

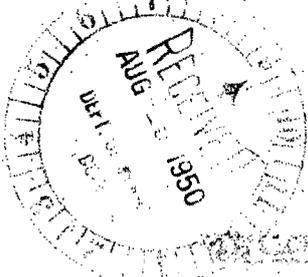
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The Ambassador of Greece presents his

compliments to His Excellency the Secretary of State  
and has the honor to inform him, on instructions from  
the Greek Government, that Greece's claims for the  
return of the monetary gold looted by the Nazis during  
the occupation of Greece have been presented to the  
Tripartite Commission of Brussels which considers  
this question in pursuance of Part III of the Paris  
Reparation Agreement of January 1946.  
The Ambassador of Greece would therefore  
appreciate it if the Secretary of State would kindly  
instruct the American representative on this Commission  
to give his favorable and friendly consideration to  
the Greek claims.

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Department of State  
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Dear Sir:

I am referring to your letter dated June 14, 1949 and my communication dated June 19, re Tripartite Commission for the Restitution of Monetary Gold.

I assume that this question was decided upon by the Commission last year. I would appreciate it very much if you could give me some information concerning the outcome of the Greek claims, especially insofar as the gold seized for Greek Jews during German occupation goes, viz.:

a) What amount of gold was allotted to Greece during the last year's Conference?

b) In making this allocation, was the seizure of gold from the Greek Jews taken into account and, if so, to what extent?

c) Who represented Greece at this Conference?  
Swiss newspapers reported last year that the Conference allotted to Greece 25 million dollars worth of gold.

Hoping to hear from you soon,  
I am

very sincerely yours,

Nehemiah Robinson

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My dear Mr. Robinson:

Reference is made to your letter of August 11, 1950 addressed to Mr. Maurer, Assistant to Legal Adviser of the Department, containing a number of questions dealing with certain Greek claims before the Tripartite Gold Commission in Brussels.

Upon receiving the required information from the United States Commissioner, Tripartite Commission for the Restitution of Monetary Gold, I am glad to pass on this information to you as follows:

With regard to your question (a): A tentative allocation of 37,831.9 kilograms of gold was made to the Greek government in respect to a partial claim for 82,814.7 kilograms. The Greek Delegate in Brussels was advised of this allocation by the Commission's letter of June 30, 1948. The Greek government has not yet taken delivery of this gold. No additional adjudication nor allocation was made on claims submitted by the Greek government. These claims are under active consideration by the Commission which will announce its definite findings on the Greek claims simultaneously with the adjudication upon all other claims before the Commission in due course, pursuant to the terms of reference by which the Commission has been established.

With regard to your question (b): The 82,814.7 kilograms of gold mentioned above might or might not have been of Jewish origin. The particular gold was seized by the Germans at the Candia branch of the Bank of Greece.

It was

Mr. Nehemiah Robinson  
Chief, Office of Indemnification,  
World Jewish Congress,  
1834 Broadway,  
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It was not a portion of the gold which is labeled in the Greek claim as being of Jewish origin.

With regard to your question (c): The officials who represented Greece at the hearing which took place on April 29, 1949 were M. Triantafyllakos, the Greek Minister in Brussels and M. Caloussis, Legal Counselor of the Greek Legation in Brussels. The report in the Swiss newspapers referred to in your letter was, of course, entirely false.

Sincerely yours,

Otto F. Fletcher  
Special Assistant  
Monetary Affairs Staff

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To the

Officer in Charge of the American Mission,  
Brussels.

The Secretary of State requests the attention of Messrs. Fox and Fletcher to the Department's instruction No. 2 dated May 27, 1949 addressed to the United States Delegate, Inter-Allied Reparation Agency, Care of American Embassy, Brussels, dealing with the question of a Greek claim now before the Tripartite Gold Commission involving certain gold alleged to have been seized from the Jews during the German occupation of Greece, and encloses a copy of the letter dated August 11, 1950 from the World Jewish Congress. A copy of the Department's letter dated June 14, 1949 to which reference has been made is also enclosed, as well as a copy of the note No. 3886/3 dated August 7, 1950 addressed to the Secretary by the Ambassador of Greece.

The views of Messrs. Fox and Fletcher as to the replies that may appropriately be made to these communications are requested.

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Enclosures:

1. From World Jewish Congress, August 11, 1950.
2. To World Jewish Congress, June 14, 1949.
3. From Ambassador of Greece, August 7, 1950.

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My dear Mr. Robinson:

Reference is made to your letter of May 3, 1949 and to the Department's acknowledgment of May 27, 1949 dealing with the question of the Greek claim now before the Tripartite Gold Commission involving certain gold alleged to have been seized from the Jews during the German occupation of Greece.

The United States Commissioner, Tripartite Commission for the Restitution of Monetary Gold, has acknowledged the receipt of a copy of your letter and has informed the Department that the validity of the Greek claim is now under active consideration in the Tripartite Gold Commission that the Commission has made active efforts to assemble all the data concerning this claim, and has already heard representatives of the Government of Greece argue in its support.

It should be pointed out that the Tripartite Gold Commission is charged with judging the validity of the claims submitted; and that, while the Commission deals only with Governments, your letter will be available to the United States Member for his information.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ EM  
Ely Maurer  
Assistant to the  
Legal Adviser

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Chief, Office of Indemnification,  
World Jewish Congress,  
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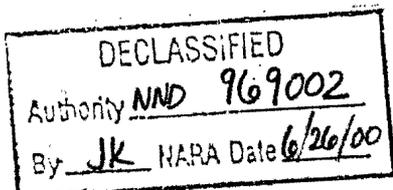
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Hoping to hear from you soon,  
I am

very sincerely yours,

/s/ N. Robinson  
/t/ Nehemiah Robinson

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REF : Department's Instruction No. 18 dated August 18 and Instruction No. 19 dated August 22, 1950.

SUBJECT : Claim to looted Gold in Sweden and Greek Claim Pending before the Commission.

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I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Department's instruction No. 18 dated August 18 regarding a note of the Swedish Embassy in Washington, No. 279 of July 26, and the Department's instruction No. 19 of August 22 regarding inquiries of the Greek Ambassador in Washington and the World Jewish Congress on certain Greek claims before the Gold Commission.

I have discussed both matters with Mr. Fletcher, who, after completion of his work, is leaving for Washington on September 6th. He will orally transmit to the Department my views and, with respect to the Greek claim, bring with him the information necessary to answer the inquiries before the Department. As to the first mentioned matter, it is one for the Department's decision alone and Mr. Fletcher can state his views as requested in the instruction No. 18 much better on the basis of his Washington files than he could from here.

*Homer S. Fox*

Homer S. Fox  
United States Commissioner  
Tripartite Commission for the  
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The Secretary of State presents his compliments to His Excellency the Ambassador of Greece and has the honor to refer to his note No. 3886/3 of August 7, 1950 containing the information that Greece's claims for the return of the monetary gold looted by the Nazis during the occupation of Greece have been presented to the Tripartite Commission of Brussels which considers this question in pursuance of Part III of the Paris Reparation Agreement of January 1946.

As His Excellency is aware, the Tripartite Gold Commission has been established for the restitution of monetary gold in accordance with the provisions of Part III of the Paris Agreement on Reparations. According to reports received from the United States Commissioner, the question referred to in His Excellency's note No. 3886/3 is under active consideration by the Commission which will

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announce its findings on this claim simultaneously with  
the adjudication upon all other claims before the Commission  
in due course, pursuant to the terms of reference by which  
the Commission has been established. A copy of these  
terms has been furnished to the Greek Government.

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My dear Mr. Fletcher:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your communication dated November 6, 1950 re work of the Tripartite Gold Commission.

You state that the Commission might be ready with its work within a few months. This would imply that the case which I brought to the attention of the State Department, viz. the question of the gold looted by the Germans from Greek Jews will also be resolved within the near future. I would therefore appreciate it very much if the State Department would agree to remind its representative on this Commission about this matter so as to make it possible for the Commission to include this problem among the matters on which a decision has to be reached before the work is completed.

Sincerely yours,

*N. Robinson*

Nehemiah Robinson

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