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OI CI CIGS	15/61 28/256	145	Reichsfinanzministerium Hq. Auswärtiges Amt. Depts. Unknown.	Wilhelmplatz 1/2	Finance Ministry. The Reichsfinanzministerium may have transferred to Dresden and Vienna, Ainetendorf, and Feldkirch, Austria.	Complete dos
OI	15/62	146	Reich Food Estate	Dessauerstr. 2	Documents relating to food stocks and supply.	Complete dos
OI CI CIGS	15/70 28/231	147	Reichskommissar für die Festi- gung Deutschen Volkstums (Office of Reich Commissioners for Consolidation of German National Consciousness)	Kurfürstendamm 140	One of Himmler's offices. <u>LATEST EVACUATION ADDRESS:</u> KLOSTER SCHWEIKELBERG near VILSHOFEN 14 miles W. of PASSAU	Complete dos
OI	15/90	148	Reichspostministerium	Leipzigerstr. 15 - n. 66, Fernsprechtet 120042	Postal. Believed evac. address: Prague, Krummhübel, & Dresden or Vienna	Complete dos
		149	Wehrmachtbeschaffungsamt W.B.A. Bekleidung and Ausrüstung für Heer and Marine		Down-graded to third priority, target no. 33	Target BELIEV dossier const formation she assessment at prepared.

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Reparation Memorandum 26
 Subcommittee 6
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RESTITUTION AND REPLACEMENT: PROCEDURE

Text: The Allied governments should set up an Inter-Allied Office of Restitution (hereafter referred to as the Office) the major functions of which will be to recover and distribute identifiable looted properties taken to Germany, and to obtain and return goods in the categories subject to replacement. The Office should be placed under the Reparation Commission, or if such a commission is not in existence at the time, under the Armistice Commission or Control Commission, until a Reparation Commission is set up.

The Office should establish in Germany a central office and such additional offices as it may deem desirable. It should conduct its operations chiefly through Executive Commissions, each of which should be charged with the responsibility of recovering a specific class or classes of goods (e.g. a Commission for the Recovery of Gold and Securities, a Commission for the Recovery of Rolling Stock, et cetera). These commissions should be composed of experts representing all the countries interested in the particular class or classes of goods involved.

Germany should be placed, in the Armistice terms, under very broad obligations to safeguard and maintain all looted property and to take any measures concerning the disposition of such property as the Allied authorities may require. On the basis of these obligations there should be issued, at once if possible, (a) a general protocol of restitution and replacement, (b) supplementary protocols for specific classes of goods. The protocols should set forth in detail the acts required of Germany to facilitate

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1/ See Reparation Document 11a, Surrender Terms on Reparation and Property.

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the work of the Office and its Executive Commissions. It is suggested that General Protocol (A) of Restitution, notified to Germany on September 1, 1920, and the protocols of February 2 and March 23, 1919, relating to the restitution of industrial material, ^{1/} may be useful to the Allied authorities in drawing up the appropriate instruments.

The Office and its Executive Commissions, in addition to recovering looted property, might also be used as agents of the military or other authorities to receive supplies of goods requisitioned from Germany.

Comment.

In view of the desirability of setting in motion the processes of restitution and replacement as soon as possible after the ending of hostilities, every effort should be made to set up the appropriate machinery in advance.

Under the organization suggested in the text, the Inter-Allied Office of Restitution would be an organ of the Reparation Commission. This is considered proper in view of the close relationship of restitution and replacement to the larger problems of reparation and reconstruction.

The Office would supervise and co-ordinate the overall task of restitution. As the recovery of different kinds of goods would involve in each case special problems of identification, location, inspection, et cetera, the actual work of searching out and effecting the return of looted goods (or their replacements) should be entrusted to groups of experts, designated in the text as Executive Commissions. If the recommendations of the Reparation Committee are adopted in the final Reparation settlement and a serious effort is made to locate only a few categories of looted goods, then the number of Executive Commissions which it will be necessary to create will be correspondingly small. In the last reparation settlement, the bodies analogous to the Executive Commissions suggested herein were both inter-allied and national. To avoid duplication and possible conflict, it was suggested that they be exclusively inter-Allied.

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^{1/} See pp. 68 and 199 of Report V of the Reparation Commission, 1923.

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Considerable difficulty was encountered in carrying through certain phases of the restitution program after the last war because the drafting of the relevant protocols left the German Government large loopholes for evasion. This experience emphasizes the need for meticulous care in defining the obligations laid on the Germans. The general Restitution Protocol mentioned in the text as a possible guide was suggested because it was based on two years of experience; the supplementary protocol on industrial materials was mentioned because in practice it was found to be very satisfactory.

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