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 2 p.m.

**FROM:** Rome  
**TO:** Secretary of State  
**NO:** 2487, December 8, 2 p.m.

Reference Department's instruction 126, November 20, 1950, DEPTTEL 2284, November 29.

Delivery of aide memoires by two Embassies scheduled December 12.

Department's confirmation requested that, under terms of Department's letter to Director General IRO, small amount of currencies issued by Soviet Union and Poland, notwithstanding fact these countries were among allied and associated powers, should be turned over to IRO along with Finnish and Hungarian currencies and those issued by neutral countries.

Department's views also appreciated re interpreting provision of letter under reference by which "all coins and ingots" to be delivered IRO. Hitherto been assumed base coinage to be lumped with currencies and therefore fall within second and third exceptions enumerated. Contrary interpretation would involve changing many of totals in inventory summaries transmitted under cover EMBDES 1480, May 15, 1950. Furthermore, communication from British Foreign Office to British element of Allied High Commission at Bonn-Petersberg, with copy to British Embassy Rome, stated that among German currencies at disposal of High Commission were 10,000 Reichs marks in coins (non-gold).

Re DEPTTEL 2284 referred to above only list currencies or other valuables taken from Japanese and Thai sources is that which appears as appendix B. of AFHQ inventory of September 1947. Accordance Department's instructions IARA currencies appearing in that appendix will be extracted from parcels presently being held at Banca D' Italia and will be set aside pending further instructions as to their disposal. It would be appreciated if Department could indicate whether German currencies listed in appendix B can be included with rest of German currencies to be turned over to Allied High Commission.

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SEYMOUR J. RUBIN  
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WASHINGTON 6, D.C.

*Handwritten initials*

November 25, 1950

Mr. George L. Warren  
Special Advisor on Refugees  
Department of State  
Washington, D. C.

Dear *George* Mr. Warren:

I enclose for your information the correspondence relating to the Rome treasure and the 500,000,000 Italian lira.

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Sincerely,

Abba P. Schwartz

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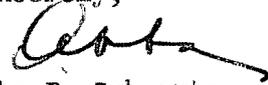
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*Nov. 9, 1950*

In reply refer to  
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My dear Mr. Kingsley:

The United States is engaged in discussions with respect to the disposition of the proceeds of liquidation of German assets in Italy. As the International Refugee Organization is aware, the United States is proposing that a sum of 500,000,000 lira be turned over to the International Refugee Organization.

It will be expected that this sum will be used by the International Refugee Organization for the rehabilitation and resettlement of non-repatriable victims of German action, and distributed for the purposes and in the manner set forth in Article 8 of Part I of the Final Act of the Paris Act on Reparation, the Five Power Agreement of June 14, 1946, and the Letter of Instruction of June 21, 1946.

When the final arrangements concerning the allocations are made, you will be informed when you may request the funds from the Government of Italy. In the meantime, the Department would appreciate confirmation of its understanding, as set forth above, of the manner in which the funds will be used.

The Department is taking the liberty of sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Abba P. Schwartz, Special Counsel, International Refugee Organization, Washington Office.

Sincerely yours,

James C. H. Bonbright  
Deputy Assistant Secretary  
for European Affairs

The Honorable  
J. Donald Kingsley  
Director General  
International Refugee Organization  
Geneva, Switzerland

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November 15, 1950

Mr. James C. H. Bonbright  
 Deputy Assistant Secretary for  
 European Affairs  
 Department of State  
 Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Bonbright:

It is deeply gratifying to have your letter of November 9, 1950 relating to the proposed transfer to the International Refugee Organization of 500,000,000 lira, arising from the proceeds of liquidated German assets in Italy.

I should like to extend the sincere thanks of the International Refugee Organization for this generous proposal of the Government of the United States which evidences once again the continuing interest of the Government of the United States in the solution of the refugee problem.

The use of the 500,000,000 lira by the International Refugee Organization for its reparations program, as proposed by your letter, is in accordance with the desire of the International Refugee Organization that to the fullest extent possible the proceeds of German assets should be used for the rehabilitation and resettlement of non-repatriable victims of German action. I take this opportunity, therefore, to confirm to you that upon receipt of the 500,000,000 lira, they will be used for the rehabilitation and resettlement of non-repatriable victims of German action and distributed for the purposes and in the manner set forth in Article 8 of Part I of the Final Act of the Paris Act on Reparation, the Five Power Agreement of June 14, 1946, and the Letter of Instruction of June 21, 1946.

I will await your advice with respect to the date when the International Refugee Organization may request the funds from the Government of Italy.

Sincerely yours,

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J. Donald Kingsley  
 Director General

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November 16, 1950

Mr. George W. Perkins  
Assistant Secretary for European Affairs  
Department of State  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Perkins:

I acknowledge with thanks your letter of November 15, 1950 relating to the proposed transfer to the International Refugee Organization of certain jewelry and other articles of value presently located in Rome representing property taken from German units, most of which was presumably seized or obtained under duress from victims of Nazi action.

The terms and conditions under which this property will be transferred to the International Refugee Organization have been carefully noted.

I should like to take this occasion to advise you of my formal acceptance of the provisions of your letter of November 15, 1950.

Arrangements are being made to have designated representatives of the International Refugee Organization, Mr. David L. Rolbein and Mr. Abba P. Schwartz, accept delivery of the property in Rome soon after December 1, 1950.

Sincerely yours,

J. Donald Kingsley  
Director General

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

November 15, 1950

Sir:

Reference is made to conversations which have taken place in Washington between representatives of the International Refugee Organization and representatives of the Department of State and of the British Embassy concerning certain jewelry and other articles of value presently located in Rome representing property taken from German units, most of which was presumably seized or obtained under duress from victims of Nazi action.

It was agreed that the property in question, including jewelry, currencies, and all coins and ingots, is to be delivered to the International Refugee Organi-

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and dated April 24, 1950. Such items are to be held in Rome and the International Refugee Organization will seek to identify the owners, their heirs or other legal successors in interest. Those items for which identification is not made will be delivered to the International Refugee Organization for liquidation in accordance with the terms herein stated.

2. Currencies issued by any of the countries members of IARA.

3. Currencies issued by Germany.

4. Securities.

5. Checks.

6. Valuables taken from the Embassies of Japan and Thailand.

The International Refugee Organization will liquidate the jewelry and other property as promptly as possible for

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the currencies, coins and ingots, the International Refugee Organization may divide each item equally between itself and the Italian Government.

The International Refugee Organization is to use one-half of its share of the proceeds for the rehabilitation and resettlement of Jewish victims of Nazi persecution and one-half for non-Jewish victims of Nazi persecution. With respect to non-Jewish victims, the nationality restrictions of the Five Power Agreement of June 14, 1946 shall not be applicable.

It is understood that the Italian Government will satisfy from its 50 percent share any claims by Italians or persons now resident in Italy who can prove that their property was included in the property liquidated by the International Refugee Organization, and in aid of this the Italian Government will set aside 10 percent of its

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liquidated by the International Refugee Organization and in aid of this the International Refugee Organization will set aside 10 percent of its share of the proceeds. These 10 percent reserve funds, or any balance thereof against which there are no outstanding claims, may be freely used by the Italian Government and by the International Refugee Organization for the purposes indicated above on or after October 1, 1951.

Distribution of the share of the Italian Government will not be made to the Italian Government by the International Refugee Organization until it receives further instructions.

Your formal acceptance of these provisions is requested.

For the Government of the United States:

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TO: Department of State

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FROM: HECOG FRANKFURT 198 August 4, 1950

REF: DEPTS A-868, May 27, 1950

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SUBJECT: SUPPLEMENT TO OUR NO. 99, DATED July 14, 1950

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As promised in last paragraph of our despatch 99 of July 14, 1950 I particulars regarding assets deposited by Foreign Exchange Depository with Bank deutscher Laender for safekeeping subject to further instructions of OMCUS are as follows:

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<u>FED</u> <u>SHIPPING TICKET #</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
150	338 boxes Rumanian and Yugoslavian silver coins (18,382.5 kg)	Currencies heretofore claimed by Hungary but withheld pursuant to instructions issued OMCUS in WK 4230, dated Sept 15, 1949. We have on hand a Yugoslav claim for silver coins which, however, cannot be related to this lot in view of known origin this item.
151	259 boxes German silver coins, face value RM 3,596,152.80	Held pursuant to Law 53. Constitutes silver coins from Reichsbank Branches in US and Soviet Zones. Contemplate release of entire lot to Federal Republic conditioned on its acceptance of responsibility to settle with all rightful owners. (For authority see tels CC 8278 and WX 87654).
152	114 boxes Silver Shot (16,720.9 kg)	Deposited by DEGUSSA under Law 53. Includes kg 20,873.54 released to DEGUSSA on a revolving fund basis on October 1949. Yugoslavia has filed restitution claims against this silver which are presently under consideration by Property Division.
153	Silver in bullion and other forms (69,212.623 kg)	

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<u>FED</u> <u>SPRING TICKET #</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
158	\$360 in US Dollar Checks on New York Banks.	These checks were offered to the Department of Justice Mission but they declined to accept. Will dispose by turning over to U.S. pursuant to tripartite agreement such property.
179	Silver in bullions and other forms (731.89 kg)	Held pursuant to Law 53. Origin Reichs mint Munich. Plan to release to Federal Republic on condition it assumes liability to owner. (For authority see tels CC 8278 and WX 87654).
181	Silver in granulated and leaf form (105.516 kg)	Held pursuant to Law 53. No data as to source or ownership (possibly Mansfeld Mine, Soviet Zone). Plan to release to Federal Republic on condition it assumes liability to owner. (For authority see tels CC 8278 and WX 87654).
182	Silver billion (133.875 kg)	Held pursuant to Law 53. Origin Reichsbank Sonneberg (Soviet Zone). Plan to release to Federal Republic on condition it assumes liability to owner. (For authority see tels CC 8278 and WX 87654).
190	Six platinum bars (31,127.5 gr)	Held pursuant to Law 53. Platinum was donated to Hitler by a German national prior to war. Reichs-Chancellery sold it to the Reichsbank. The bars bear the Marking of the Prussian Mint 1932. Plan to release to Federal Republic on condition it assumes liability to owner. (For authority see tels CC 8278 and WX 87654).
192	Platinum 52,142.26 gr Palladium 295.63 gr Iridium 266.62 gr Rhodium 71.30 gr	Held pursuant to Law 53. Alleged to have been held by Huges (Rohstoff-handelsgesellschaft), a Nazi concern created for disposal of raw materials from occupied countries. A claim by France to major portion of these precious metals has been approved and restitution is now in progress. Balance to be released to Federal Republic. Please approve.

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<u>ING TICKET #</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
198	Platinum 138,421.47 gr Iridium 1,460.20 gr Wolfram 900.58 gr Rhenium 535.90 gr Palladium 365.83 gr Rhodium 136.67 gr Silver 441.60 gr	Held pursuant to Law 53. Alleged to have been assets of Roges concern. Portions of these precious metals (amounting to 27,000 gr) are acknowledged by Roges to have been obtained from following occupied countries: Holland, Czechoslovakia, Belgium. We have on hand precious metal claims from Belgium, Poland, Holland, Italy, Hungary, Roumania and Yugoslavia, which will be checked against materials on hand. If these claims are not approved, release will be made to Federal Republic unless Dept perceives objection.
199	Silver in bullion and other forms (339.78 kg)	Confiscated by US Constabulary from black market operators (to be turned over to German Authorities). Please approve.
200	Seven lots of miscellaneous precious metals (2,240.4 gr) 1 flask gran. silver 1,000 gr 1 flask silver salt 1,000 gr 1 flask silver grain 200 gr 1 flask palladium powder 2.2 gr 1 flask platinum 2.9 gr 1 flask palladium and platinum 1.1 gr 4 plates pure gold 34.1 gr	Held pursuant to Law 53. Property of Mansfeld Copper Mining Co., Eisleben, Germany. 4 plates pure gold will be delivered with other gold to TGC, other precious metals to Federal Republic provided it accepts responsibility for obligations. (For authority see tels CC 8278 and WX 87654).
201	7 silver bars (77.956 kg) (silver bars bear 1943 DEGUSSA markings)	Held pursuant to Law 53. Owned by municipal treasury city of Muehlhausen, Thuringia, Russian Zone. To be released to Federal Republic provided it accepts responsibility for obligations. (For authority see tels CC 8278 and WX 87654).

We should appreciate your concurrence in the proposed dispositions outlined above together with any comments or instructions which you may wish to include. It is presumed that none of these metals will be made available for reparations.

*Jean Cattier*  
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Finance Division

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TO : Secretary of State Rec'd April 19, 1950  
NO : 1598, April 19, 7 p.m. 7:18 p.m.

SENT WASHINGTON 1598, GENEVA 34 FOR WARREN.

Banca d'Italia vault containing Rome treasure (DEPTEL 1332, April 14) opened April 11 by representatives British and US Embassies with Rolbein, IRO present. With assistance AFA inventory lists, work first day consisted in segregation loot from currencies, securities, etc.

Rolbein began work of evaluating loot April 12 on semi-detailed basis in presence representatives US and UK Embassies. His general evaluation completed April 15 and formal draft of "inventory" being prepared. Rolbein's estimate value of loot about \$90,000, excluding stamps, pearls, coins, etc. of undetermined value.

Members central cashier's office, Banca d'Italia will begin counting mixed currencies Monday in presence representatives US and UK Embassies. All lots will then be sealed and turned over to the bank for safe keeping. Embassies will receive appropriately worded receipts which will include statement to effect that no items may be opened or removed except by joint consent both Embassies.

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TO : Department of State

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FROM : FRANKFURT FINANCE DIVISION, EUCOG #99 14 July 1950

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REF : DEFTS A-868, May 27, 1950 and DEFTL 90, July 3, 1950.

SUBJECT : **INQUIRY BY IRO.**

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A report as requested in your A-868, May 27, 1950, follows:

DACHAU ENVELOPES

Several thousand envelopes containing personal property of former Nazi-wailer and Dachau Camp inmates, were formerly held by FED. Envelopes were marked with owners names, birth dates and nationality. After sorting they were restituted to respective countries except as to 1,200 envelopes presently held, all of which pertain to German nationals, all faiths. Contents of envelopes consist of cheap watches, fountain pens, personal papers, pictures, small amounts currency, all of greater sentimental than intrinsic value. IRO previously rejected, because of slight value, a quantity of similar material found loose in containers or removed from illegible envelopes. Since national origin and individual ownership of 1,200 envelopes are known, release to IRO not appropriate under JCS directive WK-85682, Nov. 1946. Expect to release to German Red Cross which has indicated willingness to accept responsibility for disposal.

CURRENCIES

Currencies held by FED comprise three lots as follows:

- A. Currencies (about 45 boxes) assembled by extraction from all shipments of assets received by FED except as to lots B, C below.
- B. Unidentified German Prisoner of War funds turned in to FED by the Office of the Provost Marshal, EUCOM (43 boxes).
- C. Captured and confiscated funds received via MG Sub-Accountants (1 box).

Lot "A" currencies were assembled for the purpose of disposal as outlined in cable W-90078, January 1947, as modified by WK-80647, June 1947. Thereafter, currencies referred to in para. 2a, b of W-90078 were distributed to countries of issue (including 3 1/2 million dollars to US), except as to USSR for which we hold rubles 1,800,000.00. Also still hold all currencies described in W-90078, para. 2c (4 countries), 2d (70 various countries including all totals listed in para. 2 of A-868). Far the greater portion of these currencies were formerly held by and presumably were the property of Reichsbank Berlin or branches, with smaller amounts from IG Farben, Allied PWs, Gestapo, German Post Offices. List attached as Annex WAU.

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While it is known the Reichsbank acquired some foreign exchange from racial or political victims (43 processed Melmor deliveries of concentration camp loot) it was heretofore considered impracticable to segregate this portion from Reichsbank legitimate holdings by analysis of voluminous records. All assets, including currencies which comprised approximately 35 unprocessed Melmor deliveries were previously released to IRO. For more complete particulars regarding Melmor loot reference is made to Cable CC-9926, July 18, 1947 from OMCUS to AGNAR for WDSCA and NY-86581, September 18, 1947. Unless you instruct us to make special dispositions of above currencies we plan to deposit them under Law 53 and treat them according to Tripartite Agreement.

Lot "B" currencies were first received by the Currency Section for Germany from the Office of Provost Marshal, USFET, under authority cable AGNAR, USFET, WX-90525, June 1946, and subsequently turned over to FED on liquidation of Currency Section. They are alleged to have been obtained from enemy prisoners of war who are no longer identifiable. Currencies of eighty (80) countries on hand including all those named in W-90078. They were not included in currency assembly (lot A) because received subsequent thereto and as exclusive property of enemy PWs on whose behalf Provost Marshal heretofore effected several withdrawals for delivery to claimants. Last such withdrawal dated April 1948. Release to IRO any part of this lot not justifiable under grounds mentioned in WX-85682. In event Office of Provost Marshal prepared to release all claims thereto, we suggest, unless you instruct us to make special dispositions, also to deposit same under Law 53 and treat lot according to Tripartite Agreement. List attached as Annex "B".

Lot "C" currencies (19 countries) were captured or confiscated by US Army and delivered by Military Government Sub-Accountants to Currency Section for Germany. On liquidation of latter, funds were turned over to FED. No evidence exists indicating source. Therefore recommend treating as Law 53 deposit. List attached as Annex "C".

NOTE: Re German currencies listed in Annex A, B, C request your concurrence to release to Bank deutscher Laender for destruction.

OTHER ASSETS IN CUSTODY F.E.D.

In addition to above mentioned Dachsen envelopes and currencies, FED holds the following:

<u>FED</u> <u>ITEM NOS.</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
13	Platinum 912.705.00 gr Iridium 14.662.62 Rhodium 9.002.71 Palladium 7.237.50 Silver 310.00	Fully identified as property of IG Farben and Roges in approximate ratio of two thirds and one third respectively. French Government has filed claim to most of the Roges portion. Decision regarding restitution to France under consideration. Farben has applied for release of their portion which request is now under consideration.

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ITEM NOS.

DESCRIPTION

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- |    |                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 15 | RM 400,000.- German 3 1/2% Treasury Bearer Bonds.                           | Plan to offer these securities to German Court in Frankfurt as property of unpersons.                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 21 | Two Lots of Industrial Diamonds as follows:<br>167,240 carats<br>639 carats | The Department is familiar with this item.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 29 | RM 15,100.- German Bearer Securities.                                       | In view of Securities Validation Ordinance which invalidated these securities we propose to destroy same on basis of recent Frankfurt Court ruling.                                                                                                                                                             |
| 43 | Seven Containers of Low Value Assets.                                       | Comprises various currencies, imitation jewelry, metal ware, cameras, etc. originally offered IRO in compliance with HL-85682 together with other assets but formally rejected because of slight value. Currencies have been merged with Lot A described above. Other assets to be donated to German Red Cross. |
| 51 | 1 Package of Dividend Coupons detached from various German Securities.      | Disposition to be identical as for Item No. 29.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 55 | 5 Cases alleged to comprise Allied PW Effects marked from "STALAG VIII C".  | Received in April 1950 from Bavarian Credit Bank, Munich, as sealed cases with information they had been deposited by a Military Detachment. Detailed inventory not yet completed; appears to comprise personal effects of Allied PWs. Will advise later.                                                       |

Various other assets, principally silver, which were turned over to the Bank deutscher Laender by the Foreign Exchange Depository at various dates between September 1948 to June 1949 will be the subject of a separate despatch.

*Jean Cattier*  
 Jean Cattier  
 Chief, Finance Division

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Enclosures: 3

1. Annex "A" (three pages)
2. Annex "B" (two pages)

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ANNEX "A"

CURRENCY ASSEMBLY

Part 1

COUNTRY

TOTAL

Bulgaria	Leva	61,436,461.14
Finland	Markka	46,568.45
Roumania	Lei	253,089,598.26
Hungary	Pengoo	42,677,150.88

Part 2

Germany

NOTE LEGAL TENDER CURRENCY

Mark and Reichsmark Notes aggregating	5,065,356,838,013.93	**
2 lots inflation money *		
1 envelope with burnt up Reichsmark notes *		
10049 notes various denominations *		
54 units German emergency money *		
3 units German Eastern occupation money from World War I *		

\* face values undetermined      \*\* Consists mainly of post World War I  
 inflationary currency.

NOTE LEGAL TENDER COINS

15 bags various metal coins, total weight 59 kg (approx)

LEGAL TENDER COINS

Reichsmarks 114.90 small denomination coin, equivalent to Deutsche Marks	11.43
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Part 3

COUNTRY

ALLIED MILITARY OCCUPATION CURRENCY

TOTAL

Austria	Schillings	236.-
France	Francs	476,255.-
Italy	Lire	1,175,511.-

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**CURRENCY ASSEMBLY**

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Part 4

COUNTRY

TOTAL

Afghanistan	Afghani	1,040.-
Albania	Franga	80.-
Algeria	Franc	3,535,083.20
Argentina	Peso	123,717.05
Austria	Schilling	439.07
	Kroner	18,002.-
	Guilder	1.-
Barbados	Dollar	1.-
Belgian Congo	Franc	0.10
Bohemia and Moravia	Kroner	1,325,281.30
Brazil	Milreis	308.55
British East Africa	Shilling	0.11
British Guiana	Dollar	2.-
Ceylon	Rupce	2.25
Chile	Peso	1.60
China	Yuan	24.-
	Dollars	10.-
Costa Rica	Colon	2.-
Croatia	Kuna	83,330,685.50
	Banica	600.-
Cuba	Peso	0.02
Curacao	Guilder	4.50
Cyprus	Pound	22.18.-
	Piastre	4 1/2
	Cent	5
Danish West Indies	Guilder	7.82
Danzig	Kron	0.14
Estonia	Peuny	0.01
Fiji (British Crown Colony)	Franc	9.50
France	Franc	2.-
French Congo	Franc	41.50
French Equatorial Africa	Heller	0.01
German East Africa	Kroner	3,106.-
Austria-Hungary	Florin	1.-
	Guilder	2.-
Gibraltar	Pound	1.-
Greenland	Kron	10.-
Hong-Kong	Dollar	0.16
Iceland	Krona	134.35
	Eyrir	1.-
Iran	Reals	430,145.-
	Dinar	60.-
	Piastre	7.11
	Francs	5.-
	Dinar	377.259
	Pound	1.11.1 1/2
	Pence	2
	Yen notes	10,121. 1/2
	Dango notes	2.-

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COUNTRY

Ionian Islands (Italian Government)	Lire	550.-
Latvia	Drachma	3,216.-
Lebanon	Lati	38.34
Liberia	Livre	890.27
Lithuania	Dollar	0.50
Madagascar	Lita	1,490.60
Malta	Franc	10.-
Manchukuo	Pound	1.2.6
Morocco	Yan	101.-
Mexico	Franc	1,356,984.75
Morocco	Peso	92.52
Mozambique (Portugese Africa)	Franc	2.-
Netherlands (East Indies)	Escudo	6.-
Newfoundland	Guilder	0.30
French Occidentale Africa	Dollar	4.39
Palestine	Franc	2,215.-
Persia	Pound	2,943.013
Peru	2 notes, denomination unknown	
Poland	Sol	10.60
Portugal	Marek	1,000.-
	Escudo	1,602,931.50
	Milreis	1.020
Russia	Rubles (1921)	900,000.41
San Marino	Centesimi	45
Serbia	Dinar	18,656.-
	Para	24
Slovakia	Korun	11,160,585.11
Spain	Peseta	2,418,689.45
Straits Settlements	Dollar	16.20
Sweden	Kroner	170,074.99
Switzerland	Swiss Franc	1,264,986.72
Syria	Lira	247.234
Syria and Lebanon	Lira	106.-
Trinidad	Dollar	12.-
Tunis	Franc	2,032.10
Turkey	Turkish Pound	137,366.31 3/4
	Kun	4.821
Ukraine	Karbowanes	1,584,462.-
Uruguay	Peso	0.20
Vatican City	Lire	13.10

Part 5

Silver Coins (various countries, largely unidentifiable)  
351 pieces weighing 2,422 gr.

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ANNEX "B"

SECURITY :

COUNTRY

TOTAL

Germany	Inflation Marks	101,806,345.50	
"	Reichsmarks	394,142.53	
"	Reichskreditkassenscheine Marks	50,451.00	
"	Marks (valueless)	23,529.75	
"	Marks	13,863.11	
"	Wehrmacht Coupon Marks	1,116.82	
"	Army Money	657.82	
"	PW Money	402.40	
"	Darlehenskassenscheine Rubles	100.00	
"	Mutilated Currency	3 pieces	
France	Francs	34,802,115.03	
"	PW Camp Money Francs	772.00	
French Africa	Francs	18.00	
French Free Africa	Francs	10.00	
French Morocco	Francs	5.00	
French Indo-China	Piastres	0.30	
Greece	Drachmas	1,260,781.70	
Algeria	Francs	619,352.00	
"	Francs (stamped "Tunisia")	107,355.00	
Croatia	Kunas	94,211.50	
Belgium	Francs	79,512.79	
Italy	Lire	73,789.01	
Hungary	Pengos	48,364.39	
Austria-Hungary	Kroners	2,291.60	
Austria	Schillings	21.48	
"	Kroners	11.35	
Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia	Kroners	30,320.93	
Russia	Rubles	28,386.40 $\frac{1}{2}$	
USSR	Rubles	10,603.10	
Poland	Zloty	16,172.10	
"	Marks	1,000.00	
Romania	Lei	16,126.15	
The Netherlands	Guilders	10,628.47 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Dutch India	Guilders	0.06	
Norway	Kroners	8,575.47	
Tunisia	Francs	6,965.10	
Morocco	Francs	5,351.35	
Denmark	Kroners	5,054.45	
Finland	Markka	4,491.15	
Slovakia	Koruna	2,971.40	
Switzerland	Francs	2,959.94	
Ukraine	Karbovanets	2,682.00	
Yugoslavia	Dinars	2,435.70	
Serbia	Dinars	1,530.57	
Czechoslovakia	Koruna	817.42	
Bulgaria	Levas	598.79	
Turkey	Kurus	475.00	
Spain	Pesetas	463.75	
Luxembourg	Francs	275.90	
Abyssinia	Cents	100.00	
Egypt	Piastres	2,927.60 )	
"	Pounds	50.00 )	Pounds 79.27 6/10

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<u>COUNTRY</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>
Lebanon	Piastres	63.50
Bank of Hoped	Cents	40.00
Albania	Laks	27.70
"	Quindar ar	2.00
"	Francs	0.12
Arabia	Unknown	22.00
Morocco	Francs	21.00
Pontifical State	Lira	16.10
Cyprus	Piastres	4.00 )
"	Shillings	1.00 )
British India	Annas	3.50 (
"	Ruppes	0.50 (
San Marino	Lira	10.50
Latvia	Lats	9.48
Danzig	Guilders	8.47
Brazil	Centavo	5.00
Palestine	Pounds	2.69
Japan	Yen	1.13
India	Annas	1.10
Trinidad	Dollars	1.00
Portugal	Escudos	1.00
Syria	Lira	0.90
Mexico	Pesos	0.85
Canada	Dollars	0.83
Lithuania	Litas	0.79
Iceland	Aurar coins	0.75
Sweden	Kruners	0.30
Peru	Dineros	0.20
USA	Dollars	0.12
Uruguay	Pesos	0.10
Estonia	Marks	0.05
Iraq	Dinars	0.050
New Foundland	Dollars	0.01
Argentina	Pesos	0.01
Ceylon	Ruppes	0.01
Guatemala	Pesos	0.01
South Rhodesia	Pence	1
England	Pounds	36.19.4 3/4
British Military Authority	Pounds	4.00
British East Africa	Shillings	0.15
British South & West Africa	Pounds	2 1/2
South Africa	Pounds	2. 7 )
"	Shillings	12. 6 )
"	Pence	8. 7 1/2 )
East Africa	Cents	0.10
Ireland	Florin	1.00 )
"	Pence	1.00 )
"	Crowns	1/2 )
State of Jersey	Pounds	2.00
Australia	Pounds	3
Netherlands and unidentifiable pieces (coins)		Ant

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ANNEX "C"

COUNTRY

TOTAL

Austria  
 Austria-Hungary  
 Hungary  
 Belgium  
 Bohemia & Moravia  
 Bulgaria  
 Croatia  
 Danzig  
 England  
 France  
 Finland  
 Italy  
 Netherlands  
 Poland  
 Serbia  
 Slovakia  
 Switzerland  
 USA

Groschen  
 Florin  
 Pengos  
 Francs  
 Kroners  
 Lewa  
 Ruas  
 Guilders  
 Pounds  
 Francs  
 Finmarks  
 Lire  
 Guilders  
 Zloty  
 Dinar  
 Koran  
 Francs  
 Dollars

20.-  
 1.-  
 30,186.-  
 12.50  
 155.-  
 1,000.-  
 227,840.-  
 .12  
 27-0-0  
 509,520.60  
 5.-  
 142,000.-  
 14,400.10  
 .10  
 820.25  
 317.93  
 2,500.-  
 27,470.-

Germany

Reichsmarks  
 Inflation Marks  
 Army Money, etc.)

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*Memorandum of Conversation*

DATE: **June 21, 1950**

**SUBJECT:**  
**PARTICIPANTS:**

**Mr. Ortona, Counselor Italian Embassy, and  
Mr. Tesoro - WE - for the Department.**

**SUBJECT:**

**Rome Treasury Disposition.**

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Mr. Ortona called at the Department upon instructions from the Foreign Office on the subject of the final disposition of the Rome Treasure. Mr. Ortona said the Foreign Office had received a copy of the inventory recently taken in Rome, according to which the value of the non-monetary gold is estimated at about \$90,000. He stated also that the Italian Government understands that the value of currencies and monetary gold in the Treasure by far exceed the value of the non-monetary gold. In view of the results of the inventory the Italian Government wishes to raise the question whether, if a division between IRO and the Italian Government has to be made according to the proposal already communicated to Rome, such division should not be extended to all the items included in the Treasure, non-monetary gold, monetary gold, and currencies as well.

Mr. Tesoro answered that the whole question of the disposition of the Rome Treasure was still under discussion within the Department and with the British Government, and that he will communicate further with Mr. Ortona as soon as possible.

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1622 JEFFERSON PLACE, N.W.  
WASHINGTON 6, D.C.

June 19, 1950

*Handwritten initials*

Mr. George Warren  
Department of State  
Washington, D. C.

Dear George:

I enclose for your information copies of letters which Mr. Kingsley sent to the Secretary of State and to the British and French Ambassadors for transmission to their Foreign Offices relating to heirless assets in Switzerland.

As you will note, the Jewish voluntary organizations have reached agreement with the Government of Israel looking toward direct negotiations between that government and the Government of Switzerland in the hope that such heirless assets in Switzerland may be made available to the Government of Israel for the rehabilitation and re-settlement of surviving victims. In effect, the Jewish voluntary organizations have withdrawn in favor of the Government of Israel with respect to the heirless assets problem.

I have also sent copies of the enclosed to Ross McClelland for his information.

Sincerely yours,

*Abba*

Abba P. Schwartz

Enclosures

UNA/R Adviser on Refugees  
and Displaced Persons

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Office of United Nations Affairs.

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8 June 1950

Dear Mr. Minister:

I enclose for your information copy of a letter which I have sent to the Secretary of State regarding the 17,205,600 Swiss francs which, as you know, are of extreme importance to the IRO.

I should like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation for your interest and assistance in connection with my attempts to obtain this further advance, and to express my hope that you and your colleagues will find it possible in the course of your negotiations to persuade our Swiss friends to make the requested payment without further delay.

With best wishes to you and your delegation in your negotiations, I am

Yours sincerely,

J. Donald Kingsley  
Director General

The Honorable  
John Carter Vinson  
Minister of the United States  
Bern, Switzerland

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would take responsibility for providing an appropriate legal and social status for such refugees.

Mr. Kingsley referred also to the situation of refugees in the the previous instance for 20 million Swiss francs, had generously gone

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June 8, 1950

The Secretary of State  
 Department of State  
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Acheson:

I have learned upon my recent arrival in the United States that a meeting is to be held shortly between the United States, United Kingdom and France on the one side and the Swiss Government on the other, concerning the Swiss-Allied Accord on German Assets. I take this occasion to bring to your attention the continuing interest of the International Refugee Organization in the problem of the further advance of 17 million Swiss francs to the IRO.

As the Department of State is aware, I called upon M. Petitpierre, the Swiss Foreign Minister and President, on April 5 and urgently appealed to him to respond favorably to the tripartite request which the United States, the United Kingdom and France had previously made for a further and final payment to the IRO of approximately 17 million Swiss francs, under Article V of the Annex to the Washington Accord, for the rehabilitation and resettlement of non-repatriable victims of German action. I left with M. Petitpierre an Aide-Memoire, copy of which is enclosed, stating the extremely urgent need for this further payment in the interest of the programs with which the IRO is entrusted for the rehabilitation and resettlement of non-repatriable victims of German action.

Since the continuation of our special programs to rehabilitate and resettle certain classes of non-repatriable victims of German action is dependent upon our receipt of the requested 17 million Swiss francs, I was deeply distressed to learn, just before I left Geneva for my visit to the United States, that the Government of Switzerland had responded unfavorably to the Allied request. Though I have not received any formal reply to the Aide-Memoire which I left with M. Petitpierre, I was, however, recently advised by M. Petitpierre's office that I should not be discouraged by the rejection of the Allied request, and that M. Petitpierre was hopeful that the problem would be solved in the near future.

I am well aware of the active and continuous support which the United States has given to the IRO in connection with the problem of this advance and to related subjects which affect the special reparations program administered by me. The receipt of the requested 17 million Swiss francs by the IRO in the very near future is of such great urgency that I nevertheless take this occasion to request that at the forthcoming Allied-Swiss negotiations every effort be made by the United States and its associated governments to obtain the agreement of the Government of Switzerland to make the payment to the IRO.

This problem may appear to be relatively unimportant in relation to larger and more difficult problems with which the Allies and the Swiss will be dealing at the meeting. So far as it affects the refugee problem, however, I cannot over-emphasize its importance. As I pointed out in my memorandum delivered to

would take responsibility for...  
 social status for such refugees.  
 Mr. Kincaid referred also to the situation of refugees in the  
 20 million Swiss francs, had generously  
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ATTN MEMORANDUM

Mr. J. Donald Kingsley, Director General of the International

M. Petitpierre, the availability now to the IRO of the 17,235,600 francs payment will make all the difference between success and failure in special programs which affect the lives of thousands of victims of German action.

On behalf of the IRO I should like to express my deep appreciation for the active support heretofore extended to the IRO in connection with this vital problem and to express my sincere hope that the United States and the United Kingdom and France will succeed in obtaining agreement which will permit the immediate payment of the 17,235,600 francs.

If during the course of the negotiations it is felt that the IRO can be of any assistance, I assure you that either I or one of my advisors will be readily available in Switzerland.

Relations had always been of the most friendly nature, the Organization

Sincerely yours,

had every reason to congratulate itself not only on the membership of Switzerland in the IRO, but also on the arrangements whereby Switzerland had become host to its

J. Donald Kingsley  
Director General

Mr. Kingsley expressed satisfaction in the understanding which

he had reached with Minister Lutzer, in the course of the recent session

of the General Council of the Organization, concerning the settlement

and period of IRO operations. In the organization the aim to realize

its rehabilitation and resettlement work for an additional nine-month

period beyond 30 June 1950 - the date originally envisaged for its

closure - but to cover its ordinary care and maintenance functions,

it had become necessary to make arrangements with individual governments

for the continuation under governmental auspices of essential assistance

to refugees in need. Under an authority granted by the General Council

he had now been able to arrange for a return to the Federal Government

of a major proportion of its contribution for the Supplementary Period,

in the sum of Swiss francs 1,305,000, which in fact covered the social

assistance expenditure which it was anticipated would have to be

met for that period by the Federal Government on behalf of refugees

in Switzerland who were within the mandate for 1950. In return he was

pleased to have the acknowledgment of the Federal Government, which

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would take responsibility for providing an appropriate legal and social status for such refugees.

Mr. Kingsley referred also to the situation of refugees in the

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Mr. Elton J. Layton, Clerk  
Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce  
George L. Warren

May 18, 1950

I am returning herewith a corrected copy of the testimony which I gave before the Committee On Interstate and Foreign Commerce on S.603.

You will note that the Department has made use of the invitation extended by Congressman Beckworth to set forth some of the matters on which questions were raised and not completely answered at the Hearing.

Attachment:

Testimony with inserts.

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The Department submitted the following additional comment later:

The Potsdam Agreement of August 1, 1945, established the main lines along which reparation from Germany would be divided. The USSR was to get the industrial capital equipment removed from the Eastern Zone of Germany and German external assets from Bulgaria, Finland, Hungary, Rumania and Eastern Austria. The USSR was also to get twenty-five per cent of the industrial capital equipment to be removed from the Western Zones of Germany, ten per cent of this to be transferred without payment and fifteen per cent to be exchanged for an equivalent value in commodities. It was further provided in the Potsdam Agreement that the USSR was to settle the claims of Poland for reparations from the USSR share of reparations.

The Potsdam Agreement also provided that the seventy-five per cent of the industrial capital equipment to be removed from the Western Zones as well as the German external assets other than those in Bulgaria, Finland, Hungary, Rumania and Eastern Austria were to be shared by the United States, United Kingdom and all other countries entitled to reparation. The shares in reparation of the United States, United Kingdom and these other countries (other than Poland and the USSR) were defined by the Paris Agreement on Reparation from Germany of January 4, 1946. This Agreement specified percentage shares as between the 18 (now 19) claimant nations, formulates principles of allocation, and establishes the Inter-Allied Reparation Agency to make allocations and serve as a channel of information. The United States received an allocation of twenty-eight per cent of the reparation assets divided by the Paris Agreement other than capital equipment, merchant ships, and inland water transport; the United Kingdom also received twenty-eight per cent; France, sixteen per cent; all others, less. As to the capital equipment, merchant ships and inland water transport, the United States was allocated 11.3 per cent, after voluntarily relinquishing 16.2 per cent to the greater need of other claimants. The United Kingdom was allocated 27.8 per cent of this category; France, 22.8 per cent; all other, less.

The Paris Agreement on Reparation also provided in Part I, Article 8, for allocation of a reparation share to certain non-repatriable victims of German action. A copy of this Article is attached as Appendix A. This reparation share consisted of the following items: (1) all the non-monetary gold found by the Allied Forces in Germany, (2) \$25,000,000 to be met from a portion of the proceeds of German assets in neutral countries, (3) assets in neutral countries of heirless victims of Nazi action. The purpose of Article 8 was to take care of certain non-repatriable victims of German action who could not properly be considered by reason of their non-repatriable nature or because they were technically nationals of enemy countries to come under the protective mantle of any country which was entitled to reparation from Germany. Thus, the preamble of Article 8 asserts as a basis of action the fact that "large numbers of persons have suffered heavily at the hands of the Nazis and now stand in dire need of aid to promote their rehabilitation but will be unable to claim the assistance of any government receiving reparation from Germany". The Article then goes on to establish a committee composed of the Governments of the United States of America, France, United Kingdom, Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia to act in consultation with the Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees (now International Refugee Organization) to work out a plan for aid of the repatriable victims along certain general lines set down in the following subdivisions of Article 8.

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Pursuant to the mandate of Part I, Article 8, of the Paris Reparation Agreement of January 24, 1946, representatives of the United States, France, United Kingdom, Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia in consultation with the Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees worked out on June 14, 1946, an "Agreement on a plan for allocation of reparation share to non-repatriable victims of German action". A copy of this Agreement is included as Appendix B. It was provided by this Five Power Agreement of June 14, 1946, that ten percent of the proceeds of German assets in neutral countries, ten per cent of the proceeds of "non-monetary" gold and five per cent of "heirless funds" should be utilized for rehabilitation and resettlement of the relatively small percent of non-Jewish victims of Nazi action, while the Jewish victims of Nazi action were to be the beneficiaries of the remaining amounts. The Five Power Agreement further set forth that the "Eligible non-Jewish victims of Nazi action are refugees from Germany or Austria who can demonstrate that they were persecuted by the Nazis for religious, political or racial reasons and who do not desire to return, or German and Austrian nationals, similarly persecuted who desire to emigrate." It should be pointed out that, although the non-Jewish victims of Nazi action who may be beneficiaries of the Five Power Agreement are limited, the IRO out of its general funds, supplied by contributions from participating countries, has acted to resettle and rehabilitate Poles, Czechs, Yugoslavs, Hungarians, etc., who are not beneficiaries of the Five Power Agreement.

It should further be noted that Part I, Article 8B, of the Paris Reparation Agreement of January 24, 1946, calls for securing 25 million dollars from the German assets in the neutral countries. Pursuant to the mandate, as part of agreements with Sweden and Switzerland on the liquidation of German assets in those countries, the United States, United Kingdom and France required Switzerland and Sweden to turn over certain of the proceeds of the liquidation to the IRO. Sweden has already paid about \$12,500,000 to the IRO. Switzerland has thus far paid only about \$4,800,000 or 20,000,000 Swiss francs. Article V of the Annex of the Allied-Swiss Accord of May 25, 1946, on German assets, which is relevant, is as follows:

The Swiss Government undertakes, in recognition of the special circumstances, to permit the three Allied Governments to draw immediately up to 50,000,000 Swiss francs upon the proceeds of liquidation of German property against their share thereof. These advances will be devoted to rehabilitation and resettlement of non-repatriable victims of German action, through the Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees.

The Swiss Government has refused up to date to supply the remainder of the sums requested from it to the IRO on the basis that there are certain outstanding differences of interpretation between Switzerland, on the one hand, and the United States, United Kingdom, and France, on the other hand, which prevent the implementation of the Allied-Swiss Accord. It should be pointed out that in addition to the 50,000,000 Swiss franc figure in Article V above there is expected to be about \$120,000,000 derived from the liquidation of German assets in Switzerland. Under the Allied-Swiss Accord 50 per cent of this figure will be retained by Switzerland and 50 per cent will be turned over to the Inter-Allied Reparation Agency for distribution among its member countries in accordance with the provisions of the Paris Reparation Agreement of January 24, 1946.

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Appendix APart I. Article 8. of Paris Reparation Agreement of January 24, 1946Article 8. Allocation of a Reparation Share to Non-repatriable Victims of German Action.

In recognition of the fact that large numbers of persons have suffered heavily at the hands of the Nazis and now stand in dire need of aid to promote their rehabilitation but will be unable to claim the assistance of any Government receiving reparation from Germany, the Governments of the United States of America, France, the United Kingdom, Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia, in consultation with the Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees, shall as soon as possible work out in common agreement a plan on the following general lines:

A. A share of reparation consisting of all the non-monetary gold found by the Allied Armed Forces in Germany and in addition a sum not exceeding 25 million dollars shall be allocated for the rehabilitation and resettlement of non-repatriable victims of German action.

B. The sum of 25 million dollars shall be met from a portion of the proceeds of German assets in neutral countries which are available for reparation.

C. Governments of neutral countries shall be requested to make available for this purpose (in addition to the sum of 25 million dollars) assets in such countries of victims of Nazi action who have since died and left no heirs.

D. The persons eligible for aid under the plan in question shall be restricted to true victims of Nazi persecution and to their immediate families and dependents, in the following classes:

(i) Refugees from Nazi Germany or Austria who require aid and cannot be returned to their countries within a reasonable time because of prevailing conditions;

(ii) German and Austrian nationals now resident in Germany or Austria in exceptional cases in which it is reasonable on grounds of humanity to assist such persons to emigrate and providing they emigrate to other countries within a reasonable period;

(iii) Nationals of countries formerly occupied by the Germans who cannot be repatriated or are not in a position to be repatriated within a reasonable time. In order to concentrate aid on the most needy and deserving refugees and to exclude persons whose loyalty to the United Nations is or was doubtful, aid shall be restricted to nationals or former nationals of previously occupied countries who were victims of Nazi concentration camps or of concentration camps established by regimes under Nazi influence but not including persons who have been confined only in prisoners of war camps.

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E. The sums made available under paragraphs A and B above shall be administered by the Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees or by a United Nations Agency to which appropriate functions of the Inter-Governmental Committee may in the future be transferred. The sums made available under paragraph C above shall be administered for the general purposes referred to in this Article under a program of administration to be formulated by the five Governments named above.

F. The non-monetary gold found in Germany shall be placed at the disposal of the Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees as soon as a plan has been worked out as provided above.

G. The Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees shall have power to carry out the purposes of the fund through appropriate public and private field organizations.

H. The fund shall be used, not for the compensation of individual victims, but to further the rehabilitation or resettlement of persons in the eligible classes.

I. Nothing in this Article shall be considered to prejudice the claims which individual refugees may have against a future German Government, except to the amount of the benefits that such refugees may have received from the sources referred to in paragraphs A and C above.

Individual victims but for the rehabilitation and resettlement of persons in eligible classes; and that expenditures on rehabilitation shall be considered an essential preparatory activity to resettlement. Since all such activities indicate beyond any reasonable doubt that the Government, including all eligible persons under the provisions of Article 1, paragraph 1, all assets except as specified in paragraph 2, and the allocation for the rehabilitation and resettlement of eligible Jewish victims of Nazi persecution, among whom children should receive preferential treatment. Jewish victims of Nazi action are either refugees from Germany or persons who are not seeking to return to their countries, or German and Austrian Jews who fled to Germany or Austria and desire to emigrate, or Jews who were persecuted as former nationals of previously occupied countries and who have victims of Nazi concentration camps or concentration camps established by agents under Nazi influence.

11. The sum of \$1,500,000, amounting to but not exceeding 10 percent of the \$15,000,000 priority on the proceeds of German assets in general, and 10 percent of the proceeds of the "non-monetary gold", and five percent of the Austrian assets shall be administered by the Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees or its successor organization through appropriate public and private organizations for the rehabilitation and resettlement of the relatively small number of non-Jewish victims of Nazi action who are in need of resettlement. Eligible non-Jewish victims of Nazi action are persons who fled from Germany and Austria who are descendants of persons who were persecuted by the Nazis for religious, political, or racial reasons and who do not desire to return, or former and Austrian nationals, including persecuted, who desire to emigrate.

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Appendix B: Director of the Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees or the Director General of the successor organization shall issue the following Five Power Agreement of June 14, 1946, on a "Plan for Allocation of a Reparation Share to Non-Repatriable Victims of German Action"

In accordance with the provisions of Article 8 of the Final Act of the Paris Conference on Reparation, the Governments of the United States of America, France, the United Kingdom, Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia, in consultation with the Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees, have worked out, in common agreement, the following plan to aid in the rehabilitation and resettlement of nonrepatriable victims of German action. In working out this plan the signatory Powers have been guided by the intent of Article 8, and the procedures outlined below are based on its terms:

In recognition of special and urgent circumstances, the sum of \$25,000,000, having been made available by Allied governments as a priority on the proceeds of the liquidation of German assets in neutral countries, is hereby placed at the disposal of the Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees or its successor organization for distribution to appropriate public and private field organizations as soon as they have submitted practicable programs in accordance with this Agreement.

A. It is the unanimous and considered opinion of the Five Powers that in light of Paragraph H of Article 8 of the Paris Agreement on Reparation, the assets becoming available should be used not for the compensation of individual victims but for the rehabilitation and resettlement of persons in eligible classes, and that expenditures on rehabilitation shall be considered as essential preparatory outlays to resettlement. Since all available statistics indicate beyond any reasonable doubt that the overwhelming majority of eligible persons under the provisions of Article 8 are Jewish, all assets except as specified in Paragraph B below are allocated for the rehabilitation and resettlement of eligible Jewish victims of Nazi action, among whom children should receive preferential assistance. Eligible Jewish victims of Nazi action are either refugees from Germany or Austria who do not desire to return to these countries, or German and Austrian Jews now resident in Germany or Austria who desire to emigrate, or Jews who were nationals or former nationals of previously occupied countries and who were victims of Nazi concentration camps or concentration camps established by regimes under Nazi influence.

B. The sum of \$2,500,000, amounting to ten percent, arising out of the \$25,000,000 priority on the proceeds of German assets in neutral countries, ten percent of the proceeds of the "non-monetary gold", and five percent of the "heirless funds" shall be administered by the Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees or its successor organization through appropriate public and private organizations for the rehabilitation and resettlement of the relatively small numbers of non-Jewish victims of Nazi action who are in need of resettlement. Eligible non-Jewish victims of Nazi action are refugees from Germany and Austria who can demonstrate that they were persecuted by the Nazis for religious, political, or racial reasons and who do not desire to return, or German and Austrian nationals, similarly persecuted, who desire to emigrate.

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C. The Director of the Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees or the Director General of the successor organization shall under the mandate of this Agreement make funds available for programs submitted by the appropriate field organizations referred to in Paragraphs A and B above as soon as he has satisfied himself that the programs are consistent with the foregoing. Only in exceptional circumstances may the cost of resettlement programs exceed a maximum of \$1,000 per adult and \$2,500 per child under twelve years of age. The action of the Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees or its successor organization shall be guided by the intent of Article 8 and by this Agreement, which is to place into operation as quickly as possible practicable programs of rehabilitation and resettlement submitted by the appropriate field organizations.

D. In addition to the \$25,000,000 sum the Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees or its successor organization is hereby authorized to take title from the appropriate authorities to all "non-monetary gold" found by the Allies in Germany and to take such steps as may be needed to liquidate these assets as promptly as possible, due consideration being given to secure the highest possible realizable value. As these assets are liquidated, the funds shall be distributed in accordance with Paragraphs A and B above.

E. Furthermore, pursuant to Paragraphs C and E of Article 8, in the interest of justice, the French Government on behalf of the Five Governments concluding this Agreement, are making representations to the neutral Powers to make available all assets of victims of Nazi action who died without heirs. The Governments of the United States of America, the United Kingdom, Czechoslovakia, and Yugoslavia are associating themselves with the French Government in making such representations to the neutral Powers. The conclusion that ninety-five percent of the "heirless funds" thus made available should be allocated for the rehabilitation and resettlement of Jewish victims takes cognizance of the fact that these funds are overwhelmingly Jewish in origin, and the five percent made available for non-Jewish victims is based upon a liberal presumption of "heirless funds" non-Jewish in origin. The "heirless funds" to be used for the rehabilitation and resettlement of Jewish victims of Nazi action should be made available to appropriate field organizations. The "heirless funds" to be used for the rehabilitation and resettlement of non-Jewish victims of Nazi action should be made available to the Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees or its successor organization for distribution to appropriate public and private field organizations. In making these joint representations, the signatories are requesting the neutral countries to take all necessary action to facilitate the identification, collection, and distribution of these assets which have arisen out of a unique condition in international law and morality. If further representations are indicated the governments of the United States of America, France, and the United Kingdom will pursue the matter on behalf of the Signatory Powers.

F. To insure that all funds made available shall inure to the greatest possible benefit of the victims whom it is desired to assist, all funds shall be retained in the currency from which they arise and shall be transferred therefrom only upon the instructions of the organization to which the Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees or its successor organization has allocated the funds for expenditure.

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G. The Director of the Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees shall carry out his responsibilities to the Five Governments in respect of this Agreement in accordance with the terms of the Letter of Instruction which is being transmitted to him by the French Government on behalf of the Governments concluding this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned have signed the present Agreement.

Done in Paris on the 14th of June, 1946, in the English and French languages, the two texts being equally authentic, in a single original, which shall be deposited in the Archives of the Government of the French Republic, certified copies thereof being furnished by that Government to the signatories of this present Agreement.

Delegate of the United States of America,  
**ELI GINZBERG**

Delegate of Czechoslovakia,  
**J. V. KLIVANA**

Delegate of Yugoslavia,  
**M. D. JAKSIC**

Delegate of France,  
**PHILIPPE PERIER**

Delegate of the United Kingdom of Great Britain & Northern Ireland,  
**DOUGLAS MAC KILLOP**

ANNEX TO THE AGREEMENT ON A PLAN FOR ALLOCATION OF A REPARATION SHARE TO NON-REPATRIABLE VICTIMS OF GERMAN ACTION

Declaration by the Czechoslovak and Yugoslav Delegates  
In accepting the phrasing of Paragraph E of the Agreement, the Czechoslovak and Yugoslav Delegates have declared that the Republic of Czechoslovakia and the Republic of Yugoslavia have not by so accepting, given up their claim to the forthcoming inheritances mentioned therein which, according to the provisions of international law, belong to their respective States.

Paris, 14th June, 1946.  
The Yugoslav Delegate:  
**M. D. JAKSIC**

The Czechoslovak Delegate:  
**J. V. KLIVANA**

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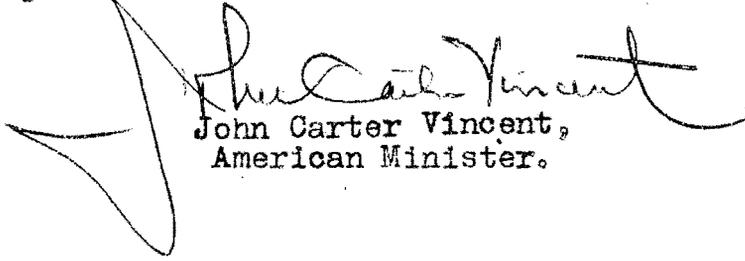
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Washington Accord, certain questions which had been put to the allied authorities with regard to compensating the German owners of assets liquidated in Switzerland had not yet been answered. Furthermore, from a political point of view, the Swiss are disinclined to make further advances to international refugee organizations when Swiss victims of the war, who also had a claim on the proceeds of the liquidation of German assets, has as yet received nothing and as a consequence had been sharply critical even of the first payment to the International Refugee Organization.

In the present circumstances, and pending the outcome of the four-power conference on the Washington Accord which may be held in Bern in June, the Legation contemplates taking no further action in this matter. The French Embassy has proposed that a meeting be held between the three allied missions to consider the Swiss reply. The results of this conference, if material, will be communicated to the Department in a later despatch.



John Carter Vincent,  
American Minister.

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No. 3370

The Legation of the United States of America at Bern presents its compliments to the Federal Political Department and has the honor to refer to the Legation's note of January 12, 1950, appealing to the Swiss Government to make an immediate further advance of 17,205,600 Swiss Francs, against the proceeds of liquidation of German property in Switzerland, for promoting the rehabilitation and resettlement of non-repatriable victims of German action.

In view of the prospective liquidation of the International Refugee Organization, announcement of which was made recently, the Legation wishes to stress again the urgency of the need for funds with which to accomplish, in the short period remaining, the International Refugee Organization's purposes of rehabilitation and resettlement of the victims of German action.

It is hoped that the concern of the Swiss Government for the humanitarian issues involved will impel that government to make an advance of 17,205,600 Francs at this time, in order that those refugees who are cared for by the International Refugee Organization will not have to bear the consequences of the delay in the liquidation of German property in Switzerland.

The Legation avails itself of this occasion to renew to the Federal Political Department the assurances of its high consideration.

Bern, March 28, 1950

To the

Federal Political Department,

Bern.

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By notes of January 12th and March 28th, the Legation of the U.S.A. approached the Federal Political Department with the proposal that the Swiss Government examine the possibility of making a payment of 17,205,600 Swiss francs for the benefit of the International Refugee Organization, this sum to be realized out of the proceeds of liquidation of German assets in Switzerland. The Political Department has the honor to reply to these communications as follows:

On July 1, 1948, when the Allied members of the Joint Commission were informed of the fact that the Federal Council had decided to make to their governments an advance of the sum of 20,000,000 francs in favor of the International Refugee Organization, it was emphasized that in taking this action Switzerland was following purely humanitarian motives and was under no legal obligation whatsoever. In fact, the payment of the 50,000,000 francs referred to in Article V of the Annex to the Washington Accord should only be made at the time when the necessary funds, to be taken out of the liquidation of German assets in Switzerland, became available.

The Swiss Government deeply regrets that this liquidation has not yet begun, but it must deny all responsibility in this regard. Immediately after the Allies, during the conferences of May and June 1949 in Washington, had proposed that the solution of the principal pending problems should be sought by way of bilateral negotiations, Switzerland made approaches to all of the governments concerned to this end. It has not ceased since that time to follow up these efforts, but unfortunately only partial results have been attained, since agreements could not be reached with certain governments. The Federal Council is also concerned by the fact that the different questions which were proposed by Switzerland on the organization and implementation of the measures necessary to insure payment of the indemnities due to the Germans in Germany concerned have not been answered up to now.

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In these circumstances, while remaining just as aware as in the past of the considerations of a humanitarian nature invoked in this matter, the Federal Council is all the less prepared to assume the responsibility for a new advance to the allied governments inasmuch as the first payment of 20,000,000 francs has already provoked sharp criticism in certain quarters. The fact is that the Swiss victims of the war, to whom a part of the proceeds of liquidation of German assets must be paid, cannot understand, on returning to Switzerland, why they are refused the advances which have been made to international organizations.

Once the differences in points of view on the implementation of the Washington Accord have been settled, the 50,000,000 francs referred to in Paragraph V of the Annex to this agreement may be put at the disposition of the Allied Governments in a very short time. The Federal Political Department is extremely hopeful that these conditions will come about in the near future.

Furthermore, there is scarcely reason to fear, should agreement be reached promptly on the points now pending, that the funds in question will be made available too late to the International Refugee Organization, since the termination of its operations, originally fixed for June 30, 1950, has been postponed for several months.

The Department takes this occasion to renew to the Legation the assurance of its high consideration.

Bern, May 4, 1950

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ATTORNEYS AT LAW

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CABLE ADDRESS: RUBINLEX

SEYMOUR J. RUBIN  
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Dear George:

There has been some reparation activity the last few days of which I want to inform you since the matter may be raised with you by Kingsley.

I received a letter from Hacking telling me of a visit of Kullman and himself to Minister Stucki in Bern to discuss the additional Swiss francs which are due to IRO under the Swiss Accord. Hacking's letter related Stucki's explanation of the difficulties which the Swiss have had with the Allies on the many intricate problems concerned with the liquidation of German assets in Switzerland and related matters. Hacking's letter also said that Kullman asked Stucki what IRO could do to facilitate receipt of the balance of funds and Stucki replied pursuant to the U. S. Government.

The receipt of Hacking's letter gave me an appropriate occasion to approach Mr. Thorp which I did yesterday, accompanied by Colonel Dick. I told Mr. Thorp of the conversation of Geneva officials with the Swiss and requested that the United States again urge the British and French to join in a request to the Swiss to make a further advance payment to IRO. The fact is that under the Swiss Accord the Allied Governments are permitted to draw up to 50 million Swiss francs for IRO reparations and, as you know, the Allies requested 20 million Swiss francs over a year ago and the Swiss paid. I have been working a very long time to try to get the three Allies to request the additional payment, since in the absence of an Allied request the Swiss can easily refuse to pay on the ground that there is no obligation to pay these funds to IRO unless requested to do so by the Allies.

I enclose for your information a copy of the memorandum which I left with Mr. Thorp. The result of my meeting with Mr. Thorp was that he agreed that the United States will again approach the British and seek their agreement to a tripartite request to be made by the United States, Great Britain and France to Switzerland for a further payment to IRO. There is reason to believe that the British Government which heretofore has not been willing to join with the United States and France in such a request is now willing to do so. Since the first step in obtaining the balance of funds for IRO requires a request by the three Allied Governments, Mr. Thorp's agreement to again approach the British and French is of extreme importance. It does not, of course, guarantee that when the tripartite request is made to the Swiss, the Swiss will agree to make the payment; but it does put us a step further since once the request is made, we can then concentrate our efforts on persuading the Swiss to make the payment.

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October 7, 1949*

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I write this rather lengthy explanation in order to point out to you that the enclosed copy of cable which I have just received from Geneva clearly indicates to me that if Mr. Kingsley follows the advice of Kullman, we will get nowhere in this matter. The Geneva cable clearly indicates to me that Kullman is following the Swiss line and is not anxious for the Allies to make the request of the Swiss, which when made will place the burden on them and if they refuse to pay in the light of the urgent need of the funds for refugee purposes, it will be the Swiss and not the Allied Governments which will be subjected to criticism. Our efforts on this side of the ocean can easily be made useless by sabotage on the part of those persons at IRO headquarters in Geneva whose principal interest is in preventing anything from being done which might put the Swiss on the spot. This makes it even more urgent that while you are in Geneva I should come over in order that you and I might explain to Kingsley these very intricate and delicate matters.

I have no desire to continue to do everything possible to bring about the payment of the balance of reparation funds if Kingsley puts himself in a position where, not having the benefit of the advice which I can personally give him, he will fall into the various traps which Kullman will place in his attempt to protect the Swiss.

This matter of the further payment from the Swiss is of extreme importance as you can readily understand. As a result of yesterday's meeting with Mr. Thorp, the United States will probably succeed in obtaining the agreement of the British and French to request the further payment, and the matter is of such a delicate nature that unless Kingsley fully understands the whole picture which I am afraid only you and I can give him in a personal talk, all our efforts will be in vain.

I think that in addition to the other matters, also important, about which I should speak to Kingsley while you are in Geneva, the present problem is a most pressing one and, if Kingsley is not otherwise persuaded that I should be there at this time, I think you can make him well aware of the need for my conferring with him and you on the basis of the delicate nature of the immediate problem.

I am sending this in care of the Consulate and I hope it reaches you soon.

With all good wishes, I am, Sir,  
Sincerely yours,

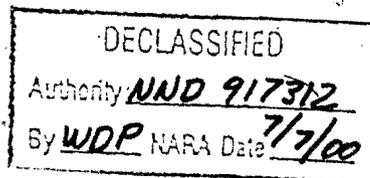
*Abba*

Abba P. Schwartz

*Am also enclosing copy of my reply to Kingsley's cable.*

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It will be recalled that the total amount receivable by the International Refugee Organization on behalf of persecutees was fixed in dollars (\$25,000,000) under the Paris Reparation Agreement and the



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INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO : Mr. W.H. Tuck  
Sir Arthur Rucker

FROM : Abba F. Schwartz

SUBJECT : Reparation Approved Plans and Projects of AJDC.

Attached are the following:

- (1) Copy of letter from Mr. Beckelman of the AJDC to Sir Herbert Emerson, dated 31st January 1947, regarding projects which were submitted to Sir Herbert.
- (2) Copy of projects submitted by AJDC in its letter of 31st January 1947.
- (3) Copy of letter of approval to projects from IGCR to AJDC dated 15th March 1947.

You will note that in the projects submitted by Mr. Beckelman in his letter of 31st January under "Migration Services and Transportation" large scale immigration costs to Palestine were excluded since it was assumed that such costs would be borne by the U.S. Government. He proposed to include only those 1125 refugees in Shanghai who might resettle in Palestine, and refugees from non-DP countries.

You will note that in the IGCR letter of 15th March, written on behalf of Sir Herbert, under the Migration Services and Transportation Projects, Sir Herbert approved "the sum of \$3,000,000 in accordance with the plans detailed in your memorandum."

The memo of AJDC in which the AJDC proposed projects, and Sir Herbert's letter of approval of 15th March, together constitute the approved plans and projects of AJDC for expenditure of reparation funds. Since AJDC in its proposed plans and projects exclude large scale migration costs to Palestine, and Sir Herbert approved the projects in accordance with the plans

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detailed in the AJDC proposals, it is my clear understanding that large scale migration costs to Palestine are not included in the approved AJDC projects.

In order to be certain that there is no relevant correspondence on this matter which I have not found in the ICOR files, I checked with Mr. Beckelman of AJDC. He confirms my understanding that large scale immigration costs to Palestine were excluded and he pointed out that so far as AJDC is concerned there is no misunderstanding in this matter.

It is my understanding that the reason that large scale immigration costs were excluded from reparation funds was, as pointed out in the AJDC memorandum, that reparation funds, even if received in the full amount, would be insufficient to meet the full rehabilitation and resettlement costs of all eligible Jewish DP's.

It is also my understanding that reference to large scale immigration to be borne by the U.S. arises from the fact that it was understood that the U.S. would bear such costs directly or indirectly, as a result of the recommendations at that time of the Anglo-Palestine Commission for large scale immigration to Palestine.

The verified bills submitted to date by AJDC under the Migration Services and Transportation Projects, approved by Sir Herbert, exclude large scale immigration costs to Palestine.

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## INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE ORGANIZATION

Geneva, Switzerland

24 April 1950

The United States and British Embassies,  
Rome, Italy.

Dear Sirs:

Attached herewith is the "Inventory of Confiscated Property, Rome, Italy, Consisting of Jewelry and Valuables Recovered in Italy by the Allied Forces from the German Forces During World War II." This inventory was taken at the Banca d'Italia in Rome by the undersigned as representative of the International Refugee Organization in the presence of representatives of the United States and British Embassies during the period April 11, 1950 to April 19, 1950, inclusive.

The property included therein (excluding pearls, stamps and coins), is estimated to have a current market value of approximately \$90,000. Estimates of the value of stamps and coins would require the services of philatelic and numismatic experts, and pearls must be X-rayed before an estimate can be made of their value.

Very truly yours,

(s/) David L. Rolbein  
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INVENTORY OF CONFISCATED PROPERTY, ROME, ITALY,  
CONSISTING OF JEWELRY & VALUABLES RECOVERED IN  
ITALY BY THE ALLIED FORCES FROM THE GERMAN FORCES  
DURING WORLD WAR II

<u>AFA LOT NUMBER.</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>POSSIBLY IDENTIFIABLE</u>
12 - 1	1. 1 large diamond necklace with emeralds; flower-like effects, varying in size with emerald as center of each flower	
	2. 1 bracelet, apparently platinum - with grooves for stones to be screwed into bracelet; stones missing	
12 - 2	3. Picture of Himmler, about 8 x 10 in silver frame, with inscription to Martin Bormann 44th Gruppenfuehrer	X
12 - 3	4. 1 gold lattice-work necklace (filigree type), clasp missing.	
12 - 4	5. 1 gold bracelet - heavy - modern probably 18 carat	
12 - 5	6. 1 bracelet of seed pearls with garnets; very small rose diamonds in center on plaque	
12 - 6	7. 1 bracelet - diamonds and emeralds on platinum (156 diamonds, 40 emeralds) perhaps 12 carats diamonds	
12 - 7	8. 1 bracelet - apparently gold with three diamonds totaling approximately 1 carat and 26 small diamonds	
12 - 8	9. 1 gold bracelet in form of 24 gold spheres each with diamond in it (about 1.5 carate, total)	
12 - 9	10. 1 necklace of seed pearls with gold pendant and rose diamonds (three strands of pearls)	
12 - 10	11. 1 old gold (14 k.) pocket watch, Swiss-make, case monogrammed with initials MB	X
12 - 11	12. 1 pin, gold, with rose diamonds; square shape	
12 - 12	13. 1 pin (antique) with topaz, old setting, probably silver	

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NARA LOT NUMBER.	DESCRIPTION	POSSIBLY IDENTIFIABLE
12 - 13	14. 1 necklace of fine gold chain with pendant containing rose diamonds	
12 - 14	15. 1 gold chain necklace	
12 - 15	16. 1 stickpin apparently gold (swastika) in case containing name of Munich jeweler, Johan Metz, Am. Platz Nr. 4	X
12 - 16	17. 1 bracelet, gold - with filigreed pattern.	
12 - 17	18. 1 bracelet, apparently gold - with 7 amethyst and 12 baroque pearls	
12 - 18	19. 1 Pin, probably gold, with topaz surrounded by rose diamonds	
12 - 19	20. 1 Pin with light blue cabushon stone (probably light blue sapphire); small rose diamonds	
12 - 20	21. 1 Pin with pink stones	
12 - 21	22. 1 gold clip, Cartier, Paris, Number 08038 with five red stones (pink color)	X
12 - 22	23. 1 Diamond pin - containing rose diamonds with greenish tint, gold backing	
12 - 23	24. 1 clip, gold - flower-shaped, with one diamond about 0.30 carat (good color) marked Cartier, Paris.	X
12 - 24	25. 1 Pin, apparently silver - marquise, flower shape	
12 - 25	26. 1 ivory pin - edelweiss shape	
12 - 26	27. 1 gold ring with small diamond of about 0.20 carat	
12 - 27	28. 1 ring, gold - with setting containing red stone - antique type	
12 - 28	29. 1 bracelet, gold with nine amethysts	
12 - 29	30. 1 necklace, gold - containing two pendants with rose diamonds - lacework pattern of gold	
12 - 30	31. 1 thin necklace, gold - with pendant containing rose diamonds (1 missing)	

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<u>AFA LOT NUMBER.</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>POSSIBLY IDENTIFIABLE</u>
12 - 31	32. 1 silver snuff box	
	33. 1 gold necklace - thin chain with pendant containing emeralds	
	34. 1 tiny gold key	
12 - 32	35. 1 cameo bracelet - gold - with 12 cameo figures	
12 - 33	36. 1 stickpin, with Nazi eagle and swastika in diamonds and red stones	
12 - 34	37. 1 stickpin, apparently gold, with pearl and small diamond	
12 - 35	38. 1 star-shaped pin with topaz stones in case marked "Au Vieux" - Bonnerfoy & Cie, 4 rue de la Paix, apparently white gold	X
12 - 36	39. 1 gold collar pin	
12 - 37	40. 1 necklace, chain type, gold, with hanging gold ornamentations	
12 - 38	41. 1 ring, apparently white gold, with skull and Nazi insignia having name L.H. Bormann inscribed within and date 9.xi.1936	X
12 - 39	42. 1 gold wedding band, 14 carat, with circular design on outside	
12 - 40	43. 1 necklace chain, apparently platinum, with aquamarine pendant.	
12 - 41	44. 1 box, apparently silver with gold plating, green stone in cover.	
	45. 60 coins - all German issue, mostly silver none old - possibly numismatic value	
12 - 42	46. 1 necklace, gold, marked Cartier, Paris, in Cartier case, clasp containing 25 small stones, apparently rubies, in clover leaf hanging pendants.	X
12 - 43	47. 1 gold man's ring, with diamond about .80 carat.	
12 - 44	48. 1 pair cuff links - with opals, surrounded by diamond chips - apparently white gold	
	49. 2 studs, same as links	
12 - 45	50. 1 gold bracelet, wide band, etched on outside	
12 - 46	51. 1 gold necklace, double chain, with 8 gold discs, each having a pearl in center	

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<u>APA LOT NUMBER.</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>POSSIBLY IDENTIFIABLE</u>
12 - 47	52. 1 volume German stamp collection containing only German stamps from 1905 to 1942	X
	53. 1 empty jewel box, deep blue, leatheroid, chamois compartments on two shelves	X
23	54. 1 necklace - coral	
	55. 1 necklace - imitation pearl	
	56. 1 necklace - ivory	
	57. 1 gold snuff box - 18 kt.	
	58. 1 tie-pin, gold with diamond about 0.60 carat	
	59. 1 religious silver necklace	
	silver pin with coral type stone	
	60. 1 gold chain	
	61. 1 gold setting with 6 small diamonds and pearl in center.	
	62. 4 stones - one red, one white, two blue	
	63. 1 pocket watch (J. Weber) with 18 carat gold case.	
	64. 1 pocket watch (Election) with initials E.V. engraved in back of 18 carat gold case	X
	65. 1 gold pocket watch 14 carat, Cortebert	
	66. 1 gold pocket watch 14 carat, Remontoir	
	67. 1 gold chain with two gold rings, one containing initials LM in black onyx.	X
	68. 4 mens' wrist watches, one Universal with 18 carat gold case	
	69. 2 ladies' wrist watches - one gold without band and one platinum with 14 small brilliants	
	70. Earrings - (synthetic) pearl and coral with rose diamonds	
	71. 1 ring - gold, very heavy, with initials L.O. and inscription "3.7.1921 GMSD DEA LOAP" inside	X
	72. 1 tie-pin, double	
	73. 2 locket - gold, one heart-shape; one with picture	
	74. 1 earring - with garnets	
	75. 1 ring, with diamond, about 1 carat and 6 small side stones	
	76. 16 rings, assorted, some with diamonds or colored stones	

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77. 1 silver chain with pearl pendant
78. 1 Russian silver coin
79. 1 Maria Theresa Thaler
80. 1 Star of David - gold color
81. 1 Jewish gold charm
82. 1 pair gold cuff links
83. 1 pair gold cuff links with leaf ornaments,  
piece of silver and gold chain
84. 1 gold hand charm
85. 2 gold sovereigns, mounted on loops
86. 2 pieces of dental apparatus
- 34 87. 1 Pendant with diamonds, apparently  
platinum, contains six large stones sur-  
rounded by large number of small stones -  
approximately 10 carats of diamonds -  
pin missing
88. 1 ring, apparently gold, with false stone,  
(possibly rose diamond)
89. 1 ring with two pearls and 2 small rose dia-  
monds, apparently gold
90. 1 pearl necklace (possibly cultured) with  
clasp containing marquessite stones
91. 2 gold coins - Roman, good condition,  
collectors items.
92. 1 religious medallion pendant, possibly gold  
with mother of pearl back (St. Francis)
93. 1 Miniature depicting woman in native costume,  
no setting
94. 3 small pieces of gold cuttings

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<u>AFA LOT NUMBER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>POSSIBLY IDENTIFIABLE</u>
41	95 1 ring, apparently platinum, containing diamond, approximately 3.5 carats, cape in color, (yellow); old miner cut.	
	96 1 ring, apparently white gold, containing diamond, approximately 6 to 7 carats, yellow; old miner cut.	
42	97 4 wrist watches, metal cases	
	98 5 pocket watches, one apparently gold	
	99 3 bracelets, apparently gold watch chain apparently gold gold wire, six pieces	
	100 15 rings, some gold	
	101 9 pieces dental gold assorted stickpins, lockets, broken jewelry, etc.	
43-A	102 Silver service consisting of:	
	103 24 dinner knives	
	104 24 dinner forks	
	105 24 tea spoons	
	106 24 table spoons (each containing a crest of a crown with drapes and animals)	X
43-B	107 30 trays, varying sizes, all with a crest consisting of crown (jewelled) with figure 8 knot beneath crown	X
	108 5 trays, varying sizes	
	109 16 silver plates, (same pattern as 30 trays) with crest	X
	110 6 silver candlesticks, all corinthian columns	
	111 1 silver candlestick	
	112 1 ice bucket	
	113 1 punch bowl, silver	
	114 4 egg cups, with crest described above	X
	115 1 folding cup, silver, in red case with inscription d. 20 Mar. 1945	X
	116 1 cigar cutter	
	117 1 broken knife handle	
	118 2 pepper grinders	
	119 2 sugar tongs	
	120 1 napkin ring	

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43-B	121	2 salt cellars, with glasses and spoons	
(Cont'd)	122	1 salt spoon	
	123	3 strainers	
	124	4 silver plated jugs	
	125	7 small silver plated coffee pots	
	126	6 teapots, silver plated	
	127	1 punch ladle, with wooden handle	
	128	1 ash tray - glass with silver edging	
	129	3 sugar bowls	
	130	3 silver ash trays	
	131	3 coffee pots, large	
	132	2 teapots, large	
	133	3 cream jugs	
	134	3 large silver jugs, one with design	
	135	3 flower vases - silver	
	136	22 assorted drinking cups	
	137	5 confit boxes	
	138	1 fruit bowl with amber inside	
	139	1 pepper pot	
	140	1 broken spoon	
	141	3 silver glassware stands	
	142	1 glass and silver bowl	
	143	1 silver case for knife and fork	
	144	5 glass dishes	
	145	2 mustard pots (large)	
	146	3 silver boxes (called containers in inventory) one with valueless jewelry inside	
	147	8 silver articles called bowls in inventory, varying in size and shape (miscellaneous pieces)	
43-C	148	1 ornamental silver jug with figure of child and dog on lid; wooden handle; mosaic design on surfaces (in large red cloth lined case)	
	149	2 pedestal table ornaments, in form of pedestal consisting of Italian Fasces supporting Nazi eagle, which in turn supports silver cup in its wings (cups are only parts made of silver)	
	150	7 silver trays, with no markings	
	151	1 wooden tray with silver edging	
	152	1 silver tray with inscription "17th June 1942, Herman Goering"	X
	153	1 silver tray, with crest consisting of eagle in crown, and two additional eagles supporting plaque	X

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<u>AEA LOT NUMBER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>POSSIBLY IDENTIFIABLE</u>
43-C (Cont)		
154	1 candlestick, silver, with name S. Bulgari, Rome, on paper pasted on base	X
155	1 silver teapot with heating stand and alcohol burner (three pieces)	
156	1 brass hot water jug	
157	1 silver mesh bag - torn	
158	4 silver drinking mugs as follows:	
159	1 with initials EB	X
160	1 with inscription "Fritz Hartaut 3.4.1942"	X
161	1 with initials ABM	X
162	1 with no markings	
163	1 vase, silver and 1 glass bottle with silver top	
164	5 silver plates, 4 apparently Russian and one with large stork carrying baby	
165	1 large silver gilt drinking mug with 3 legs in form of bells; with inscription "Herrn Reichsleiter Bornmann Zum 17.VI. 1939, Hermann Esser" (900 fine silver)	X
166	silver serving dish with lid	
167	1 silver bowl	
168	1 vanity set in box, consisting of silver topped clothes brush, hair brush, comb mirror, nail buffer and cuticle knives, scissors and file apparently missing; with initials GB and chalet inscribed	X
169	1 Small silver jug	
170	2 Silver ash trays each with glass inside	
171	1 Broken fish slice	
172	1 cheese scraper and 1 silver holder	
173	11 condiment holders and salt cellars 19 with glasses	
174	1 silver snuff box	
175	1 small silver piece - 1 toothpick holder	
176	1 salt container, 1 ash tray	
43 - D	177 Silver service consisting of:	
	24 dinnerknives	
	12 luncheon knives	
	2 berry spoons	
	1 gravy ladle	
	10 serving pieces	
	1 carving knife	
	1 carving fork	
	2 conserve spoons	

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NUMBERDESCRIPTIONPOSSIBLY  
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12 fish forks  
12 fish knives  
2 sugar tongs  
1 fish serving knife  
1 fish serving fork  
2 jam spoons  
1 butter knife  
1 pickle fork  
10 demi-tasse spoons  
12 ice cream spoons  
24 dinner forks  
12 luncheon forks  
12 dinner spoons  
6 salt spoons  
1 serving spoon  
12 fruit knives  
12 fruit forks  
12 dessert spoons (tea)

(the above is in large chest with  
five drawers - all drawers complete,  
with exception of 2 demi-tasse spoons)

43 - E

178 Box containing assorted silverware (mixed A)

42 knives  
30 fish knives  
90 forks  
2 serving forks  
114 spoons  
1 serving spoon  
1 ladle  
1 pastry tong  
1 grape scissors  
1 cork remover

179 Box containing assorted silverware (mixed B)

44 spoons  
41 forks  
24 knives  
1 tea strainer

Silverware with initial "B" as follows:

180 1 ladle  
6 table spoons  
8 serving pieces

X

181 Silverware with initials "AST"  
10 forks  
6 knives

X

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	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>POSSIBLY IDENTIFIABLE</u>
154	1 candlestick, silver, with name S. Bulgari, Rome, on paper pasted on base	X
155	1 silver teapot with heating stand and alcohol burner (three pieces)	
156	1 brass hot water jug	
157	1 silver mesh bag - torn	
158	4 silver drinking mugs as follows:	
159	1 with initials EB	X
160	1 with inscription "Fritz Hartaut 3.4.1942"	X
161	1 with initials ABM	X
162	1 with no markings	
163	1 vase, silver and 1 glass bottle with silver top	
164	5 silver plates, 4 apparently Russian and one with large stork carrying baby	
165	1 large silver gilt drinking mug with 3 legs in form of bells; with inscription "norm Reichsleiter Bormann Zum 17.VI. 1939, Hermann Esser" (900 fine silver)	X
166	silver serving dish with lid	
167	1 silver bowl	
168	1 vanity set in box, consisting of silver topped clothes brush, hair brush, comb mirror, nail buffer and outcicle knives, scissors and file apparently missing; with initials GB and chalet inscribed	X
169	1 Small silver jug	
170	2 Silver ash trays each with glass inside	
171	1 Broken fish slice	
172	1 cheese scraper and 1 silver holder	
173	11 condiment holders and salt cellars 19 with glasses	
174	1 silver snuff box	
175	1 small silver piece - 1 toothpick holder	
176	1 salt container, 1 ash tray	
43 - D	177 Silver service consisting of:	
	24 dinnerknives	
	12 luncheon knives	
	2 berry spoons	
	1 gravy ladle	
	10 serving pieces	
	1 carving knife	
	1 carving fork	
	2 conserve spoons	

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12 fish forks  
 12 fish knives  
 2 sugar tongs  
 1 fish serving knife  
 1 fish serving fork  
 2 jam spoons  
 1 butter knife  
 1 pickle fork  
 10 demi-tasse spoons  
 12 ice cream spoons  
 24 dinner forks  
 12 luncheon forks  
 12 dinner spoons  
 6 salt spoons  
 1 serving spoon  
 12 fruit knives  
 12 fruit forks  
 12 dessert spoons (tea)

(the above is in large chest with  
 five drawers - all drawers complete,  
 with exception of 2 demi-tasse spoons)

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178 Box containing assorted silverware (mixed A)

42 knives  
 30 fish knives  
 90 forks  
 2 serving forks  
 114 spoons  
 1 serving spoon  
 1 ladle  
 1 pastry tong  
 1 grape scissors  
 1 cork remover

179 Box containing assorted silverware (mixed B)

44 spoons  
 41 forks  
 24 knives  
 1 tea strainer

Silverware with initial "B" as follows:

180 1 ladle  
 6 table spoons  
 8 serving pieces

X

181 Silverware with initials "AST"  
 10 forks  
 6 knives

X

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182	Silverware with initials "RB" 12 forks (2 different patterns) 10 Knives 11 spoons	X
183	Silverware with initials "ALMB" 12 knives 12 forks 26 spoons	X
184	Silverware in felt wrapper as follows: (with crown and knot crest)  50 sweet forks 50 fish knives 2 pairs sugar tongs 3 carving knives 3 carving forks 80 table knives 50 sweet knives 2 ice cream servers 2 fish slicers and forks 30 dessert forks 2 asparagus tongs 50 table forks 2 dessert spoons 98 teaspoons 30 dessert knives 50 fish forks 2 fish forks 45 ice cream spoons 2 cake slicers 7 coffee spoons 2 sweet knives 7 ice cream spoons 3 ladles and four serving spoons 2 fish knives 10 tablespoons 7 table knives 20 dessert spoons 5 spoons, 2 forks, 1 knife	X

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<u>AFA LOT NUMBER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>POSSIBLY IDENTIFIABLE</u>
185	Unmarked: 7 assorted servers 7 salt spoons 3 grape scissors 2 carving knives 2 carving forks 12 sweet forks 1 soup ladle 12 coffee spoons 6 table spoons 12 fish knives 6 dessert forks 4 pairs sugar tongs (2 silver, 2 chrome) 8 serving pieces 12 ice cream spoons 12 sweet knives 10 table forks 12 fish forks	
186	3 silver plates	
187	2 coffee pots large	
188	2 teapots large	
189	1 Bulgari tagged water jug	X
190	1 Pair candlesticks Bulgari collection (one broken)	X
191	1 Silver comfort box - Bulgari	X
192	1 Silver dish with lid - Bulgari	X
193	1 Silver drinking mug small	
194	8 Silver jugs - crested with crown and knot	X
195	3 Silver coffee pots - crested with crown and knot	X
196	6 Silver containers with lids (five crested with crown and knot)	X
197	Set of 2 spoons, 1 knife, 1 fork, silver - with initials RGB	X
198	6 Cruets (one having broken stopper on bottle) - all silver and glass	
199	1 Picture - Bulgari collection - Lavoro - 17th Century (in frame and case)	X

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200 Small bag of coins and medals, many coins of old Roman period.

201 Large bag containing coin collection in wrapped packages, each package containing several coins individually enveloped or wrapped with identification markings.

Examined approximately 10 packages of which 2 contained gold coins. Bulk of coins appear to be Italian or Roman. Packages contain drawer numbers from which coins appear to have been taken.

X

203 12 Silver candy dishes

44 - C

204 44 Wrist watches with bands (in poor condition; most with gold or gold plated cases, 3 containing small diamonds (some with platinum cases)

205 5 Wrist watches, gold or gold plated, without bands

206 49 Mens gold pocket watches

207 13 Ladies gold lapel watches

208 495 Rings, gold and other, some with stones

209 55 cuff links) some gold  
43 studs )

210 Earrings - counted - over 250

211 133 Bracelets, mostly gold, some with coin charms, 126 brooches, pins and clips, many gold with diamonds. 31 Stickpins, some gold with diamonds.

212 109 chains, mostly gold, 52 charms and medallions, many gold; many with Star of David and Hebrew inscriptions. 11 locket, mostly gold (one with names Dario Lovvy, born of Carlo Lovvy and Linda Lattes, and Tullio Lovvy 1917)

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213 6 Compacts, 4 gold and 2 other metals (one with enamel).

214 21 Necklaces, pearl, imitation pearl, garnet and coral.

215 Miscellaneous broken pieces of jewelry, broken necklaces, charms, watch cases, lorgnettes (1 broken bracelet - sapphires and diamonds)

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<u>APA LOT NUMBER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>POSSIBLY IDENTIFIABLE</u>
44 - D	216 Stamp collection consisting of 9 volumes and one loose packet of stamps - all apparently from shop of Giulio Landmann, Corso Vittorio Emanuele 22, Milano (all have note indicating that Landmann is "Jude").	X
	217 Collection of silver and copper coins, mostly German and old Greek, 1 watch.	
53 - 1	218 Rings, mostly gold, most with stones of low grades, approximately 5748.	
53 - 2	219 Watches (about 160) and locket all in poor condition, some cases with small diamonds, most cases gold.	
53 - 3	220 Two small gold mesh bags (one with small stones) 1 lorgnette, apparently gold: 1 dressing comb with poor rose diamonds; 1 ivory case.	
53 - 5	221 Bracelets, apparently gold and other - 362, but counted additional mixture of broken pieces; all lightweight; some with old miners and rose diamonds.	
53 - 6	222 Approximately 15000 earrings all pierced ear type. Some gold; most of non-precious metals; some with diamonds or other stones.	
53 - 7	223 Pearl necklaces - actual count 236 pieces, some broken; some necklaces appear to be cultured or genuine with diamond clasps.	
53 - 8	224 Broken jewelry, very poor condition; some gold with diamonds and broken pearl necklaces, all mixed together (no count).	
53 - 9	225 Pins and brooches, various metals, some with diamonds or other stones, many broken (counted 1006).	
53 - 10	226 315 Stick pins, 40 studs, 87 cuff links - mostly lower grade items; very few of precious metals or with stones.	
53 - 11	227 12 Watch chains, non precious metals; 74 necklace chains - few precious metals; necklaces with pendants, locket; impossible to segregate for count; many with diamonds - some gold; most lower grade metals.	
62	228 18 pocket watches, old design; 2 wrist watches - metal cases, 1 compass metal case, with initials USCE, 1 charm - metal.	X

The above Inventory was taken at the Banca d'Italia in Rome, while the property was in the joint custody of the United States and British Embassies, by a representative of the IRO (International Refugee Organization) in the presence of representatives of those Embassies during the period April 11, 1950 to April 19, 1950.

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Deutsche Zeitung, Budapest

16 May 1944.

Florence against the Jews

Florence, 15 May (INB). In accordance with the provisions of the racial laws promulgated in December 1943, the Republican Fascist Government has now ordered the first action against the Jews in Florence. Out of the 1600 Jews in Florence, 500 have been taken to concentration camps. The remaining 1100 are under police supervision. The property of all the 1600 members of the Jewish race, totalling approximately 500 million lire, has been confiscated. The property of the synagogue, amounting to about 100 million lire, has also been sequestered. The police discovered particularly high-value securities in the search for hidden valuables. In a palace which used to belong to the Jewish Baron Anton Levi, the search revealed a skilfully camouflaged little private suite which housed a collection of great art treasures. In other hiding-places constructed in the outer walls of the palace, great quantities of gold, silver and ivory vessels and ornaments were found, and also a chest full of valuable clothing, paintings and rare china, and a collection of autographs and antique clocks.

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(German translation)

La Liberté, Fribourg

15 April. 1944.

Generous gesture by Pope Pius XII on behalf of persecuted Jews.

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The following reliable information has reached us from Rome, although badly delayed, and it throws light on certain phenomena of Roman life in the last few months:

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The press and radio have brought you reports on the persecution of the Jews. The Germans began immediately after 8 September, by imposing on the Jewish community in Rome a fine of half a hundredweight (50 kilos) of gold, which had to be paid in 48 hours, under threat of severe personal reprisals. The unfortunate victims succeeded with great difficulty in collecting 36 kilos of gold. When His Holiness heard of the matter and in particular that the community could not produce the 50 kilos, he offered them the 14 kilos they still needed. The Germans would not be satisfied with this, however, and wanted the people once they had taken their belongings: men and women, old and young, children, well or sick, were packed into open lorries and deported, no one knows where, in pouring rain. The hunt began at about 5 in the morning, while people were fast asleep. A few managed to escape by jumping out of the window, others fled leaving their young children at home, and came back to find they had disappeared.  
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