | | | |
| Honduras | | | 2 | 180,077 | |
| Neth.W. Indies - Aruba | 1 | 510 | | | 1 |
| Nicaragua | 1 | 49 | 1 | 655 | 1 |
| Panama | | | | | |
| Porto Rico | 1 | 120 | | | |
| Virgin Islands | 1 | | 1 | 350 | |
| Total | 59 | \$120,972 | 9 | \$184,022 | 3 |

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UNITED STATES CURRENCY BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN
 \$ DATES, FOR THE PERIOD
 10, 1942
 (cont.)

| APPLICATIONS PER ENDED DECEMBER 10, 1942 | | | | PROPOSED APPLICATIONS PENDING DEC. 10, 1942 SEE SCHEDULE "A" | | TOTAL PENDING DECEMBER 10, 1942 | |
|---|---------|-----------------------|-----------|--|----------|------------------------------------|-----------|
| DENIED | | PENDING DEC. 10, 1942 | | | | | |
| No. | Amount | No. | Amount | No. | Amount | No. | Amount |
| | | 2 | \$ 1,511 | 1 | \$ 490 | 3 | \$ 1,901 |
| | | 1 | 470 | 1 | 535 | 2 | 535 |
| 1 | \$ 433 | 14 | 9,508 | 15 | 31,048 | 37 | 41,551 |
| | | 1 | 125 | 1 | 700 | 2 | 825 |
| | | | | 2 | 2,040 | 2 | 2,040 |
| | | | | 2 | 795 | 2 | 795 |
| 11 | | 1 | 1,000 | | | 1 | 1,000 |
| 3 | 1,227 | 12 | 20,629 | 16 | 20,575 | 28 | 41,204 |
| | | 1 | 11 | | | 1 | 11 |
| 10 | | | | | | | |
| 8 | | 5 | 9,520 | 5 | 9,520 | 10 | 9,520 |
| | | 1 | 250 | | | 1 | 250 |
| 10 | | 6 | 16,150 | 6 | 7,907 | 12 | 23,957 |
| | | 1 | 105 | | | 1 | 105 |
| | | 1 | 1,045 | 1 | 350 | 2 | 450 |
| | | 1 | 4,555 | 1 | 500 | 2 | 4,555 |
| 16 | \$2,911 | 43 | \$23,572 | 47 | \$25,064 | 60 | \$27,436 |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | 2 | \$ 124 | 2 | \$ 124 |
| | | 1 | \$ 700 | 1 | 700 | 2 | 700 |
| | | 2 | 325 | 2 | 325 | 4 | 325 |
| | | | | 1 | 699 | 1 | 699 |
| | | | | 1 | 500 | 1 | 500 |
| | | 5 | \$1,025 | 6 | \$1,725 | 7 | \$2,745 |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | 35 | \$ 27,000 | 7 | \$4,255 | 40 | \$ 31,255 |
| | | 1 | 100,000 | | | 1 | 100,000 |
| | | 3 | 6,255 | | | 3 | 6,255 |
| | | 3 | 160,077 | | | 3 | 160,077 |
| | | 1 | 40 | | | 1 | 40 |
| | | 1 | 160 | 1 | 16 | 2 | 160 |
| | | 1 | 354 | | | 1 | 354 |
| | | 42 | \$208,938 | 8 | \$4,251 | 50 | \$213,189 |

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SUMMARY OF APPLICATIONS FOR RELEASE OF UNITS
 AS REPORTED BY FEDERAL RESERVE
 ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1946
 (Amounts in U.S. Dollars)

| Country of Origin | PENDING DEC. 31, 1946 | | APPROVED | | TOTAL | |
|--|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------------|------------|--------------------|
| | No. | Amount | No. | Amount | No. | Amount |
| THE AMERICAS (NOT USING U.S. DOLLARS) | | | | | | |
| Argentina | 10 | 30,000 | 2 | 1,000 | 12 | 31,000 |
| Bolivia | 1 | 500 | 1 | 500 | 2 | 1,000 |
| Brazil | 20 | 700,000 | 4 | 27,411 | 24 | 727,411 |
| British West Indies | 10 | 10,000 | 10 | 700 | 20 | 10,700 |
| Chile | 1 | 100,000 | 1 | 100,000 | 2 | 200,000 |
| Colombia | 1 | 5,000 | 1 | 5,000 | 2 | 10,000 |
| Cuba | 1 | 500 | 1 | 500 | 2 | 1,000 |
| Guatemala | 1 | 500 | 1 | 500 | 2 | 1,000 |
| Haiti | 1 | 500 | 1 | 500 | 2 | 1,000 |
| Mexico | 170 | 600,000 | 10 | 5,750 | 180 | 605,750 |
| Nicaragua | 1 | 500 | 1 | 500 | 2 | 1,000 |
| Panama | 1 | 500 | 1 | 500 | 2 | 1,000 |
| Paraguay | 1 | 500 | 1 | 500 | 2 | 1,000 |
| Peru | 1 | 500 | 1 | 500 | 2 | 1,000 |
| Uruguay | 1 | 500 | 1 | 500 | 2 | 1,000 |
| Venezuela | 1 | 500 | 1 | 500 | 2 | 1,000 |
| Total | 260 | \$2,052,100 | 66 | \$40,407 | 326 | \$2,092,507 |
| Total Americas | 260 | \$2,052,100 | 66 | \$40,407 | 326 | \$2,092,507 |

| | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|--------------|---------------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| EUROPEAN COUNTRIES | | | | | | |
| Off Ship | 10 | 2,000 | 20 | 20,000 | 30 | 22,000 |
| On Ship | 10 | 2,000 | 1 | 100 | 11 | 2,100 |
| Off Ship | 10 | 2,000 | 1 | 100 | 11 | 2,100 |
| Total | 20 | \$4,000 | 21 | \$20,100 | 41 | \$24,100 |
| GRAND TOTAL | 270 | \$2,056,100 | 106 | \$60,507 | 376 | \$2,116,607 |
| CUMULATIVE TOTAL | 1,170 | \$10,000,000 | 3706 | \$10,000,000 | 4876 | \$10,000,000 |

Summary of December 31 showed 21 applications pending on Brazil; should have been 20 applications.
 Includes partial approval of \$40,154.
 Includes partial approval of \$2,100.
 Partial action. \$ 50,000
 Partial approval of \$2,110.

UNITED STATES CURRENCY BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN
 IN BANKS, FOR THE PERIOD
 ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1942
 (Continued)

| APPLICATIONS | | | | | RECORDED APPLICATIONS | | TOTAL FINDING | |
|--------------------------|--------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------------|
| ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1942 | | | | | ENDING DEC. 31, 1942 | | ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1942 | |
| COUNTRY | DENIED | | PENDING DEC. 31, 1942 | | BY SCHEDULE "A" | | No. | Amount |
| | No. | Amount | No. | Amount | No. | Amount | | |
| 380 | 2 | \$5,120 | 39 | \$ 302,062 | 0 | \$27,500 | 47 | \$400,860 |
| | | | 5 | 25,097 | | | 5 | 25,097 |
| 491 2/ 425 | | | 22 | 655,413 | 4 | 8,604 | 26 | 700,076 |
| | | | 5 | 7,975 | | | 5 | 7,975 |
| | 1 | 12 | 2 | 157,882 | 1 | 100 | 3 | 157,882 |
| | | | 5 | 55,119 | | | 5 | 55,119 |
| | | | 1 | 2,760 | 1 | 6,170 | 2 | 8,910 |
| | | | 1 | 90 | 1 | 152 | 2 | 242 |
| 495 2/ 411 | 1 | 200 | 201 | 692,523 | 1 | 90 | 202 | 692,423 |
| | | | 4 | 1,010 | | | 4 | 1,010 |
| | | | 5 | 55,125 | | | 5 | 55,125 |
| 440 4/ 415 5/ | | 1,275 4/ | 2 | 274,851 | | | 2 | 274,851 |
| | | | 3 | 643,165 | 1 | 241 | 4 | 643,406 |
| 474 | 4 | \$6,857 | 203 | \$2,964,400 | 17 | \$70,920 | 224 | \$3,035,300 |
| 488 | 6 | \$6,857 | 540 | \$3,249,450 | 25 | \$75,171 | 571 | \$3,325,621 |
| 680 | 1 | \$50 | 25 | \$ 7,750 | 25 | \$57,127 | 25 | \$64,877 |
| 650 | | | 4 | 2,470 | 2 | 1,167 | 6 | 3,637 |
| | | | 2 | 14,164 | | | 2 | 14,164 |
| 680 | 1 | \$50 | 25 | \$21,250 | 25 | \$55,254 | 25 | \$62,657 |
| 289 | 11 | \$8,512 | 424 | \$3,327,240 | 101 | \$190,253 | 525 | \$3,517,493 |
| 014 | 904 | \$1,416,008 | 424 | \$3,327,240 | 101 | \$190,253 | 525 | \$3,517,493 |

and correction is made on this report.

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| Application No. | Rec'd | Applicant's Name | Applicant's Address | Nationality | Other Interested Parties Name | Other Interested Parties Address | Other Interested Parties Nationality |
| 3646 | 3-5-43 | First Nat'l Bank of Boston | Boston, Mass. | U. S. | Maria Artis de Esterer | Salta 2218 Olivos Argentina | Argentine |
| 3657 | 3-9-43 | First Nat'l Bank of Boston | Boston, Mass. | U. S. | Maria Juliana Coekalberghs | Calle Libertad 1173, Apt. B Buenos Aires | Belgian |
| 3695 | 3-12-43 | First Nat'l Bank of Boston | Boston, Mass. | U. S. | First Nat'l Bank of Boston | Havana, Cuba | Cuban |
| 4528 | 6-4-43 | George E. Katzias | 407 State St. Brooklyn, N.Y. | U. S. | | | |
| 11736 | 6-22-43 | Emma C. Morra | 120 Coolidge St. Brookline, Mass. | U. S. | | | |

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| Country | Imported Date | Amount of U.S. Currency | Amount of Foreign Curr. | Other Information | Action taken | Date |
|-----------|---------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--|--|-------------------------------|
| Argentina | 3-2-43 | \$ 1200 00 | None | | Applic.to T.D. Approved by T.D. License issued | 3-6-43 6-8-43 6-10-43 |
| Argentina | 3-6-43 | \$ 3940 00 | None | | Applic.to T.D. | 3-9-43 |
| Cuba | 4-27-43 | \$ 16386 00 | None | Currency not yet released. Addit'l info. requested as to origin of currency | Applic.to T.D. Appr'd by T.D. License issued | 3-12-43 3-29-43 3-29-43 |
| | 6-3-43 | \$ 1200 00 | None | | Applic.to T.D. Denied by T.D. | 6-4-43 6-17-43 |
| Portugal | 6-30-42 | \$ 600 00 | None | Refer to previ- ous applica- tions 12488 and 13290 Denied | Applic.to T.D. | 6-22-43 |

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INTER OFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE February 16, 1942

TO Mr. White *1213*

FROM Mr. Horak

Subject: Dollar Currency Imports to the U. S. During 1941.

1. Attached are tables and charts giving a summary presentation of the currency import data for the year 1941. They include currency importations in mail examined by the Customs Inspectors at the Federal Reserve Bank in New York.

2. Imports at other points of entry, if any, were not reported, but their amount is believed to be of no consequence as practically all such importations are through the New York banks.

3. The total of foreign and domestic currency imports during 1941 amounted to \$7,116,000. Of this total, dollar currency imports were \$5,978,000, foreign currency imports \$1,138,000.

4. The inflow of foreign currency was even throughout the year fluctuating between \$30,000 and \$50,000 monthly average, with the exception of April and May. During these two months, there was a large inflow of foreign currency particularly in May when it reached almost \$400,000. This inflow consisted chiefly of French Francs coming from Manila (\$340,000 in May), and Argentina (\$180,000 in April), and Japanese Yen from China (\$47,500 in May, and \$35,000 in April). This movement of French currency must have originated in Indo-China and was no doubt motivated by Japanese policy and the imminent complete occupation of that country by the Japanese.

5. The U. S. Currency imports during 1941 would average half a million dollars per month. They were fairly even throughout the year except in July, November, and December, when they reached \$900,000 and 1 million mark. The July imports were mostly from China, Argentina, Switzerland and Uruguay, the November imports to the extent of 95 percent and the December imports to the extent of 56 percent were from Argentina and Uruguay. Switzerland in December contributed 27 percent or about \$270,000 of direct imports.

6. Latin America, and Argentina in particular, were the principal routes for these imports during 1941. Other important markets or points of origin along this indirect South American route were Portugal (Lisbon) and the Swiss banking centers Basle, Zurich, Berne and Geneva which maintain connections with the banks of the Axis-controlled territories.

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7. Intercepts and consular and diplomatic information on American currency holdings and movements abroad seem, at present, only sketchy and incomplete. For information on the origin and indirect movement of dollar currency abroad thus far we have relied on the British who admit that their control of the South American route is inadequate.

8. The 1941 imports of U. S. currency show a tendency toward substantial increases, especially since the middle of the year. There was also a tendency to utilize the Latin American routes to an increasing extent. This is demonstrated on the Latin American chart.

9. It is suggested that (a) a more effective system of collection and reporting of information on currency movements be established, (b) existing sources of information be coordinated, and (c) a more stringent control of import and usage of dollar currency, particularly in Latin America be introduced.

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IMPORTS OF AMERICAN AND FOREIGN CURRENCIES
TO THE U.S. EXAMINED IN N.Y.C.

| 1941 | U.S. Currency | Foreign Currency | Total |
|-----------|-------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| January | \$ 376,447.00 | \$ 46,242.75 | \$ 422,689.75 |
| February | 335,930.00 | 96,905.50 | 432,835.50 |
| March | 333,300.00 | 75,937.80 | 409,237.80 |
| April | 520,033.00 | 238,156.40 | 758,189.40 |
| May | 323,160.00 | 394,772.00 | 717,932.00 |
| June | 448,699.00 | 22,078.90 | 470,777.90 |
| July | 882,313.00 | 28,260.65 | 910,573.65 |
| August | 404,637.00 | 68,065.00 | 472,702.00 |
| September | 208,757.50 | 54,206.00 | 262,963.50 |
| October | 366,435.97 | 96,449.63 | 462,885.60 |
| November | 778,320.00 | 6,307.50 | 784,627.50 |
| December | <u>999,678.00</u> | <u>10,698.10</u> | <u>1,010,376.10</u> |
| TOTAL | \$5,977,710.47 | \$1,138,080.23 | \$7,115,790.70 |

IMPORTS OF FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC CURRENCIES

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TABLE II

U.S. CURRENCY IMPORTS FROM ARGENTINA IN MAIL
EXAMINED IN NEW YORK FEDERAL RESERVE BANK
DURING 1941

| MONTH | AMOUNT |
|-----------|-------------------|
| January | \$ 98,200.00 |
| February | 335,930.00 |
| March | 205,940.00 |
| April | 202,000.00 |
| May | 30,000.00 |
| June | 15,700.00 |
| July | 222,576.00 |
| August | 112,900.00 |
| September | 139,400.00 |
| October | 366,435.97 |
| November | 674,500.00 |
| December | <u>490,729.00</u> |
| TOTAL | \$2,894,310.97 |

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IMPORTS OF FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC CURRENCIES

ARGENTINA

| | | |
|-----------|------------|--------------|
| January | \$ 98,200. | |
| February | 187,000. | |
| March | 205,940. | |
| April | 202,000. | |
| May | 30,000. | |
| June | 15,700. | |
| July | 222,576. | |
| August | 112,900. | |
| September | 139,400. | |
| October | 320,000. | |
| November | 674,500. | |
| December | 490,729. | \$2,698,945. |

LATIN AMERICA

| | | |
|-----------|------------|----------------|
| January | \$111,355. | |
| February | 194,877. | |
| March | 217,767. | |
| April | 207,255. | |
| May | 34,127. | |
| June | 42,011. | |
| July | 439,847. | |
| August | 146,173. | |
| September | 189,629.50 | |
| October | 343,314. | |
| November | 749,894. | |
| December | 643,275. | \$3,319,524.50 |

NO. 3188. 20 DIVISIONS PER INCH BOTH WAYS. 140 BY 200 DIVISIONS.
 IMPORTS OF FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC CURRENCIES
 INDEX BOOK COMPANY, INC. NORWOOD, MASSACHUSETTS

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SWITZERLAND

| | |
|-----------|------------|
| January | \$ 14,897. |
| February | --- |
| March | 6,400. |
| April | --- |
| May | 400. |
| June | --- |
| July | 99,400. |
| August | 18,420. |
| September | 3,100. |
| October | --- |
| November | 11,709. |
| December | 268,618. |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$423,944. |

PORTUGAL

| | |
|-----------|------------|
| January | --- |
| February | --- |
| March | 3,187. |
| April | 120,000. |
| May | 30,000. |
| June | --- |
| July | 2,000. |
| August | 124. |
| September | 666. |
| October | --- |
| November | 3,681. |
| December | 70,514. |
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| | \$230,172. |

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January 8, 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES

Subject: Revision of Licensing Policy on Currency.

At a meeting held in Mr. Richards' office on January 6, 1944, the revision of our licensing policy on currency, the release of which we have previously denied, as suggested in Mr. Banzer's memorandum of November 17, 1944, was discussed.

It was recognized that the basis on which the release of currency had been denied in the past was consistent with the original purpose of our currency control, namely the devaluation of the dollar currency abroad. However, in view of developments in Europe and the present situation in general, it was felt that certain currency items could now be released without weakening our currency controls.

A schedule of 79 denied currency applications, segregating items under a thousand dollars and items of one thousand dollars and over are listing cases held 12 months or less, 12 to 18 months and 18 months or more, respectively, was submitted to the meeting for discussion. As result of a case by case consideration the following general decisions were made by the meeting:

1. The denials on applications involving amounts under \$1,000, with the exception of "false declarations" cases, should now be reversed in order to release the currency from the provisions of General Ruling No. 5, except that certain cases involving special considerations should be held for a minimum of 12 months before being reversed.

2. Applications involving \$1,000 and over are to be submitted for decision to a "committee of three" which should be composed of representatives from Enforcement, Legal and Licensing. It was emphasized that no release should be made in this category until each name has been thoroughly checked against Licensing and Enforcement Flexolines. (This procedure is to be followed also in dealing with "false declaration" cases referred to in 1. above.) This committee will also work out an over-all procedure for the ultimate handling of currency which we are not at this time prepared to release. A registry of all cases which continue to be denied will be maintained by the licensing division in order to afford a ready means of pulling together all such cases for further study at any time in the future.

3. As soon as action under 1 is completed, we will obtain from all the Federals a listing of all cases which have been denied so that a complete study of all such cases can be made.

G. Banzer

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EMERGENCY CASHES DENIED UNDER \$1,000 - HELD 12 MONTHS OR MORE

| <u>App. No.</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Imported From</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Remarks</u> |
|-----------------|--|---|---------------|--|
| Atl. 326 | Aaron Saba, aka Arnold Saba | From a Belgian national in Cuba | \$ 990. | Could not furnish information as to where Belgian national obtained currency. |
| Atl. 401 | Wallace Walter Hurch | Brazil | 131. | Origin of currency in first instance by employer could not be accounted for. |
| Atl. 470 | Rebecca Lachman | Panama | 100. | Lack of information as to origin of currency. |
| Phila. 357 | Dr. Max Sobel - agent for Marguerite Wiener | Portugal | 105. | Lack of documentary evidence as to origin of currency. |
| Phila. 492 | Alexis Istallier | Portugal | 200. | Post-war acquisition of currency. |
| Phila. 740 | Hertz & Co. on behalf of Julius Goldberg | France | 110. | No documentary evidence as to acquisition of currency. |
| Phila. 1312 | Bernhard Schanzer | Portugal | 222. | No documentary evidence as to acquisition of currency. Applicant in occupied territory from 9/16 to 10/13/40. |
| Phila. 1473 | Francis H. Duf | France via Spain and Portugal | 110. | Lack of information as to pro-war acquisition. |
| Phila. 1619 | Ellenor Brachfeld | France via Spain and Portugal | 192. | Lack of evidence as to acquisition of currency. |
| Phila. 1673 | Samuel Weisswiler | Belgium via France, Spain & Portugal | 150. | Applicant in occupied territory until Nov. 1941. |
| Phila. 1757 | Israel Isid Flachs | Austria via Italy, France & Portugal | 202. | No documentary evidence as to acquisition of currency. |

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| <u>File No.</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Reported From</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Remarks</u> |
|-----------------|---|---------------------------------|---------------|--|
| 11831 ✓ | Berta Schelmer | France | 6 725. | No documentary evidence as to acquisition of currency. |
| 13796 ✓ | Florence David-Beill | Portugal ✓ | 750. | Lack of documentary evidence as to acquisition of currency. |
| 17156 ✓ | Stefan Bogalca Jr. | Russia | 684. | Lack of documentary evidence as to acquisition of currency. |
| 129530 ✓ | Gustavo Jean Charles Lermaniac | On board ship "Santia" at sea | 440. | Lack of information as to origin of currency. |
| 132679 ✓ | Nicolas Sainfortschin | France | 663. | Lack of information and documentary evidence as to origin of currency. |
| 146754 ✓ | Robert Durroch | Portugal | 800. | Lack of documentary evidence to origin of currency. |
| 195133 ✓ | Chase National Bank of City of New York credit Walter Israel Steinberg | Argentina acquired in Amsterdam | 695. | Lack of documentary evidence to acquisition of currency. |

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CURRENCY CASES DETECTED UNDER \$1,000 - HELD 12 MONTHS TO 18 MONTHS

| File No. | Name | Imported From | Amount | Remarks |
|--------------|--|--|-----------|---|
| 111. 7488 ✓ | Rogelio Llopis ✓ | Cuba | \$ 321.00 | False declaration ✓ |
| 111. 5145 ✓ | José Torres G. ✓ | Colombia | 523.00 | Lack of information as to origin of currency. |
| 111. 1024 ✓ | Jorge Abello Gran ✓ | Colombia | 714.75 | False declaration ✓ |
| 111. 11963 ✓ | Nicolas Nau ✓ | Spain via Portugal | 130.00 | No documentary evidence as to acquisition of currency ✓ |
| 111. 11967 ✓ | Robert Alexander Bernheimer ✓ | Madon | 250.00 | Lack of evidence as to origin of currency. |
| 111. 11968 ✓ | Philip Reulingor ✓ | Belgium via France, Spain & Portugal | 667.00 | No documentary evidence as to acquisition of currency. |
| 111. 12010 ✓ | Manuel T. Cunha ✓ | Portugal | 255.00 | Lack of documentary evidence as to acquisition of currency. |
| 111. 12053 ✓ | Aron Stadel Jakob ✓ | Belgium via France and Portugal | 455.00 | Lack of documentary evidence as to acquisition of currency. |
| 111. 12173 ✓ | Josef Trebitsch ✓ | Italy | 372.00 | Currency obtained in enemy territory. |
| 111. 12500 ✓ | Koppel Hensch Löffel ✓ | Portugal | 570.00 | Currency obtained in violation of currency control. |
| 111. 54182 ✓ | Chase National Bank credit Miguel Lora ✓ | Argentina purchased in Spain | 200.00 | Post-war acquisition |
| 111. 59175 ✓ | Leah James Temple ✓ | Secured on ship visiting Arab East Indies & Africa | 441.00 | Lack of evidence as to origin of funds. |

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| <u>Acct. No.</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Imported Area</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Remarks</u> |
|------------------|---|-----------------------------------|---------------|---|
| 56322 ✓ | Chase National Bank credit Charles Stutz | Argentines purchased in France | 0 600.00 | Lack of documentary evidence as to origin of funds. |
| 578121) | American Express Co. | Lisbon | 320.00 | Cabled to Lisbon to cover agents' transportation - later returned to U. S. by mail in currency. |
| 578126) ✓ | | | 515.00 | |
| 578127) | | | 850.00 | |
| 57815 ✓ | Leon Tepper | Port Said Egypt | 260.00 | Balance of funds remitted from U. S. No information as to exchange transactions and no evidence. |

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CURRENCY CASES DENIED UNDER \$1,000 - HELD 12 MONTHS OR LESS

| <u>Case No.</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Imported From</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Remarks</u> |
|-----------------|--|--------------------------------|---------------|--|
| 41. 5170 ✓ | Carlos Tejera | Venezuela 11/12/43 | \$ 129.00 | Lack of information as to origin of currency. |
| 41. 5474 ✓ | Harry Bayers | Brazil 1/20/44 | 400.00 | Could not substantiate information as to origin of currency. |
| 41. 5671 X | Nicholas Leonard Grandyk ✓ | French West Africa and Egypt X | 280.00 | False declaration. |
| Pen. 1031 X | Hernando Franco Bossa | Colombia X | 341.00 | False declaration. |
| Van. 1039 X | Luis Angel Casanova | Venezuela 5/22/44 | 798.00 | Currency obtained from seaman for laundry work, after restricted date. |
| Pen. 1040 ✓ | Ramon A. Gomez | Colombia 6/9/44 | 250.00 | Currency was obtained from seaman by exchange of pesos for U. S. dollars. |
| Phila. 13711 ✓ | Jose F. Martins | Portugal 2/19/44 | 410.00 | Currency obtained in violation of currency controls. |
| Phila. 14116 ✓ | Jose de Sousa | Portugal 5/30/44 | 100.00 | No documentary evidence as to acquisition of currency. |
| NY 592079 ✓ | Barcelo Sanchez | Bizerte and Naples 12/7/43 | 250.00 | False declaration and lack of information as to origin of currency. (Claims wages and money in possession when he left U.S.) |
| NY 602369 ✓ | Chase National Bank of City of New York credit I. Bialistok | Holland 1/20/44 | 100.00 | Lack of documentary evidence as to pre-war acquisition. |
| NY 602649 ✓ | Raymond S. Dial | Algeria 12/24/43 | 140.00 | Coin exchanged at Army Finance Office. Cannot furnish receipt. |

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CURRENCY CASES DENIED CLAIM AND OVER - OVER 18 MONTHS OR MORE

| No. | Name | Imported From | Amount | Remarks |
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| 4747 | Maurice Salzi ✓ | Belgium | \$ 1,000 | Applicant claims to be the remainder of \$95,000 in U.S. currency purchased in Belgium (Antwerp) in 1939, after paying various expenses and purchasing a check on U.S. No evidence to substantiate any of his claims. |
| 5835 | Yozo Vedstrell ✓ | Yugoslavia | 4,354 | Applicant claims he obtained \$5,500 in U.S. currency from Anglo-Czechoslovakian Bank & Banque Franco-Serbe Belgrade March 1940. Cannot furnish any substantiating evidence. |
| 590 | Louis G. King ✓ | Various South American countries | 2,506.25 | Applicant is purser on Pan-American lines. Attempted to purchase draft in Canal Zone with subject currency before surrendering it. Cannot produce any substantiating evidence as to how, where, or when acquired. |
| 5779 | Chase National Bank credit Elias Braunstein ✓ | Antwerp, Belgium | \$ 2,060 + 1,016 180 Dutch guilders | Applicant claims the currency was purchased by him from Commercial Bank in Antwerp prior to German invasion and kept with him at all times. Can produce no evidence. |
| 6190 | Dojacez E. Helman & Joseph Lafel ✓ | Paris, France | 1,500 | Although this currency is claimed to be the property of Lafel-Helman smuggled it when he came to the U.S. along with the valuable jewelry. Amount originally \$2,000, \$500 of which was released because no allowance of the \$250 exemption for himself and wife was made at the time currency was confiscated. It is claimed that this currency originated from the sale of jewelry in Paris. |

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| No. | Name | Parental Firm | Amount | Remarks |
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| 7070 | Miklos Hartom ✓ | Portugal | \$ 7,500 | Purchased from exchange house in Lisbon. Evidence submitted dated subsequent to effective date of Order. |
| 2407 | Big name ✓ | Buenos Aires | 1,000 | This currency was sent by his sister-in-law in Buenos Aires by registered mail to applicant concealed behind a picture in a framed photograph. The sister-in-law claims it originates from a purchase of currency in Buenos Aires in 1939 prior to a trip she made to Europe. Upon her return she obtained the \$1,000 bill for the currency in her possession. Although she has receipts for the purchase of U.S. currency in 1939, there is no evidence that can even remotely connect this \$1,000 with such currency purchase. Also there is a strong suspicion that the currency was deliberately sent in this manner to avoid the currency controls, and not unknowingly as they claim. |
| 43531 ✓ | Gregorio (Gregory) Leon ✓ | Lisbon | 2,200 | Claims was advised that each member of his party was allowed \$1,000. Has no documentary evidence. |
| 42336 ✓ | Salva Ballada ✓ | Spain | 1,100 | Claims to have borrowed from Leon Sorin in Vigo, Spain. No evidence regarding origin of this currency. |

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| Ac. No. | Bank | Issued Date | Amount |
|----------|---|---|----------|
| 417751 | Irish Saunders Poles | Lisbon | \$ 2,000 |
| 418116 ✓ | Irving Trust Co. credit Pasqual Bros, S.A. | Argentina 5/21/42 | 5,000 |
| 42167 ✓ | S. Rober & Co. | Argentina 5/21/42 | 5,000 |
| 42747 ✓ | Joseph Koven | Casablanca 6/25/42 France Sept 1939 | 2,000 |
| 42836 ✓ | Bank of the Manhattan Co. a/c Prosperier General aux Etats Unis - Comite Francoise, etc. | Portugal | 14,000 |

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Rate of*

for coins

These funds are claimed to be the property of one of applicant's colleagues in the diplomatic service, now assigned to Spain. She was supposed to have deposited it for him upon her arrival in U.S. There is no evidence substantiating this claim. There is also information that Christian, the alleged owner of the currency, has been engaged in questionable transactions.

Claims purchased from clients. No information available as to origin.

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This currency consists of 2 bills of \$1000 each which applicant claims he acquired in the course of his regular business in Paris. No substantiating evidence.

Transfer to French American Banking Co., credit a/c Prosperier General etc. received by Societe de Construction des Nationalites from their funds in Lisbon, which were not declared at the time they came into the United States. No evidence as to origin and acquisition of the currency.

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| File No. | Name | Country | Amount | Remarks |
|----------|--|-------------|----------|--|
| 15141 | Jules Bloch Claire Grilich | Switzerland | \$ 2,100 | Bloch claims that he was requested by relatives of Claire Grilich when he was in Switzerland between February and June 1942 to deliver this currency to her in New York. He did not deliver this currency upon arrival. Later he submitted a like amount, but not the identical currency in accordance with the provisions of General Ruling No. 3. Bloch submitted a statement from the bank in Switzerland showing a remittance to his charges to the heirs of C. Grilich, consisting of 2 notes of \$1,000 each and 2 notes of \$50 each, whereas the currency surrendered consisted of 12 notes of \$100 each and one note of \$1,000. |
| 151497 | Royal Bank of Canada credit Jacques Behar | Argentina | 11,050 | See NY 424167 |
| 151466 | National City Bank credit Ignacy Blasbalg | Argentina | 2,300 | Claims received April-December 1941, from U.S. in payment of goods. Unfavorable reports from Embassy as to his political sympathies. |
| 160556 | Hyman Gerson | Antwerp | 1,300 | Claims part of substantial amount of U. S. currency obtained in Antwerp prior to invasion, which he kept in his possession at all times. No documentary evidence as to such acquisition. |
| 151512 | National City Bank of N.Y. credit Alejandro G. Carranza | Argentina | 6,000 | Claims purchased in Lisbon in 1940 and 1941. No documentary evidence. |

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June 41

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Currency - unobtainable
Serials

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| No. | Name | Source | Date | Amount | Remarks | |
|--------|---|-----------|---------|---------|---|--|
| 515311 | ✓ Charles Nordlinger | ✓ Antwerp | 4/1/42 | 2,000 | Clains purchased through a French broker who brought it to New in October 1941 to Versailles. It was obtained by conversion of French francs derived from the sale of her household goods in Paris, in Sept. 1941. No information as to where the broker obtained the 2000 bill. | |
| 515311 | ✓ Jacques Baudoux | ✓ Antwerp | ? | 5,000 | Clains originated from realizations in U.S. dollars by a client in South America, and was withdrawn in U.S. dollars before Nazi invasion. Applicant was in Belgium as late as Nov. 1941. Also he conducted France after occupation. Can furnish no documentary evidence in support of claim as to origin of currency except a letter from client, which is dated after effective date of entry. | |
| 552675 | ✓ Edward Chas. Fanchester | ✓ Lisbon | 6/30/42 | 4/30/42 | 2,500 | This currency was received in Lisbon in June 1942 from one Seltzer & an unknown person to whom applicant was introduced by a Mr. Fines, apparently a black market dealer. He was supposed to deliver this currency to a designated person and a commission of \$150. |
| 489311 | ✓ Bank of London & South Am. credit Guillermo Frances | ✓ Ecuador | May/42 | ? | 6,170 | Guillermo Frances is a Special Agent National. He claims that the subject funds were purchased from various individuals in Ecuador and give no further details. |

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No.

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Name

D. & C. Baker
Elizavita Pansouricova

Imported From

Argentina *7/10/42*

Amount

25,000

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Remarks

Applicants are Special Blacked Nationals. Sent the subject currency - a \$1,000 bill - to Dr. Thomas B. Davis, concealed in a book. Investigative Unit Foreign Funds reveals several previous similar receipts by same recipient.

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| Entry | 247 |
| File | <i>Currency watermark</i> |
| Box | 85 <i>(initials)</i> |

CURRENCY CASES DURING 1940 AND OTHER - YEAR 12 MONTHS TO 18 MONTHS

| Case No. | Name | Imported From | Amount | Remarks |
|----------|---|--------------------------------|---------|--|
| 1. 4516 | Joaquin Escobedo ✓ | France | \$1,000 | Claims paid as wages in Balboa, but has produced no evidence. |
| 1. 4997 | Antoine Spitzer ✓ | Bartholome | 1,750 | Applicant has been in Marseille, Algiers and Casablanca and can produce no evidence as to acquisition of the currency. NOTE: Ascertain before release of currency if applicant is related to Spitzer Banking firm in France which is alleged sold out to Germans. Also had \$200 of this concealed in boat and did not declare. |
| 1. 14528 | Georges Katsias ✓ | French North Africa - Gen - | 1,200 | False declaration. Customs had been informed he was carrying unmeasured mail and a large amount of U. S. currency. Search revealed currency which he claimed was in his possession when he left U.S. |
| 340655 | Chase National Bank of N.Y. credit Willie Krumbach ✓ | Germany or Spain 5/14/43 ? | 3,353 | Krumbach claims to have received this money from one Enrique Velaz, owner of a yacht, who aided him in his escape from Germany. Makes conflicting statements as to where and when it was acquired. No confirming evidence. |
| 575250 | Bank of the Manhattan Co. credit Singer Sewing Machines Co. ✓ | Tangiers 9/27/43 4/7/42 | 4,500 | Remittance from subsidiary in Tangiers in partial payment account of merchandise. This is a case of attempt to benefit by cheaper exchange for currency over regular banking rates. Currency from this area indicates a suspicion of taint. |
| 575603 | H. Laury ✓ | Tangiers | 1,295 | Typical case - NY 575250 |

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