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Holocaust Assets in the United States**

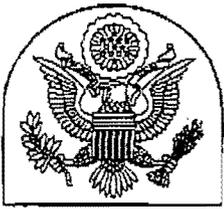
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**PRESIDENTIAL
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IN THE UNITED STATES**

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21ASSETSCOPYDirective issued to CG, USFET, and CG, USFA, on definition of Non-Monetary Gold pursuant to article 3 of the Paris Reparations Agreement.

1. ~~You will make available on demand to duly accredited representative of IGCR all valuable personal property which represents looted seized or obtained under duress from political, racial or religious victims of Nazi Govt or its Satellite Govts, or nationals thereof, which was or may hereafter be found, seized or confiscated by USFET or by local authorities acting under direction or control of US Forces, subject to the conditions:~~

A. ~~That property cannot be restituted to Govt pursuant to WARX 85965 November 1945 (SWNCC 204/2) and WARX 99226 March 1946 (SWNCC 204/5), as amended and modified by Control Council action, because determination of national origin is impractical.~~

B. ~~That property cannot be restituted to lawful owners under laws in force in place where presently found either because lawful owner has died or ceased to exist without legal successor or because determination of individual ownership is impractical.~~

C. That ownership interests in real property located in Germany and German currency or intruments of exchange payable in German currency will be excepted.

D. That Jewish books, manuscripts and literature of cultural or religious importance will be excepted and disposed of pursuant to separate directive.

E. That detailed inventory and tentative agreed valuations will be made of property subject to transfer to IGCR hereunder, and transfer will be made upon signing of joint inventory which shall be made part of receipt.

2. You will permit property transferred hereunder to be removed from Germany and Austria or to be sold therein if payment can be made outside Germany or Austria in acceptable foreign currency, notwithstanding any laws for control of foreign exchange, to end that maximum value be obtained therefrom by IGCR.

3. You will seek to obtain Control Council Agreement to disposition pursuant to terms of this directive of any property disposition of which is reserved to Control Council. Even prior to such agreement you will nevertheless execute directive and you may advise other representatives of Control that you are doing so pursuant to obligation assumed by your Govt in subscribing to Paris Agreement on reparations.

4. ~~Expression "Valuable personal property" as used in Par 1 of this directive shall be interpreted to exclude ordinary items of furniture, clothing and other personal property of small intrinsic value and to include any such items of uncommon value. In determination of impracticality of identification pursuant to par 1 subpar A and B of this directive, regard shall be had to extent of commingling with other property and difficulty and expense of determination of ownership in comparison with value of property. All property, as defined herein, will be considered as falling within this directive and will be made available to IGCR unless available evidence clearly is to contrary. You will establish such Admin machinery as may be necessary to execute this directive promptly and effectively.~~

Received Washington Office, IGCR, 20 November 1946
From J. H. Hilldring, Assistant Secretary of State

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22 September 1947

Mr. Henry Berger
Neuvecelle sur Evian
(Haute - Savoie)
France

Referring to your inquiry dated 8 Sept 1947 regarding the wedding rings of your parents, alleged victims of Auschwitz Camp, we regret to advise there is no likelihood of recovering this property.

It was impractical to catalogue the identifying markings of thousands of items of small intrinsic value much of which had already been melted down in the Camps, and therefore we are unable to state whether or not the rings in question were held by this office.

WILLIAM G. BREY,
Colonel, GSC,
Chief, Foreign Exchange Depository

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Henri Berger
 Neuvicelle sur Evian
 (Haute - Savoie)
 France.

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To Colonel William C. Bray
 U. S. Army
 Frankfurt - Germany

Neuvicelle, September 8th 1947.

My Colonel,

By Mr. Edwin Harbach's contribution to the New-York Herald Tribune, European Edition, yesterday's issue, I learned of your statement concerning Gestapo loot in torture camps.

I should be very obliged to you, if you could tell me of any possibility to get back, eventually, the wedding rings of my parents, killed at Auerhartz camp in October 1944. They are engraved: Josef, 11.6.1924 and Suzanne or Lisi 11.6.1924. If necessary, I can prove the death of my parents by a statement of the international association of internees.

Thanking you by advance, agree My Colonel, my respectful salutations.

Henri Berger.

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TO : C/S DEPT. OF THE ARMY FOR UNDERSECRETARY DRAPER
FROM : ONGUS SIGNED HAYS
REF NO : CC-2029
Reference ourad CC-1573.

In CORC meeting held 16 Oct 47 French chairman introduced subject termination date of restitution activities and asked that consideration be postponed to next CORC meeting or the next meeting thereafter.

British delegate stated "We have no objection to deferring discussion of this question."

US delegate then made following statement: "The US delegation is willing to discuss this question at the next meeting, but has been instructed by its Government to make the following statement. The US delegation had previously cited the fact that the processing of claims for restitution constitutes a very heavy demand upon the US Staff, and the US delegation cannot agree to maintain such a considerable staff for an indeterminate period. In our opinion the establishment of a termination date for the filing of restitution claims is most reasonable, as claimant nations, by 30 April 48, will have had 3 years from the cessation of hostilities in which to file their claims. In addition, the establishment of a termination date at this time does not give Germany favored treatment, in view of the fact that treaties with Italy, Rumania, Bulgaria and Hungary provide that all claims for restitution from those nations are to be presented in a 6-month period, commencing with the effective date of their respective peace treaties. The US delegation, therefore, wishes to announce that the 30 of April 48 is the termination date for the filing of restitution claims in the US Zone. I wish to stress, however, that this termination date will neither affect the processing of claims already submitted, nor the carrying out of searches for looted property. Finally, I wish to indicate

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EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
OCT 22 1946
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AIRGRAM

FOR ACTION TO:
ACTION TAKEN:

AMERICAN EMBASSY

SECRET

From: American Embassy
Madrid, Spain

Dated: October 11, 1946

Rec'd: " 22, 1946

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American Embassy,
Brussels.

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For Russell H. Dorr, American Minister.

Trusteeship in Madrid has recovered the following unset finished diamonds, weighing total of 336.24 carats. Description given below of number of stones and total carats in each parcel:

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>CARATS</u>
1,000 (estimate)	113.15
91	5.88
50 "	25.96
200 "	7.90
200	18.72
12	3.01
28	4.33
275	26.88
140	5.80
15	1.19
16	1.37
47	2.04
7	.51
132	7.58
527	16.00
128	3.70
636	13.93
6	4.86

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<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>CARATS</u>
107	4.99
184	3.96
237	3.94
304	11.65
340	4.90
488	6.20
575	8.53
1562	5.50
58	5.47
19	1.01
11	1.36
170	12.72
1	3.20
	<u>336.24</u>

Diamonds were seized by Spanish Police from one Lothar MAUS, German citizen who had in turn obtained them from the German Embassy in October, 1944. Since it is possible that these diamonds were looted in either Belgium or Holland, Trusteeship requests that description be made available to Netherlands and Belgium authorities for identification as possible loot. On receipt of such information as may be obtained, a decision will be made as to whether the diamonds should be forwarded to your Embassy by pouch for further investigation or whether they may be disposed of locally by the Trusteeship.

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Brussels, Belgium, August 21, 1947

No. 1470

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Subject: Netherlands Claims for German Diamonds Found in Madrid.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

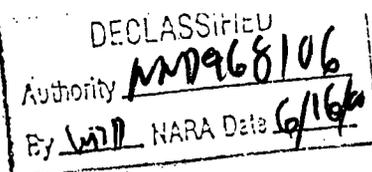
I have the honor to refer to the Embassy's airgram no. 234 of June 10, 1947, relating to the diamonds referred to in the Department's airgram no. 158, May 9, 1947 to Madrid.

As foreseen in the Embassy's airgram under reference, a Netherlands diamond expert, Mr. Ph. W. Dumig, called at the Embassy on June 24 to inspect the above mentioned diamonds. He was accompanied by Lt. Col. Van Nisten, the Officer-in-Charge of the Netherlands Restitution Commission in Belgium. In the presence of an Embassy Officer, Mr. Dumig examined the diamonds and took brief notes as to the cut, color, size, and number and weights of the stones in each of the little packages. He then returned to the Netherlands and the Embassy received about August 14, a letter, dated July 25, from the Chairman of the Netherlands Government Diamond Bureau, which transmitted a copy of a list of the diamonds furnished to Mr. Dumig by the Embassy, a similar list prepared by the Netherlands authorities naming the original owners of the lots and photo copies of the bills of sale, indicating that each of the lots were sold during the war to the Rijksbureau Voor Diamant, a German controlled diamond purchasing agency in the Netherlands. At the time these documents were delivered, the Embassy was informed that a letter would be received from the Netherlands Embassy in Brussels officially requesting the restitution of the jewels.

On August 19, Mr. J. M. Devers, Commercial Secretary of the Netherlands Embassy, called at the Embassy and inquired as to the action that would be taken on the diamonds. He was informed that the Embassy was awaiting a letter from the Netherlands Embassy and that the matter would have to be referred to the Department. Inquiry was made at that time as to the conditions under which these diamonds were purchased by the Germans during the war, to which

Mr. Devers

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Mr. Devers replied that in the majority of the cases the prices paid were ridiculously low, that usually the sales were "forced", and in most instances, as the sellers were Jewish, the funds were either blocked or were subsequently confiscated. The next day, a letter, dated August 19, was received from The Netherlands requesting that the diamonds be delivered to the Netherlands Government.

Copies of the two letters of July 25 and August 19, and their enclosures, are attached, together with two complete sets of the photo copies mentioned above. A third set of the photo copies is being forwarded to the American Embassy at The Hague, together with this despatch, and the fourth copy will be retained in Brussels. A copy of this despatch and its enclosures, with the exception of the photo copies, is being sent to the Missions at Madrid, London, Paris and Berlin.

The Department's instructions in the premises would be greatly appreciated. While no member of the Embassy is qualified to verify the findings of The Netherlands' experts, it would appear that their findings are bona-fide in that there were three bases for comparison with the official Netherlands records, namely, the number of stones in each package, the weight, and the cut of the diamonds. In most cases there three criteria check.

It may be noted that in several instances the packages no longer contain the original amounts sold in The Netherlands. In certain such cases, packages bear notations of removal and sale while in the hands of the Germans.

With regard to the two lists of diamonds, the first furnished by the Embassy (copied from Madrid's airgram no. 7 of October 11, 1946 to Brussels), the second entitled "Original Contents and Owners of Diamonds Found Back at Brussels", the Embassy has inserted alphabetical designations for each of the lots. Most of them can easily be compared. By checking carefully the lots against the markings on the package, the Embassy notes that Lot A on List No. 1 corresponds with Lot A on List No. 2. Lots D and E on List No. 1 are included to form Lot D on List No. 2. Lot J on List No. 1 is the same as Lot I on List No. 2. Lot EB on List No. 1 is the same as Lot AA on List No. 2.

Respectfully yours,

For the Ambassador:

G. McMurtrie Godley
 Second Secretary of Embassy

5 enclosures:

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Despatch No. 1470
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5 Enclosures:

1. Photo copies of diamond bills of sale (two complete sets).
2. Letter dated July 25, 1947, from the Chairman of the Netherland Government Diamond Bureau.
3. Letter dated August 10, 1947, from J. M. Devers, Commercial Secretary of the Netherlands Embassy.
4. List of diamonds copied from Madrid's Airgram No. 7, of October 11, 1946 to Brussels.
5. List of diamonds entitled: "Original Contents and Owners of Diamonds Found Back at Brussels".

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A true copy of the signed original

Distribution:

- Department:**
 Despatch complete with enclosures, and serial.
- The Hague:**
 Despatch complete with enclosures.
- Missions at Madrid, London, Paris and Berlin:**
 Despatch, less Enclosure 1 (photo copies of diamond bills of sale), but including copies of enclosures No. 2 through 5.
- File:**
 Despatch complete with enclosures.

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To avoid criticism based on misunderstanding facts request you arrange with USACA issue press release upon turn over Hungarian gold train to IGCR or such other occasion as appropriate. Should be cleared with Rep IGCR and date release coordinated with Joint Distribution Committee Paris, which plans issue supplementary statement regarding use of proceeds.

Request substance following be included in release:

So far as known so-called Hungarian gold train belonged to Jews of what SS loot brought into US and Fr zones, Austria, is now Hungary, Slovakia (Czechoslovakia), Transylvania (Rumania), Return of particular items to individual owners would be impossible both because difficulty identification and death, emigration, transfers of sovereignty.

Delivery to IGCR accordingly made by Theater Commander pursuant directive this Government governing valuables looted from Nazi victims which cannot be restituted. Directive is US interpretation Article 8, Paris Reparations Agreement which provides "non-monetary gold" used assist non reparatable

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victims German action. Pursuant agreement Paris, June 14, 1946 by Five Powers charged with implementation Article 8 (US, UK, France, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia) by eighteen signatories Paris Reparations Agreement, 90 percent

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proceeds "non-monetary gold" will be delivered American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and Jewish Agency for Palestine for use on approved projects of resettlement and rehabilitation.

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If estimate value not feasible, suggest description be made tending negate exaggerated reports.

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C RIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION
 52nd CI Detachment — APO 757 U.S. Army

STATEMENT OF David L. ROLBEIN DATE: 3 December 1947
 ASN: USFET 5730 RANK: Civilian ORGANIZATION: PCIRO
 APO: 757

"I have been advised of my rights under Article 31 of the Geneva Convention by Agent(s) ASHLOCK - WRENN
 CID, and I understand that I cannot be compelled to answer any question or questions which might incriminate me. I further understand that anything I may say or write can be used against me in the event I should be brought to trial before a court-martial. No threats or promises have been made to me and with full knowledge of my rights concerning self-incrimination, I hereby voluntarily make the statement which appears below. In witness of my knowledge and understanding of the foregoing, I place my signature here:

David L. Rolbein

Negotiations with the DEGUSSA Smelting firm were first undertaken by the PCIRO during June 1947 when it appeared that quantities of the jewelry received from the U.S. Army under the Paris Reparations Agreement could not be sold in their original forms. At that time, Hyman SMOLLER was Chief of the PCIRO Reparations Mission in Frankfurt and conducted all negotiations. My knowledge of such activities was obtained from Mr. SMOLLER verbally. His original contract (or agreement) with DEGUSSA was drawn up in the Office of Military Government for Hesse with Col. FRUITMAN as the Precious Metals representative for OMGUS. This contract provided for a payment in Reichsmarks and also for DEGUSSA to retain some 5% of the precious metals resulting from the refining process. The first delivery of scrap gold was made to DEGUSSA in early July 1947 under these terms. When this fine metal was returned it became apparent to both OMGUS and PCIRO that the portion of metal being retained by DEGUSSA was excessive and probably outside the legal limits of Public Law 53.

With this realization SMOLLER began negotiations with DEGUSSA through OMGUS to obtain the return of this metal. During this period of negotiations (July - August 1947) I was at Geneva Headquarters of PCIRO and did not take an active part. In early September, SMOLLER returned to the United States and I returned to Frankfurt as Chief of the Mission. I then took over all negotiations with DEGUSSA and made all future agreements. It was the understanding when SMOLLER left that future agreements with DEGUSSA would take into account prevailing rates for smelting and refining in other countries.

I obtained such rates in Belgium, Switzerland, England and France before agreeing to future work by the DEGUSSA firm. All these agreements provided for payment in Reichsmarks and for withholding a small amount of metal to cover losses in smelting and refining processes.

All agreements that I made with DEGUSSA were inspected by Colonel GRAHAM, Precious Metal Division of OMGUS at Wiesbaden and approved by him.

Operations at DEGUSSA were scrutinized very carefully by our staff to prevent loss of metal and checks were obtained on the operation by having duplicate assays made in London. These checks indicated that we were receiving back the entire quantity of metal to which PCIRO was entitled.

David L. Rolbein
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With regard to the Reichsmarks received by me for payment of the DEGUSSA Company, I obtained these marks under instructions from the Geneva Headquarters of PCIRO. Mr. Abba SCHWARTZ, Director of the Reparations Division, informed me that the Reichsmarks were to be obtained at the offices of the Jewish Agency for Palestine here in Frankfurt. I was to receive 100,000 Reichsmarks from this office in accordance with these instructions. These Reichsmarks were received from Mrs. Rachel ADIV in the Jewish Agency for Palestine Office on two different occasions - 10,000 Reichsmarks on 13 September 1947 and 90,000 Reichsmarks on 4 October 1947. Payment of marks to DEGUSSA was made as the operation progressed with a total of 98,000 marks having been paid as of this date.

During the course of my dealings with DEGUSSA, one of their representatives (either Mr. OCHS or Mr. FURLER) brought up the question of Care Packages as a partial compensation for the work performed for PCIRO. My first reaction to this request was to turn it down. After watching the operation I however began to feel that for extra services such as right work and general allround cooperation it might be possible to provide the firm with these packages. The original request by DEGUSSA was for many more packages than we finally gave to them. Determination of the exact number to be given them was made simply on the basis of an outlay of \$250 to \$300 rather than on the numbers of packages involved. The packages delivered were obtained in Switzerland through Geneva Office of the PCIRO with vouchers delivered to Frankfurt and packages to be obtained here. It should be emphasized that distribution of these packages was for extra and vigorous services rendered and that the illegality of such distribution never entered my mind until brought to attention by the Agents.

With regard to deliveries of precious metal to DEGUSSA and receipt of metal from them, the movements under question are as follows:

During the period in question I made a delivery to DEGUSSA of silver for assay and refining. This delivery was made, according to my best recollection on either Wednesday November 19, or Thursday, November 20. It consisted of one bucket of silver corn (silver in refined form but in droppings rather than bars) and either 5 or 6 small parts of bars which had been turned over to PCIRO by the U.S. Army in Salzburg. These metals were in a wooden box of about 18" x 18" x 24" filled mostly with excelsior with the lid partially opened and the bars and bucket on top. The box was removed from the lower air raid shelter of the Reichsbank by myself and Major REED, Security Officer. Two D.P. Laborers (or perhaps three) helped carry the box to my jeep Station Wagon which I had parked at the rear of the bank for this purpose. I then drove to DEGUSSA with this metal and left it there, obtaining receipt therefor. No unusual or otherwise note-

This statement, which consists of pages, has been read by me, and it is true. I have signed each page and initialed all corrections which have been made in the statement.

David L. Kolbein
(Signature)

(Subscribed and sworn) (witnessed to before me this day of 19.....
at.....
(Geographical location)

Signed.....
(Summary Court Officer)

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worthy incident transpired at this time.

On Friday A.M. 21 November I went to the DEGUSSA plant at about 9 A.M. to receive some silver bars. In all, 22 silver bars were loaded aboard a DEGUSSA truck to transport back to the Reichsbank. Normally, I would have had an officer attached to the Bank accompany me on such a trip but the nature of the day's operations at the bank was such that it would have been impossible to obtain one. Moreover, Mr. KELLER, Chief of the Depository at the Bank had told me prior to the beginning of their large scale operation that no officers would be available during that period to assist me. I returned from DEGUSSA at about 1000 and drove to the rear entrance of the Bank. I noticed immediately that there was great confusion inside the bank. The door was barred and I had difficulty getting someone to unlock it. Finally after a few minutes, Mr. GREEN (or Major REED) opened the door for me and explained hurriedly that something had happened and we could not take the silver bars to the air raid shelter. We did however, wheel a small wagon to the door where the DEGUSSA truck was parked and loaded the bars to that wagon. I dismissed the DEGUSSA employees at once. They did not enter the bank at all - and wheeled the wagon inside. I remained with the wagon for from 1/2 to a full hour just inside the bank waiting for clearance to carry the bars downstairs to the air raid shelter. At about 1100 or 1130, Mr. GREEN, Major REED, and either one or two GI'S stationed ourselves along the route to the air raid shelter and supervised four DP laborers who carried the 22 bars to their vault. No unusual incidents occurred during this operation and no PCIRO property was missing.

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This statement, which consists of 3 pages, has been read by me, and it is true. I have signed each page and initialed all corrections which have been made in the statement.

David L. Kolbein
(Signature)

(Subscribed and sworn) (witnessed to before me this 4th day of December 1947
at 37 Wiesenhuettenplatz, Frankfurt/Main, Germany
(Geographical location)

Signed _____
(Summary Court Officer)

ET-FORM 19-13 c (7 Sept 46)
(old TPM Form 16 c)

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BL/OMG FOR GERMANY (US), Econ Div APO 742, 14 Jan 47 (Release of Silver to Industry) to OMG FOR GREATER HESSE; Industry Branch/Metals Section, Attn: Lt Col Fruitman, APO 633, US Army.

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OFFICE OF MILITARY GOVERNMENT FOR GREATER HESSE, Industry Branch/Metals Section, APO 633, 12 Feb 47

TO: Director, Economics Division
Office of Military Government for Germany (US)
Industry Branch - Control & Inspection Section
APO 742

1. Attached find letters obtained from Heraeus and Degussa with regard to precious metals purchased during the war.
2. The records of the firm Degussa at Frankfurt were fairly complete; at the branch at Hanau the records were partly destroyed. The records of Heraeus at Hanau were entirely destroyed.
3. With reference to Paragraph I. CC 3100 5 Sept. The inclosures answer all questions as to this finess and weight. It is desired to point out, that no material was received from Hungary. All precious metals received from foreign countries were mixed with precious metals of German origin. This was then distributed in accordance with instructions from the "Reichsstelle fuer Edelmetalle in Berlin." Of the entire quantity precious metals received from foreign sources, none was available after December 1944; it having been distributed by this time. It is suggested, that parallel be drawn between precious metals and food. Food was also looted and consumed by Germany. However, it is not the policy to reimburse nations with food from the German economy which could ill afford this at present. The same should apply to precious metals.
4. Attached find inclosure also of quantity of precious metals seized under Law 53, or by Military Forces from the refineries in Gross Hesse.

SEIZURES:

	<u>Silver:</u>	<u>Gold:</u>	<u>Platinum:</u>
American Zone	133.75 t	205.47 t	230.06 t
British Zone	10.53 t	21.41 t	-
French Zone	4.08 t	230.00 t	1.17 t
Russ.Zone	66.40 t	7.99 t	4.19 t
Other countries	70.35 t	53.77 t	-
Total:	232.11 t	518.64 t	235.42 t

It is desired to emphasize that the above figures represent tons. It can be seen from the above that the stocks of precious metals in Germany were practically eliminated.

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5. It is suggested, that all plans for reparation or restitution of precious metals be taken from material seized under Law 53, which should include not only material seized by the US, but by all other nations. Allocations of claims should be made on all nations seizing precious metals, in proportion to the quantities seized to them.

6. Precious Metals being released for industrial use are those metals, which were newly refined and not subject to Law 53 and on which no claim was pending. All precious metals released at the present is derived from scrap material and newly mined and refined material from other firms.

7. The records are maintained at each firm of all transactions, and are checked monthly by this office.

8. It is desired to point out, that the Germans use in their correspondence a comma for a decimal point and a decimal point for a comma.

FOR THE DIVISION DIRECTOR:

Incls.:

- Incl. 1- Ltr Degussa, 5 Feb 47
- Incl. 2- Ltr Degussa, 11 Feb 47
- Incl. 3- List Heraeus, subm. 20 Jan 47
- Incl. 4- Report precious metals by Degussa
- Incl. 5- Report precious metals by Heraeus

FRANK W. FRUITMAN
Lt Col. Ord
Chief, Control & Inspection Sect.

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FILES (MRS. KAGAN)

Securities Authorized for Release to FCIRO.

1. **FED FD 21** 1. As indicated by cable WX-88721 and by WX-90566,
FD OMGUS Nov we are now authorized to turn over to the FCIRO the
OMGUS APO 1947 securities contained in concentration camp loot.
(Rear) 742 Accordingly will you kindly prepare the inventory
APO 757 of such securities which will form "Schedule C"
 attached to the receipt signed by FCIRO. When this
 is completed, kindly forward two copies thereof to this office and we shall
 forward the official authorization for release.

2. Since Washington accepted our advice that we
 are not in a position to place a value on these securities, it will not be
 necessary to evaluate them.

3. The securities to be released to the FCIRO
 do not include the six Polish securities which already have been authorized
 for restitution to Poland by letter from this Division, dated 5 November 1947.

(Signed) Albert F. Bender, Jr.

Mr. A. F. Bender, Jr.
 Telephone: 43684
 Rm. 219, FD Bldg.

THEODORE H. HALL
 Director

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The Foreign Exchange Depository

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Foreign Exchange Depository

Finance Division

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

Functions and Personnel

The Foreign Exchange Depository, headed by Colonel William G. Brey, US Army, is a branch of the Finance Division, OMGUS, the Director of which is Mr. Theodore H. Ball in Berlin.

Located in the Reichsbank Building in Frankfurt/Main its functions fall into two categories:



Reichsbank Building
Frankfurt

A. Depository Section

1. Custody, inventory and accounting for valuables uncovered in Germany by Allied Forces.
2. Custody of assets delivered in U.S. Zone under Military Government Law No. 53.
3. Investigation of ownership and claims pertaining to assets held.

B. Currency Section

1. Custody, issue, retirement and accounting for Allied Military marks.
2. Accounting for Military Government Court Fines.

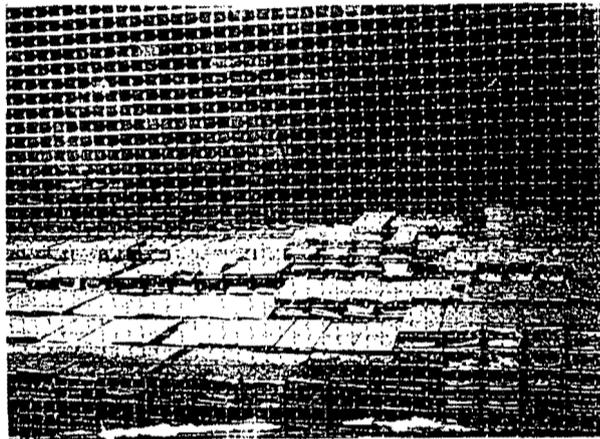
The staff includes U.S. Army Security Officers, U.S. accounting and banking specialists, Allied jewel experts and German clerical assistants.

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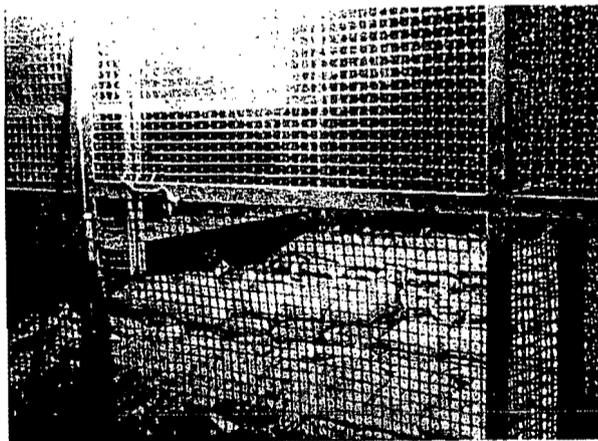
A. Depository Section

The first shipment of valuables arrived in April 1945 and constituted an enormous hoard of gold bullion, currencies, and several hundred containers of S.S. loot.



--- Gold Bullion.

This cache was discovered by the U.S. Army in the Merkers salt mine where it had been deposited, for safety from air raid attacks, by the Reichsbank Berlin.



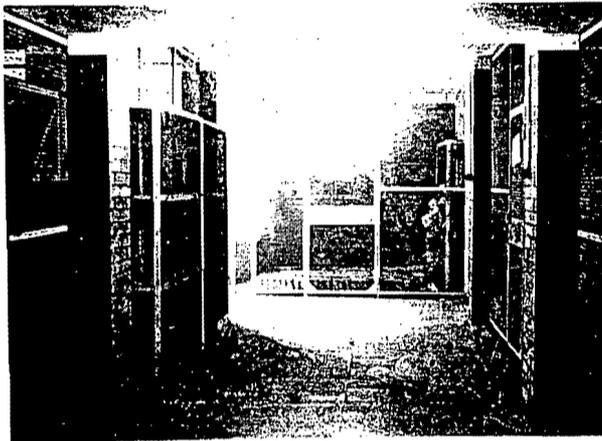
--- Bags of Gold Coin.

Before the end of 1945 many additional shipments arrived from various parts of Germany, filling spacious

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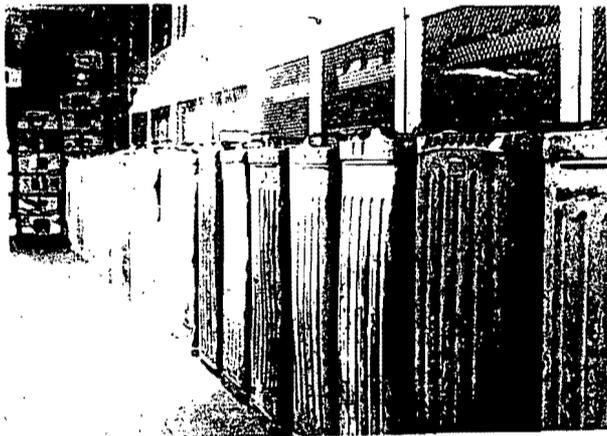
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vaults with a heterogeneous mass of assets, the sorting, inventorying, recording and investigation of which has been under way for many months. It is estimated that the values represented are well in excess of 500 million dollars.



--- Sealed Bullion Cages.

The ultimate disposition of these assets is governed by various rules as to restitution and reparation and by special directives issued by higher headquarters. Restitutions involving tons of gold and silver bullion have already been accomplished.



--- Containers of Currency from many Lands.

Large quantities of unidentifiable jewelry and other personal effects stripped from victims of Nazi brutality are also held in the Depository.

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An interesting disposition as to gold bullion and coin was devised at the Paris Reparation Conference in December 1945. Analogous to the "General Average" concept in maritime law it involves the creation of a so-called "Gold Pot" which will be divided among the claimant countries in proportion to their losses of gold to Germany.

B. Currency Section

The Currency Section of the Foreign Exchange Depository is the highest official Allied Currency Office in the American Zone of Germany. As such it is responsible and concerned with Allied Military mark matters of any nature. It is charged with the custodianship of and has in reserve over eight billion Allied Military marks.



--- Mark Currency Reserve.

It maintains accounts with the Land Central Banks of each Land, having balances at present aggregating over three billion marks. Its functions include Advances of Allied Military marks to U.S. Armed Forces and Representatives of Allied Governments, redemption of mutilated, counterfeit or altered Allied Military marks, processing of payments to over two million German ex-Prisoners of War, reimbursement of U.S. Disbursing Officers for M.G. Expenditures. It is the Depository for MG Court Collections, such as fines and forfeitures, and it is responsible for the preparation of reports forwarded to the U.S. Treasury, War and Navy Departments. It participates in the formation of policy governing currency matters. Maintains liaison with the British Currency Section.

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TO : OMGUS
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REF NO : WX-94114

Reurad Mar CC-8323 former US soldier allegedly found bar of gold, weighing 48.68 troy ounces, near Tetz, Germany. Soldier managed to bring bar of gold to US and attempted to cash it at Denver Br of US Mint. US Mint confiscated bar of gold and shipped to Civil Affairs Division. CAD arranged to have all regs pertaining to export of gold from this country waived and fwd gold to OMGUS. This is all info avail here concerning acquisition and history of this bar of gold.

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FILE NO:

SUBJECT: Report on Silver

DATE 26 February 1947

(Number each memo or minute consecutively. Fill in each column, signed legibly draw a line across the sheet. Use entire width of sheet for long memoranda.)

No.	From	Pass to	Date	HAS THIS PAPER BEEN COORDINATED WITH ALL CONCERNED?
1	For. Exch Dep OMGUS (Rear) APO 757	Director Finance Division OMGUS APO 742 (Attn.: Mr. Brown)	26 Feb 1947	<p>1. Attached is information on silver prepared at your request in response to cable WX-92532 dated 21 Feb 47.</p> <p>2. It is desired to point out that where there is no mention of a foreign origin, later investigation may in some cases reveal such origins.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Frank Clabers</i> WGB/D 34245 for WILLIAM G. BREY Colonel GSC Chief, Foreign Exchange Depository</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Forwarded tel sent 1 March. [Signature]</i></p>

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I. Silver on Hand in F.E.D.

Shipment No.	Amount ounces	Type	Source	Foreign origin	Evidence of Looting	Claims	
						Outstanding	Expected
1	26,601.7	Bullion)	Reichsbank Berlin	S.E. Europe	Yes	None	Unknown
1	5,950.8	Silver content of alloy bars)		Italy	None	None	Unknown
1	14,002.8	Coin)		-	None	None	None
17	2,993,465.5	Bullion and scrap	Reichsbank Magdeburg	Hungary	None	Hungarian Govt.	(see footnote D.)
21 K	22,799.3	Bullion, shot, and scrap	Reichsmint Munich	-	None	None	Unknown
26 B	12,119.2	Bullion	Reichsbank Regensburg	Czechoslovakia	Yes	None	Czechoslovakia
34 D	537,051.6	Silver shot	Mansfield Copper Mining Co. (Law 53)	-	None	None	None
41 D	4,432.3	Bullion	Reichsbank Sonneberg (Law 53)	-	None	None	None
53	1,237.8	Bullion	Reichsbank Muelhausen (Law 53)	-	None	None	None
56	2,263,250.2	Bullion, sheets, rolls, pipes, and wire	Agfa plant I.G. Farben at Wolfen bei Bitterfeld	-	None	None	Unknown
Total	5,880,911.2						

Footnotes

- A. There are further small lots of bars scattered through various shipments - which have not been weighed and it is impossible at the moment to furnish an estimate of the total amount.
- B. There is a considerable amount of silver coin scattered through many shipments. Inventory is proceeding but it is impossible at the moment to furnish an estimate of the total amount of silver coin.
- C. There is a considerable amount of silver articles such as tableware, ornaments, religious articles, rings etc. scattered throughout many shipments. Inventory is proceeding but it is impossible at the moment to furnish an estimate of the total amount of manufactured silver.
- D. Hungarian Government Restitution Claim No. 2250 M lists the following items:

338 boxes silver coins weighing about 20.000 kgs
 435 boxes silver bars weighing about 10.000 kgs
 96 boxes silver bars weighing about 4.000 kgs
 265 articles of silver weighing about 100 kgs
 bars of silver (unpacked) about 79.000 kgs

totaling about 113.100 kgs

II. Silver Released

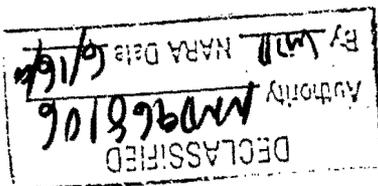
<u>Shipment No.</u>	<u>Amount ounces</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Foreign origin</u>	<u>Evidence of Looting</u>	<u>Claims</u>	
						<u>Outstanding</u>	<u>Expected</u>
11	644,866.6	Bullion	Subsidiary Co. of DEGUSSA	-	None	None	None

This lot was released to the office of Military Government for Germany, Greater Hesse as a loan to German economy. In turn this lot was released by Greater Hesse to Degussa in Frankfurt for smelting and manufacture into silver articles. Records of bar numbers and weights are on file with the Foreign Exchange Depository.

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Internal and External Finance Group

12 April 1949

MEMORANDUM

- I. Total amount of gold to the Tripartite Commission for the Restitution of Monetary Gold (includes gold shipped directly to the recipient country pursuant to the instructions of the Commission)
- | | |
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| 1. to France (for France, Belgium, and Luxembourg) | \$ 85,289,000 |
| 2. to the Netherlands | \$ 33,064,000 |
| 3. balance to London for distribution by the Gold Commission | <u>\$145,325,000</u> |
| total | \$263,678,000 |
- II. Nations participating in the distribution of gold are:
- The United States, the United Kingdom and the British Dominions, Norway, Yugoslavia, Albania, Belgium, Denmark, the Netherlands, France, Greece, Luxembourg, Czechoslovakia.
- III. Value of the "Non-Monetary Gold" to IRO:
- | | |
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| 1. | \$ 747,000 |
| 2. (Misc. currencies including US \$97,000, no agreed valuation between IRO and FED) | |
| 3. Misc. securities, no agreed valuation | |
| 4. | <u>\$ 59,000</u> |
| total | \$ 806,000 |

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IV. Direct restitution of gold and silver to the recipient countries.

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| 1. Hungary | \$32,000,000 (gold train) |
| 2. Hungary | \$ 2,765,000 (silver) |
| 3. Yugoslavia | \$ 21,000 (silver) |
| total | \$34,786,000. |

(Other mixed lots were returned to Italy, Czechoslovakia, and Hungary. These lots included some gold, silver, and platinum.)

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RICHARD EDWIN FITCH

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TO : AGWAR FOR WDSOA
INFO : EUCOM
FROM : OMGUS SIGNED KEATING
REF NO : CC-9926

1. Reurad WX-96654 April, Para 2 D. Foreign currencies deliverable to Inter Governmental Committee for Refugees is subject. Report of status as of 15 May 1947 of inventory of foreign currencies at Foreign Exchange Depository is being forwarded you by air.

2. This report includes among other things a listing of amounts of 101 different kinds of currencies deliverable to IGCR under your WX-85682 subject to your final approval per Para 2 D WX-96654. These include:

- 212,119.57 Belgian francs,
- 1,579-3-3 English pounds,
- 3,049,630.44 French francs,
- 78,979.81 Dutch guilder,
- 3,930.69 Swiss francs,
- 97,045.80 US dollars,
- 62.37 Swedish kroner.

*Approved
WX 86581
(ACC 71053)*

We realize of course that many of these currencies are now worthless and will probably be of no interest to IGCR unless govts of issuing countries agree to honor them.

3. Currencies listed as deliverable to IGCR were contained in boxes of loot found by US Forces near Buchenwald and in 35 "unprocessed" Melmer loot deposits uncovered in Merkers Mine, to which they were removed from Reichsbank Berlin for safekeeping by Germans prior to V-E Day. Further details concerning Melmer deposits follow below.

4. During Hitler regime SS man Melmer made 78 deliveries to Reichsbank Berlin. Melmer activities were highly secret, but key Reichsbank personnel testify it was assumed that his deliveries represented loot from concentration camp victims. 35 deliveries,

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containing amounts in over 90 different currencies as well as other valuables, were not processed upon receipt by Reichsbank, but remained in original packing and were transferred to Merkers Mine, where they were found still unopened by US Forces and transferred to Foreign Exchange Depository, Frankfurt. Contents of these boxes give every appearance of representing loot and we are satisfied they meet conditions WX-85682 for transfer to IGCR.

5. 43 Melmer deliveries were "processed" upon receipt at Reichsbank Berlin, that is, packing was broken, contents removed and assimilated in general assets of Reichsbank. Complete accounting record of contents of these processed deliveries including amounts of foreign currencies contained therein was found in Merkers Mine and is now available for reference at Foreign Exchange Depository. The foreign currencies themselves have of course lost their identity among the general currency reserves of the Reichsbank and in the case of certain currencies we do not have in our control Reichsbank foreign currency assets sufficient to cover them. The question arises whether, if IGCR is to receive currencies, they should also be informed of the processed Melmer deliveries and invited to submit claim for these amounts. For your information, Reichsbank records of processed deliveries indicated that they included among others:

- 15,813-5-4. $\frac{1}{4}$ English pounds,
- 22,578.24 Swiss francs,
- 1,130,726.12 US dollars,
- 2,401.80 Swedish kroner.

6. We recognize that if we were to meet as far as we can IGCR claims for these amounts from general foreign currency reserves of Reichsbank, we would in effect be establishing a priority claim which might invite criticism from govts to whom these currencies would otherwise be due under disposal directives. We recommend therefore that the matter not be taken up with IGCR, but wish to invite your attention to the problem for your consideration.

7. For your information, there is no trace of the jewelry and other non-currency contents of these "processed" boxes. Accounting record reveals these items were disposed of by the Reichsbank through pawnshops, etc. for considerations in Reichsmarks.

8. For your further information, we have not discussed above matters with IGCR representatives except to say that we are under instructions not to include currencies in property transferred to them.

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9. Your early comments would be appreciated. Information re securities requested Para 2 of your WX-96654 will follow when available.

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SAFEHAVEN

Movement of Nazi Looted Valuables through Milan

Prepared by H. Gardner Ainsworth
Foreign Service Officer

Reference is made to the Department's airgram A-200 dated May 15, 1945, transmitting for further investigation certain information of Safehaven interest received from the American Legation at Bern.

Information received from Regional Finance Officer AMG Headquarters, Milan, indicates that SS Obergruppenfuhrer KOCH and German Consul General MEISTER referred to in second and third paragraphs of airgram under reference are prisoners of war and could not therefore be questioned by Public Safety Officer, Milan.

With regard to information from Bern that a large number of high Nazis were known to have been located in the Hotel Regina Metropole, Piazza della Scala, and that each was reportedly holding large quantities of gold, it has been verified that there was considerable movement of valuables through the Hotel. Statements by the manager of the Hotel and by a CIS agent, obtained through the Public Safety Officer, Milan, are attached hereto.

The Embassy has requested any further information which may be available regarding this matter at AFHQ, through the American Political Adviser. The Public Safety Officer at

Milan

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Milan states that the persons referred to in the statement of the CIS Agent have not yet been located but that further information will be forwarded when they may be found.

Approved:

Charles A. Livengood
Counselor for Economic Affairs

H. Gardner Ainsworth,
Foreign Service Officer,
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Enclosures:

1. Statement by CIS BRUNO.
2. Statement by Manager of Hotel Regina.

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from American Embassy, Rome, Italy.

staying with Tavecchio Estella,
Via Boccherini 24, Milan.

I, the undersigned CIS Bruno di Augusto e di Angely Fanny, born at Merano on the 30th July, 1910, and now residing at Milan for a few days but unable to indicate the street or the house number (my brother lives at Via Goldoni 62) phono 25350, of Italian nationality, in the galvanotechnic industry, declare what follows concerning the Hotel Regina, where I worked as interpreter from the 1st November, 1943 to the 23rd April, 1945 (Italian and German).

Towards the month of December (I think) I heard that the Germans, through information received from an Italian informer, had got knowledge of the fact that a deposit of silver bars was buried outside of Milan. The information had come through the Office at Via Littorio 10, Milan, the Chief of which was Franz Durst.

About that date I did, in fact, see silver bars presumably weighing about 1200 kilos deposited in the safe of the Albergo Regina situated in the telephone exchange room (I think it was in the morning but I do not well remember). The keys of the safe were kept by Lt. Muehlenborn, who took the bars over in the presence of some collaborators of the above Office and of some of the hotel porters. I looked at what was being done as I passed by. Recently everything of value was being sent to Colle Isarco instead of to Verona as previously, and I consequently suppose these bars took the same road. I did not see the bars leave the Hotel.

The Head Cashier of the German Command at the Hotel was Mrs. Trombi-Weinmann. At present she is living at Merano, in the Grabenmayerstrasse, Caser Hofer. This lady should know where the central cash deposit was kept and where the deposits of precious metals were kept. Lately she used to sleep and have her meals at the Hotel together with her daughter and son (the former named Franca and the latter Alfredo, nicknamed "Bubi"), who also worked at the Hotel and who are now with their mother in Merano. Alfredo was the Hotel electrician and Franca used to answer the telephone. I have nothing to say against them and, as a matter of fact, if they were able to do some favour to the relatives of political prisoners they used to do it, especially Franca. They are all three Italians.

^ young lady

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A young lady called RITZ, Secretary and "confidante" of Lt. Baumgartner, Head of the Accounting Department, living with an Aunt at Milan and of Swiss nationality, might perhaps be able to furnish further particulars because she had contacts with the people in charge of supplies and accounting.

I have set my hand hereto.

CIS BRUNO
Via Claudia August 24
Merano

13 June 1945

Witness:

JOHN J. LUNCH
1st Lt. CMP

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Enclosure No. 2 to Report No. 136, dated July 16, 1945,
from American Embassy, Rome, Italy.

STATEMENT BY THE MANAGER OF HOTEL REGINA

On various occasions and at different times gold ingots were seen that were classified according to their origin and on inquiry it was discovered that they were to go to Verona.

A great many jewels, gold pounds and other valuables used to be seen without their origin or destination being known; such valuables used to be seen at the beginning of the occupation of the Hotel when the Germans were not yet equipped with personal safes and lockers, etc., inasmuch as they kept said valuables in the Hotel strong-boxes, the key to the central door of which I held myself and was therefore able to watch happenings.

About in the months of January-February some cases containing sporting guns seized from the Ditta Ravizza, Milan, were loaded on a motor truck - the guns were about sixty in number. Nothing else was loaded at the Hotel along with the guns.

About three months ago (January - February) cases of silver ingots weighing altogether about 200 kilos were loaded onto motor truck.

During the night, towards the 22nd or 23rd of April, a column of 4 autobuses left with about 35 girls and an escort of ten men on board - the column was accompanied by Lt. Beretz. As regards material, they had several cases with them of which I do not know the contents because they were made and closed down by the SS themselves.

For the names of members of SS at the Albergo Regina apply to Capt. Anderson of the Int. S. - who found a pay-sheet with a complete list.

Marshall Kamlat, who was a member of the SS and whose evidence might be very useful is certainly at Milan, because he was incorporated in the Partisans.

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tion Agency, Restitution Chamber and Oberlandesgericht) shall disregard any such judgment or order of a court or administrative agency whether or not it may otherwise be appealed or reopened under existing law.

ARTICLE 3

Presumption of Confiscation

1. It shall be presumed in favor of any claimant that the following transactions entered into between 30 January 1933 and 8 May 1945 constitute acts of confiscation within the meaning of Article 2:

- (a) Any transfer or relinquishment of property made during a period of persecution by any person who was directly exposed to persecutory measures on any of the grounds set forth in Article 1;
- (b) Any transfer or relinquishment of property made by a person who belonged to a class of persons which on any of the grounds set forth in Article 1 was to be eliminated in its entirety from the cultural and economic life of Germany by measures taken by the State or the NSDAP.

2. In the absence of other factors proving an act of confiscation within the meaning of Article 2, the presumptions set forth in paragraph 1 may be rebutted by showing that the transferor was paid a fair purchase price. Such evidence by itself shall not, however, rebut the presumptions if the transferor was denied the free right of disposal of the purchase price on any of the grounds set forth in Article 1.

3. A fair purchase price within the meaning of this Article shall mean the amount of money which a willing buyer would pay and a willing seller would take, taking into consideration, in the case of a commercial enterprise, the normal good will which such enterprise would have in the hands of a person not subject to persecutory measures referred to in Article 1.

ARTICLE 4

Power of Avoidance

1. Any transaction entered into by a person belonging to a class referred to in Paragraph 1 (b) of Article 3 within the period from 15 September 1935 (the date of the first Nuremberg laws) to 8 May 1945 may, because of the duress imposed on such class, be avoided by a claimant where such transaction involved the transfer or relinquishment of any property unless:

- (a) The transaction as such and with its essential terms would have taken place even in the absence of National Socialism, or
- (b) The transferee protected the property interests of the claimant (Article 7) or his predecessor in interest in an unusual manner and with substantial success, for example, by helping him in transferring his assets abroad or through similar assistance.

2. In determining under paragraph 1 (a) whether the transaction would have taken place even in the absence of National Socialism, the fact that

- the transferor himself offered to sell the property to the transferee, or
- the transferor received a fair purchase price (see Article 3, paragraph 3) the free right of disposal of which was not denied him on any of the grounds set forth in Article 1,

shall be considered by the Restitution Authority together with all other facts, but neither fact, either singly or in conjunction with the other, shall be sufficient to show that the transaction would have taken place even in the absence of National Socialism.

Wiedergutmachungskammer und Beschwerdegericht) haben eine solche Entscheidung oder Verfügung eines Gerichts oder einer Verwaltungsbehörde als nichtig zu behandeln ohne Rücksicht darauf, ob sie nach geltendem Recht rechtskräftig ist, und ob sie im Wiederaufnahmeverfahren angefochten werden könnte.

ARTIKEL 3

Entziehungsvermutung

1. Zu Gunsten eines Berechtigten wird vermutet, daß ein in der Zeit vom 30. Januar 1933 bis 8. Mai 1945 abgeschlossenes Rechtsgeschäft eine Vermögensentziehung im Sinne des Artikels 1 darstellt:

- (a) Wenn die Veräußerung oder Aufgabe des Vermögensgegenstandes in der Zeit der Verfolgungsmaßnahmen von einer Person vorgenommen worden ist, die Verfolgungsmaßnahmen aus Gründen des Artikels 1 unmittelbar ausgesetzt war;
- (b) wenn die Veräußerung oder Aufgabe eines Vermögensgegenstandes seitens einer Person vorgenommen wurde, die zu einer Gruppe von Personen gehörte, welche in ihrer Gesamtheit aus den Gründen des Artikels 1 durch Maßnahmen des Staates oder der NSDAP aus dem kulturellen und wirtschaftlichen Leben Deutschlands ausgeschaltet werden sollte.

2. Vorausgesetzt, daß keine anderen Tatsachen für das Vorliegen einer Entziehung im Sinne des Artikels 2 sprechen, kann die Vermutung des Absatz 1 durch den Beweis widerlegt werden, daß dem Veräußerer ein angemessener Kaufpreis bezahlt worden ist. Dieser Beweis allein widerlegt jedoch die Vermutung nicht, wenn dem Veräußerer aus den Gründen des Artikels 1 das Recht der freien Verfügung über den Kaufpreis verweigert worden ist.

3. Ein angemessener Kaufpreis im Sinne dieses Artikels ist derjenige Geldbetrag, den ein Kauflustiger zu zahlen und ein Verkaufslustiger anzunehmen bereit wäre, wobei bei Geschäftsunternehmen der Firmenwert (good will) berücksichtigt wird, den ein solches Unternehmen in den Händen einer Person hätte, die Verfolgungsmaßnahmen aus den Gründen des Artikels 1 nicht unterworfen war.

ARTIKEL 4

Anfechtung

1. Der Berechtigte kann ein Rechtsgeschäft, das von einer zur Gruppe des Absatz 1(b) des Artikels 3 gehörigen Person in der Zeit vom 15. September 1935 (Datum der ersten Nürnberger Gesetze) bis zum 8. Mai 1945 vorgenommen worden ist, wegen der Zwangslage, in der sich diese Gruppe befand, anfechten, wenn das Rechtsgeschäft die Veräußerung oder Aufgabe eines Vermögensgegenstandes zum Inhalt hatte, es sei denn, daß

- (a) das Rechtsgeschäft als solches und mit seinen wesentlichen Bestimmungen auch ohne die Herrschaft des Nationalsozialismus abgeschlossen worden wäre, oder
- (b) der Erwerber die Vermögensinteressen des Berechtigten (Artikel 7) oder seines Rechtsvorgängers in besonderer Weise und mit wesentlichem Erfolg, insbesondere durch Mitwirkung bei einer Vermögensübertragung ins Ausland oder durch ähnliche Maßnahmen, wahrgenommen hat.

2. Bei der Feststellung, ob nach Absatz 1 (a) das Rechtsgeschäft auch ohne die Herrschaft des Nationalsozialismus abgeschlossen worden wäre, können die Tatsachen, daß der Veräußerer den Vermögensgegenstand selbst dem Erwerber angeboten oder daß er einen angemessenen Kaufpreis (Artikel 3, Absatz 3) erhalten hat, ohne daß ihm dabei aus den Gründen des Artikels 1 die freie Verfügung über den Kaufpreis verweigert wurde, zusammen mit anderen Tatsachen in Betracht gezogen werden. Es sollen aber diese beiden Tatsachen, jede für sich allein oder beide zusammen, noch nicht zum Nachweis dafür ausreichen, daß das Rechtsgeschäft auch ohne die Herrschaft des Nationalsozialismus abgeschlossen worden wäre.

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<u>R D & R</u>			
<u>A. RESTITUTION PROCEDURE (For Restitution Laws see Legal, para D)</u>			
✓ Quadripartite Property Control Procedure	EC Discuss	26	23 Oct 45
	EC Decision	38	26 Oct 45
	AC Discuss	5	8 Oct 45
	AC Decision	17	30 Oct 45
✓ Plan for Property Restitution	AC Decision	82	18 Dec 45
✓ Procedure for the Restitution of Looted Allied Property	EC Decision	577	16 Aug 46
✓ Restitution under the Hungarian Peace Treaty	EC Discuss	1571	8 Oct 48
	EC Discuss	1811	8 Jul 49
Yugoslav Protest against British Restitution Policy	EC Discuss	1610	19 Nov 48
	EC Discuss	1654	6 Jan 49
Polish Protest Against US Restitution Policy	EC Discuss	1655	6 Jan 49
	AC Discuss	949	14 Jan 49
 <u>B. EXTERNAL RESTITUTION</u>			
Decree on Declaration of United Nations Property	EC Decision	386	7 May 46
	AC Decision	217	10 May 46
✓ Exchange of Lists of Looted Property Declared by Austrians	EC Discuss	578	16 Aug 46
	EC Decision	654	20 Sep 46
✓ Declaration of Looted Property	EC Discuss	1104	22 Aug 47
✓ Recognition of U. N. Rights in Property Claimed as War Booty	EC Discuss	1812	8 Jul 49
	EC Discuss	1813	8 Jul 49
	AC Discuss	1044	15 Jul 49
	AC Discuss	1045	15 Jul 49
Restitution of UN Property	EC Discuss	792	19 Dec 46
	EC Decision	931	3 Apr 47
Locating of Looted United Nations Property	EC Discuss	961	6 May 47
	EC Discuss	994	6 Jun 47
	AC Decision	550	13 Jun 47 ✓
Disposition of Austrian Assets in Rumania	EC Decision	496	25 Jun 46
Confiscation of Austrian Property in Rumania	EC Discuss	710	22 Oct 46
Yugoslav Government Property in Vienna	EC Decision	724	4 Nov 46
✓ Austrian Claims to Property in Hungary	EC Decision	769	6 Dec 46
Alleged Disposal of Yugoslav Bank Deposits	AC Discuss	509	11 Apr 47
	EC Decision	1105	22 Aug 47
	EC Discuss	1142	18 Sep 47

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Disposition of Delay in Return of Yugoslav Property by the Austrian Government	EC Discuss	962	6 May 47
	EC Discuss	993	6 Jun 47
	AC Discuss	549	13 Jun 47
Claim for Payment of Restitution Expenses	EC Discuss	288	23 Jan 48
	AC Discuss	727	30 Jan 48
Restitution of French Privately-Owned Railroad Cars	EC Discuss	1346	5 Mar 48
Examination of a Bank Account by Yugoslav Restitution Mission	EC Decision	1379	9 Apr 48
✓ Restitution of Art Objects to Hungary	EC Decision	1380	9 Apr 48
Full Reciprocal Restitution of Rolling Stock and Locomotives	EC Discuss	1382	9 Apr 48
Yugoslav Complaints on Difficulty of Restitution in the US Zone	EC Decision	1425	7 May 48
Polish Claim to 16,690 Reichsmarks	EC Discuss	1485	9 Jul 48
Czech Claim for Restitution from Landerbank	EC Decision	1534	20 Aug 48
Demand for Documents on Looted Property by Yugoslav Restitution Mission	EC Discuss	1536	20 Aug 48
	AC Decision	876	27 Aug 48
Restitution of Jewish Registers from Berlin	EC Decision	1678	4 Feb 49
Delay in Yugoslav Restitution from US and British Zones	EC Discuss	1766	6 May 49
✓ Restitution of Seven Dutch Paintings	EC Decision	1859	19 Aug 49

C. GERMAN ASSETS

✓ Soviet Interpretation of German Assets	AC Discuss	18	30 Oct 45
✓ Allied Claims to German Assets	EC Discuss	170	22 Dec 45
	AC Discuss	94	10 Jan 46
Chancellor's Letter on German Property	EC Decision	560	6 Aug 46
Soviet Claims to Houses in Neuenkirchen	EC Discuss	1305	6 Feb 48
	AC Discuss	739	13 Feb 48
French Removal of Machinery from Pfeiffer Werke	EC Discuss	694	18 Oct 46
	EC Discuss	708	22 Oct 46
Cancellation of a German Mortgage at Bad Aussee	EC Discuss	1381	9 Apr 48
	EC Discuss	1460	18 Jun 48
Transfer of Gutttenbrunn Sanitarium Shares	EC Decision	1449	4 Jun 48

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Claim to Property in 2nd Bezirk	EC Discuss	1488	9 Jul 48
	AC Discuss	842	16 Jul 48
Recovery of Costs for Demolition of German Building in 2nd Bezirk	EC Discuss	1588	22 Oct 48
Ownership Restitution of Firm J.M. Veith, St. Pölten	EC Discuss	1679	4 Feb 49
Disposition of Rings - Reply to Dr. Schmidt	EC Decision	1765	6 May 49
Registration of Property by Johann and Maria Pucher	EC Discuss	1789	2 Jun 49
Registration of Roth Property in Eggenburg	EC Discuss	1810	8 Jul 49
Mortgage Cancellation on Ott Property at Wiener Neustadt	EC Discuss	1826	22 Jul 49
Probate of the Estate of KURT PERTSCH--1st Bezirk	EC Discuss	1900	7 Oct 49
Satisfaction of Claim against Firm Hofherr-Schranz--Soviet Zone	EC Discuss	1902	7 Oct 49
	AC Discuss	1095	14 Oct 49
Probation of the Estate of ADELE MEISSNER	EC Decision	1928	4 Nov 49
Cancellation of Mortgage on Real Estate at Auhof	EC Discuss	1929	4 Nov 49
Mortgage Cancellation on Real Estate at Baden	EC Discuss	1930	4 Nov 49
✓ Request for Restitution of Real Estate at Oberwart	EC Discuss	1949	2 Dec 49
Claim for Non-Payment of Krankenkasse Taxes Against Factory at Woellersdorf	EC Discuss	1950	2 Dec 49
	AC Discuss	1124	9 Dec 49
Soviet Seizure of US Bookkeeping Machines	EC Discuss	1951	2 Dec 49

D. USIA AND SOVIET SEIZURES (See ECONOMICS, Par. E & F)

Seizure of Industrial Installations	EC Discuss	498	25 Jun 46
✓ <i>Soviet Seizures of Properties in Vienna Involving Allied Interests</i>	EC Discuss	513	5 Jul 46
Disposition of the Brown-Bovery Works	EC Discuss	1197	5 Nov 47
Soviet Seizure of the Reichsautobahnen	EC Discuss	1268	9 Jan 48
	AC Discuss	715	16 Jan 48
USIA Questionnaires to Austrian Industrial Enterprises (See ECONOMIC, par. E)	EC Discuss	1519	6 Aug 48
	AC Discuss	863	13 Aug 48
	EC Discuss	1549	3 Sep 48
	EC Discuss	1587	22 Oct 48

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Mortgage Cancellations on Properties in Purkersdorf and Neunikirchen	EC Discuss	1742	8 Apr 49
<u>E. FIRST BEZIRK VIENNA</u>			
Restitution of Looted United Nations Property in the First Bezirk	EC Decision	768	6 Dec 46
	EC Decision	793	19 Dec 46
✓ Soviet Proposal to Abolish Property Control in the First Bezirk Vienna	EC Discuss	1076	8 Aug 47
Unilateral Actions of the Soviet Property Control in the First Bezirk	EC Discuss	1253	18 Dec 47
	AC Discuss	705	23 Dec 47
Soviet Refusal to Permit Sale of Land in First Bezirk	EC Discuss	1306	6 Feb 48
✓ Claim to Property in 1st Bezirk	EC Discuss	1486	9 Jul 48
	EC Discuss	1487	9 Jul 48
	AC Discuss	841	16 Jul 48
Report by the Property Control Commission of the 1st Bezirk	EC Discuss	1535	20 Aug 48
	AC Discuss	875	27 Aug 48
Administration of Austrian Banks in 1st Bezirk	EC Discuss	1572	8 Oct 48
Transfer of Singer Sewing Machine Property in 1st Bezirk	EC Discuss	1573	8 Oct 48
	EC Discuss	1589	22 Oct 48
Probate of the Estate of KURT PERTSCH--1st Bezirk	EC Discuss	1900	7 Oct 49
Sale of Real Estate at Hoher Marker--1st Bezirk	EC Decision	1901	7 Oct 49

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Berlin, July 20, 1948.

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No. 1068

Subject: Restitution Program.

The Honorable
The Secretary of State,
Washington.

Sir:

I have the honor to refer to my despatch number 1049, dated July 14, 1948, and to report that present plans call for the completion of non-cultural restitution to certain nations before January 1, 1949. This action is being taken in order to lighten the work load for United States Military Government authorities, and in order to free representatives of these nations from further work in the Zone.

Outstanding non-cultural restitution claims of Denmark were reviewed with General Biering, Chief of the Danish Military Mission in Berlin, and with Captain Carl Petersen, Reparations and Restitution Officer, in order to establish a date for the completion of this phase of the restitution program. At present, there are 200 odd Danish claims outstanding. Priority is being given to investigation of these claims so that processing can be completed not later than August 15. Shipments are to be made immediately after the properties are located, and it is planned to complete the program by September 15, 1948.

Similar discussions recently took place with Mr. Van Veenst Tot Veenst, Acting Chief of the Netherlands Military Mission in Berlin, and with Lieutenant Colonel E. E. Brandland, Deputy Chief of the Norwegian Mission, in the absence of the Chief of the Mission. In the case of the Netherlands, a completion date of September 15 was set for non-cultural restitution, while in the case of Norway, a date of September 1 was established.

Lieutenant General Goethals, Chief of the Belgian Military Mission in Berlin, stated that very few, if any, additional non-cultural or cultural claims for restitution would be submitted by his government. Therefore, it was agreed by Military Government authorities to complete processing of outstanding Belgian claims by not later than October 15, 1948, although meritorious non-cultural and cultural claims will continue to be received.

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Also, clearance will be granted for four or five additional Belgian representatives to enter the United States Zone for the purpose of expediting deliveries.

At present, Luxembourg has seventeen claims outstanding for the restitution of non-cultural items. Action is being taken to complete processing of these not later than August 1, so that final action can be taken to complete the Luxembourg claims prior to August 15.

Respectfully yours,

James F. Riddleberger,
Charge d'Affaires ad interim.

In Original and Duplicate to the Department.

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TO : CHIEF OF STAFF US ARMY FOR CSCAD ECON
INFO : EUCOM
FROM : OMGUS SIGNED HAYS
REF NO : CC-2082

POLITICAL DIVISION
OCT 27 1947
BERLIN, GERMANY

Reurad WX-87155, ourads August 47 CC-1117, June 47
CC-9390 and March 47 CC-8354. Restitution of securities is subject.

- At its meeting 19 Sept 47 RDR directorate agreed:
 - That securities shall be restituted pursuant to CORC/P (46) 143;
 - That securities known to have been German-owned prior to the period of occupation should not be subject to restitution. However, as to A, the Soviet delegate made the reservation "That securities of German issue which belong to claimant countries should be deposited until the time when the questions connected with the future of securities of German issue are settled". As to B, the French delegate invoked the general restitution principle under which all indentifiable property removed by the Germans is returned to the formerly occupied country, irrespective of the nationality of the owner. He was of the opinion that the question of ownership can and must be settled within the country from which the property was removed and that the securities referred to under B would consequently, upon return, be treated as German external assets in the same conditions as though they had never been removed from the country in question. The above decision of the RDR directorate together with the question raised by the Soviet and French delegates is now CORC/P (47) 163/1 and was considered on 16 Oct 47 by CORC which deferred the matter until the next meeting or meeting after next upon the request of the US delegate who deemed it necessary to take up certain aspects with his Government.

2. Agreement of US delegate in RDR directorate to decision reached was based upon fact that discussions in finance directorate and CORC made it evident that Quadripartite agreement could not be reached on basis your W-88566, and upon following additional consider-

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A. By definition, external restitution is only concerned with identifiable property and therefore that part of W-88566 which deals with merging of inventories and pooling of non-identifiable securities, I.E. securities which cannot be identified as to the country from which removed, was not incorporated in DRDR paper. Separate cable makes recommendations for dealing with this problem.

B. In agreeing that securities be restituted in accordance with CORC/P (46) 143, RDR directorate has dropped rebuttable presumption of removal by force since restitution of securities is in no event inconsistent with reparations (even including the German minimum economy) and therefore presumption of force adds nothing to procedure established in CORC/P (46) 143.

C. Although exclusion from restitution of bona-fide German-owned securities whose German ownership is known to ante-date occupation is objected to by French as stated above, we believe there is a chance of inducing them to abandon this reservation in view of fact that in both Finance Directorate and CORC French previously took contrary position.

D. Informal discussions with British and French DRDR representatives revealed their unwillingness to support reporting to IARA of German interests in restitutable securities as being contrary to restitution principles. Further, if provision for exclusion from restitution of securities German-owned prior to occupation is accepted Quadripartitly, there seems little or no need for such reporting to IARA.

3. In view of impossibility of obtaining Soviet acceptance of CORC/P (47) 163 and in light above explanations, permission is requested to deviate from original SWNCC directive transmitted in W-88566, to support in CORC decision reached in RDR directorate and to withdraw matter of final disposition of unidentifiable securities from Agenda. If Soviet and French reservations set forth in para 1 above cannot be overcome, we will in any case be able immediately to proceed with restitution identifiable securities in Quadripartite basis, excluding only securities of German issue and securities falling under para 1 B above, which matters may either be further negotiated or acted upon unilaterally, bilaterally or trilaterally. Implementing procedure in our Zone will provide for filing of claims for restitution of securities of non-German issue as to which the claimant nation has no knowledge of German ownership ante-dating the time of occupation. Restitution Missions will also be requested to submit lists of securities of German issue and securities under para 1B above.

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4. In view of short deferral of securities question
in CORC, your earliest reply would be appreciated.WX-87155 is AGC IN 71971
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C O N F I D E N T I A L

R O U T I N E

FROM : AGWAR FROM JCS
 TO : OMGDS FOR KEATING
 INFO : USFA FOR KEYES
 REF NO : WK-96654

1. The following, received from the State, War and Navy Departments, is in reply to your CC-7904. See also CC-7792.

2. A. Monetary gold to go entirely to gold pot. Your distinction between monetary gold coin and numismatic gold coin on basis value (numismatic if market value exceeds gold value) considered sound. Numismatic gold coin which meets conditions WX-85682 will (?) IGCR.

B. All coins included W-90078 except gold coin and coins of numismatic value.

C. Under W-90078 no claims to be received from occupied countries for currencies unoccupied countries. Any claims this type to be settled between countries concerned.

D. WX-85682 generally not an exception to restitution directives, since it covers only property where restitution can not be made under present practice and concepts. WX-85682 is disposal directive for one type property only, i.e., that of victims Nazi persecution, if it can not be restituted to a govt or if heirless (?). Therefore, basically no conflict with restitution directives. Re currencies and securities Para 4 W-90078 and Para 3E (1) W-88566 hereby changed to provide merely your retention currencies, securities which are presumed looted from Nazi victims and national origin of which in strict sense unknown. Further instructions re these currencies and securities will be transmitted on receipt from you detailed info re amounts, types, values. Request this info soonest.

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E. You are hereby authorized dispose of currencies as per W-90078 with exception noted 2-D without awaiting ACA agreement. You are also authorized to effect restitution identifiable lots of looted securities. If you deem such action appropriate, bearing in mind ACA negotiations entire US. Plan looted securities. CONL/P/ (46) three rev deals with identifiable property only. Non-mon gold by definition unidentifiable. Currencies also largely unidentifiable in strict sense. Therefore unilateral disposition these two not violation ACA Agreement. Restitution identifiable securities appears accord with CONL/P/ (46) three rev.

F. Securities falling within WX-85682 to be retained pending full info amounts types values involved. However, disposition thereof to IGCR not considered contrary US position ACC inasmuch as they are, for the most part, not German assets or identifiable loot subject to usual restitution procedure.

3. No directives disposition this type property (except monetary gold) can be issued until there is full info re amounts available, categories, value, source (if known), etc. Such information requested soonest. Your recommendations disposition such property welcomed. Re WX-85682, it clearly applies only to property presumed to be loot, excluding all other property though it may be of same kind.

4. Foregoing was discussed with Bennet during his visit Washington.

- CC-7904 - 24 Feb 47 - FIN
- CC-7792 - 24 Jan 47 - FIN
- WX-85682 is AGC IN 41877, 20 NOV 46
- W-90078 is AGC IN 47048, 21 Jan 47 - FIN
- W-88566 is AGC IN 45289, 29 Dec 46 - FIN

ACTION : FIN

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P R I O R I T Y

FROM : ACWAR FROM WDSKA ES
 TO : OMGUS
 INFO : EUCOM
 REF NO : WX-96748

1. Reurad Apr CC-8656, CC-8730, CC-8781, Feb CC-7904, ourad W-90078. Re Par 4 ur CC-8781, fact that some of silver bars may have originated from melted silver leis and dinars not considered obstacle. In gen, question of settling irregularities, if any, in original acquisition is one of for determination between countries concerned.

2. Request you proceed with restitution Orphans Court deposits (2-D urad CC-8656) except packages containing currencies which may be disclosed by detailed inventory (see 5 following).

3. Please clarify expression "safekeeping" (Par 3 urad CC-8656). Does this mean property removed from individual safekeeping deposits in Hungary, or was property entrusted to US Army by Hungarians in Germany or both? No objection in principle to restitution such of these cases not containing currencies. Latter should be retained together with other assets if in same packages. Is foreign currency these cases in clearly identifiable lots, i.e., is there some fairly conclusive indication as to source and/or ownership thereof?

4. Reply by JCS urad Feb CC-7904 has just been apd by SWNCC states that coins other than gold or numismatic are to be treated like other currency under ourad. Paper also auth unilateral disposition currencies and identifiable looted securities.

5. However, re currencies request you continue to defer action even after receipt of SWNCC auth until question of possible special treatment for specific lots of "identifiable" currencies

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R O U T I N E

FROM : AGWAR FROM WDSCA ES
 TO : OMGUS
 RFF NO : W-88054

Reurad Nov CC-7048, Dec CC-7239 and ourad
 Nov WX-85682.

1. For your info in quadripartite discussions restitution securities and currencies US policy remains unchanged and there is at present no intention to compromise.

2. State Dept paper about to be introduced in SWNCG disposition currencies provides:

(A) Restitution to issuing countries if they experienced German occupation (but excluding Finland, Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria);

(B) Return to issuing UN countries if not under German occupation and if members of IARA, question of charge against reparations to be left to IARA to decide;

(C) Surrender of currencies of Finland, Bulgaria, Hungary, Rumania to USSR;

(D) Retention of all other currencies pending ultimate determination policy regard thereto. Disposition all currency to be without prejudice to such indiv ownership rights in any part thereof as may be established before receiving govts. Currency falling within provisions WX-85682 will be treated in accord therewith. No currency discovered after 1 Jan 47 to be subj to above program with exception to sums over \$1,000 or equivalent.

3. Please continue advise important developments restitution securities and currencies by cable.

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 TO : OMGUS
 INFO : US EMBASSY BRUSSELS BELGIUM FOR DORR
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Reurad May CC-4350 CC-4993. Subject: Restitution neutral currencies.

Part 1. Restitution neutral currencies involve larger question disposition property declared and delivered under Law 53 or otherwise uncovered. Following State Dept. proposals re gold, precious metals and currencies submitted for your comment. Uniform treatment all zones desirable. Disposition securities, checks, etc. being separately considered.

1. Basic concept that external restitution and reparations have priority over use for financing imports with respect to gold, precious metals and currencies found in Germany. This considered necessary in view position taken by this Govt. vis-a-vis other nations.

2. Cut-off date concept used below reflects State assumption that would be administratively helpful to you to have cut-off date on small sums or values delivered under Law 53. Suggestion is that such sums delivered after cut-off date be available for MG use in paying for imports. Alternative cut-off dates suggested are 31 Dec 45, 30 June 46, 31 Dec 46. Note that cut-off dates do not apply to substantial sums or values delivered under Law 53 nor to sums of any size otherwise uncovered at any time.

3. Monetary gold and gold coin, except coins of numismatic or historical value and except Hungarian gold: subject to restitution via gold pot in accordance with Paris Reparations Agreement Part III. Agreement makes no provision for cut-off date. Question of advisability cut-off date will be raised Tripartite Gold Commission shortly to be set up Brussels.

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4. Non-monetary gold, as defined in State 317 to Brussels dated April 2 repeated to USPOLAD as 804. Subject to disposition in accordance with Paris Reparations Agreement Part 1, Article 8. Cut-off date on small sums delivered under Law 53 should apply.

5. Other precious metals: if delivered under Law 53 prior to cut-off date or otherwise uncovered at any time should be delivered IARA for distribution as reparations, except that identifiable looted lots should be restituted. If delivered under Law 53 after cut-off date and if represent small values should be available for MG use in paying for imports, except that identifiable looted lots should be restituted.

6. Foreign currencies: Cut-off date should apply in each case on small sums delivered under Law 53.

(a) Foreign currencies issued by UN which experienced Axis Occupation should be restored to respective governments as restitution.

(b) Currencies issued by IARA Governments except those in (a) above should be delivered such governments through IARA. Respective governments, if they decide to accept such currency, would account for receipt as reparation under category external assets.

(c) Latin American currencies should be retained subject to decision on disposition German external assets Latin America.

(d) Currencies of Finland, Rumania, Bulgaria and Hungary should be delivered USSR as reparation in category German external assets.

(e) Currencies neutral countries should be delivered IARA for disposal as reparation category (a) assets.

(f) All other currencies should be reserved pending subsequent decision as to disposition. Items (a), (b), (d) and (e) above were agreed at sessions Paris Conference on Reparation.

2. New subject: Understood fr representative Baker Co Newark, NJ which owns 23 and 1/2 percent Heraeus, C.W. Frankfurt

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That French Government has seized and taken to Paris 10,000 ozs fine platinum found Heraeus Br Osnabruegen French Zone. Now worth 560,000 dollars. Baker Co partner in Heraeus, Limited Partnership, may have direct title and in any event has beneficial interest. Can you inform (a) under what disposition MG Law French seizure and removal made; (b) whether French consider restitution, reparations, or export.

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Coordinating Committee at meeting 3 Dec. unable to reach agreement paper on disposition foreign securities and currencies found in Germany. It was agreed to withdraw paper from the Agenda and notify their governments of the respective points of view. Three to one divergence of views with Soviets dissenting remains as reported our CC-7048. Additional Soviet argument is that decision on these questions must await "Final settlement of UN reparations claims against Germany". We feel that Soviet representatives here, who have shown disposition to stall these questions rather than face issues squarely, are acting on strictest orders from their government. Minutes Coordinating Committee meeting will be forwarded by air pouch as soon as completed.

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Reurads W-85635 and WX-90450 and ourad CC-6915.

Quadripartite discussions referred to your W-85635 have taken place under 3 headings as follows:

1. Disposition foreign securities in Germany owned or controlled by persons falling within articles 2 or 3 Control Council Law No 5. As noted your W-85635, Coordinating Committee considered this question 22 Aug. Recommendations from Directorate level were divided as follows:

- a. American, British and French had argued that subj securities represent rights, titles or interests in foreign property and are vested in German External Property Commission for ultimate disposition reparation account accord Potsdam provisions.
- b. Soviets had argued subj securities not external assets but property located in Germany and therefore at disposal zone cond.

On suggestion Soviet member, Coordinating Committee referred question to Fin Directorate for reconsideration in conjunction with discussion disposition foreign currencies found in Germany.

2. Disposition foreign currencies found in Germany. Early discussions this question Directorate level revealed divergence of views similar those noted para 1 above. American, British and French had argued that currencies issued by UN which had suffered from German invasion should be restituted, while those issued by other nations should be considered external assets vested in German External Property Commission for

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ultimate use reparations. Soviets had argued that currencies like securities are property subj disposal zone comdrs. Conflicting views German owned foreign securities and currencies have now been incorporated in single paper for consideration by Coordinating Committee probably during week 24 Nov.

3. Restitution looted securities found in Germany. As reported our CC-6915, American paper this subj introduced last meeting Finance Directorate. Paper embodied broad principles your WX-90450. British and French supported proposal, Soviet would only agree simple proposition that securities are included in term "property subj to restitution" and should be restituted only insofar as they are identifiable upon receipt of claims from foreign govts. Full dissenting Soviet opinion will be presented for discussion next meeting Fin Directorate.

We are of course proceeding with these subjs Quadripartitely on the basis of our existing understanding of US policy as expressed in previous cables.

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ALLIED COMMISSION FOR AUSTRIA

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UNITED STATES POLICY IN AUSTRIA

presented by the Allied Secretariat

The US Element presents the attached statement of United States Policy in Austria, and proposed resolution, for consideration under any other business at the Allied Council meeting on 25 April.

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Austria is regarded by the United States as a country liberated from forcible domination by Nazi Germany. In the words of the Moscow Declaration, the United States regards Austria as "the first free country to fall a victim to Hitlerite aggression," now "liberated from German domination." It regards "the annexation imposed on Austria by Germany in March 1938 as null and void" and considers itself "as in no way bound by any changes effected in Austria since that date." It wishes "to see reestablished a free and independent Austria and thereby to open the way for the Austrian people themselves as well as those neighboring states faced with similar problems to find that political and economic security which is the only basis for lasting peace." Therefore, although Austria cannot evade "a responsibility for participation in the war at the side of Hitlerite Germany," the final settlement should take "account of her own contribution to her liberation," and at no time should the conditions imposed on Austria be such as to prejudice her progress toward freedom and independence.

The United States thus considers that Austria should be treated as a liberated area, as provided in Resolution No. 74 adopted by the Council of UNRRA in August 1945 in London.

Further, the United States considers that the Allied Commission for Austria has brought about the political, legal, and economic separation of Austria from Germany.

II. Major Objectives.

The major objectives of United States policy in Austria are as follows:

1. The establishment of a free and independent Austria, and to this end
 - (a) the promotion of democratic self-government;
 - (b) the elimination from Austrian life of all remaining Nazi influences; and
 - (c) the rehabilitation of the Austrian economy and its maintenance on a sound self-supporting basis, capable of independent existence within the framework of general European economic reconstruction;
2. Friendly and cooperative relations between Austria and other peaceful nations, including particularly its near neighbors.

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III Particular Measures.

The United States favors the following measures to implement its policy in Austria and to achieve the major objectives outlined above:

1. The Allied Commission should turn over to the Austrian Government the administration of Austrian affairs in all fields except where the Austrian Government is unable to act.
2. The Allied Commission should request the Austrian Government to give prompt consideration to the proposals regarding de-Nazification recently drawn up by representatives of the three Austrian political parties, to secure the enactment of a law (subject to Allied Commission review) incorporating in general the substance of these proposals, and thereafter to administer and enforce the law energetically.
3. The occupying powers should permit Austria to develop its own political and economic structures, provided that they are based upon democratic foundations.
4. A new agreement on control machinery, now under discussion, should be completed in the Allied Commission, submitted to the four Governments, and put into effect without delay, as contemplated by Article 14 of the EAC Control Machinery Agreement.
5. The members of the Allied Council, through appropriate representations to their respective Governments, should endeavor to facilitate the earliest possible conclusion of a treaty between Austria and the four occupying powers, providing for the reinstatement of an independent and democratic Austria, and facilitating its admission into the UNO.
6. The size of the occupation forces stationed in Austria should be rapidly reduced to the minimum necessary to assure the performance of the following functions, assuming full use of the Austrian constabulary:
 - (a) patrolling frontiers to prevent unauthorized movements,
 - (b) guarding Austrians held under arrest for reasons of security or de-Nazification,
 - (c) protecting relief and rehabilitation supplies,
 - (d) insuring the maintenance of law and order, and
 - (e) handling matters of direct concern to the occupying powers, such as displaced persons and prisoners of war.
7. An appropriate agency of the Allied Commission should enter into a full discussion without delay of disputed cases which have arisen under the Potsdam Agreement (which provided that no reparations should be exacted from Austria) that Allied claims to German reparations would be satisfied.

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in part from appropriate external German assets, and that the signatories renounced all claims to German assets located in certain areas of Austria). No assets in Austria which the Government or nationals of Germany acquired through looting or forced transfer in the sense of the London Declaration of January, 1943, should be claimed as German external assets under the Potsdam Agreement.

8. The occupying powers should facilitate and assist in the providing of immediate relief for Austria. In particular,

(a) All possible support and assistance should be given to the UNRRA program, and all of the occupying powers should carry out fully the terms of all UNRRA Council resolutions and recommendations. Production in Austria of foodstuffs, fuel, and other supplies included in the UNRRA program, and all agricultural land in Austria, should be made available for the Austrian economy, in order to minimize the importation of supplies by UNRRA or the occupying powers.

(b) The occupying powers should then treat Austria as an economic unit and facilitate trade between and within the existing zones of occupation and unified control over Austria's international frontiers.

(c) Each of the occupying powers should strive to turn over to UNRRA stocks of imported foodstuffs sufficient to maintain in its zone of occupation for at least sixty days a ration scale based on 1,200 calories per day for the normal consumer.

(d) With regard to solid fuel and petroleum products, each of the occupying powers should turn over to UNRRA, against payment in schillings, all present stocks (other than imported stocks essential for military purposes), and all future production, under its control in Austria, to the extent necessary to provide UNRRA with supplies of fuel and petroleum products which UNRRA determines to be essential for the Austrian economy.

(e) All practicable assistance should be given to the Austrian Government and UNRRA in obtaining imports of essential relief and rehabilitation supplies, including among others coal from Poland.

9. The occupying powers should facilitate and assist the healthy development of the Austrian economy. In particular,

(a) The occupying powers should facilitate the rehabilitation and economic development of agriculture, industry, and transport in Austria and the economic use of Austrian resources.

(b) The Allied Commission should facilitate trade between Austria and other countries, including particularly neighboring countries, on a non-discriminatory, non-quota, low-tariff basis.

(c) The Austrian Government should be assisted in obtaining necessary foreign credits.

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- 10. The Austrian currency should be stabilized and appropriate exchange rates established with other currencies as soon as possible. Current occupation costs should be sharply reduced in line with the reduction in occupation forces provided for in Paragraph 4, so that occupation costs will not continue to threaten the stability of the Austrian currency.

IV Resolution

The US Member proposes the following resolution:

The Allied Council expresses its agreement in general with the United States Policy in Austria as set forth above, approves the particular measures specified in Part III, as amended by the Allied Council and instructs the Executive Committee to submit recommendations at the earliest possible date with a view to putting those measures into effect.

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Dear Abba:

I have received a report from the officials of the British Embassy in Washington concerning our telephone conversation of approximately one week ago during which you advised me of certain information obtained by Mr. Joel Fischer of your organization from Mr. Goodchild of the British Foreign Office. The substance of the report which you read to me is as follows:

- (a) Instructions had been sent to the British representative at Bern to take up with the Swiss, within seven days, the question of an advance of \$8,000,000 to the Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees, and
- (b) the British authorities were proposing to seek funds for the Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees in the German external assets negotiations with Turkey.

I took this matter up with representatives of the British Embassy here in Washington who, in connection with these two reports advised as follows:

"In regard to (a) above, the allegation is totally incorrect. No such instructions have been sent to Bern. Mr. Fisher was merely told that we were as anxious as he was for liquidation of German assets in Switzerland to begin. If it would serve this purpose, we should not hesitate to emphasize to the British the urgent need of funds for refugees. The question of securing funds from Switzerland in advance of liquidation was not mentioned.

"As to (b) above, Turkey was mentioned during the conversation as one of the few remaining countries with which safehaven negotiations on the European pattern would be conducted. Mr. Fisher was told that it was most unlikely that funds would be made available to the Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees from this source."

Mr. Abba Schwartz,
Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees,

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I should appreciate it if you would check into this matter for me so I can pursue it further with the British Embassy or advise them that the matter should be dropped. I should also appreciate it if you would forward the contents of the letter received from the British Embassy to the appropriate IOU personnel.

Sincerely yours,

Walter S. Surrey
Chief
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