

Silver Arrives in Budapest

By Nathan J. Margolin, Staff Correspondent

Budapest, April 23 - The silver train arrived here yesterday and was greeted at the station by Arthur Schoenfeld, U.S. minister to Hungary; Nicholas Nyaradi, minister of finance, and Leslie Rajk, minister of the interior.

In a ceremony at the Budapest railroad station the train, bearing \$ 9,000,000 worth of Nazi-held Hungarian silver and \$ 20,000,000 worth of art objects was released by American MPs of the 1st MP Sv. Cp. and turned over to the custody of the Hungarians.

Gen^{le} George H. Peems, chief of the American military mission and U.S. delegate to the Allied Control Commission, inspected both the Hungarian police detachment and the U.S. MP detachment. The American MPs reportedly never had been seen in Budapest before and the citizens were greatly impressed by the beaming manner and efficiency of 37 mass guards who were under the command of Maj. Harry L. De Busk, of Bristol, Tenn., and Lt. Morton Semalmaker.

The silver hoard actually had been transferred to the Hungarian Government at the Reichsbank in Frankfurt when Col. William G. Brey, of the foreign exchange depository, turned the treasure over to Dr. Alexander Bahn.

Stars and Stripes, Frankfurt 23 April 1947

Art Worth 23 Million Restored to Hungary
by Nathan J. Margolin, Staff Correspondent

On Board Special Train Bound For Budapest, April 22 -

In a move classified a secret until now, the Army yesterday turned over to the Hungarian government \$ 23,000,000 worth of Nazi seized art objects and 6,789 bars of high-grade silver.

This is the second shipment of German-held assets to be returned to Hungary. The first, known as the "gold shipment" and valued at \$ 35,000,000 was made last August and constituted a peg of considerable importance to the then new currency and economy of the nation of 8,000,000 population.

The 96 ton silver hoard was loaded secretly in Frankfurt Monday. Lt. Gen. Clarence R. Busbmer was on hand for an inspection.

The actual transfer was negotiated in the Frankfurt Reichsbank, where Col. William G. Brey, chief of the foreign exchange depository, turned control of the property over to Dr. Alexander Bahn, head of the Restitution Commission for Hungary. Dr. Leslie Grusz, controller of the Hungarian National Bank, also was present.

Maj. Harry I. De Busk was train and security commander on the restitution trip. His guard detail consisted of 37 picked men from the 1st MP. SV. Gp. First Lt. Morton Semelmaker was assistant train commander.

Valued at \$ 20,000,000

The crated art objects were valued at \$ 20,000,000 by Hungarian officials. They were picked up in Regensburg and loaded on top of the neatly stacked 12 and 20 kilo, Hungarian stamped, serially numbered silver bars. They consisted of 51 paintings and 340 drawings including three paintings by El Greco, one valued at \$ 1,000,000 and one Gauguin. Drawings included eight Da Vincis, two Raphaels, eight Rembrandts, one Van Gogh, one Picasso, one Watteau and one Durer.

The restitution trip was delayed for an hour at Wiesthal, near Wurzburg, when one silver-laden car developed a hot box. Close to \$ 500,000 worth of silver was transferred to one of the empty cars in the train by all of the personnel on the trip, including Brey, Bahn, Grusz, the official observers, MPs off duty and the train crew.

The silver was deposited by the Germans in Magdeburg in January 1945, liberated by the 9th Army and transferred to Frankfurt for storage in April of the same year. An added shipment of coins, representing Hungarian orphanage deposits and national bank assets, will follow in a later shipment.

The Silver Train has arrived

The Silver Train arrived on Tuesday evening at the East Station. It brought back the silver and the valuable pictures of the Museum of Fine Arts which had been deported to the West by the Arrowcrosses.

The following people came to the station: Minister Nikolaus Nyaradi and Ernest Geroc, Secretary General of the Chief Council of Commerce; Captain Vas, Vice Major Peter Bechtler, Police Marshal Franz Kuehnlich and the Director General of the National Bank Franz Jessenaky. Among the foreigners the American Ambassador Schoenfeld, General Leems and several members of the American Embassy were to be seen.

The train was accompanied by the American Colonel Brey. From the frontier of the Russian Occupation Zone of Austria up to Budapest the train was also accompanied by a deputation of Russian officers. Town-Councillor Alexander Hahn conducted the transport. The train brought 96 tons of silver and more than 400 valuable paintings, etchings and drawings back to Hungary. Alexander Hahn expressed his thanks to the commander of the train: Colonel Brey and to General Morozov, General Leems and Colonel Ljevushkin, who had effectively supported the return transportation of the treasures.

Nikolaus Nyaradi expressed the thanks of the Hungarian people to the United States of America. The American Ambassador Schoenfeld gave expression to his sincere joy to be present at such an important event such as the arrival of the important values consisted of.

City Councillor Alexander Hahn, the Head of the Hungarian Mission for the return of deported Goods, told our correspondent in connection with the valuable delivery the following items:

I state explicitly, that the pieces of art, which we have brought home for the Museum of Fine Arts represent a much higher value than the silver brought back. The pictures and etchings from state and private collections represent a value of approximately 20 million dollars. In this connection we have to thank Captain G. Rae who kept these treasures of art for us. He handed them over to us in Regensburg at two o'clock at night. The collection comprises 341 drawings and etchings, 51 paintings and the entire China collection of the Museum of Fine Arts.

The Silver Train was accompanied by 9 American correspondents who remained in Budapest until Friday night. Colonel Brey is also in Budapest at the moment. He is probably the richest man in the world, for he is the guardian of an important part of all that gold and the jewels which are kept in the cellars of the "Reichsbank" in Frankfurt/Main.

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(Paper of the Social Democratic Party of Hungary)
Wednesday, 23 April 1947, page 2

The "Silver Train" has arrived.
The delivery contains 340 etchings
and 61 pictures.

There was a strict control of identification papers at the West Station. A huge cordon of police is awaiting the arrival of the "Silver Train". An army of reporters is also eagerly waiting. The train is still in motion, when the American soldiers jump off and take their places on both sides of the arrangement made for the reception.

Senator Alexander Fahn expresses the thanks to the Allied Control Commission for the return of the treasures. Now the storm of the press photographers begins. They jump into the running boards of the train, climb upon the roofs of the railway cars and catch from there the moment of the transaction.

Colonel Brey, General Mowzov, Ambassador Schoenfeldt, General Lotuskan, the Yugoslav Major Kopcak and the Charge d'Affaires Bugalov have turned up. From the Hungarian side Vice Mayor comrade Peter Dechtler, Minister of Transportation comrade Ernest Gero, Minister of Finance Nikolaus Nyarady, Secretary of State Kemeny, Secretary of State Vassai Kovacs and the Chief Director of the National Bank Franz Jezzensky are present.

The first railway car is unlocked with great excitement. It is filled with silver bars. Of these will be coined the 5 Forint coins.

Except for this coinage material the collection of 340 etchings and 61 pictures of the Museum of Fine Arts has arrived.

FROM THE GERMAN THIEVES' CAVE IN FRANKFURT
TO BUDAPEST

Karl Kristof, the correspondent of the "Világ" had been invited by Headquarters of the American Forces in Europe to Frankfurt and to accompany the Silver Train from there to Budapest.

The house of the stolen valuables.

Frankfurt on the Main. In a small, undamaged section of the city is situated on a large square a huge building. The State Bank. There is no admission to it. The Americans have taken charge of the building and within it they guard the treasury stolen by the Nazis.

In the company of the capable chief of the Hungarian Commission, Alexander Hahn, I enter the State Bank. A member of the Military Police on guard at the door. Our papers are checked. At the door leading from the hall to the accounts' room our papers are checked once more. Inside we are received by Colonel Brey. He is the Chief Officer of the Foreign Exchange Depository.

Now we turn to the immense basements localities of the State Bank. A heavy steel door is opening and we are within a treasury chamber.

96 tons of silver.

In long rows the silver bars are piled up, 50 bars piled on top of each other form one pile. The ordinary bar weighs 12 kilograms, the larger ones 30 kilograms. Each silver bar carries the stamp of the Hungarian Mint. There are altogether 96 tons of silver in this room.

The valuables of the Budapest Orphanage.

Colonel Brey tells the correspondent of the "Világ", that the next convoy will restore the valuables of the Orphanage of Budapest.

Diamonds, diamonds, diamonds.

We are shown to a place surrounded by iron bars. Here thousands of diamonds, cut and raw ones lie on the tables. These have been stolen by the Germans in Amsterdam. Pitiful contents are seen in boxes guarded by a member of the M.P., gold teeth torn from the mouths of the victims of Auschwitz, Dachau and Mauthausen.

On Monday morning at eight o'clock the loading of the Hungarian valuables is started. German labor service men place the silver into cars. On the way to the station one jeep was preceding and another one following every truck. The cars tore through the town with sirens on full blast. Soon the 97 tons of silver were loaded in the railway carriages.

The United States are convinced, says Colonel Brey, that this silver will help reconstruction of Hungarian Economics to large extent.

Breakdown of the axle of the Silver Train.

As the train approaches Wiesbaden, an axle of one of the carriages broke down. The train stops. All of us crowd about the breakdown. We all take part in the re-loading of the silver. Colonel Brey, the MP, City-Councillor Hahn, Ladislaus Gruss, the American Officers and correspondents. The cameras click, there will be a sensation for the American newspapers.

The Art Objects.

During the night the train stops at Regensburg. Here two further carriages are attached to the train. In one is loaded the art collection of the Museum of Fine Arts. It contains 340 drawings and engravings, 51 pictures and a large amount of China from Meissen and Old Vienna.

In Austria.

At the frontier-border of the Russian Zone 4 Russian army officers board our train. They speak an excellent English and they are most amiable. They are: Major Filatov, Captain Larin, Lieutenant Serick and Second Lieutenant Volkov. They accompany the train up to Budapest.

At Vienna the Hungarian Commission is waiting for us.

Our travel companions.

A great number of American reporters came up to Budapest, they are:

The renown reporter for the United Press, Brennan Sanders, whose reports during the war were read all over the world. Karl Gossot of the New York Times; John Dored, photo reporter for Paramount; the chief cooperator of the paper printed for the American Forces in Europe, Nathaniel Margolin (this paper "The Stars and Stripes" is read by every American in Europe), the war correspondent of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, Gerhard Stindt, Robert Merit of the "Stars and Stripes", the pictorial correspondent of the "Army Pictorial Service", Thaler; the editor of the "International News Service Agency", Charles Kwigley. The commanding officer of the train convoy originates from California; his name is Colonel William G. Brey. --

Karl Kristof

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From here



RELIC, HAND OF ST. STEPHEN, IS ACCEPTED BY U. S. CHAPLAIN RALPH DIEFENBACH FROM AUSTRIAN PRIEST FOR RETURN TO BUDAPEST

BISHOPS my in Europe ous problems

The American Military Governments in Germany and Austria faced two delicate religious problems last month. One was the return from Austria to Budapest of St. Stephen's hand, a 900-year-old relic sacred to the Hungarians. The second was the annual conference of German bishops at Fulda, technically in violation of the AMG rule against gatherings of more than five persons. Both problems were handled with scrupulous correctness and good manners.

St. Stephen, the first king of Hungary, championed

Christianity against his pagan nobles around the year 1000. His "incorruptible" right hand, by church tradition, has never decayed. Each year in Hungary it is carried in procession in Budapest. Last year Hungary's fleeing dictator, Ferenc Szalasi, sacrilegiously absconded from Budapest with St. Stephen's hand and left it with an Austrian priest. The Americans assigned an ordained priest, a U.S. Army chaplain, to receive it from the representative of the prince archbishop of Salzburg and respectfully return it to Hungary.

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HEADQUARTERS SEVENTH ARMY
Office of the A. C. of S., G-2
APO 758 US Army

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10 June 1945

MEMORANDUM :

TO : A. C. of S., G-5
Headquarters Seventh Army
APO 758, US Army

1. Attention is invited to the announcement made in G-2 Periodic Report No. 267, 9 May 1945, of the acquisition of a chest alleged to contain the crown and/or crown jewels of Hungary. This chest was brought to the Seventh Army Interrogation Center by the Hungarian officials whose apprehension was announced in the same report. Accompanying the chest were its traditional guards consisting of one Hungarian Colonel and 12 enlisted men. Of these, the Colonel and 4 of the enlisted men were retained and the remainder returned to prisoner of war channels. Since that time the chest and the guards have remained at Seventh Army Interrogation Center.

2. From interrogation it has been learned that none of the persons in whose custody the chest arrived, had the necessary keys to permit it to be opened, nor have any persons possessing such keys since been apprehended. The chest has therefore never been opened to ascertain its actual contents.

3. Because of the international implications of this chest and the traditions associated with its accompanying guard, it is believed desirable to dispose of the chest pending its ultimate return to a legitimate Hungarian government, in such a manner as to permit simultaneous accommodation of the chest and the guard personnel.

4. It is suggested that you may wish to take this matter up through appropriate channels with 12th Army Group in order to obtain further instructions as to its disposition. In the meantime, on the advise of Colonel Howe of your section, the chest is being kept under guard at Seventh Army Interrogation Center.

WILLIAM W. QUINN
Colonel, G. S. C.,
A. C. of S., G-2

AC 386.3 -CA

12 June 1945

SUBJECT: Disposition of Crown and/or Crown Jewels of Hungary.

TO : Commanding General
11th Army Group
APO 655, U.S. ARMY

ATTACHMENT: A. C. of C., G-2

1. The attached memorandum from A. C. of C., G-2, Headquarters
11th Army, 10 June 1945, reports on the acquisition and保管 of
what is alleged to contain the crown and/or crown jewels of Hungary.

2. It is reported that this new master will advise as to what
disposition of these items will be made under property control,
to what repository it should be delivered, and what the status of the
traditional guard will be.

FROM: Commanding General

2. Incl:
A.C. of C., 7th Army, G-2
10 June 1945

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HEADQUARTERS
MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAW SALZBURG, AUSTRIA

EDUCATION RELIGION FINN / RTS
AND MONUMENTS DIVISION

18 June 1945

SUBJECT: MATERIALS ENTRUSTED TO
CUSTODY OF THE PRINCE-ARCHBISHOP OF SALZBURG.

TO : COLLECTING OFFICER (Lt Col Janzen).

The specific items entrusted to the custody of His Excellency, Mr. Andreas Rohracher, Prince-Archbishop of Salzburg, included

- a. The case containing the Holy Hand of St. Stephen
- b. A chest containing
 - (1) A roll of fabric, sewed in cambric covering
 - (2) A royal robe of satin and silk rolled about the inner roll, this in a cambric covering held in place with safety pins;
 - (3) A pair of gloves purporting to have been worn by King Charles IV at his coronation.
 - (4) A leather letter case containing the specific descriptive inventory from the following years: 1532, 1647, 1655, 1681, 1712, 1711, 1741, 1790, 1792, 1805, 1806, 1808, 1820, 1825, 1832, 1867, 1880, 1895, 1917, 1920.

GEORGE A. GRIEVE
Capt AUS, Acting Head
Educ Rel FA & M Division

HEADQUARTERS
MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAND SALZBURG AUSTRIA

18 June 1945

Received from the Education, Religion, Fine Arts
and Monuments Division two boxes of materials, contents
not inventoried, from the Hungarian Court Collection
discovered at Mattsee by Lt Shee, 242 Inf Sq, 42 Rainbow
Division.

Homer K. Heller

HOMER K. HELLER
Lt Col, Property Control Officer

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MEMORANDUM

At Christmas Day in 1000 the Arpaden-prince Geza's son Saint Stephan was crowned as the first apostolical king of Hungary, after having accomplished his holy mission to lead his people to Christianity. Soon afterwards he gave his empire a new Christian constitution. After founding two archbishopric dioceses and 8 bishopric dioceses he already had created an ecclesiastical organization of which Pope Silvester II approved and at the same time sent the still existent crown to King Stephan.

After Stephen's death on Mary's Assumption-Day 15 of August 1038 he was burried on the 20 of August at Stuhlweissenburg at his son Emmerich's side who already had died on the 2 of September 1031 by wound he had caught, at a boar-hunting. Both, father and son, were canonized in 1083 by Pope Gregor VII.

When in 1090 the tomb of St. Stephen was opened, his right hand was found completely undecayed. It was put into a crystal case richly adorned with gold and gems and since that time it has been deposited in the Chapel of the Castle at Buda. Every year on anniversary day 20th of August it was carried around in the great procession through the streets of Budapest and has always been adorned as a national relique, as the symbol of the adoption of Christendom by the Hungarians under their holy king.

Under the pressure of the present war the Holy Hand together with the Hungarian coronation robe was carried off from its a thousand years old home and at last arrived at Mattsee near Salzburg. There, together with the coronationrobe and the documents belonging to those relics, it was handed over to the Prince Archbishop of Salzburg and entrusted to his protection. The co-operation of the representatives of the Catholic Church and the American Military Government has made it possible to return those precious reliques to their proper owner, the Hungarian people.

In order to duly celebrate the day of that memorable

return, we, who have participated through God's divine providence, herewith sign our names.

As we do so, confirming the solemn and earnest resolve
to gain instruction and aid to services now and hereafter, which
will be of service to all benevolent efforts, wherein
enlightened and wise men of every nation and tongue may be
concerned; and that we will, in accordance therewith,
make known to all the world our principles and practices,
and our efforts to promote the welfare of mankind.

We do so, with the hope of meeting with success in our
endeavors to bring about a better condition of things in
the world, and to secure a more general knowledge of the
truths which we hold dear, and to promote the welfare
of all mankind.

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C O M M E R A T I C N

The Holy Hand of St. Stephen, one of the most sacred possessions of the Kingdom of Hungary has been discovered and again restored to the Roman-Catholic Church by being entrusted to one of its high officials in Austria. In the course of time it will be returned to the authorities who have preserved it so carefully through the centuries for the faithful Christians of Hungary.

In the first year of the eleventh century, Stephen, the son of Géza, was crowned as the first Apostolic King of Hungary. He had performed the divine mission of leading the pagan peasants of his country to the Christian faith. Eighty-six years later, a grateful Papacy, in recognition of the achievement canonized Stephen.

In the year 1090 the tomb of the Saint was opened and a miracle revealed. The right hand of the blessed King was found in a state of perfect preservation. Encircled with strands of royal jewels, it was sealed in a casket of gold and crystal. Beginning with those distant days, the Holy Hand has been a symbol of the first Apostolic King and St. Stephen has received the fervent devotion of succeeding generations of Hungarians.

This sacred relic remained in the Burg Chapel of the Royal Castle at Budapest for nearly a thousand years, reverently regarded by the religious folk. With the advent of Nazism when evil forces disregarded the sanctity of sacred things, the Holy Hand and the dedicated coronation robes and vestments were sacrilegiously desecrated by impious hands and removed to distant and secret places. The opportunity to restore these priceless possessions came through the collaboration of representatives

of the Roman-Catholic Church and the Soldiers of Liberation from the New World.

On the 19th day of June, 1945, the Holy Hand of St. Stephen, the Coronation Robes and Vestments, and the State documents pertaining thereto, were entrusted by U.S. Military Government to the Prince Archbishop of Salzburg for security until the time of permanent disposition.

To commemorate the important event of restoration of these sacred possessions to the people of Hungary and the people of Catholic faith throughout the world, we who participated in this achievement through the performance of our duty, proudly affix our names.

THIS IS A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

Received from Lt. JAMES W. SHEA: (this part written in longhand by Capt Selke)

1. One ironbox from 1608 with the overwriting Matthias II. including the Holly Crown and the coronation signs.
2. Handschmitten ironbox stander painted white on which the above described box stand.
3. A semicircle handironed irontable to put the coronation dress.
4. The silk cover to protect the coronation dress.
5. White painted iron cabinet with a duble glassdoor and inside glassshalve.
6. A smaller ironbox empty with the key.
7. Five pieces of lack with three keys.
8. A lining for the Holly Crown, which was made for the occasion of the incoronation of Francis Joseph I. With it a round woodbase with velvet lining and a glassbell. The glassbell is bloke.
9. Goldfragment which was pinched of from the Holly Crown by the occasion of the restauration by jeweler Bachruch. The Goldfragment is in a glasstube and enclosed with the letter from Julius Halasz to Count Bela Szechenyi Crownguard dated January 6., 1917. The glasstube is sealed.
10. Two small pieces of red velvetcover decorated with gold-trimming and 8 pieces of fringes.
11. One pair of red silkstocking.
12. One pair of small slipper in goldmaterial.
13. Two pieces of old slipper thorn condition and four pieces laether sole.
14. Two pieces of belt/: ? :/ with sild cover.
15. /
16. Two pieces of red velvet svordbinder one is copper the other is goldplated vopperbuckel.

18 June 1945.
Mi.Govt.Land Salzburg

/s/ signature

GEORGE W. SELKE
Capt. AUS

(signature Capt.Selke) Educ.Religious, Fine Arts and Mon.
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THIS IS A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

Received from Lt. JAMES W. SHEA: (this part written in longhand by
Capt. Selke)

17. One red velvet Svordholder.
18. ^{Orl} The landapple and scapter /: ? :/ holders in red velvet.
19. The Svordholder of the coronation with copper decoration.
20. The same belonging with the old leathercover.
21. Three pieces of gold fringes.
22. Two pieces of teared crown lining.
23. One piece big red velvetcover.
24. One piece of yellow silkmaterial which was used to cover
the coronation dress. *I HAVE SEEN ONLY THE CORONATION DRESS
Charles IV.*
25. One piece of silk strip.
26. Sixteen pieces of different material, goldtrimming and
finger.
27. Old coverpieces was used to seal the coronationbox.
28. In the coronationbox was one pair of gloves which was worn
by king Charles IV. at his coronation.
29. The coronation box included the following specified
description-inventory from the year of 1638, 1647, 1655,
1681, 1712, 1714, 1741, 1790, 1790, 1790, 1712, 1714, 1792, 1805,
1808, 1806, 1808, 1820, 1825, 1862, 1867, 1867, 1867, 1880,
1896, 1896, 1917, 1920.

The actual discription made at 1929 24th of November and counter-
signed by the primeminister Count Bethlen Istven and Dr.Homan,
Balint Director of the Hungarian National Museum and as well
signed by Görgey Miklos Colonel, commander of the crownguards
says: "Different anumerated articles were divided and guarded
at different places." This inventory 4/1929 /from the safe/.
include all specification.

Translation made from original Hungarian to English at Mattosee,
Austury, June, 19th, 1945. by Charles Brause.

/s/ signature

Mil.Govt.Land Salzburg

GEORGE W. SELKE

Capt. AUS

(signature Capt.Selke) Educ.Religious,Fine Arts and Mon.
Section

Am 16 ten Juni A n n o Domini 1945, 2 Uhr Nachmittags, wurde die für die ungarische Nation Hochheilige Reliquie, nämlich die Rechte Hand S t e f a n s, des ersten Apostolischen Königs von Ungarn, und der Krönungsmantel, sowie ein Teil des Königlichen Tafelbesteckes, F r a n z J o s e f I., in feierlicher Form zur sichereren Aufbewahrung an den Fürsterzbischof von Salzburg übergeben, um zur gegebenen Zeit der rechtmässigen ungarischen Regierung und kirchlichen Obrigkeit ausgehändigt zu werden.

Dank der umsichtigen Fürsorge und des hohen Verständnisses für die Kulturschätze Europas, sowie des Entgegenkommens der Amerikanischen Militärregierung und Aufforschungsbehörde, ist es gelungen in den grossen Kriegswirren die Kleinodien der Ungarischen Nation sicher zu stellen.

Die Reliquie der Heiligen H a n d war vom 17. Juni abends 7 Uhr bis 18. Juni 2 Uhr am Hochaltar der Stiftskirche zur öffentlichen Verehrung ausgestellt und durch einen Ehrenposten der Amerikanischen Militärbehörde bewacht.

+ Andr. Rohracher Fürsterzbischof v. Salzburg

Russel v. D. Young, Lieut. Col., Cavalry

Harry L. Bennett, Colonel, Signal Corps.

Tom Dennis Lt Col. I.A.

Aub. Strasser, Capt. Coss. Stiftspr.

George A Selke Capt. A.U.S.

James W. Shew 2nd Lt. Inf.

Julianos Schreiber, le. Gelehrtenberichter.

B. Baumgertner

Georg Fichtner Major Inf.

G. Dorfner, Kapitular

Vom historischen Interesse ist die Tatsache, dass die Stiftskirche von Mattsee, gerade vor 1000 Jahren, von den Langobarden mit ihrem Rückzuge von der Schlacht am Lechfeld zerstört worden ist und nun die um das Jahr 1000 neuerrichtete Stiftskirche jetzt das Glück hat, die Reliquie des heiligen Königs S t e f a n , des Sohnes G e z e , kurze Zeit zu bergen.

Translation

Mattsee, Austria

On 18 June Anno Domini 1945, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, the Most Holy Relique of the Hungarian Nation, namely, the Right Hand of Stefan, the first Apostolic King of Hungary, and the Coronation Robe, as well as a part of the royal table silver of Franz Josef I, was handed over in a festive ceremony to the Prince Archbishop of Salzburg for safekeeping in order to be turned over at the proper time to the rightful Hungarian Government and the Ecclesiastical Authority.

Owing to the prudent care and the high appreciation for the art treasures of Europe, as well as due to the accomodating attitute of the American Military Government and investigating officials, it succeeded that the Treasures of the Hungarian Nation were secured in the great confusion of war.

The relique of the Holy Hand was exhibited on the main altar of the Stiftskirche from 17 June, 7 o'clock in the evening to 18 June, 2 o'clock for public adoration and was protected by a honorary guard of the American Military Government.

Andr. Rohracher, Fuaraterzbischof v. Salzburg

Russel v.D.Janzan, Lieut.Col, Cavalry

Harry L. Bennet, Colonel, Signal Corps

Tom Lewis, Lt Col. FA

Ant. Strasser, Cap.Can.Stiftspfr.

George A.Selke Capt AUS

James W.Shea, 2nd Lt. Inf.

Johannes Schreiber, Fe. Geheimsekretær

Brauss Karlos

Georg Feichtner, Kapitular

Dr. Forstner, Kapitular

From a historical interest is the fact that the Stiftskirche of Mattsee had been destroyed by the Magayars on their retreat from the battle on the Lechfeld just 1000 years ago and that this Stiftskirche rebuilt about the year 1000 was now fortunate to protect for a short time the relique of the Holy King Stefan, the son of Géza.

Translation made from a photostatic copy of the original transfer document which is written in German

Puland P. Weeber

19 September 1948 Richard P. Weeber, Maj.CE

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HEADQUARTERS
MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAND SALZBURG, AUSTRIA

EDUCATION RELIEF FINE ARTS
AND MONUMENTS DIVISION

19 June 1945

SUBJECT: DISCOVERY OF HOLY HAND
OF HUNGARIAN COURT COLLECTION
AT MATTSEE.

TO : COMMANDING OFFICER (Lt Col Janzen)

On 17 June 1945, a CIC team under Lt James W. Shea, a Chicagoan, operating out of 242d Inf. headquarters, 42d Rainbow division, while engaged in tracking down some notorious Hungarian war criminals, chanced upon a most unusual discovery. This was a collection of religious relics and crown treasures formerly belonging to the Church and Crown of Hungary, significant ecclesiastically, is the Holy Hand of St. Stephen, which dates from the year 1090.

Lt Shea and his unit were conducting the investigation of a clique of Hungarian fascists, occupying high positions in the puppet Szalasi regime, who had systematically looted the Jews of Hungary concurrent with their extermination by the Gestapo. The trail finally led them to the quiet town of Mattsee, near Salzburg, Austria, where the relatives of ex-premier Szalasi and other high government officials had found refuge after their flight from the Russians. Toward the close of the interrogation of these people, one of the men, who had been Szalasi's cook, imparted the information that he knew where they had hidden a great quantity of silver, which had originally belonged to the Hungarian Crown. This cache was found hidden away in a carpenter's shed in Mattsee, only a hundred yards from a GI rest camp.

It subsequently developed that the local Catholic priest had been approached about two months previously by a Hungarian Army Colonel, representing himself as commander of the Crown Guard, for the purpose of turning over to him certain valuable objects pertaining to the Hungarian Crown, to be held by him until a just disposition could be made. These items were found by the

CIC men in the house of the priest, Father Anton Strassere. These were, the historical Coronation Robes and Vestments and state documents relating thereto, the silver of the royal house of Hungary, and the world famous Holy Hand.

The latter is rated as the foremost religious object of Hungary. St. Stephen, coronated in the year 1001, the first apostolic crowned king of Hungary. In the year 1090, when his tomb was opened, only the right hand was found, and in a remarkable state of preservation. To commemorate this miracle, the hand was placed in a hermetically sealed gold and crystal casket. The hand rests on a piece of gold lacetrimmed beige tapestry, palm down over a piece of ivory wrapped in silk. A beaded pearl bracelet of diamonds and rubies set in gold encircles the hand across the fingers; two identical bracelets encircle the wrist, one at each side of another bracelet of gold leaf. This priceless relic was formerly kept in the Hungarian Royal castle at Budapest, in the Burg Chapel. Every year, on the 20th of August, the procession of St. Stephen is observed, in which this sacred piece is carried by the first Primate of Hungary, followed by the King and the members of the Hungarian Parliament.

Immediately after the discovery, the find was secured by Lt Col Tom Lewis, 202d FA Bn., who turned them over for safekeeping to Col Eamer Haller, Property Control Officer, Military Govt., and Capt George Selke, Instruments, Arts, Religion and Archives Officer, Military Govt. Members to the CIC team who made the discovery were: Pfc. Samuel Marcus, N.Y.C., Pvt. Robt. J. Garrett, Hampton, Tenn., Cpl Ryman Rothstein, N.Y.C., Pfc. Robt. J. Danner and Sgt Louis L. Deutach of Chicago Ill., all from 242d Inf., Mr. Charles Braus, M.G., of Budapest and Mr. Martin Dessa, CIC of Warsaw.

The material was moved into the local church at Mattsee, the Holy Hand being removed by Father Anton Strasser, the local priest, and placed on the altar. In the meantime Lt Col Tom Lewis, 202d FA Bn. of Cherokee Oklahoma, had been informed of the situation. He immediately placed a guard to secure the material. In company with Lt Sheas, he then drove to Salzburg to inform Military Government regarding the acquisition of the material. Capt. Selke, Fine Arts, Instruments and Religion Officer, with Lt Col Haller, Property Control Officer, returned with the other two officers to Mattsee. Capt Selke interviewed the officer, enlisted men, Father Strasser, and two civilians, to obtain information regarding the discovery and the materials. The members of the CIC teams making the discovery were: Lt Sheas; Sgt Louis L. Deutach, Chicago; Cpl Ryman Rothstein, New York City. Pvt Robert J. Garrett, Hampton, Tenn; all from 242d Inf., and Mr. Charles Braus, M.G. Budapest, and Mr. Martin Dessa, CIC, Warsaw.

The next afternoon, 19 June 1945, Lt Col Russell V. D. Janzen, Commanding Officer, Military Government Land Salzburg, Col Harry L. Bennett, Inf., Capt George Selke, AJS, with the Prince-Archbishop of Salzburg, Dr. Andreas Rohracher, and his Ecclesiastical Counsellor, Rev. Johannes Schreiber, proceeded to Mattsee. With proper recognition and appreciation of the ecclesiastical significance of the situation, the Prince-Archbishop was designated as the custodian of the Holy Hand and the dedicated coronation robes, to hold them for Military Government until further disposition is determined. The chests containing the crown treasures and the court silver were assigned to Property Control.

GEORGE L. SELKE
Capt AJS, Acting Head
Educ Rel FA&M Division

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Civil Affairs Division,
Operations Division, OPD
OPD 311.33 CAD
71259 Major McEwan

31 July 1945

Commanding General,
USAFA
Vienna, Austria

Number: WAR 42451

Signed WARCAD

Location Hungarian property is subject.

1. United States rep Budapest transmitted to State Dept request for return Hungary of Holy Hungarian crown, coronation insignia, and Holy right-hand of St. Stephen removed by Szalasi Govt.
2. Articles reported found by United States troops Mattsee near Salzburg and transferred Palace Archbishop Salzburg.
3. State Dept requests report present location and custodianship.

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INFORMATION: OPD
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2 August 1945

S T A T E M E N T

On or about 7 May 1945, an ancient box was delivered to the Seventh Army Interrogation Center by Col PAJtas and twelve guards of the Hungarian Army.

Col PAJtas stated, upon delivery of the box to me, that the box contained the Holy Crown of St Stephan of Hungary. The Colonel stated further that he must remain with the crown inasmuch as he was the official custodian and guardian. Upon being questioned as to the whereabouts of the keys to the box, the Colonel stated that originally the keys were distributed among three people, but that they had all been acquired by Prime Minister SZOLLOSI. I presented this picture to Col Quinn, the former A C of S, G-2, Seventh Army, and was instructed to make every effort to obtain the keys. 2nd Lt Granville of this organization was assigned the task of interrogating all Hungarian nationals that could have had knowledge as to their location. In the meantime I made several unsuccessful efforts to turn the box over to proper authorities.

On or about 24 July, Lt Grenville succeeded in obtaining the keys and the box was opened in the presence of Lt Granville and Capt Zoller and was found to be empty. I immediately called for Col PAJtas and asked him for an explanation. Col PAJtas then explained to me that he knew that the box was empty all the time, having personally removed the crown, the scepter and the Holy Apple and buried them in accordance with instructions. I pointed out to the Colonel that he had placed me in an exceedingly difficult position inasmuch as the whole world knew that the box was in the possession of the Seventh Army, whereupon Col PAJtas volunteered to go after the Crown at once.

In the meantime, 2nd Lt Andrews of this organization, who had entered into the room, volunteered to go with the Colonel. I agreed first to let them go, then changed my mind so that I might contact the A C of S, G-2 beforehand and therefore forbade Lt Andrews and Col PAJtas to go. I made four efforts that night to contact Col Perry by phone. The following day about noon, as I was writing a letter to Col Perry, Lt Andrews and Col PAJtas stepped into the room with the statement that they had left quietly the night before and now returned with the crown. An old mud-covered gasoline drum was brought into the room. The drum was then chiseled open by Col PAJtas and three very muddy and deteriorated leather covered boxes removed therefrom. These boxes were falling apart. The crown, scepter and Holy Apple were then carried to my bathroom where all mud and dirt was washed off. This operation was performed by Col PAJtas and myself. We then placed the items on the floor to dry. After all the items were dried thor-

oughly, they were then placed into the original box. The sword
of St Stephan had never been removed but was in another container
in the original box. The box has since this date not been opened.

PAUL KUBALA
Major, MI

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HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES FORCES EUROPEAN THEATER
G-5 DIVISION, FINANCIAL BRANCH
Currency Section

AFO 757
3 August 1945

Reference: Shipment No. 59

Received of Lt. Col. Robert P. Rowe, FD, 0206511, Chief Property Control Officer, HQ, 7th US Army, on 3 August 1945, one iron chest said to be Crown Box containing the following items:

- 1 crown said to be The Holy Crown of St. Stephen
- 1 scepter
- 1 State Apple said to be Gold State Apple
- 1 saber said to be Coronation Saber

Received in addition the following:

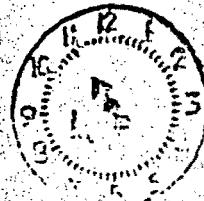
- 2 documents in Hungarian
- 1 small sealed glass tube containing small particle said to be gold.
- 3 padlocks with keys for chest
- 1 key for chest lock

B Schilling Jr. [Signature]
B. S. SCHILLING, JR.
Captain, Inf
Acting Deputy Chief

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CIVIL AFFAIRS DIVISION
DEPARTMENT

From: Headquarters, US Forces, Austria

To: War Department

Nr: ACA 267

7 August 1945

From USFA signed Clark to WAR for WARCAD for info
II Corps for McCaffrey, originator's number ACA 267.

Holy right hand of St. Stephen was discovered near Salzburg in early June and identified by Prince Archbishop Röhracher. It was removed after a religious ceremony to the Archbishop's palace where it is safeguarded. Religious authorities at Salzburg report they are unable to release it pending the return to Salzburg of the Prince Archbishop on or about 20th August.

A garment which is believed to be one coronation robe was found with the relic. No information is available concerning the holy Hungarian crown.

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ACTION: CAD

INFO : OPD

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Mr McCloy

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(8 Aug 45)

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1. CAP CHARLES TILLI
(CCH)
2. HUNGARIAN NATIONAL BANK
Hungarian Mint Arms and Privileges Branch
APO 742

3 August 1945

SUBJECT: Imperial and Royal Regalia in the Reichsbank, FRANKFURT.

TO : Director Reparation, Deliveries and Restitution Division.

1. On 6 August, Capt. HAE and I visited the Reichsbank, FRANKFURT, to inspect the Hungarian Crown Jewels, deposited there by the Chief Finance Officer, G-1 Hq 7 US Army, at your suggestion.

2. We found that the four ~~regalia~~ items namely:

- 1 The Crown of St. Stephen
- 2 The Sword
- 3 The Scepter
- 4 The Orb

had duly been deposited. Two jewels have been removed from the Crown but are preserved in the scepter. One large blue pearl was noticed to be missing from the scepter. The official of the Bank stated that the object was included in the inventory of the Hungarian Custodian. They have been forwarded to the M.H.A. and forward to the C.B.R. for record the relevant documents.

3. We found further that since early May the Bank has held the Hungarian regalia found w/in the royal coffins at BUDAPEST. These also check with the inventory. We received for record oo 108 of the relevant papers.

4. We found that due to the number of visitors brought by the Chief Finance Officer to the Bank, the officials in charge have placed the two sets of regalia on display on tables in a locked office in the vault, in order to avoid the risk of damaging them by constantly unpacking and packing them.

5. While the regalia seem displayed under adequate conditions of security, it is our opinion that they are dangerously exposed to dust. This will involve ultimate

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cleaning which, due to the aged and delicate condition of the metal and cloth materials, will require specialist skill and perhaps result in damage. We advised that the objects at least be kept covered with cloths when not actually on display.

6. It is questionable in our minds whether such objects should be displayed at the present time, when proper museum conditions of conservation and security cannot be ensured, even to such distinguished visitors as are brought by the Chief Finance Officer. It is easy to succumb to the temptation to handle the objects. This does when no good.

7. We were informed by the civilians from the US Mint now engaged in weighing and valuing the precious metals and stones held in the Bank that they had come across a collection of rare coins whose value was beyond their metal content and which would be seriously defaced, with consequent loss of value, by being handled loose in hands. We recommended that they be set aside and that this Branch or the MMA subsection, USFM, be asked to procure an expert on coins to value them and advise on their proper care.

8. It is suggested that you might transmit a copy of this memorandum to the Chief Finance Officer, for his information.

RECORDED
Lt. Col. AC
A/Chief MMA

Imperial and Royal Regalia in Reichsbank, FRANKFURT.

LWJ/wbc

Dir., Dir., 9
Finance RD&R Aug 1945.
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1. The attached report is transmitted for your information and such action as you deem appropriate.

2. This Division will be glad to cooperate in every way in assisting in the preservation of art objects and crown jewels, and in the evaluation and care of rare coins.

3. Lt. Col. Hammond is available for conference at any time with such representative as you may care to designate.

1 Incl:

Memorandum, US Group CC, FD&P Div, MFAA Br.,
8 Aug 45, subject: Imperial and Royal Regalia
in the Reichsbank, FRANKFURT. (in dup)

L. W. JEFFERSON
Col., CSC
Director.

17 September 1945

Shipment No. 59

Received 17 September 1945 from Currency Section, Foreign Exchange Depository, Frankfurt the following items:

1 Iron chest said to be Crown Box and containing the following:

1 Crown said to be the Holy Crown of St. Stephen
1 Scepter
1 State Apple said to be Gold State Apple
1 Saber said to be Coronation Saber

2 Documents in Hungarian

1 Small sealed glass tube containing small particle
said to be gold

3 Padlocks with keys for chest

1 Key for Chest Lock

/s/ Walter I. Farmer
WALTER I. FARMER
Captain, CE
Det. F15, Co. D
2nd Mil Gov Regt
Weisbaden, APO 758

For complete file see F.E.D. files.

/s/ EAJ

Authorization to deliver to Capt. Farmer is in folder
Shipment No. 12

A TRUE COPY:

Benjamin S. Schilling
BENJAMIN S. SCHILLING
Captain, Infantry

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T R A N S L A T I O N

ROYAL GENERAL CONSULATE
OF HUNGARY
PARIS
15, Rue de Berri
2132

Paris, 4 October 1945

Sirs:

I have the honor to ask you to oblige in furnishing me a copy of the official report regarding the Hungarian treasures uncovered at St Anton in Tyrol, and at Feldkirch in Vorarlberg. This report was made at Klagenfurth the 20 and 21 August 1945, by Commandant Mackay, Chief of the Public Safety Division of the Military Government.

Six copies of this report were made and one was transmitted with a note to the Chief of C.I.C. in Salzburg, 22 August 1945; another was sent by Colonel Simon to the English Government.

I would be glad to obtain also an original of this report or a certified copy, in order to enable me to inform the French Government of this discovery.

Waiting and with my anticipated thanks, please accept, Sirs, my distinguished consideration.

The General Consul of Hungary

/s/

MEMO 041145

Col Hammond,

A Major Walluscheck (or some such name) at the Riechsbank, speaking in lieu of Maj Jesser or Lt Col Cragon, states that the Hungarian crown jewels arrived at the bank a day or two ago; that there is enough room for any more such that may not have come with the principal lot.

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AMERICAN FOREIGN SERVICE

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American Mission to the vatican
2, via Boncompagni, Rome.

The Assistant to the Personal Representative of the President of the United States of America to His Holiness The Pope presents his compliments to the Political Adviser for Germany and has the honor to transmit herewith a copy of Vatican Note No. 112238 dated December 22, 1945 requesting the restoration to Church custody of the "Crown of St. Stephen, King of Hungary".

It would be appreciated if the Political Adviser would indicate the nature of the reply which may be made to the Holy See.

The Department of State is being informed of this action.

Rome, January 22, 1946.

Enclosure:

Copy of Note No. 112238 dated
Dec. 22, 1945, from Vatican

The Honorable

Robert D. Murphy,

United States Political Adviser for Germany
Berlin, Germany.

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C O P Y

SEGRETERIA DI STATO
DI SUA SANTITA

Dal vaticano, 11 December 22, 1945

No. 112238

The Secretariat of State of His Holiness takes the liberty to recommend to the kind attention and consideration of the Assistant to the Personal Representative of the President of the United States to His Holiness a request which it has received in behalf of the Catholic people of Hungary for the restoration to church custody of the Crown of Saint Stephen, King of Hungary.

The request points out that the Crown of Saint Stephen is a sacred relic especially dear to the members of the Catholic Church in Hungary and it would ask that the Crown, which is now reported to be in Frankfurt, might either be returned to the Church Authorities in Budapest or consigned to the Holy See until such a time as it can be brought back to Hungary.

Some days ago mention of this matter was made to General Mark W. Clark, on the occasion of the latter's recent visit to the Vatican, and the General kindly expressed his readiness to offer every possible assistance.

The Secretariat of State bespeaks the kind offices of the Assistant to the Personal Representative of the President with a view to presenting this matter to the attention of the competent authorities.

Mr. Franklin C. Gowen
Assistant to the Personal Representative
of the President of the United States
to His Holiness

42nd INFANTRY DIVISION
RAINBOW UNIVERSITY

11 January 1946

The Very Rev. Stephen Komenes,
c/o Allied Control Commission for Hungary,
APO 512, U.S.Army.

Dear Father Komenes:

The U.S. authorities need an official statement for their files showing that the Hol. Hand of St. Stephen was returned by me to the proper authorities in Budapest and that the U.S. Army is cleared of any responsibility in the matter of the Hol. Relic.

Would you please speak to the Archbishop and have prepared a document in Hungarian and in English (exact translation) stating the facts of the return of the Relic by me (Chaplain Ralph J. Diefenbach, Captain, O-523762, catholic priest) and clearing the U.S. Army of all responsibility. Please have it signed and sealed by the proper ecclesiastical authorities in the Diocese.

When the documents are prepared please send them to the following address as soon as possible.

Reparations Delivery and Restitution Division,
U.S. Allied Commission for Austria,
HQ. USFA, APO 777, c/o Postmaster.
New York City Attention: Major Simpson.

I hope that all is well with you and yours and that things are returning to normal in Budapest. I should be on my way back to America in a few days and I shall send you the magazines that you desire as soon as possible.

Thanking you for this and past favors, I am,
Yours sincerely in Christ,

Ralph J. Diefenbach,
Chaplain (Capt.) U.S. Army

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Ralph J. Diefenbach
Chaplain (Capt.)

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THE ARCHBISHOP'S BUDAPEST VICAR GENERAL

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BUDAPESTI ERSEKI
ALTALANOS HELYTARTOI HIVATAL
Budapest, I. Lant-utca 2.
Telefon: 16C-110

Reparations Delivery and Restitution Division,
U.S. Allied Commission for Austria
HQ. USFA, APO 777, c/o Postmaster,
New York City. Attention: Major Simpson.

Gentlemen:

By request of the Very Reverend Chaplain Ralph J. Diefenbach, Captain, C-523762, Catholic priest, Archbishi's Consultor, I the undersigned Bela Witz, Protonotary Apostolic, Canon, the Cardinal-Archbishop's Budapest Vicar General Custodian of the Holy Dexter of King Saint Stephen of Hungary, do hereby certify that the said Ver. Reverend Chaplain of the United States Army has officially handed and delivered to me the aforementioned Sacred Relic of our nation, in the presence of a considerable number of ecclesiastic, military and civilian dignitaries, officers, and Officials --among them, the Right Rev. Monsignor John Drahos, D.D., Protonotary Apostolic, then Vicar Capitular of the Archdiocese of Esztergom; Major General William S. Katz, Col. Simonite, Lt-Col. Kovach, Major Czerniuk, Sgt Schergel, all these officers of the United States Army; H.E. Mr. Arthur Schoenfeld, now United States Minister to Hungary, Count Gyea Teleki, then Hungarian Minister for Affairs of Cult and Public Instruction, etc. etc. ---, in Budapest, at the Convent of the English Sisters, on the 20th of August, 1945,-- the said Hol. Dexter being intact in the original relic-holder, of which latter the seals were unbroken.

While thus the United States Army is cleared of all responsibility in the matter, I cannot forego the opportunity, not to express once more the most deeply felt appreciation and gratitude of all of us toward the same United States Army, on behalf of the whole Hungarian nation, especially of the Hungarian Catholics some 70 per cent, of the Hungarians, headed by our national ecclesiastic chief, His Eminence, Joseph Cardinal Mindszenti, Archbishop of Esztergom, Prince-Primate of Hungary, who is at the writing of this document in Rome, which temporary absence of his Eminence from Hungary has been the cause of this urgent paper not being signed by himself as well.

I am, Gentlemen,

Very respectfully yours,

/s/ WITZ, BELA

OFFICE OF MILITARY GOVERNMENT FOR GERMANY (U. S.)
Office of the Political Adviser
APO 742

February 11, 1946

MEMORANDUM

TO : Colonel L.W. Jefferson
Chief, Restitution Branch
Economics Division

FROM : Office of Political Affairs

We are transmitting herewith a request of the Holy See on behalf of the Catholic people of Hungary for the restoration to the church of the Crown of St. Stephen, King of Hungary. As the communication points out, it is reported that this Crown is now at Frankfurt. It would be appreciated if your office would indicate the nature of the reply which we should make to the Holy See.

Donald R. Heath
Donald R. Heath

Enclosures:

Copy of Note of the American Representative to the Pope addressed to Ambassador Murphy, dated January 22, 1946

Copy of Note No. 112238 from the Pope at Rome to Mr. F.S. Green, Asst. to Personal Representative of the U.S. President to the Pope, dated December 22, 1945

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OFFICE OF MILITARY GOVERNMENT FOR GERMANY (U.S.)
Economics Division
Restitution Branch
AFO 742

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23 February 1946

MEMORANDUM

MFA&A Section file copy

SUBJECT: Crown of St. Stephen

TO : Office of Political Advisor, Office of Military Government for Germany (U.S.), AFO 742, U.S. Army,
ATTN: Mr. Donald E. Heath.

1. The Crown of St. Stephen is in United States custody and is presently held under guard at Kiesbaden Collecting Point. This crown was turned over to MFA&A by AC of S, G-2, 7th Army, through ACof S G-5, 7th Army. Only a brief account of its receipt into U.S. custody was made available at that time.

2. Restitution is not presently being made to Hungary. However, before releasing the crown from United States custody an investigation should be made regarding the circumstances which occasioned presence of crown in Germany and also regarding the history of ownership of the crown. Such investigation is being undertaken.

3. It is suggested that the Holy See be informed that the Crown of St. Stephen is in custody under military guard in the United States Zone of Occupation. Further that investigation is being conducted relative to presence of crown in Germany and the history of ownership of crown. The Holy See might also be invited to present any available information regarding the history of ownership.

JOHN H. ALLEN
Colonel, GSC
Chief

Telephone BERLIN 43255

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July 1948

1 July 1948 the underlisted objects were examined by undersigned persons in the treasury of St. Peter's Salzburg. These objects will be held in the custody of His Excellency the Prince Bishop of Salzburg until disposition be made through U.S. Allied Commission Austria.

- (a) 2 iron cases - empty
(b) 1 large wooden box, unlocked, containing following items:
1.) A roll of padding sewed in cambric covering
2.) A royal robe (embroidered) rolled around item (b-1)
3.) A leather letter case containing old documents
(not inventoried)

The pair of gloves purported to have been worn by Charles IV at his coronation and mentioned in letter dated 18 June 1945 signed by George A. Selke, subject "Materials entrusted to Custody of the Prince-Archbishop of Salzburg" were not found.

dicted;
Vernon A. Kennedy
for Property Control
CCAGO

signed:
Schwarzenbacher Gottfr.
for His Excellency
Dr. A. Rohracher
Prince-Archbishop

Copy made from document in file at Mr. Kennedy's office, Salzburg.
Original in handwritten. 19 Sept '48.

Mr.

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Interrogation of Anton STRASSER, Mattsee, 1 July 1946 by
Lt. HORN in presence of Mr. KENNEDY and Mr. MILLER.

. Summary:

Ministerpräsident Szalay and his staff withdrew from Hungary territory into Austria and put up in Mattsee.

In February 1945, Anton Strasser, Priest of Mattsee, was approached by Patacs Ernoe, commander of the Hungarian crown guard who traveled in Szalay's company. Patacs asked Strasser to take into his custody for safekeeping 2 wooden boxes containing:

- Box 1: (A small wooden box) the hand of St. Stephen.
Box 2: (A long rectangular box) the royal coat and the gloves of Charles IV.

Strasser took the 2 boxes into custody. They were set up in his drawingroom camouflaged as a couch.

In addition to the above 2 boxes Strasser also agreed to take into his custody a box containing the royal household silverware.

This box was hidden in the tool hut (Wagenremise) near the lake which belongs to the church of Mattsee. The cooper Johann Mockinger, now living in Berndorf near Salzburg, assisted in hiding and camouflaging the boxes.

Strasser believes it was a wooden box, approximate size 100 x 100 x 50 cm.

In June 1945 CIC picked up rumors concerning Hungarian treasures hidden in Mattsee. On 17 June 1945 they succeeded in locating the box with silverware hidden in the tool hut. The same day they discovered the 2 wooden boxes hidden in Pfarrer Strasser's home.

These two boxes were opened on the spot in Pfarrer Strasser's presence. They were found to contain the above listed items. Pfarrer Strasser however does not remember, having seen the glove of Charles IV. From Pfarrer Strasser's home the boxes were moved to the church of Mattsee; from there a few days later were transferred to Salzburg.

Interrogation of Charles BROUSZ, Salzburg, Sinhubstrasse 48,
Telf. 1996 on 2 July 1946.

Charles Brousz was a member of the CIC team of Lt James Shea formerly with the 42nd - Division and now with OMGB, Telf. Military Line Munich 2167.

Brousz was present when Lt Shea's team discovered the part of the Hungarian crown treasure which is now in Salzburg. Brousz reports as follows:

Szallasy's cook, when questioned as to the whereabouts of members of the Hungarian puppet regime, revealed that a box with silverware belonging to the Hungarian crown treasure was hidden in the tool hut on the lake of Mattsee.

On 17 June 1945 this box was located by Lt. Shea at Mattsee in Brousz's presence. It was found to consist of one iron chest, approximate size 60 x 100 x 130 cm. It was moved by the church of Mattsee the same day and opened with a key secured from Pfarrer Strasser. Present at the opening were Lt Shea's entire CIC team, Pfarrer Strasser and Brousz. The box was found to contain the table set of the Emperor Franz-Josef I from the royal castle in Budapest.

Lt. Shea arranged for guards through the courtesy of Col. Lewis.

On the same day two more boxes were discovered in Pfarrer Strasser's home. They consisted of:

- (a) a small wooden box, nailed, containing the Holy Hand of St. Stephen.
(b) a long rectangular box locked with two iron locks, containing:

1 embroidered coronation coat.

The Documents.

The gloves of Charles IV.

Brousz did not actually see the gloves of Charles IV but does believe they were there. The boxes were opened in Pfarrer Strasser's home, in presence of the entire CIC team of Lt Shea, Pfarrer Strasser and Mr. Brousz. The same day they were moved into the church of Mattsee.

One or two days later all 3 boxes were moved to Salzburg. Brousz was not present at this occasion.

Brousz states that Pfarrer Strasser still has in his

possession three pieces of Hungarian faience from Herent which he received as presents from Hungarians.

- (a) 1 statuette of a Hussar,
- (b) a female figure,
- (c) a Bonbonier,
- (d) a heavy silver platter (approximate weight 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ kg).

These objects have been seen by Brousz, and were not confiscated by Lt Shea's team.

Brousz furthermore believes that Pfarrer Strasser may still have in his possession personal property of the Hungarian refugees who stayed in Mattsee during the last days of the 'third Reich'.

WALTHER W. HORN
1st Lt. Inf.
Art Intelligence Officer
OMGUS, Econ. Div., MFA & A Section
APO 742

OFFICE OF MILITARY GOVERNMENT FOR BAVARIA
APO 170

3 July 1946

SUBJECT: Discovery of parts of the Hungarian Crown Treasure in MATTSEE, Austria, by 2nd Lt. James SHEA.

TO : 1st Lt. Walter W. HORN, Art Intelligence Officer,
OMGUS, Econ.Div., MFA & A Section, APO 742.

On 17 June 1945, I, 2nd Lt. James SHEA, at that time head of the Intelligence team of the 1st Bn., 242nd Inf. went to MATTSEE, Austria in an attempt to locate the members of the Hungarian puppet regime alleged to be hiding out in that rea. I was accompanied by my entire team. Through Interrogation of two Hungarian cooks, formerly belonging to Admiral HORTHY's staff, we found out that a box with valuables of Hungarian origin was hidden in a local carpenter shop on the fringe of lake MATTSEE. The key to the box was secured from father Anton STRASSER, the priest of MATTSEE, who took our party to the hut, in which the box was hidden, and pointed out its location. It was a heavy box with iron fastenings (or possibly entirely iron). The box was opened on the spot after the key had been obtained from the driver of Captain GOMBOS, ruler in exile of the Hungarian puppet regime. It was found to contain heavy plates (silver?). The opening was witnessed by father STRASSER, Charles BRAUSS, a Hungarian interpreter working with my team, myself and all the other members of my team. Upon summary inspection the box was locked and put under guard.

Our party then proceeded to father STRASSER's home, with the exception of the two guards left in the carpentershop. In a room on the upper floor of father STRASSER's home we discovered a large wooden box, covered by a rubercasing fitted to size. The rubber casing was stripped off and the hinges of the two iron locks of the box were unscrewed. Upon opening the box was found to contain a large roll of material. This roll was not taken out of the wooden case or taken apart on that occasion.

After the lid of the case had been closed again, our party went to a room on the groundfloor of father STRASSER's home. There father STRASSER conducted us to a small wooden box, which when opened, was found to contain the holy hand of St. STEPHEN, well packed.

Point in MUNICH and all of which have never been in MATTSEE.

(c) (listed as item No 18 in Lt SHAE's receipt)

"The Landapple and Scuptor"

State Apple and Sceptre are both part of the Munich treasure.

CONCLUSION:

5. The inventory used as receipt by Capt SELKE was not based upon a careful analysis of the objects received by him. It is based upon an old Hungarian inventory which Mr. Charles BRAUSS simply translated into English, as is indicated by the annotation "Translation made from original Hungarian to English at MATTSEE, Austria, June 19, 1945 by Charles BRAUSS". Capt SELKE signed a receipt for works of art of an estimated value of 2 1/2 Million Gold Dollar, objects which he had actually never received.

RECOMMENDATION:

a) That notwithstanding the unreliable nature of the inventory signed by Capt SELKE this inventory be used as a basis for a careful check of all items belonging to the Hungarian Crown Treasure which are presently stored in the Treasury of St. Peter and the SALZBURG warehouse.

b) That Charles BRAUSS be questioned as to how many of the items listed in his inventory he actually remembers to have seen at the time he made this inventory and when all the objects found in MATTSEE were exhibited in the church of MATTSEE.

c) That Mr. BRAUSS's translation be compared with the Hungarian original and that, after all the items in the treasury of St. Peter and the SALZBURG warehouse have been identified a list of all the missing items be drawn. Charles BRAUSS lives in SALZBURG, 48 Sinnhuberstrasse, Tel. 1996.

d) That Major SELKE be informed of the result that he be requested to submit a report and to clarify the matter to the best of his ability.

Walter W Horn
WALTER W. HORN
1st Lt Inf
Art Intelligence Officer

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OFFICE OF MILITARY GOVERNMENT FOR GERMANY (U.S.)

STAFF CABLE CONTROL

INCOMING MESSAGE

DATED 1418COB

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PCUTLINE

FROM : ACC HUNGARY

TO : ORGNS FOR POLITICAL

REF ID : Z-3731

Following are press digests for 11 and 12 Aug:

"MAGYAR NEMZET" announces St Stephen Day celebration will be held this year with all traditional pageantry. Celebration is Catholic and Hungarian national holiday in honor of first king and saint of Hungary. (Note: US Mission, Hungary, returned Sacred Hand of St Stephen on 19 Aug last year in time for rites on 2007.)

Same paper reports \$60,000,000 worth of art works will be restituted to Hungary.

FUGLETLEN MAGYAROSZAG (Govt Hungary) criticizes Prime Minister Nagy's speech: "It is impossible to maintain a coalition with partners who prefer to fix the blame for any blunders on the west and, on the other hand, refuse to admit the part to any share of success."

KIISUTHE TEHL (new Party) ports report of Nazi slogan of 1940 against political police for "Serious endangering the democratic state order."

Same paper reports interview with Russian Lt. Gen. V. V. Karpov, commander of PW transport to effect that all Hungarian officers in Russia will be returned by end this year.

Red Army paper to SSO comments on statements by Dr Verago, Chief Economic Delegate for Hungarian Staff in Paris, as saying that Russia was supporting the proposal of restituting all Hungarian property from the Zones in Austria and Germany and was taking up Hungarian reparations claims.

ACC 1418 5-915

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED

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From: BUDAPEST

Date: August 21, 1946, 11 a.m.

No.:

Code: SECRET (NPN)
PRIORITY

Received: August 22, 7 a.m.

Action: [REDACTED]

Info: [REDACTED]

Reference my telegram [REDACTED] August 19.

Velics informs me Prime Minister deeply appreciates inquiry as to disposal Crown St. Stephen and other insignia (Department telegram [REDACTED] August 14) but suggests they be held in American Zone for present.

Velics intimated that in view of press report of Czechoslovakian demand Crown and insignia be consigned to United Nations "museum" and also in view of possibility Soviet element ACC Hungary might raise difficulties if asked (to approve?) return, it seems best for Hungarian Government to defer decision re disposal Crown and appurtenances for perhaps two months.

[REDACTED]
High Mass by Cardinal Mindszenty held in local cathedral yesterday, St. Stephens Day, with reliquary containing St. Stephen's right hand in chancel was not attended by any Russian representatives, although I understand from Foreign Office they accepted official invitation. Religious procession last night was attended by many thousands, no incidents reported.

SCHOENFELD

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF HUNGARY

REF. Claim No.:

491

Date: 20 January 1947

TO:

USFET ECONOMICS DIVISION
RESTITUTION CONTROL BRANCH

APPLICATION FOR RESTITUTION OF PROPERTY FROM
GERMANY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF HUNGARY

1. General description of the goods applied for:

One box containing the Hungarian coronation jewelry

/ crown, scepter and imperial globe /
imperial sword

2. Details are given in the attached sheets No: -

3. Present location:

Central Art Collecting Point, Munich Arcisstrasse

4. Details concerning removal to Germany: by force by the Germans or German agents in March 1945

5. Address in Hungary and suggestions on transport:

Budapest, Hungary by rail

6. General Remarks:

The property was in existence when the German occupation of Hungary began.

It is requested to have this property definitely located and taken under control by the Property Control Officer concerned, — if possible, — in the custody of a Hungarian custodian.

For the Minister of Finances:

A. HAHN

Chief of the Hungarian
Restitution Mission



Hungarian Coronation Jewelry

CCPA Rest.Br. 28
ED Jan
47

1. A formal claim, No. 491, dated 20 January 1947, has been received from the Hungarian Restitution Mission for the return of the Hungarian Coronation Jewelry (crown, scepter, imperial globe and sword), now in American custody at the Central Art Collecting Point, Munich.

2. In view of the present unsettled political situation Hungary, it is considered essential to know if in fact this application is made by the Restitution Mission at the explicit wish of the Hungarian Government, which earlier, specifically at the time of St. Stephen's Day celebrations in August 1945, had not desired a return of this property.

3. In view of the fact that a Peace Treaty with Hungary now in process of being signed, it is not believed there can any longer be justification for withholding this property if in fact the Hungarian Government desires its return.

4. It is requested that an expression of his views on this matter be obtained from the United States Minister at Budapest. Following is the text of a cable being sent to the War Department:

"Formal claim has been made by Hungarian Restitution Mission for return of Hungarian coronation jewelry including crown of Saint Stephen now in American custody at Art Collecting Point Munich. In view of earlier doubts to wishes of Hungarian Government in this connection please advise as to War Department wishes. Office of Political Affairs this Headquarters is requesting advice from U.S. Minister to Hungary."

FOR THE DIVISION DIRECTOR:

Telephone 12384
Ext 1025 Room 712B

JOHN H. ALLIN
Colonel OAS
Chief, Restitution Branch

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7/8/47

Lt. Col. Love/bjw.

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Policy & Government Br.
CAD, FDSS

Lt. Col. Love/717LB

FDSCA 386.3 (26 Jul 47)

Sacred Crown of Hungary

5 August 1947

SUMMARY

1. On 26 July 1947, Francis Cardinal Spellman wrote Secretary of War Patterson interceding on behalf of Cardinal Mindszenty, Primate of Hungary, requesting every possible care be taken of the Sacred Crown of Hungary, given to the first King of Hungary, St. Stephen, by Pope St. Sylvester in the year 1000 A.D. and which is a juridical emblem of the apostolic Kingdom of Hungary. The crown was carried by Hungarian refugees to Austria in 1945 and is now in military custody. Cardinal Spellman requests the crown be safeguarded in this country or entrusted to the care of His Holiness, Pope Pius XII.

2. Restitution under SECCO directives of cultural objects and arts and monuments has been confined to a "government to government" basis. Ethical and political considerations and the peculiar circumstances surrounding acquisition enter into consideration of restitution of the Crown of St. Stephen and might well preclude disposition other than to the present Government of Hungary and come properly within the purview of the Department of State.

3. It is recommended that the attached letters referring the matter to the Department of State and advising Cardinal Spellman of such reference, if approved, be dispatched.

COORDINATION

b. Economics Branch, CAD, Lt. Col. Shaw, extension 73738.

3 Incls

1. Ltr Cardinal Spellman
dtd 26 Jul 47
2. Ltr for sig Sec/War
to Asst Sec/State
3. Ltr for sig Sec/War
to Cardinal Spellman
Copies Furnished:

DANIEL NOCK

Major General, USC

Chief, Civil Affairs Division

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13 Aug 47

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7-30/1864

8 August 1947

FROM: WAF WDSTA FG.

TO : USFA, USACA FDMP DIVISION
Info to EICOM

Information desired soonest concerning present status of Sacred Crown of Hungary reported in your custody. Due to Catholic inquiries, desire crown be not returned to Hungary pending further instruction as to dispositions. Cardinal Spellman alleges crown brought to Austria by Hungarian refugees. Please confirm.

David Weidenfeld and Fischer Klein, all of Roma-

(Continued on Page 4)

agreement signed by the two countries in Sofia on Dec. 17, 1948.

According to that agreement, all trade traffic bet-

ween Bulgaria and Rumania

no-agreement was concluded.)

The general management of USIA, meanw

(Continued on Page 4)

QUICK TRIAL, DEATH SENTENCE FOR MINDSZENTY PREDICTED HER

VIENNA, Jan. 16 (AP) — Plans have been concluded for a quick trial of Josef Mindszenty and the death sentence is a foregone conclusion, refugee Hungarian sources said here.

The sources said the death sentence was determined several weeks ago at a meeting of high-ranking members of the Cominform in Sofia, in connection with the convention of the Communist party of Bulgaria.

The bench of charges who will hear the case, it was reported, will be made up of regular judges who belong to the career service. All will be Ca-

tholic. By this arrangement the Government hopes to give the impression that the trial is non-political in character and the responsibility for the sentence falls to Mindszenty's fellow-Catholics.

The sources said the Hungarian Government is now circulating petitions among the peasantry. The petitions demand that the Cardinal be given the extreme penalty.

The penalties for not signing are "made explicitly clear". By circulating the petition, the Government is trying to produce at least a form of

popular support for its actions against the Cardinal.

The sources said the oppression in Hungary now rivals that of the Arrowcross pro-Nazi regime.

Hungarian churches, they said, are filled daily with people praying for Mindszenty.

The Weather Today

The Vienna Meteorological Station predicts cloudy weather with snowfalls for the Alpine districts and the Danube region, rain for the plains.

Tulsa Air Base predicts a maximum temperature of 41 deg and a minimum temperature of 33 degrees for today.

Basis News, 17 Jan'48.

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SUBJECT: Radio Announcement by the Vatican.

SOURCE : Christian News Agency, Mr. Voltolini, 17 March 1948

Translation

Pursuant to a decision by the State Department at Washington, the Hungarian crown of St. Stephen will not be given to the present Budapest Government but to the pope for safeguarding. This sacred symbol of the Hungarian nation had been recovered in South Germany by the American occupation authorities.

Inclosure B

INCOMING SECRET MESSAGE

Date SEP 3 1943
No.

TO : 021446 Z

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FOR : 030845 Z

FROM : CSCOLD CITE PG

TO : USFA, OMCUS BERLIN
INFO: EUCOM

REF NO: NY-82631

Reured Aug P-2243, IG. Coronation robe of Saint Stephen is subj.

1. We appreciate interest-Vatican and church Of Is Austria and Hungary in sacred crown of Saint Stephen and appurtenances and are fully aware historical and symbolic significance regalia from both religious and political point of view.

2. Gen position of U S Govt is that crown and appurtenances, including coronation robe referred to in urad, are property of whole Hungarian people.

3. It is further State Dept view, however, that because of political importance attaching to insignia, adverse repercussions could not fail to result under current circumstances from removal of objects from safekeeping of US auth and that present moment is therefore inopportune for any decision as to transfer to Vatican custody or ultimate disposition.

4. State has informed American missions in Berlin, Vatican, and Budapest in above sense.

5. We believe it advisable that all coronation regalia should be brought together and held in custody by US auth at 1 place and accordingly suggest USMA and OMCUS arrange for transfer of coronation robe to Germany for safekeeping with crown and other appurtenances held there, provided no serious objection perceived by you.

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TRADE: P-2243 CHG SECT IS RMR

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USFA MESSAGE FORM

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INFORMATION TO:

(REF No.)

P 2243

Referance your 4/20/43 State Board of History is due for update.
The State of Florida will be doing an extensive study work first report
in November under supervision of Col. William Dugan, A.S.A. The final
of this project should regularise all records in the Department will be located
in Orlando and held under our custody.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

TO : 091610 Z

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MC IN H-4386

TDR : 111200 Z

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FROM : OGMUS (SGD HAYS)

TO : USFA

INFO: CSCAD, DIR ONG BAVARIA, EUCOM FOR IROF DIV REPARATIONS
AND RESTITUTION ER OMGUS KARLSRUHE FOR LISTER HOWARD

REF NO: CC-5884

As suggested in WX-88631 from Dept of the Army we agree that all Hungarian Coronation Regalia in your custody and in our custody should be brought together. If you concur suggest you forward to office of Military Govt for Bavaria for custody those properties which you now have in Austria.

Request this Reg be informed of your decision.

ACTION: USACA (RSGR) 2

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INFORMATION TO:

Dir. CIG Bavaria, DUCM, for Property Division, Reparations
and Restitution Branch, CIGUS Karlsruhe for Mr. Howard

(REF No.)

P 1446

RECD CO-584, dated 11 September 1948 we have only the coronation robe of the Hungarian Crown Regalia in our custody. Miss Tucker, of RDAR Division, USACA, will deliver the coronation robe to custody of the Central Collecting Point, Munich, on 20 September 1948. We will notify CSCAD when delivery is completed.

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EDWARD L. JOHNSON

Colonel CCC

Secretary General Staff

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// September 1948

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16 September 1948

SUBJECT: Transfer of Hungarian Coronation Regalia

TO : Commanding General, Zone Command Austria
Civil Affairs Section
APO 541, U. S. Army
Attention: Mr. Kennedy, Property Control
& Restitution Section

1. WX-98631, dated 3 September 1948, from CSCAD states general position of U. S. Government regarding safekeeping of Hungarian coronation regalia and appurtenances which are presently in custody of U. S. authorities in Germany and Austria. It was recommended that such properties be assembled in one place and suggested that USFA and CMGUS arrange for the transfer of the Coronation Robe of Saint Stephen to a designated place of safekeeping in Germany. CC-5884, dated 11 September 1948, from CMGUS, suggests that the Hungarian Coronation Regalia in custody of USFA be brought to the Office of Military Government for Bavaria in accordance with recommendations set forth in WX-98631. USFA concurs with proposals suggested above and in answer to CC-5884, notified CMGUS that Miss Tucker, of RD&R Division, USACA, has been designated the official representative of this Headquarters to deliver the coronation robe to the custody of the Central Collecting Point, Munich, on 20 Sept. 1948.

2. You are authorized to release the Hungarian Coronation Robe now held in your custody to Miss Tucker for delivery to Munich in accordance with above cables.

(signed)

JAMES A. GARRISON
Chief, RD&R Division

Telephone: Vienna 8-45424

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SUBJECT: Release of Hungarian Coronation Regalia

TO : WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

R E C E I P T

1. With reference to letter on subject matter from General Geoffrey Keyes, High Commissioner, US Forces in Austria, dated 20 September 1948, the undersigned certifies that he has received today from His Excellency, The Prince Archbishop of Salzburg, Dr. Andreas Rohracher, the following items listed below which are the remaining parts of the Hungarian coronation regalia and appurtenances held in safe-guard by His Excellency:

2 iron cases, empty,
1 large wooden box, unlocked, containing the following items:
a roll of padding sewed in cambric covering;
a royal robe (embroidered) rolled around above mentioned roll;
a leather letter case containing old documents (not inventoried).

2. Having completed the transfer of the above listed items to the direct custody and control of the United States Government, His Excellency, Dr. Andreas Rohracher, is hereby released of all further responsibility concerning this property.

Salzburg, 21 September 1948

Witness:

Richard P. Henley

RICHARD P. HENLEY
Major, EE, HQ USA

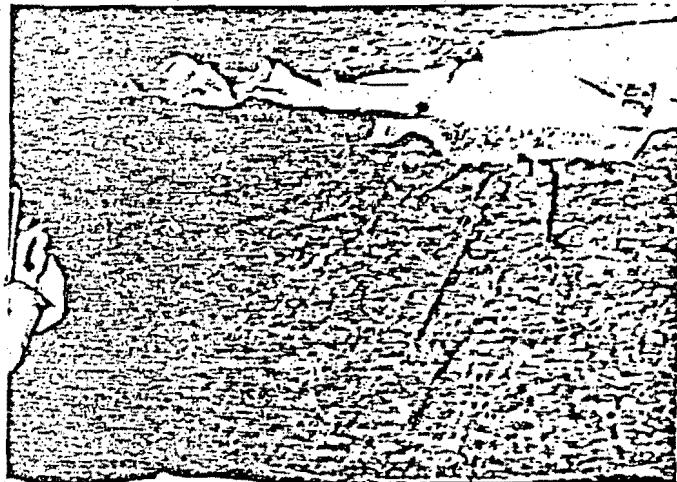
VERNON R. MCKEEY

Chief, Property Control
and Restitution Branch
CA Section - Zone Command
Austria

Edward J. Saunders

EDWARD J. SAUNDERS
Captain-Major USA

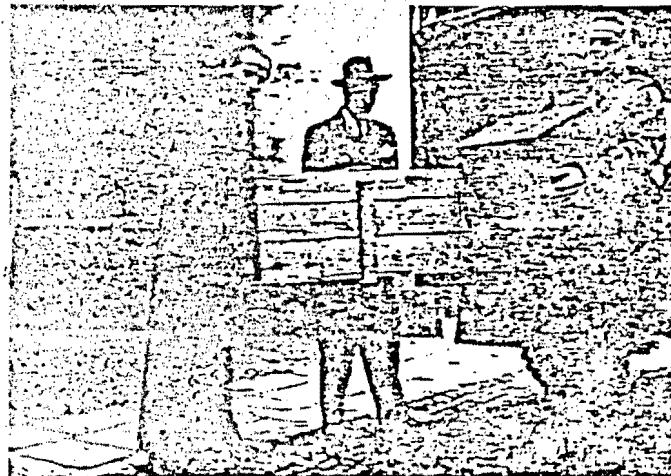
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(#1) Hungarian Coronation Robe



(#2) Loading of released Hungarian Property
onto truck after release papers had
been signed.



(#3) Mr. Schwarzenbacher, Secretary to
Prince Primate Ps. Rothacker
Mr. Kennedy, P.C., Salzburg
Father (Mr.?) Saunders of Salzburg

} the long, wooden
case containing the
coronation robe.
The robe is quite wide.

Pictures taken
at Salzburg on
21 Sept. 1948

A. F. Meier
Meyer, C.P.

Feb. 4

MEMO SLIP

File No.

SUBJECT: Hungarian Coronation Regalia

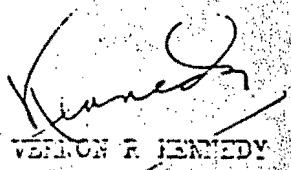
From: To: Date: Memoranda-Use full width if lengthy.

Mr. Kennedy : Miss Tucker : 22 Sep 46 : Attached is a copy of the letter that
PO4E CA : c/o Central : : General Keyes personally signed to the Arch-
HQ ZOA : Art Collect- : : bishop.
: : : Also inclosed is a receipt which I wish
: : you would sign so that my files will be com-
plete.

: : I wish also that you would return the
: : two locks on the case and the keys as they
: : belong to the Archbishop and he wants them
: : back.

2 Incls: 2/s

Tel: 5304; LD 9


VERNON R. KENNEDY

For inter-office use only-please use reverse side
Zone German Form Number 1

23 September 1948

R E C E I P T

Today, I received the following items listed below which are the remaining parts of the Hungarian coronation regalia and appurtenances.

- 2 iron cases, empty,
- 1 large wooden box, unlocked, containing the following items: a roll of padding sewed in cambric covering; a royal robe (embroidered) rolled around above mentioned roll;
- a leather letter case containing old documents (not inventoried).

Evelyn Tucker

EVELYN TUCKER
USFA Monuments and
Fine Arts Representative

Jan 2

Hungarian Coronation Regalia

1. Chief, Director, 20 Sept.
RDSR USCGA 1948
Div.

1. Pursuant to directives in
WIA-88631 of 3 September 1948, the
coronation robe of Saint Stephan, presently
in custody of the Prince Archbishop of
Salzburg, Dr. Andreas Rohracher, will be
transferred to custody of the GICUS Central Collecting Point at Munich.
2. Recommend approval of attached
draft letter for signature of the Commanding General, and dispatch to the
Archbishop by an RDSR representative.

1 Incl
Draft letter

Major WIMBER/rk
Telephone, P-18424

JAMES A. GRIFFIN
Chief, RDSR Division

Note for R&R file:

See also Wimber memo of 23 Sept '48.

RHW,

20 Sept. 1948

His Excellency
The Prince Archbishop of Salzburg
Dr. Andreas Pehracher
Salzburg, Austria

Your Excellency:

In June 1945 you had the kindness to agree to safeguard the items listed below and store them in the treasury of St. Peter's Abbey:

2 iron cases, empty
1 large wooden box, unlocked, containing the following items:
a roll of padding sewed in cambric covering; a royal robe
(embroidered) rolled around above mentioned roll;
a leather letter case containing old documents (not inventoried).

I have been directed by my Government in Washington that it is necessary to remove these coronation regalia and appurtenances from Salzburg for security reasons. In due time they will be returned to the proper representatives of the Hungarian Catholic Church and the Hungarian people.

Your Excellency is therefore requested to turn over these objects to my authorized representative at Salzburg, at which time you will be released of all responsibility concerning this property.

I have already given necessary instructions to my respective officials and you may rest assured that the transfer of this property is to be made with the consideration for the religious and national character of these precious objects.

In behalf of my Government, I beg your Excellency to accept my deepest gratitude and appreciation for your kindness in safeguarding these valuable objects.

Sincerely,

GEOFFREY KEYES
Lieutenant General USA
High Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES ARMY IN AUSTRIA
USACA SECTION
Reparations, Deliveries and Restitution Division
Reparations and Restitution Branch
APO 777, U.S. Army

Translation

20 Sept '48

In Juni 1945 hatten Sie die Güteigkeit sich daruber bereit-
zuklaeren die unten angefuhrten Gegenstaende in Verwahrung zu
nehmen und Sie in der Schatzkammer der Kotsi St. Peter's aufzuhaben.

- 2 eisernen Kisten, leer
- 1 grosse holzerne Kiste, unversperrt, mit dem
folgenden Inhalt:
 - 1 Holle Wattierung in Batisthuelle eingensacht
 - 1 koenigliche Robe (gestickt) um die oben ange-
fuehrte Holle gewickelt
 - 1 ledernes Knafttasche mit alten Dokumenten
(nicht inventarisiert)

Ich wurde von meiner Regierung in Washington angewiesen, dass es
aus Sicherheitsgruenden noetig ist, dass diese Kunstschatzgegenstaende und
Zubehoer von Salzburg entfernt werden. Zur gegebenen Zeit werden die-
selben an die rechtmässigen Repräsentanten der ungariischen katholischen
Kirche und des ungariischen Volkes ausgeföllt werden.

Ihre Exzellenz wird daher ersucht, diese Gegenstaende seinem
autorisierten Repräsentanten in Salzburg zu uebergeben, zur welcher
Zeit sie dann von all Ihrer Verantwortlichkeit ueber dieses Eigentum
entheben werden.

Ich habe bereits die noetigen Instruktionen bezüglich betreffenden
Sachbearbeitern gegeben und Sie koennen versichert sein, dass die Ueber-
weisung hierus Eigentum mit gebuhender Rücksicht fuer den religioesen
und nationalen Charakter dieser Kunstschatzgegenstaende vollzogen wird.

Im Auftrage meiner Regierung bitte ich Ihre Exzellenz meinen
tiefsten Dank und meine Anerkennung fuer Ihre Güteigkeit anzunehmen,
diese kostvollen Gegenstaende in Verwahrung genommen zu haben.

I certify that this is a true translation from English into German of
attached letter from General Hayes to His Excellency, the Prince
Archbishop of Salzburg, dated

July 26

RICHARD F. HAYES
Major

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HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES FORCES IN AUSTRIA
WELFARE SECTION
Reparations, Deliveries and Restitution Division
APC 777 U.S. ARMY

23 September 1948

SUBJECT: Hungarian Coronation Regalia

TO : Memo for the File

1. Pursuant to directions contained in cable AX-66631 to arrange with OBEDUS for the transfer of the Hungarian Coronation Robe of Saint Stephen to a designated place of safekeeping in Germany, the Property Control Officer of Land Salzburg was authorized, by P&R letter of 16 Sept. 1948, to release subject property held in his custody to an RD&R representative for delivery to Munich. Information then available at this office and confirmed orally by the FCC of Land Salzburg (Mr. Kennedy) indicated that U.S. authorities at Land Salzburg had full control over the disposition of this property (in spite of the fact that the coronation robe had been given for safekeeping to the Prince Archbishop of Salzburg, Dr. Andreas Rohracher, in June 1945).

2. a) Mr. Kennedy informed the undersigned at Salzburg on Friday, 17 Sept. 1948 at 20:00 hours, that Archbishop Rohracher had refused to hand over the coronation robe, since he had received written instructions from the Cardinal of Budapest, Dr. Józef Mindszenty, not to release the Hungarian coronation regalia to anyone unless instructed to do so by Cardinal Mindszenty himself. Mr. Kennedy had made two ineffectual visits to Dr. Rohracher on 17 Sept. regarding release of the property; at the 2nd visit he was accompanied by Father (Major) Saunders of Salzburg. The only concession Archbishop Rohracher apparently made was that he would release the property to U.S. authorities if the Papal Nuncio at Vienna, Monsignor Ridimi, would order the Archbishop to do so. Father Saunders was to consult the Nuncio at Vienna on subject matter on Saturday morning, 18 Sept.

b) I arranged with Father (Major) Saunders to be present at this meeting as RD&R representative, since I was familiar with the Hungarian Restitution problem in general and the origin of the letter from Cardinal Mindszenty to Archbishop Rohracher. Proceeded with Father (Major) Saunders on eve of 17 Sept. with Mozart train from Salzburg to Vienna.

3. The meeting with the Papal Nuncio at Vienna at 10:20 on Saturday which was arranged and also attended by Monsignor (Lt. Col.) R. Flumer of HQ. USFA, had no positive results. Monsignor Ridimi was out of town and only his under secretary was present who, while realizing the desirability of having the coronation robes under direct U.S. custody, felt

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himself powerless to order Dr. Rohracher to release this property. He suggested to us that action on this case be held pending for at least one week to permit the Nuncio's office to contact either the Vatican or Cardinal Mindszenty at Budapest. As one other possibility, he suggested to contact another Hungarian church dignitary, an archbishop, who was to arrive in Vienna at 1400 hours from Budapest.

4. Arranged with Monsignor (Lt. Col.) Nuwer and Father (Injer) Saunders to meet again at 13:30 hours at the Bristol Hotel in order to confer then with this Hungarian archbishop; however, little hope ~~of success~~ was felt by us for this conference. Notified, during the noon hour Mr. Garrison and Col. McKee of present status of case.

5. Monsignor (Lt. Col.) Nuwer apparently had occasion to meet Gen. Hickey during lunch hour and when I returned to the Bristol, Monsignor Nuwer informed me that he had talked with Gen. Hickey and that the General had another plan on the case and we were to meet at the General's office at 14:00 hours. Notified Mr. Garrison of this meeting.

6. At the meeting in Gen. Hickey's office, at 14:00 hours on Saturday, 18 Sept. 1948, the plan was first presented to get Cardinal Mindszenty's approval for release of the coronation robe thru the U.S. Legation at Budapest. However, realizing the danger of compromising the Cardinal thru a possible leak at Budapest, it was decided that the undersigned, being fully familiar with the case and the German language, seek a conference with the Prince Archbishop at Salzburg and attempt to induce him to release the coronation robe at Salzburg. I returned, therefore, on the same day to Salzburg and arranged for a conference with the Archbishop on Sunday morning at 10:00 hours at his summer residence in Bischofshofen, Land Salzburg.

7. a. At the conference on Sunday morning, 19 Sept. 1948, the Archbishop insisted for a considerable length of time that he would need a written statement re release of the coronation robe to U.S. authorities from the Cardinal of Budapest (on the Pipe, since the Vatican had been informed of his Latin word of honor to the Hungarian Primate). Finally, at my suggestion, Dr. Rohracher agreed to, and believed, that a letter signed by Gen. Hayes would be sufficient basis and authority to permit him to break his word of honor, which he had given in writing to Cardinal Mindszenty.

b. This letter, however, should contain the following sentences as requested by Dr. Rohracher:

(1) "Die Sicherheits gruenden ist es notig dass der
Ungarische Krönungsmantel von Salzburg entfernt
wird", or translated:

"For reasons of security, it is necessary that the
Hungarian coronation robe be removed from Salzburg".

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In addition, Dr. Rohracher would like to have the following sentence included:

- (2) "Die Amerikanische Regierung wird denselben zur
gegebenen Zeit dem Eigentümer durch die Zust-
ändige Kirchliche Obrigkeit und die rechtmaessige
Ungarische Regierung aus handieren", or translated

"The U.S. Government will turn it over in due time
to the rightful owner through the responsible
ecclesiastical authority and the legal Hungarian
Government".

The word "owner" in requested 2nd sentence was desired by Dr. Rohracher since he believes that it has not been fully determined who the rightful owner is--the Hungarian catholic church, the Hungarian nation as a whole, or the Hungarian Government. He stated that these crown regalia have always been in custody of the church in Hungary since the 12th century.

The words underlined in 2nd requested sentence are taken from a document dated 18 June 1945 when Hungarian treasures were turned over by Mil. Govt. authorities to Archibishop Rohracher. NOTE: It should be noted in this connection that this document does NOT state that the archbishop was appointed merely as custodian "while further disposition by Mil. Govt. is determined", as stated in Capt. Selke's report of 19 June 1945.

c. Replied to Dr. Rohracher that I felt assured his requested sentence #1 would be C.K'd by my superiors, but that I was not too sure that wording in sentence #2 would be approved. Dr. Rohracher further requested that he should be given a proper receipt by us after the release of the property has been effected by him.

d. It was apparent that only with considerable apprehension did Dr. Rohracher agree to the proposed solution. He stated that he always considered himself as fully responsible for these treasures and that he had never considered himself merely as custodian (Freuhander) with final jurisdiction to remain with the U.S. Government. As proof of his contention, he referred to the document of 18 June 1945 and to the further fact that before the "Holy Hand" was returned to Hungary in 1945 (which was then also under his influence), U.S. personnel flew to Rome and obtained the Vatican's approval for the release and only then did he (Dr. Rohracher) release the Holy Hand from his custody to the U.S. authorities. On the other hand, Dr. Rohracher was in full agreement that in view of the political situation in Hungary, it would be the best solution if the U.S. Government would take full custody and control of all the crown regalia.

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9. I returned to Vienna and obtained on Monday, 20 Sept. 1945, approval for the draft letter to the Archbishop to be signed by Gen. Keyes requesting the release of the coronation robe from the Archbishop of Salzburg.

10. Returned to Salzburg and on Tuesday morning, 21 Sept. 1945, delivered to the Prince Archbishop the letter signed by Gen. Keyes as well as the letter signed by Mr. Garrison, R&R Division, in regard to the gold coin collection. Both letters were dated 20 Sept. 1945. The Archbishop was pleased to receive these letters and gave instructions to his Secretary (Father Godfrey Schwarzenbacher) to initiate the release of the coronation robe. Received documents for the coronation robe were signed by Mr. Kennedy on the same date.

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RICHARD P. WEEBER
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Head, R&R Branch

3 Inccls.:

- (1) Ltr fr Gen. Keyes dtd 20 Sept 45
to Archbishop of Salzburg w/German
translation
- (2) Ltr fr Mr. Garrison dtd 20 Sept 45
to Archbishop of Salzburg
- (3) Received Document dtd 21 Sept 45
- (4) Photos of robe & loading property
for shipment to Munich
- (5) Translation of 18 June 1945 transfer document
- (6) Copy of receipt dtd 12 Aug '46.
- (7) Copy of Capt Seltz's Report of 19 June '45

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ENTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

HEADQUARTERS U. S. FORCES IN AUSTRIA
PREPARATION, DELIVERIES AND RESTITUTION DIVISION
APC 777, U. S. Army

TO: Memorandum for the Record

Date 27 Sept 48

SUBJECT: Hungarian Coronation Robe

1. On the morning of 23 Sept 48, while I was at the Central Collecting Point in Munich on TDY, subject Robe was brought to the Collecting Point by two American soldiers, who had it on consignment for delivery to me from the Property Control & Restitution Branch of Zone Command Austria, Salzburg.

2. I gave the soldiers a receipt for the Robe, and released it the same day to Mr. Herbert S. Leonard, Director of the Collecting Point. Both receipts are in our files.

Evelyn Tucker

EVELYN TUCKER
LPA&A Representative
PDR Division, USACA

VALUABLES
WORLD WAR II
ARTICLES
Vehicle Officer
Reparations, Deliveries and Restitution Division
INFO 777, U.S. ARMY

1. Receipt of the objects listed below is hereby acknowledged on behalf of the Director, Office of Military Government for Bavaria, by the undersigned, Mr. HERBERT S. THIEME, Chief, Artifacts, Fine Arts and Archives Section, Office of Military Government for Bavaria, who is duly authorized to receive said items and to execute this receipt and agreement.
2. Objects listed below will be disposed of in accordance with directives from higher headquarters.
3. The acceptance of the objects listed releases Commanding General of United States Forces Austria from all responsibilities or claims respecting them.

The items listed below are the remaining parts of the Hungarian crown regalia and artifacts:

1. Two cases, empty;
1. Large wooden box, unbroken, containing the following items: a roll of rug, sewed in cloth covering; a royal robe (embroidered) rolled inside above mentioned roll;
1. A leather letter case containing old documents (not inventoried).

Date: 22 SEPTEMBER 1945

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Herbert Thiemer
(Signature)

Herbert S. Thiemer
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Kate No. **U. S. PLANS NO RETURN OF ST. STEPHEN'S CROWN**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12 (OII) — A State Department spokesman today said at a press conference that the U. S. has no plans to return the crown of St. Stephen to Hungary. He said the crown is in the hands of the American authorities in Germany and that, as far as he knew, the Hungarian Government had made no official request for it.

The crown dates back to the year 1000, when Pope Sylvester II presented it to King Stephen after Hungary had become a Christian nation.

The U. S. Army found it in an Austrian salt mine in 1945 and has held it since, while Americans have protested an increasing wave of religious persecution in Hungary.

Rohracher Urged Crown Be Held, Says Red Agency

VIENNA, Jan. 12 (APA) — Austrian Archbishop Rohracher is alleged to have asked Francis Cardinal Spellman in New York to prevent the return of the Hungarian St. Stephen's Crown to its home country, the Hungarian news agency, quoted by AFP, said today.

The news agency published a letter purporting to come from Rohracher and addressed to Spellman. According to this letter, Rohracher asked Spellman to meet Josef Cardinal Mindszenty who also wanted to see the U. S. President. Mindszenty, the letter said, had requested Rohracher to arrange this meeting in order to effect the transfer of the St. Stephans Crown to the Vatican.

"In view of the present political situation, a return of the crown to Hungary would mean a loss of this valuable article," the letter said.

"A recommendation sent by your Eminence to General Clay would undoubtedly help in this undertaking, which would be received with great satisfaction by the faithful of Hungary."

ISRAELI OFFICIAL DENIES ARMS PURCHASES HERE

VIENNA, Jan. 12 (Reuter) — The Israeli representative in Austria, Dr. Y.

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Daily Briefing Note (Hungarian Crown Treasure)

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1. In view of the present wide publicity given to the arrest by the Hungarian Government of the Roman Catholic Primate of Hungary, Cardinal Joseph Mindszenty, on charges of being a traitor to his country by having tried to restore the Hungarian crown, etc., it is opportune to present a short resume on subject matter as far as U.S. Army personnel in Austria had any connection with it. The following information is based on official records in the files of this Division and on the personal knowledge of certain personnel of this Division with specific aspects of the d.

2. In referring to the Hungarian Crown Treasure, from a USA viewpoint, one should differentiate between two distinct groups of properties:

a. Part of the Hungarian Crown Treasure discovered on German territory in May 1945.

b. Part of the Hungarian Crown Treasure discovered at Kettsee about 15 miles northeast of Salzburg on 17 June 1945.

3. The principal part of the crown treasure found in Germany consists of one iron chest, the interior of which is subdivided in compartments which contain the following pieces:

Boly Crown of St. Stephen;

etc about.

- c. The gold, enamelled and jewelled
- d. The State Sceptre;
- e. The Orb or State Apple;
- f. The Sword of St. Stephen with

Contrary to the common belief (See Basic News article of 15 Jan 49), the crown which dates back to the year 1001 when Pope Sylvester II presented it to King Stephen after Hungary had become a Christian nation, was not found by the U.S. Army in an Austrian saltmine in 1945, but it was brought, apparently voluntarily to the Seventh Army Interrogation Center in Germany in May 1945 by its Hungarian

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Daily Briefing Note (Hungarian Crown Treasure, cont'd)

This appears to be the original believed lost in Hungary
and it is believed to be in Hungary
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guards, consisting of one Colonel and 12 enlisted men (cf. Seventh Army, C2 Periodic Report No. 269, 9 May 1945). Information on file indicates that as of 4 July 1945, the above treasure was in the custody of the Central Art Collecting Point in Hanich.

4. The credit for locating the other items of the Hungarian Crown Treasure (para. 2.b. above) belongs to a CIC team under 2d Lt. James F. Shea, operating out of 242 Inf. Regt., 42d Division. This team had picked up rumors in June 1945 concerning Hungarian treasures hidden in Mattsee where the Hungarian Ministerpräsident Scallary and his staff had withdrawn after the flight from Hungary. The following parts of the Hungarian Crown Treasure were found at Mattsee:

a. On 17 June 1945, Lt. Shea's CIC team succeeded in locating, in a toolshed at Mattsee, an iron chest 60 x 100 x 130 cm containing the royal household silver of Emperor Franz Josef from the royal castle in Budapest.

b. On the same day, two more boxes were discovered at Mattsee in the home of the Catholic priest of Mattsee, Father Anthon Strasser. They consisted of:

(1) A small wooden box, nailed, containing the Holy Hand of St. Stephen.

(2) A long rectangular wooden box, locked with two brass locks containing the royal coronation robe of St. Stephen and a leather case containing old state documents pertaining to the crown regalia.

The above items of the Hungarian Crown Treasure had been entrusted for safekeeping to Father Strasser in April 1945 by a Hungarian Army Colonel, representing himself as commander of the Crown Guard, and they were to be held by Father Strasser until a just disposition could be made.

5. The Holy Hand of St. Stephen, one of the most sacred possessions of the Kingdom of Hungary and the Hungarian Roman Catholic Church, has the following history:

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Daily Briefing Notes (Hungarian Crown Treasure, cont'd)

In the year 1001, Stephen (the son of Ceza) was crowned the first Apostolic King of Hungary. He had performed the divine mission of leading the pagan peasants of his country to the Christian faith. In 1083 a grateful papacy canonized Stephen in recognition of his achievements. In the year 1086, the tomb of the Saint was opened and a miracle revealed that the right hand of the blessed King was found in a state of perfect preservation. Encircled with strands of royal jewels, it was sealed in a casket of gold and crystal. Beginning with those distant days, the Holy Hand has been a symbol of the first Apostolic King and St. Stephen has received the fervent devotion of succeeding generations of Hungarians.

6. Of the Habsburg crown treasure, the royal household silver was assigned on 18 June 1945 to the Property Control Office, Mil. Govt. Inn. Salzburg. With proper recognition and appreciation of the ecclesiastical significance of the situation, the Holy Hand and the Royal Coronation robes were given on the same day into the custody of the Prince-Archbishop of Salzburg, Dr. Andreas Rohracher. The document covering this transaction, written in German and having eleven signatures, contains the following significant statement:

"On 18 June 1945 the most holy relic was handed over in a festive ceremony to the Prince-Archbishop of Salzburg for safekeeping to be turned over at the proper time to the rightful Hungarian Government and the Ecclesiastical Authority".

In the subsequent report of 19 June 1945 by the Head of Mil. Govt. Inn. Salzburg Division, this transfer of property is described as follows:

"The Prince-Archbishop was designated as the custodian of the Holy Hand and the dedicated coronation robes, to hold them for Military Government until further disposition is determined".

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Daily Briefing Note (Hungarian Crown Treasure, cont'd)

7. The Holy Hand of St. Stephen was returned with due ceremony from Salzburg to Budapest into the custody of the Hungarian Catholic Church in April 1945, [after having first obtained the Pope's permission for this transfer, according to verbal statement of Archbishop Fehracher of 16 September 1945 (Hungarian Receipt No. H-1 dated 20 August 1945)]. The royal household silver was released for restitution on 1 March 1947 (Receipt No. E-26), as the result of Hungarian claim No. 184 for this court silver.

8. For the remaining Hungarian Crown Treasure in Austria, ~~the coronation robe in the custody of~~ ~~Archbishop Fehracher, the Hungarian Government had filed a claim for resti-~~ ~~tution in March 1946 (Claim No. 603), however, no immediate action was taken~~ by this Division on subject matter (~~with the last agreement of the Third~~ ~~of the Hungarian Government~~). Some difficulty was encountered with ~~Archbishop Fehracher of Salzburg in September 1945 when he was approached~~ by personnel of U.S. Headquarters to release the coronation regalia in order to place them again into direct U.S. custody. Department of Army cable WA-65631 of 3 September 1945, suggested that Hungarian coronation regalia be held in custody in one place and that the coronation robe be transferred to Germany for safekeeping with the crown and the other emblems. The insistence of Archbishop Fehracher to return the coronation robe to U.S. custody was based on a personal letter from Cardinal Mindszenty in which the Archbishop was requested not to release the coronation robe to any one, unless requested to do so by written or verbal orders of the Cardinal. Archbishop Fehracher had given his word of honor to that effect to the Cardinal and to the Pope, according to verbal testimony of Dr. Fehracher of 18 September 1946. The matter was finally amicably settled and the coronation robe returned to USA custody on 21 September 1946 and was released on 29 September 1946 in Munich at the Central Art Collecting Point to the custody of ITAWA Section, CMIC.

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HEADQUARTERS U. S. FORCES IN AUSTRIA
REPARATION, DELIVERIES AND RESTITUTION DIVISION
APO 777, U. S. ARMY

TO: Memo for the File

Date 19 January 1949

SUBJECT: Hungarian Crown Treasure

1. With reference to the Daily Briefing Note of 18 January 1949 on subject matter, it is desired to add certain additional comments to this case as a matter of future record in order to clear up certain discrepancies which are apparent when studying the documents on file in this Division pertaining to subject matter. It was considered inappropriate to refer to these discrepancies in the Daily Briefing Note which was prepared for the general information of higher authority on subject matter.

2. Apart from the inaccurate statement made by Capt. George Selke, Head of the Educ. Rel. FA&M Division, in his report of 19 June 1945 to the Commanding Officer (Lt. Col. Janzan) of Mil. Govt. Land Salzburg, as against the wording of the transfer document of the Holy Hand, etc., to Archbishop Rohracher of 18 June 1945 (ref. Daily Briefing Note of 18 January 1945, par. 6), another glaring error was committed by Capt. Selke regarding the Hungarian Crown Treasure found in Austria:

a. Documents on file indicate that Capt. Selke signed on 18 June 1945, a receipt as having received from Lt. Shea of the CIC Detachment not only the items of the crown treasure found by Lt. Shea's Section at Mautsee but he signed as having received the entire Hungarian crown treasure, including the Holy Crown, the Orb, Sceptre, etc., which

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part of the treasure was taken under U.S. custody in Germany (Ref. Daily Briefing Note, par. 2). Capt. Selke could not have received these particular items since the crown etc. had been under guard at the 7th Army Interrogation Center in Germany since May 1945. What probably happened was that Capt. Selke, without making a careful inventory, took over the Mattsee part of the crown treasure from Lt. Shea and then signed a receipt for the entire crown treasure based on a Hungarian inventory list of the crown treasure dated in 1929. This assumption is verified by the following sentence at the end of Capt. Selke's receipt, "translation made from original Hungarian list into English at Mattsee on 19 June 1945 by Charles Frousz".

(Note: Mr. Frousz was a member of Lt. Shea's CIC Team).

b. Capt. Selke in effect signed a receipt for works of art having an estimated value of 2-1/2 million gold dollars, objects which he had actually never received. The unreliable nature of Capt. Selke's inventory dated 18 June 1945 is probably the reason for the persistent false rumor that the Holy Crown was found in Austria by U.S. Army personnel and was later shipped to Germany.

c. Another discrepancy in Capt. Selke's report of 19 June 1945 as against the document signed on 18 June 1945 by Archbishop Rohracher, should be mentioned as a matter of record. The transfer document (receipt) of 18 June 1945, signed by the Prince Archbbishop and ten other signatories, including six U.S. Army officers, implies that

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the Archbishop received into custody not only the Holy Hand of St. Stephan and the coronation robe, but also a part of the royal court silver of Emperor Franz Josef. In his report of 19 June 1945, Capt. Selke states that the court silver was assigned to Property Control.

This latter statement is correct; the court silver actually was

transferred to Lt. Col. Homer K. Heller, Mil. Govt. Property Control

Officer, Land Salzburg on 18 June 1945, who signed a receipt for it

and the silver was subsequently restituted to the Hungarian Resti-

tution Mission on 1 March 1947, under Hungarian Claim No. 184. Two

boxes of silverware were returned at that time to the Hungarian Resti-

tution Mission and Col. Heller in his receipt signed on 15 June 1945

acknowledges also the receipt of two boxes of materials--the Arch-

bishop therefore could not have received this court silver on 18 June

1945.

4. The matter of the court silver was brought to my attention for the first time by Archbishop Rohracher on 16 September 1948 when I negotiated with him regarding the release of the coronation robe from his custody into direct U.S. control. Dr. Rohracher was then worried about having signed in June 1945 for the royal silver which he had actually not received, and he was pleased to learn from me

that we had actually restituted the court silver in March 1947 ~~to the~~

Hungarian Restitution Mission. A copy of Capt. Selke's report of 19

June 1945 was at this occasion, at Dr. Rohracher's request, left in

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the Archbishop's possession to form a record for his files that the court silver was not released to him but was assigned to the Mil. Govt. Property Control Section.

5. Besides the inconsistency in the official transfer document of 18 June 1945 as having given into the custody of Archbishop Rchracher, (a) the Holy Hand of St. Stephan, (b) the coronation robe, and (c) the royal silver, Capt. Selke in a separate report to his Commanding Officer (Lt. Col. Janzen), dated 18 June 1945, subject: "Materials Entrusted to Custody of the Prince Archbishop of Salzburg", included in the specific items turned over to the custody of the Prince Archbishop also a pair of gloves purported to have been worn by King Charles IV at his coronation, (which are not listed in the official transfer document signed by Archbishop Rchracher). Mr. Chas. Frousz was interrogated in Salzburg on 2 July 1946 by Art Intelligence Officer, 1st Lt. W.E. Horn regarding the missing glove, but Frousz stated then that he did not actually see the gloves of Charles IV at Mattsee on 17 June 1945 but did believe they were there.

a. Similarly, on 1 July 1946, Father Anton Strasser was interrogated by Messrs. Kennedy and Miller. The summary of the Strasser interrogation does not clear the question if the gloves of Charles IV were actually present and inventoried at Mattsee on 17 or 18 Jun
1945. Par. 2 of the interrogation report states as follows:

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" Faztas asked Father Strasser to take into his custody for safekeeping, two wooden boxes containing:

Box 1: (A small wooden box) - The hand of St. Stephan.

Box 2: (A long rectangular box) - The royal coat and the gloves of Charles IV.

Strasser took the two boxes into custody. They were set up in his drawing room camouflaged as a cushion".

St. Stephan
✓ The Kennedy and Miller interrogation report does not state if inquiry was made of Father Strasser if he had actually seen the gloves of Charles IV. It must be assumed that while Capt. Selke included these

in Capt. Selke's report gloves in his report to his Commanding Officer, dated 18 June 1945,

Archbishop of Salzburg the gloves were not turned over to the Archbishop, which was verified

by a subsequent inventory by a subsequent inventory of the items turned over into the custody

of the Archbishop of the Archbishop made on 1 July 1946 by Mr. Vernon R. Kennedy.

6. Another inconsistency should be referred to pertaining to the question of one or two boxes of court silver. In his report of 3 July 1946 on the discovery of the parts of the Hungarian Crown Treasure, Lt. Shea states in the 1st par. of the report that "a heavy box with iron fastenings was found in a local carpenter shop containing plates (silver?)". The interrogation report of Father Strasser in July 1946 by Messrs. Kennedy and Miller states as follows in this connection:

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"In addition to the above two boxes, Strasser also agreed to take in his custody a box containing the royal household silverware. This box was hidden in a tool hut Strasser believes it was a wooden box approximate size 100 x 100 x 50 cm"

It should be noted that Lt. Szea's report of July 1946 refers to a heavy box with iron fastenings (or possibly entirely iron). The interrogation report of Mr. Frousz of July 1946 refers to this box as: "hidden in the tool hut at Mattsee . . . it was found to consist of an iron chest, approximate size 60 x 100 x 130 cm . . . the box was found to contain the table set of the Emperor Franz Josef I from the royal castle in Budapest". No explanation can be given to the fact that the reports on the first discovery at Mattsee (in the tool hut) refer to one box only with court silver, whereas Lt. Col. Heller, the Property Control Officer, signed for two boxes of materials on 18 June 1945 and two boxes (2 wooden cases) with the court silver were released for restitution in March 1947 to the Hungarian Restitution Mission.

7. The inventory made on 1 July 1946 by Mr. Kennedy of the part of the crown treasure in the custody of the Prince Archbishop of Salzburg, lists the following items:

- a. Two iron cases empty.
- b. One large wooden box, unlocked, containing the following items:

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- (1) A roll of padding sewed in cambric covering
- (2) A royal robe (embroidered) rolled around
Item (b-1)
- (3) A leather letter case containing old documents
(not inventoried)

No previous reference is found in the records of the two iron empty cases (listed as Item a. above), as having been connected with the Hungarian Crown Treasure. However, Mr. Schwarzenbacher, Secretary to the Archbishop, and Mr. Kennedy stated on 20 September 1948 that these two boxes had been stored in the treasury of St. Peter's, Salzburg, near the one large wooden box containing the coronation robe and it was, therefore, assumed that the two iron cases were of Hungarian origin. Mr. Schwarzenbacher was not in Salzburg in June 1945 and had joined the services of the Archbishop later.

6. With reference to the difficulty encountered in September 1946 re returning the coronation regalia into direct U.S. control, apart from the data mentioned in the last paragraph of the Daily Briefing Note of 18 January 1949 on subject matter, Archbishop Rohracher stated to the writer on 19 September 1948 that while his Secretary had signed the "Kennedy" inventory of 1 July 1946 which contained the following statement:

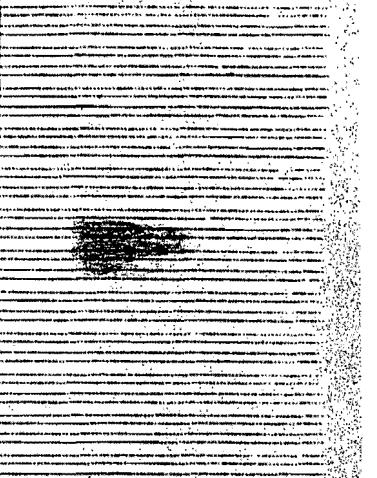
"These objects will be held in the custody of his Excellency the Prince Archbishop of Salzburg until a disposition will be made through U.S. Allied Commission in Austria"

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he (Dr. Rohracher) had not seen this inventory and would never have signed it himself, since the Holy Hand and the coronation robe was turned over to his full control by the official transfer document signed on 18 June 1945. According to this (11 signatures) document, these properties were then turned over to the Archbishop "for safe keeping/in order to be turned over at the proper time to the rightful Hungarian Government and the Ecclesiastical Authority". This document does not refer to any further jurisdiction of the U.S. authorities regarding the future disposition of the regalia. The difficulty encountered in September 1948 was primarily the result of this document of 18 June 1945 by which, in the Archbishop's opinion, the full control of the coronation robe, etc., was given into the hands of the Archbishop and, hence, the Roman Catholic Church. Cardinal Mindszenty's letter to the Archbishop re disposition of the coronation robe probably would not have been written in the same form, if the Church had not considered itself as being in full possession and control of the coronation robe. No translation into English was apparently made of the important transfer document of 18 June 1945, which translation would have readily shown the fallacy of Capt. Selke's statement in his report of 19 June 1945 that the "Archbishop was designated as the custodian of the Holy Hand until further disposition is determined by the Military Government". While Archbishop Rohracher had the letter from Cardinal Mindszenty requesting him not to release the property to any one unless instructed to do so by the Cardinal and he had given his word of honor to that effect, Mr. Rohracher considered the transfer document of 18 June 1945 as his main authority for having full jurisdiction over the disposition of the Hungarian crown Regalia.

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Richard P. Walker
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REF: HISTORIC PROPERTY -- ARTISTIC PROPERTY

GEST: Article by Lloyd Garrison in New York Times, 16 August 1965, "Hungary's Crown Is 'In Trust' but U.S. Won't Indicate Where." Reference to crown purportedly given by Pope Sylvester II to Hungarian king Stephen ten centuries ago, given to American troops for safekeeping from Russians near end of World War II. Apparently State Department has it now but refrains from giving information. OCMH contributed information that we have no record that the crown ever came into Army hands. Historical Properties Branch may have been the OCMH office giving the information.

Requests on this subject are to
be referred to the Department of State,
Arts and Monuments
desk.

HUNGARIAN CROWN

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Captured by U.S. Military forces

Information re above and all other similar matters of captured objects of art and treasures is available in Department of State - Arts and Monuments Officer. Miss Ardelia Hall, Ext. 3660 (per Mr. Taggart).

Hungary's Ancient Symbol Along Strange Journey

By DONALD MARION

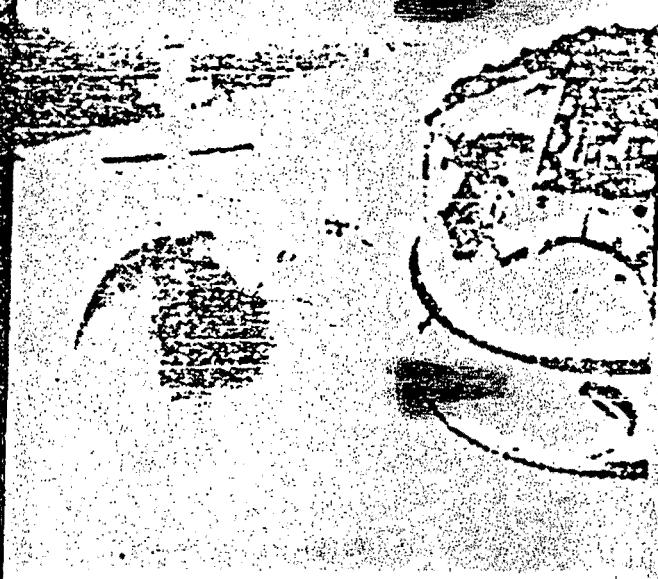
The crown of Hungary, symbol of the nation's past and its future, has been relatively quiet since it was last seen by the Hungarian people. It was taken from the Hungarian crown jewels in 1946 and has since traveled around the world. In 1956, when the Hungarian Revolution began, the crown was seized by the rebels and held in custody. The crown went to other countries, spent some years in bank vaults there and, at some undisclosed time, was moved to the United States, where it has remained at Fort Knox, Ky., until recently.

Now They Have Seen It

But it has not been forgotten—although only a few officials have seen it either by Hungary's rulers or its people or by Hungarian-Americans. In 1951, the Hungarian Government sought the return of the crown as one of the conditions for the release of an American businessman imprisoned as a spy in the United States. Agreed to after terms including the re-opening of consulates in this country, but not the return of the crown. And up to the last minute before the American delegation was scheduled to leave for Budapest this week, opponents of its return were fighting as far as the Széchenyi Chain Bridge to halt the move. For the United States, the crown has always been described officially as an object of special status, a firm one for its avoidance of complex problems. For the Hungarians, the same principle could be used—for the crown has excited their awe "reverence" for centuries.

According to a legend that has been a article of faith, the crown was sent by St. Stephen, the first King of Hungary, late in the year 1000 by St. Sylvester II in recognition of Stephen's achievements in ridding his territory of the vestiges of paganism. Early examinations of the crown made it almost positive that it is not of crown but two—two hemispheric plates of cold blue tint above a horizontal gold diadem, all richly ornamented with rough-cut jewels and enamel inlay. One part is of Byzantine origin, the other, while of European manufacture, may have been made in honor of Stephen, who was originally a Saracen.

It is the symbol of the nation, and it is to be regarded as the symbol of the Hungarian nation. It can only be accepted as a symbol of Hungary, and included Empress Elizabeth, Queen of France, King Louis XIV, and the Pope. Its symbolic importance is well known. For a long time the crown placed in the hands of the king, shone



Crown of St. Stephen, orb and scepter

swn in as head of state. During the 22-year rule of the regent, Admiral Miklós Horthy, which ended with the Szalasi takeover, the crown continued to rule in the name of "The Hungarian Holy Crown."

One summation of its significance was written by Dr. Andor Kiss, a retired American diplomat of Hungarian background and a specialist in the history of American-Hungarian relations. "Far more than a mere symbol," he wrote in one of his books, "it is the legal seal of Hungarian sovereignty, the literal possessor of the Hungarian state, from which the country took its designation as 'The Land of the Hungarian Holy Crown.'"

Opponents of the crown's return have argued that Colonel Pálfi gave it to United States authorities only on the condition that it not be returned until there was a "free" government in Hungary.

View of Pálfi and Horthy Reported

The country's only freely elected postwar Prime Minister, Ferenc Nagy, who was ousted by the Communists in 1948, requested the United States not to return the crown. He feared, he wrote friends, that its return might spark an outbreak of nationalistic sentiment that could be dangerous in a political situation that was then highly unstable. Under no possible circumstances should they send the crown back as long as the Hungarian political situation is not clearly clarified," he wrote.

Dr. Kiss, then serving in the United States Office of Strategic Services, in

interviewed Colonel Pálfi, who said the crown was handed over to him by Kubala, and recalls the officer set no conditions to place the crown in his hands. Later, Dr. Kiss' friend with Admiral Horthy, Dr. Károly Eklay, according to Dr. Kiss, was very pleased that the crown was returned to him.

The United States, the surprised and puz- zled guardian of this dis- pected by Dr. Kiss, commented on the c- possibility and then in always maintained the property of the or people, and that turned at some suitab

Beyond variations there was little else. It was kept under suitable conditions in a vault guarded by the Treasury and the Army. But for additional information on the crown's safekeeping, response from a spokesman for the diplomatic corps kind of the crown is being guarded and part of responsibility for its safe- guarding elsewhere. As embarrassing as it is to have this un- American hand- ling in the last 20 years more so.

Its return during the Communists' re-

on Peace Principles as Next Midea

and they differed so significantly on peace, a statement of agreement was reached on recognition of the principles of noncolonialism and the principles held most dear by the two delegations in the areas of the right of self-determination, domestic autonomy, and the right to discuss the West Bank and the Gazz

British officials informed the U.S. in the working paper that Foreign Minister Michael Dayan agreed to in New York in October with President Gamal Abdel Nasser that the two sides would send delegations to join the Geneva peace talks and to participate in a joint peace conference with Egypt, Jordan and Israel to discuss the West Bank and the Gazz

all three of the interested parties have a chance American officials believed Israel would be the strongest military alliance of the region. Palestinians to the east and west, and the Soviet-American

St. Stephen's Crown Is Back in Budapest After 32 Years

By PAUL HOFFMANN

Special to The Sun from

BUDAPEST, Jan. 2.—The Crown of St. Stephen, the historic symbol of Hungarian nationhood, returned home after more than 32 years in exile in the United States.

Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance handed the crown to Hungarian Ambassador János Kádár tomorrow afternoon at a solemn ceremony in the Parliament building on the River embankment.

The Secretary of State will return to Hungary with the so-called

"Treasures of the Hungarian People"—a gold embroidered ro

cket, an orb and a sword—the

crown had been held by the

United States since the end of World War II.

National Anthems

Tonight, Hungarian soldiers,

arms, and a military band,

Hungarian and American

thems as the containers holding

national heirlooms were taken

from the House plane and placed into

the trip into Budapest.

Some 200 people brought

the boxes to the airport

area watched the unload

shivering in the bitter cold.

Up to the last minute, the

Hungarians in the White

other nations' semi-protection

warning the Carter Administra

tion that it would confer a semi

arity on the Communist

Budapest by returning the

Administration; however,

the national treasure was

back to the Hungarian people

it belonged, and not to a

Tomorrow's ceremonies

between Washington and

character of the event

will arrive here tomorrow

be received by the Speaker

of Assembly, Antal Apr

Pál Dósonczi, The First

Communist Party, and

the actual ruler of Hungary

in the official program.

American policy leading up to the 1956 uprising seemed out of the question.

Afterward, friction between the two countries grew if anything. But over the last few years relations have gradually improved, and the regime of János Kádár, the Communist party leader, has eased its authoritarian mode somewhat. The time has come for the Carter Administration to take a decisive role in the nagging problem of "the crown."

And what of the crown itself, revered even by Lajos Kossuth, the Protestant antiroyalist Hungarian nationalist of the 19th century?

Dr. Klay saw it in Augsburg shortly after it came into American hands. "It is beautiful," he intoned, "in the way a mummy is, or an ancient painting—it's not a glittering kind of thing, just something that radiates. But when you know its history, there is magic about it."

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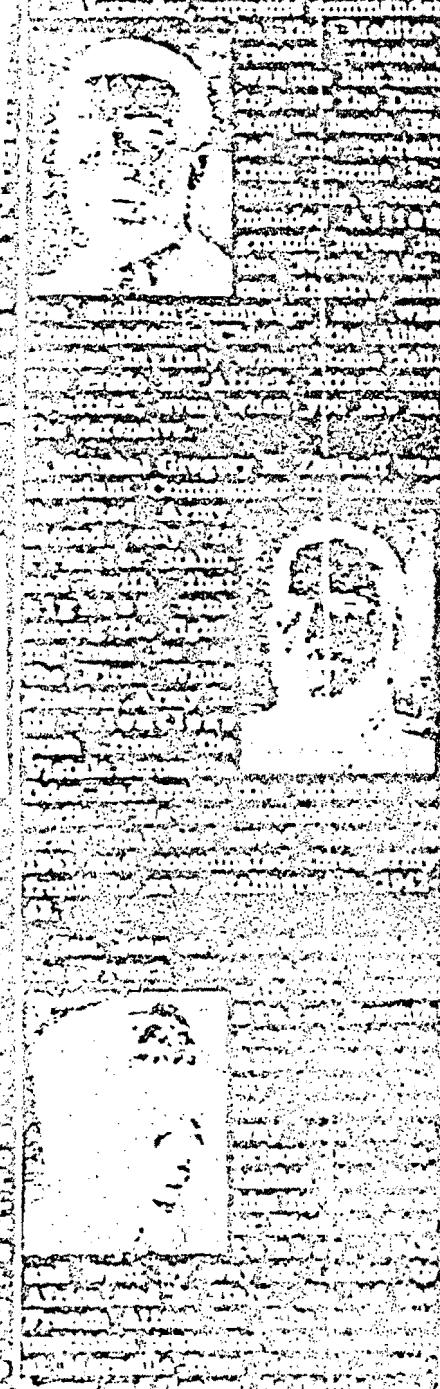
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FORMAL PROGRAM STAGED IN BRONX

Other Boroughs Await V-E Day
Proclamation of President
for Official Fete

Only one of New York City's five boroughs gave official recognition yesterday to the news of Germany's unconditional surrender. Bronx officials held an absence of plans for official ceremonies to follow President Truman's proclamation of V-E Day. The fifth borough, Richmond, plans no formal celebration.

In the Bronx, the plaza in front of the south side of the Bronx County Courthouse in 158th Street attracted 500 persons during the noon hour to a formal celebration of the cessation of hostilities. In Brooklyn, Borough President James Lyons paid his respects under a bunting draped reading "Peace and Order Enforced With Justice and by Strength". At the Foundation of Civilization, Mr. Lyons said: "We welcome the end of the war. In retrospect, the greatest events have been won." Mr. Lyons added: "We hope it will be the fore-runner of peace in the Pacific and that our loved ones will soon return home."

Services were held at the Bronx, who had died in the service or were offered by the Rev. John Howie of the Pilgrim Congregational Church, the Rev. George P. Kelly of the Roman Catholic church of St. Cecilia the King, and the Rev. Dr. Frank J. Flanagan of the Methodist Church.

At 3 P.M., the program of the Bronx was opened by the Mayor, John F. Hylan, who said: "The exercises will be the exercises of the armed forces, the exercises of the proclamation of the President, the command of the commanding general, General George C. Marshall, the commandant of the U.S. Army, and will conclude with a program on the hour of the final victory."

At 4 P.M., the program will continue with the arrival of the Rev. Dr. La Guardia,

Hungarian Crown Jewels Are Seized by Americans

WITH THE UNITED STATES SEVENTH ARMY, May 7.—The Hungarian crown jewels were in the custody of American armed forces today after their capture in Fraham, thirty miles north of Salzburg, where they were being guarded by a detachment of Hungarian troops.

At the same time it was disclosed that Ferenc Szalasi, former Premier of Hungary, had been captured while the Eighteenth Division took Matsee, Austria. The Hungarian was captured by an anti-tank company of the 342d Infantry Regiment commanded by Capt. R. L. Green of Nashville, Tenn.

The first hourly program, from 3 to 6 P.M., will feature addresses by the Mayor, Walter H. Mack, chairman of the City Committee for V-E Day, and a reading of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address by Raymond Massey, as well as a musical program by the New York Philharmonic-Symphony Orchestra. Subsequent programs will include comments by Quentin Reynolds, Dr. Frank Kingdon and musical selections by Dorothy Maynor, Mischa Elman, Dorothy Kirsten, Alexander Brailowsky, Nathan Milstein, James Melton and others.

In Brooklyn a formal celebration will be held on the steps of Borough Hall at 3 P.M. following the President's proclamation. The exercises will be under the auspices of the Borough President's Committee for Racial and Religious Amity.

Borough President John Cunningham, following the announcement of the German surrender yesterday, said:

"The road that lies ahead demands unity of effort and continued sacrifice. Our war production must not lag; we cannot pause for a single day in the discharge of our duties while our boys are fighting and dying in the Pacific." Borough President James J. Burns of Queens announced yesterday that a formal celebration would be held today at noon in front of the Borough Hall in Kew Gardens.

The Crown of St. Stephen.

I cannot conceal the objections I have in accepting the kind invitation to give a ~~legal~~ opinion upon the Holy Crown of Hungary. To reliably judge a relic of such a singular historic and national significance from the viewpoint of fine arts requires the most minute examination of its style and technical fashioning. This thorough knowledge of the Crown I do not possess. Solely, the feeling of gratitude for the kindness which was shown to the International Museum Association by the display of the Crown on occasion of its 1928 Budapest Meeting obliges me to herewith submit in writing my impressions on this instructive, though short inspection.

The lower part of the Holy Crown, that part resting on the forehead, through the inscribed cloisonné paintings has been verified to be of Byzantine origin dating from approximately 1075 and is no longer a problem. Because the prevailing conditions allowed only a brief inspection, I centered my attention upon the upper part, especially to both of the crossed arcs, and will also confine myself herein to this section. Examination from the standpoint of fine arts must deal mainly with the question: Were the enamel paintings on the arcs, which are regarded as the remaining part of the Crown of St. Stephen donated by the Pope, made before the year 1000 or not until after the Géza Crown which means around 1100? Without giving detailed reasons Kondakow, Dalton, Diehl, and Molinier have pleaded for the later date, however, as it seems, only on the basis of inadequate illustrations. To mention the essential point first,

as a result of the examination, I have been inclined to take the other view which, in its essential points, agrees with that of Franz Bock and of the Hungarian scholars Arnold Ipolyi, Béla Czobor, F. v. Radisics, and Elemer v. Varju whose opinion is derived from a thorough knowledge of the Crown.

Too few Byzantine and western cloisonné relics still exist and their dates can seldom be fixed, so that by merely checking against their styles the enamel paintings on the Crown arcs could be determined as originating from the last years before 1000; nevertheless, there are relics enough to classify them incontestably in the middle of the three style eras which must be distinguished in the development of gold cloisonné. In the early years of cloisonné, which started with the Alexandrian gold cup of St. Maurice d'Agaune and includes the Syrian Fieschi relic, The Roman Paschal Cross and the frames of the Milan Paliotto of the Carolingian era, the "painting in enamel" was predominant. In this type, the gold plate was covered with enamel from one edge to the other. The second era emphasizes the "enamel en creux (intaglio)" in which the enamel painting lying in a slight depression is set off against the un-enamelled golden background. This flourishing period which approximately covers the 10th century is characterized by the careful and artistically symbolic use of the gold bands for representing the folds of vestments. The formation of cloisons is prompted by the painter's artistic intent without disclosing that they have the simultaneous technical task of offering the enamel an adequate foothold. This style era culminates in the Limburg Cross relic of

the emperors Constantine and Romanos II (948-959) which is one of the highest achievements of cloisonné art (Table XX).

The first reliably dated work of the third period is the Byzantine Monomach Crown of Budapest; its time of origin is limited by the years 1042 and 1054. The hitherto symbolic drawing of folds which was prompted from a plastic standpoint has here been replaced by a conventional method which, by acute angles, straight lines, and spirals arranged close to each other, suggests a schematic drapery and through the numerous paths increases the adhesion of the enamel, thereby facilitating the technical at the expense of artistic design. The enamel paintings of the Géza Crown from around 1075 show this late style fully developed, however these do not yet affect the enamel paintings on the arcs.

On the arcs are found nine enamel paintings in a fine filigree gold mounting: on the top of the crossing a somewhat larger square plate en creux with the enthroned Pantokrator and eight rectangular plates each with the figure of an apostle between ornamental fields. It is generally acknowledged that these nine cloisonné plates are of western origin and this need not be proven again; the Latin inscriptions on the pictures of the apostles, the convergently squinting eyes, the open mouth, and especially the very awkward drawing of the clumsy large-headed apostle figures plead clearly enough against Byzantine origin.

The Pantokrator plate on the crossing (table XXI) at first seems superior to the apostle pictures since the goldsmith followed

a good Byzantine model very closely, however, the converging squinting and the open mouth prove the identical origin of all nine plates; also the scrolls of the cypresses surrounding the Pantokrator figure are similar to those on the plates representing St. Philippus and St. Thomas. Although the enthroned Christ has been damaged in the center by the hole subsequently made for the little cross, [redacted] design of the drapery on the lower part of the body shows clearly the artistic style of the tenth century. Of course, the author of the nine plates - apparently an Italian - is inferior to the artistic technique of the Byzantine court goldsmiths who created the Limburg Cross relic; but his artistic aim was the same and in spite of the awkwardness prevailing in the western cloisonné workshops of the 10th century, he still succeeded in expressively representing the draping of the vestment between the calves, the gathering of the folds above the left knee, and the tension of the cloak above the right one. A comparison of this vigorous design with the delicate, compact, technically masterful but schematic network of the Pantocrator picture of the 1075 Géza Crown, practically decides the question of which parts of the Holy Crown are older and which more recent. The striking compositional resemblance of both of the Pantocrator paintings joined at the Crown can only be explained by the fact that the master designing the square plate used as his model a Byzantine Pantocrator type of the 10th century which [redacted] was recognized when the Géza Crown was fashioned.

Among the western cloisonné works, especially the Blessed Virgin image shown in the Munich Uta Codex, a Regensburg work of the years after 1002 (M. Rosenberg: Zellenschmelz (Cloisonné) II, 1921, illustr. 69), in so far as the fold design is concerned, seems me to be so similar to the enthroned Christ on the Crown of St. Stephen that their dates of origin presumably also fall into the same period.

The 8 apostle paintings, although undoubtedly created by the same artist as the square plate, look much more antique because here the Byzantine influence is expressed less by the figures than by the ornaments. The Byzantine models, regarding the arrangement of the ornaments on the sides of the figures, are in somewhat similar to the Monomach Crown plates, but older by half a century, since there is no doubt as to the contemporary origin of the apostle paintings and the square painting. The different ornamental designs of the apostle paintings do not contradict this: the lion pairs on the St. James and St. Peter plates (table XXII) facing each other on an enamel background which is decorated with rosettes and circles, are already found in the Alexandrian gold cup of St. Maurice dating from the 7th century (Mr. Rosenberg, Zellenschmelz (Cloisonné) III, illustr. 44); on the basis of this fact the creation of the apostle plates must be fixed earlier rather than later. It is true, the stepped lozenge pattern beneath the lions of these two apostle paintings has accompanied Byzantine enamel painting throughout the centuries, but in the 10th century, this style has its culmination in the edge ornamentation of the Limburg staurothek (cross shaped

case) dating from around 950; the same decoration is found as edge pattern on an Italian cloisonné painting, the Chiavenna Pax, which is fixed at around the year 1000. (Rosenberg, elsewhere, II, illustr. 90). The scrolls, already mentioned in connection with the cypresses of the square plate, which end in clover leaves and are represented on the Philippus painting (table XXII), at the right of Johannes (table XIII), and on the Thomas plate, can be found almost in the same design on some small enamel plates of the Andreas relic from the Trier Egbert School (975-993, illustrated by Falke, Deutsche Schmelzarbeiten des Mittelalters (German mediaeval enamel paintings), table 5). Thus, it must be concluded that the Byzantine models from which the master of the apostle paintings and the Trier Egbert School goldsmith borrowed their ornamentation stem from the last quarter of the 10th century. The apostle figures were given only a few Byzantine features by their maker. As a whole, it is difficult to find analogies to these strangely clumsy figures with their cone-shaped outlines still more emphasized by a gold edge; such analogies can only be met in the enamel paintings of heads and relief figures of the Burgund Athetus relic of Sitten, all of which are by two centuries older (shortly before 800, illustrated by M. Rosenberg, elsewhere, III, illustr.'s 99 and 102). Nevertheless, some details of the apostle figures bespeak clearly their origin from about the year 1000. The exaggerated big hands of Petrus and Jacobus remind of the already mentioned Holy Virgin image of the

Uta Codex; also the convergent squinting is especially noticeable on the octofoiled plate of the Uta Codex (Rosenberg, elsewhere, II, illustr. 91) and on the Aribert book cover made in Milan (after 1018, illustrated by Rosenberg, elsewhere, II, table 11). Here, it should be recalled that Marc Rosenberg has proven the dependence of the Regensburg enamel works of the King Stephen's era on the Milan School. The reference to the analogies of the Trier and Regensburg works is far from claiming that the apostle plates are of cisalpine origin, but is only made in order to establish and assure the approximate contemporary period of the latter. The technical formation of the apostle plates is very odd. They are worked en creux, but since only the narrow, residual tracks of the gold ground are visible which divide every picture into six (Jacobus and Paulus) or four fields (Petrus, Johannes, Philippus, Thomas, Bartolomäus, Andreas), they look rather like full enamel paintings because almost the whole surface is covered by enamel. More probably, such a transition from full enamel painting to en creux painting took place during the second style period of the Ottonic era which followed upon the Carolingian century than during the third one, which had turned away from the full enamel painting, and to which the Géza Crown belongs.

All arguments derived from style and technical constitution of the nine cloisonné paintings on the Crown arcs center on the fact that these parts of the Holy Crown originate from the Ottonic style era of cloisonné arts covering the threshold between the 10th and

11th century. If this has been ascertained, all cause for doubting the account of Pope's donation of the Crown to King Stephen described in Hartwich's Vita Stephani already at the beginning of the 12th century vanishes.

The nine enamel paintings give no clue as to the place where the Stephen's Crown was made. There is no visible connection with the Roman full enamel paintings of the early ninth century, nor with the Paschalis Cross, and the Beresford Hope Cross, nor with Venece. In South Italy the Byzantine style was preserved in the bead strings of the 1133 coronation cloak and the mountings on the sword of Mauritius that neither the clumsy apostle figures of the tenth century nor the enamel paintings of the Konrad II imperial crown can be assumed to originate from there. There would remain Milan, where the mentioned Regensburg enamel paintings actually point to. Also the original form of the Stephen's Crown is indefinite. Czobor's and Radisics' assumption that the paintings of Crist and the apostles including the four missing ones, were fixed on a diadem, that means vertically, is obvious, since the paintings can be seen only partially when the Crown is being borne and the pictures are lying oblique or horizontal. In contradiction to this, Elemer v. Varju (Arch. Ertesitö B. 39) ascertained that the apostle pictures show a slight bend in lengthwise direction in order to follow the curvature of the arcs; therefore he agrees with F. Bock's view saying that the arcs, with the enamel paintings just as they are, were taken from the Stephen's Crown and combined

with the Géza Crown. Concerning this point, I have no judgment of my own because I did not notice the curvature of the apostle pictures when inspecting the Crown, neither is it noticeable in the photograph of the whole Crown.

There is still the matter of the series of four triangular and four rounded off gables surmounting the Géza Crown; they deviate technically from the remaining parts of the Holy Crown. They are worked of transparent green enamel, in strong gold cells soldered to each other, without background and à jour, that means like windows; this method is extremely rare and is hardly found in enamel paintings of the early middle age. Their golden mounting corresponds to that of the big stones and enamel paintings of the Byzantine Géza Crown. Since crowns with triangular and rounded off gables occur in the eastern pictured manuscripts only in the 12th century (cf. A Weixlgärtner, Die weltliche Schatzkammer, im Wiener Jahrb. d. Kunsthist. Sammlungen 1926, S. 24), it must be assumed that they were made for the Byzantine Géza Crown. Where other than in Byzantium could this abnormal and difficult procedure of enamel à jour be practised?

Berlin.

Otto v. Falke.

In addition to the above mentioned experts, also other ones (E. Meyer and others) reject the arc enamel paintings as dating from "about 1000" and support their origin at "about 1100".

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HEADQUARTERS
MILITARY GOVERNMENT DETACHMENT E 1 B
6824 Hq and Hq Co
CIVIL AFFAIRS, AUSTRIA
APO 541, US ARMY

EEB/GU

15 February 1946.

SUBJECT: RUGS.

TO : General Edwin D. Howard, Assistant Chief of Staff G 2
United States Forces in Austria, APO 777, Vienna.

1. This office is conducting an inventory of property issued from the Military Government warehouse.
2. A report concerning the status and location of 9 rugs, as detailed on a receipt dated 13 September 1945, is requested.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

HOMER K. HELLER
Lt. Col. Infantry
PROPERTY CONTROL OFFICER

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HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES FORCES IN AUSTRIA, Office of the A C
of S, G-2, APO 777 US Army 23 February 1946

TO: Headquarters, Military Government Detachment E 1 B, 6824
Hq and Eq Co, Civil Affairs, Austria, APO 541 US Army

The rugs are still in my personal possession in Vienna
in good condition.

EDWIN E. HOWARD
Brig Gen., GSC
A C of S, G-2

Vienna
A-24342

15 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Disposition of Receipts for Property issued from Military Government Warehouse.

TO : Reparation, Deliveries and Restitution Division Headquarters US Forces in Austria,

APO 777, US ARMY.

ATTENTION: Chief, Property Control Branch.

1. This office has issued house hold furnishings of superior quality and workmanship to various General Officers for use in their villas.

2. Attached are true copies of receipts received in exchange for this property and signed for in almost every case by the Aide de Camp of the General who has requested the use of this property.

3. The originals of these receipts are filed in the safe of the Property Control Office, Land Salzburg.

4. This office has written letters to the holders of the property covered by receipts one to eight inclusive requesting a statement as to the present location of these household furnishing and their status.

5. The property included in receipts nine to twenty is held by the 42nd Inf.Div. and the Headquarters Commandant of this Division is preparing a Master Receipt acknowledging responsibility for this property.

6. These twenty two receipts represent property totalling a substantial sum of money. Much of this property before issue was new and unused. All of this property was drawn from the so-called Hungarian "Werfen Train" and it is suggested that these receipts be filed in your Werfen Train Folder S/4.8007 Sa for eventual information and action. -

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

HOMER K. HELLER
Lt. Col., Infantry
PROPERTY CONTROL
OFFICER

Enclosures.

SALZBURG BRANCH
U.S. AUSTRIAN CURRENCY SECTION
FINANCE DIVISION
USACA APO 777

SERIAL NO: _____

DATE: 19. February 1946

SAFE CUSTODY RECEIPT

1. The articles listed below have been received by the Salzburg Branch, U.S. Austrian Currency Section, and are held in Safe Custody for account of: _____

Lt. Col. HELLER Property Control Officer

Mil.Gov. Land Salzburg

2. These articles will be released only against the original of this Safe Custody Receipt.

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Oscar Patuck
OSCAR PATUCK, 1st Lt, Inf.
Chief, Salzburg Branch
U.S.Austrian Currency
Section.

P. D. 34 R. E.

Date, FEB 25 1946

Recd. No. 42

HEADQUARTERS
MILITARY GOVERNMENT DETACHMENT E 1 B
6824 Hq and Hq Co
CIVIL AFFAIRS, AUSTRIA
APO 541, US ARMY

RBJ/vcz

20. February 1946.

SUBJECT: Gold and Silver from the
Werfen Train.

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TO : Reparation, Deliveries and Restitution Division,
Headquarters US Forces in Austria,
APO 777, US ARMY

ATTENTION: Chief, Property Control Branch, Maj. KONTZ.

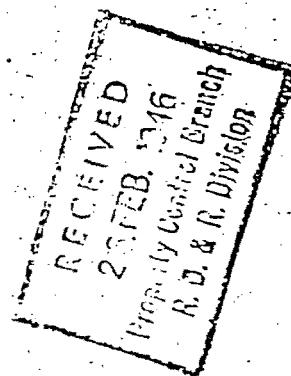
1. Enclosed herewith is a copy of the receipt from the Austrian Currency Section for the above subject property which is in compliance with your instructions in letter dated the 29th of January 1946.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Homer K. Heller

HOMER K. HELLER
Lt. Col., Infantry
PROPERTY CONTROL
OFFICER

Encl.



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26 February 1946

Property Under Control

1. EDAR Div Off of 2/26/46
Property Chief of
Control Staff
Branch USAF
Attn:
Lt. Forbes

1. This office has been informed that certain articles which had formerly been requisitioned for the use of Major General Donald W. Brann had been turned over for the use of Brig. General McMahon.
2. If the items listed on the attached receipt are now being used by General McMahon, it will be appreciated if a copy of this receipt may be signed by a responsible officer and returned to this office.

FOR THE DIVISION CHIEF:

EDWARD O. MARTIN
Captain, Inf.
Property Control Br.

Incl:
s above

Vienna, A-17520, Regd - 143.

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HEADQUARTERS U. S. FORCES IN AUSTRIA
PREPARATION, DELIVERIES AND RESTITUTION DIVISION
Property Control Branch
APO 777, U. S. Army

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26 February 1946

SUBJECT: Property formerly requisitioned for
Major General Donald W. Brann

TO : Commanding Officer
Military Government Detachment E1B
Salzburg
ATTENTION: Property Control Officer

1. Reference is made to your letter of 15 February 1946, requesting the Office of the Deputy Commissioner, United States Forces in Austria for a report on the whereabouts of the property formerly requisitioned for General Brann.

2. This property has been turned over to Brig. General Tate and Brig. General McNaughton, both of whom have been requested by this office for a receipt acknowledging these items.

3. When received, a copy of these receipts will be forwarded to you for file.

FOR THIS DIVISION CHIEF:

Edwin O. Merrin

EDWIN O. MERRIN
Captain, Inf.
Property Control Br.

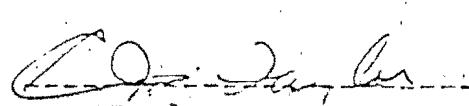
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- 6 Demitasse cups
- 6 Demitasse saucers
- 6 Tea cup saucers.
- 10 Dessert saucers
- 2 Meat platters
- 1 Serving plate
- 5 Serving bowls
- 1 Gravy bowl and spoon
- 6 Bread and butter plates
- 1 Chinaware teapot
- 5 Glass dessert plates
- 1 Salt and pepper dish.
- 1 Linen table cloth
- 1 Coffee pot
- 4 Flower vases
- 6 Forks
- 6 Meat knives
- 6 Saled knives
- 6 Saled forks
- 10 Soup spoons
- 12 Tea spoons
- 1 Carving knife
- 6 Meat forks
- 6 Demitasse spoons
- 4 Salt spoons
- 7 Serving spoons
- 4 Cake knives
- 6 Wine glasses-tall
- 7 Wine glasses-medium
- 6 Wine glasses-small
- 6 Cocktail glasses
- 8 water glasses
- 30 Tea cups
- 30 Tea & spoons SAUCERS
- 10 Coffee pots-chinaware
- 1 Bronze statue, panther, 15" long
- 1 Bronze statue, nude, 20" high
- 1 Silverware tray
- 1 Rug, 4 by 8 ft. White tassles on end.
Valeur, Blue diamond design.
- 1 Rug, 3 by 7 ft. White tassles on end.
Valeur, Brown border.
- 1 Rug, 3 by 8 ft. White tassles on end.
Blue, valeur yellow center.
- 1 Rug 4 by 6 ft. red border, valeur,
flower design in center.
- 1 Rug 3 ft. square, tassles on all
sides, red and gray in color.
- 1 Rug 4 by 6 ft. red valeur, tassles
on the ends.
- 20 Teacups.
- 20 Saucers.
- 6 Dinner plates.
- 3 Small chinaware statues.

These items are to be returned to Military Government warehouse
upon demand.

These items are to be used by General LINDEN.


C.J.Taylor
2nd Lt. A.D.C.

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SILVERWARE SETS FOR U.S. FAMILIES
FOR THE TRANSPORT TRAIN

Box No.	Price in Dollars	Box No.	Price in Dollars
6	276.00	102	290.80
7	264.40	104	247.60
8	266.00	106	236.00
9	302.40	107	275.20
10	318.40	109	231.60
14	228.80	110	298.40
18	250.80	112	254.90
25	357.20	113	244.40
26	236.80	114	242.00
31	327.20	115	285.20
32	241.60	150	299.60
38	256.40	156	239.20
39	250.80	164	225.20
40	308.80	168	238.80
41	362.80	171	251.60
47	252.80	175	211.60
62	226.40	177	243.60
55	268.40	178	245.00
59	248.00	180	420.00
63	263.60	186	211.60
71	238.80	187	181.20
72	232.40	193	238.40
79	292.40	250	274.40
93	265.60	264	229.60
94	211.60	270	260.40

27 Feb 1946

- 1 - 2 Rugs (one with one blue triangle in each corner
(heavy wool))
(One 6x1 light colored, close pattern)
- 2 - 1 Complete set of silver ware (less 1 knife lost and 1
knife broken (repairable))
- 3 - 1 Table cloth and 12 napkins

For use of General McMahon.

*Frank A. Jordan
Captain ADC*

Nothing follows

Removed from Hungarian Train Material.

2-27-40

27 February 1946

Military Government Warehouse

Number of rugs in second pile-----2000

Number of rugs in first pile-----3225

Total number of rugs----- 5225

~~Less rugs that are signed out~~
Plus rugs that are signed out before 26 February 1946
Less rugs that are signed out after 26 February 1946

Property Control Branch
APO 777, U. S. Army

18 March 1946

SUBJECT: Property Released from Military
Government Warehouse on Hand Receipt.

TO: Commanding Officer
Military Government Detachment E1B
Salzburg
ATTENTION: Property Control Officer
Major Agnew

1. Request that you bring to the immediate attention of the proper authorities, the items of household furnishings that have been released from the Military Government Warehouse for use by general officers, with a request that these items be properly accounted for through a P&C officer on a requisition form, as required by current SAE instructions.
2. Advise us further, insofar as you are able to ascertain, where by whom these items are being used.

FOR THE DIVISION CHIEF:

WALKER M. TRECE
1st Lt., Inf.
Chief, Property Control Br.

Telephone:
Vienna, A-17580
Ext - 139.

HEADQUARTERS
MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAND SALZBURG AUSTRIA
DETACHMENT 7753
APO 541

RJC/bes
20 March 1947

SUBJECT: Material Loaned from Werfen Train.

TO: Property Control Branch, Reparations, Deliveries
and Restitution Division, USACA Section,
US Forces Austria, APO 777, US Army.

THROUGH: Property Control and Restitution Section,
Zone Command Austria.

1. A revised list of Werfen Train property
loaned from the Military Government Warehouse Salzburg
on X/R and Forms 6-G is forwarded herewith.

2. This office will keep your Headquarters
informed as to changes in this situation.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

HJM
Howard J. Mackenzie
Captain - Spec Res
Property Control Officer

Incls: Lists of Items Loaned.

HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES FORCES IN AUSTRIA
APO 777, U. S. ARMY

AG 400 AGA/R

28 March 1947

SUBJECT: Transfer of Accountability and Responsibility of Property
- Released from Property Control Warehouse, Salzburg

TO: Commanding General
Zone Command Austria
APO 541, U. S. Army

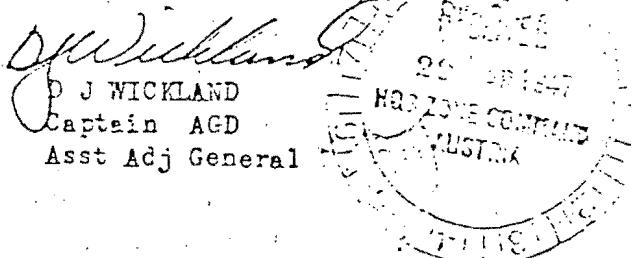
1. Attached is a list of properties released from the Property Control Warehouse, Salzburg, to United States Forces in Austria and military personnel. It is directed that the property listed herein be accounted for in accordance with the provisions of letter, this Headquarters, AG 524 GDS, 17 December 1946, subject: "Accounting for Furniture and Household Furnishings as Post, Camp, and Station Property."
2. Property listed herein in the hands of units and individuals will be adjusted in accordance with the scale established in letter, this Headquarters, AG 524 GDS, 29 October 1946, subject: "Supply Procedures and Scale of Allowances of Household Furnishings for Dependents, Bachelor Officers and Civilians, American and Allied."

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL KEYES:

RECEIVED:
LIEUTENANT GENERAL

Incl: 083^a

As above



Telephone: VIENNA B-48133

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Ltr., Hq USPA, subj: "Transfer of Accountability and Responsibility of Property Released from Property Control Warehouse, Salzburg", dated 28 March 1947.

AG 400 GREEN 1st Ind
HEADQUARTERS ZONE COMMAND, AUSTRIA, APO 541, U. S. Army, 31 March 1947.

TO: Commanding Officer, 7753 Military Government Detachment, APO 541, U. S. Army.
(Attn: Property Control Section)

For compliance with basic letter.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL COLLINS:



Incl:

n/c

Telephone SALZBURG 4704

R. B. KNEE
MAJ AGD
ASST ADJ GEN

6824 HQ and HQ CO
CIVIL AFFAIRS, AUSTRIA
APO 541, US ARMY

REC/MK

4 April 1946

SUBJECT: Property released from Military Government
Warehouse on Hand-Receipts./All from Werfen-
train./

TO : Reparation, Deliveries and Restitution Division
Headquarters United States Forces in Austria
APO 777 US ARMY
Attention: Chief, Property Control Branch.

1. In reference to your letter of 18 March
1946 concerning items from the Werfen train that have
been released to General Officers, the attached inventory
will show where and by whom these items are now being
used.

2. All the hand receipts received by this
office for issued items have been turned over to Lt. Col.
Bull, G 4, 42 nd Division. He in turn will supply this
office with form G.P.A. - E.T.O. - 6 G on all the hand re-
ceipts.

3. In the future, all items will be requisitioned
through G-4, 42 nd Division with approval of General
COLLINS 42 nd Division Commander.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Howard A. Mackenzie
Captain - Spec. R.S.
Property Control Officer

UNITED STATES FORCES IN AUSTRIA
USACA SECTION
Reparations, Deliveries and Restitution Division
Property Control Branch
APO 777, U. S. Army

JID/bh

10 April 1946

SUBJECT: Property Released from Military Government
Warehouse on Hand Receipt

TO : Commanding Officer
Military Government Detachment E 1 B
Salzburg

ATTENTION: Property Control Officer

1. Your attention is invited to the letter from this office dated 18 March 1946, in regards to above subject matter.

2. It is desired that this matter be given your immediate attention and that true copies of the completed requisition forms be forwarded to this office for record.

FOR THE DIVISION CHIEF:

John T. KONTZ
JOHN T. KONTZ
Major, AC
Chief, Property Control Br.

Tel:
Vienna A 17580
Ext 139

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HEADQUARTERS
MILITARY GOVERNMENT DETACHMENT E.I.B.
6924 Ho and Ha Co
CIVIL AFFAIRS, AUSTRIA
APO 541, US ARMY

RE: MILK

23 April 1946

SUBJECT: Property released from Military Government
Warehouse on Hand-Receopt. /All from Werfen-
train./

TO : Reparation, Deliveries and Restitution Division
Headquarters United States Forces in Austria
APO 777 US ARMY

Attention: Chief, Property Control Branch.

10 April
list 1. In reference to your letter of 18 March and
1946 concerning items from the Werfen train that have
been released to General Officers, the attached ~~Inventory~~
will show where and by whom these items are now being
used.

2. All the hand receipts received by this
office for issued items have been turned over to Lt. Col.
Bull, G 4 42nd Division. He in turn will supply this
office with form G.P.A. - E.T.O. - 6 G on all the hand re-
ceipts being which his office can take proper jurisdiction over.

In the future, all items will be requisitioned through G-4, 42nd Division with approval of General
COLLINS 42nd Division Commander.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Howard A. Mackenzie
Captain - Spec.Res.
Property Control Officer

The will supply your office with the copies
of the requisitions and hand receipts
so as the originals and hand receipts
from Lt. Bull's office.

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HEADQUARTERS
MILITARY GOVERNMENT ATTACHMENT E18
6224 Hq and Hq Co
CIVIL AFFAIRS, AUSTRIA
APO 541, US Army

JCC/bs

2 May 1946

SUBJECT: Property released from Military Government
Warehouse on Hand Receipt/Air Train/Verfen Train/
Reparation, Deliveries and Restitution Division,
Headquarters United States Forces in Austria,
APO 777, US Army
Attention: Chief, Property Control Branch

1. In reference to your letters of 18 March and 10 April 1946 concerning items from the Verfen Train that have been released to various officers, the attached list will show where and by whom those items were being used at last report.
2. Attached you will find true copies of the hand receipts received by this office for issued items.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Howard A. MacKenzie,
Capt. Spec. Res.
Property Control Officer

Incl.

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HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES FORCES IN AUSTRIA
USACA SECTION

Reparations; Deliveries and Restitution Division
Property Control Branch
APO 777, U. S. Army

JMD/mkh

File: 34.8007 Sa

21 May 1946

SUBJECT: Requisitioned property from the Hungarian
Werfen Train.

TO: Commanding Officer
Military Government Detachment ElB
Salzburg
ATTN: Property Control Officer

1. Attached hereto are the completed GPA ETO Forms No. 6G as executed by the P & C Officer in Vienna for the articles from the Werfen train which were originally issued on a Memorandum receipt for the use of Major Gen. Brann, now deceased, part of which are presently being used by Gen. Tate.

2. The completed forms for the balance of the articles which are presently in the use of Gen. McMahon will be forwarded as soon as they are submitted to this office.

FOR THE DIVISION CHIEF:

John T. Kontz

JOHN T. KONTZ *John*

Major, AC
Chief, Property Control Br.

Incls:

3 copies of completed
GPA - ETO Forms 6G.

Telephone:
A-23041

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HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES FORCES IN AUSTRIA
USACA SECTION

Reparations, Deliveries and Restitution Division
Property Control Branch
APO 777, U. S. Army

JMD/hh

3 4.8007 Sa.

8 June 1946

SUBJECT: Werfen Train Materials

TO : Commanding Officer
Military Government Detachment E 1 B
Salzburg
ATTENTION: Property Control Officer

1. Instructions have been received from the Chief of Staff USFA that items from the Werfen Train are not to be released for the use of family billets or for any other purpose, and that the materials shall be carefully protected.

2. This office believes that measures previously taken for the protection of the materials have been adequate, however, it is deemed advisable to inspect the properties to ascertain if further precautions, or action is necessary for the preservation and security of the properties.

3. It is requested that the properties which have previously been released on memorandum receipt be properly requisitioned in accordance with the letter of instructions from this office dated 18 March 1946.

FOR THE DIVISION CHIEF:

John T. Kortz
JOHN T. KORTZ *John*
Major, AC
Chief, Property Control Br.

Tel:

Vienna A 23041

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MILITARY GOVERNMENT DETACHMENT E1B
6824 Eq and Eq Co, CA/A,
APO 541 - US ARMY

16 July 1946

SUBJECT: Items issued on E/R from Property Control
Warehouse,

TO: Commanding General, Zone Command Austria,
APO 541, United States Army.

1. In accordance with directives from Headquarters
United States Forces in Austria, Reparations, Deliveries
and Constitution Division, USACA Section, Property Control
Branch, request that items on the attached list either be
returned to the Property Control Warehouse, Manglau,
Salzburg, or that they be accounted for through your P and
C Officer on Form GP - ETO - 6G Austria in triplicate as
required by current SAE instructions.

2. It is desired that this be accomplished by

15 August 1946.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Howard A. Mackenzie,
Captain - Spec.Res.
Property Control Officer

Inlosure: List of Items Issued on E/R
from Property Control Ware-
house for Use of Major Gen.
Harry J. Collins

MILITARY GOVERNMENT DETACHMENT ELB
6624 Hq and Eq Co, CAA,
APO 541 - US ARMY

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16 July 1946

SUBJECT: Barfen Train Materials, Ser.No.S 4.8307 Sa,
TO: Preparations, Deliveries and Restitution Division,
Headquarters USM, APO 777,
SUBJECAT: Property Control Branch

1. Reference is made to your memorandum of 2 June 1946, subject Barfen Train Materials, Ser.No.S 4.8307 Sa.

2. The attached list will show where and by whom items released from the Military Government warehouse on hand receipts are now being used.

3. Letters are being written to all Headquarters which have received items on memorandum receipts, requesting that the items be either returned to Property Control Warehouse, Maxglaen, Salzburg, or that they be accounted for through Unit P and C Officers on Form GPA Form - 6G Austria in triplicate as required by current SAE instructions.

4. Copies of the correspondence will be forwarded to you as it is prepared.

5. We will supply your office with true copies of the requisitions as soon as they are received.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Howard A. Mackenzie,
Captain - Spec.Rgt.
Property Control Officer

6824 Hq and Eq Co, CA/A,
APO 541 - US ARMY

RBC/bes

22 July 1946

SUBJECT: Requisitioned articles from Serfen Train
Material.

TO: Commanding General, Zone Command Austria,
APO 541, United States Army.

ATTN: AC of S - G-4

1. As requested, a list of all Hungarian Serfen Train Material which has been issued from the Property Control Warehouse on memorandum receipt or form GFA 570 - CG /Austria/ is forwarded herewith.
2. Every effort is being made to have all of the above-mentioned material properly requisitioned through P and C Officers or to have it returned to our warehouse. This is in accordance with orders from the Chief of Staff, United States Forces in Austria.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Howard A. Mackenzie,
Captain - Spec. Res.
Property Control Officer

Enclosure:
1 - List of Material Loaned
from the Property Control
Warehouse

L I S T

1. Reference is made to memorandum receipt, dated 25 January 1946, signed by Louis E. Grant, 2nd Lt Inf. ADC, for use of guard room at Brunnerstrasse 26-28, Salzburg.

- 1 rug, 8 x 12, Persian type, 9 circular designs on the end, 1 rug, 8 x 12, 7 circular designs at one end, center piece with leaf and flower design,
- 1 rug, 8 x 12, 14 angle designs at one end,
- 1 rug, 6 x 8, two circles on each end with line weaving through border design,
- 1 rug, square, 7 x 7, brown shades /Mexican appearance/
- 1 rug, 11 x 8, 17 complete circular designs in center pattern.

2. Reference is made to memorandum receipt, dated 16 November 1946, signed by Lt Mackenzie, 1st Lt, ADC.

- 52 wine glasses
- 11 champagnes glasses
- 64 water glasses
- 17 liquor glasses
- 37 glasses/matched set
- 1 silver punch bowl and ladle
- 6 highball glasses
- 12 glasses and silver bottoms

3. Reference is made to memorandum receipt / no date/, signed by Lt Mackenzie, 1st Lt, ADC.

- Silver candlesticks: 2 plain with 3 rings near bottom of stem
 - 2 with a 6-sided bottom
 - 2 ornate womens figure holding a bow
 - 2 plain, 4 rings near bottom of stem
 - 2 approx. five inches tall and each with 4 feet
 - 2 large ornate with 4 arms attached, screwed on top
- 1 rug, 8 x 12, light color, flower design
 - 1 rug, 3 x 4, deep red, light blue pattern
 - 1 rug, 3 x 12, reddish
 - 1 rug, 3 x 4, reddish, 3 centre figures,
 - 1 rug, 2 1/2 x 4, reddish with yellowish design,
 - 1 furry heavy knap, 4 x 2 1/2, light blue centre design
 - 1 rug, 10 ft x 3, with 5 centre designs,
 - 1 damaged rug/Hole in corner/, light blue, 3 square designed at one end
 - 1 rug, reddish, oriental, 2 1/2 x 4,
 - 1 rug, reddish, light blue, red centre, 2 1/2 x 4,
 - 1 rug, 3 1/2 x 4, three principal designs at one end

4. Reference is made to memorandum receipt, dated January 3, 1946, signed by B. Mac-Cahey, Capt., aide de Camp, O-40433, for use at Villa Warsberg.

20 dinner dishes, blue and gold borders, no trade mark,
 25 soup dishes, blue and gold design, LSCDC Czechoslovakian
 trademark,
 4 soup dishes, rose border, no trade mark,
 11 cups and 10 saucers /Minifred/, rose design, Vicent
 coffee-pot, white silver borders, crown, Czechoslovakian
 trademark,
 24 Minifred design, Rosenthal,
 2 vegetable dishes, blue border, 5040 on bottom,
 2 meat platters, one red flowered border /2678, one blue
 border/Zsolnay design.
 4 blue-bordered cups and 4 blue-bordered saucers.

5. Reference is made to memorandum receipt, dated 3 January 1946, signed by J. Mackenzie, 1st Lt, ADC, for use at the guest house near Villa Warsberg:

1 rug, 23 x 11, 3 inch, brown border strip, variegated design
 1 strip rug, 2 1/2 x 6, bright colors, blue, red with black
 piping on the design. Each square design has four central
 figures,
 1 red cover, 3 x 5 with two large designs
 1 large lace piano cover
 6 linen sheets with fancy edgings
 3 linen sheets, plain
 3 linen pillow cases,
 1 linoleum cover, white linen, 4 x 3 with whole design,
 3 small table covers about the size of large napkins,
 piping 15 yards, red flower design, name "Katherina"
 woven into it.

Pictures

1 gold frame with small picture showing a Japanese woman
 in batik point
 1 painting crab peddler, two women customers,
 1 house and garden scene in woodcut

6. Reference is made to memorandum receipt, signed by J. A. Mackenzie, 1st Lt, ADC, for use in Villa Maria Theresa in Schlesien:

1 rug, 4 x 8, six red figures,
 1 rug, 9 x 12, center design of red and blue on a white
 background,
 1 rug, 6 x 9, animal patterns,
 1 rug, 9 x 12, cloth backing olive light blue
 1 rug, 9 x 12, S design on border,
 1 rug, throw rug, white and dark blue,

- 3 -

1 rug, three center figures,
rug, cloth backing, woolly nap, blue center

7. Reference is made to memorandum receipt, dated
2 November 1945, signed by Jack J. Joyner, Capt., G/S-S-3
1342, 1st Conair Group, 42d Div. CP, for use in Major General
Harry W. Collins private railroad car:

1 rug, 8 x 12, 14 principal circular figures in the
center of the rug, enclosed by the border,
1 rug, 8 x 12, 16 principal figures around the border,
round center figures with a white border.

Date	Item	Where in Use Now:	Hand Receipts
23 Febr. 1946 1 Pkg	Room 91, Labor Div.	J.C. Hennal, Maj., Court House Salzburg	Chief Labor Div., Govt. Set. EIB
10 Oct. 1945 1 set silver	Col. Leaky's dwelling, Salzburg	Col. Leaky, USA, Filleting Officer	
15 Dec. 45 1 rug	F.W. Hyde, Col. Inf., 1st C.G.S.O., Salzburg	John C. Bennett, 1st Lt., Transportation Off., Residenzplatz I	C-5
No date 5 typewriters	USACK Economic Division Lt. Frank J. Barnes, Allianz Building, Vienna	2d Branch Economic Div., USACK	
15 Feb. 45 China & Silver	Lt. Col. Ellis Davis, former home of Gen. Ladeu, JG Engr. Cp, commanding	Ellis O. Davis, Lt. Col., Salzburgstr. 36, Salzburg	
8 Febr. 45 7 rugs	Military Government Building, Courthouse	Edward E. Menges, 1st Lt., F.A., Salzburg	
26 Sept. 45 Rugs, table-and silverware, table	Gen. E.Z. Hume, Schloss Rief, near Salzburg	Capt. Fred R. Brownyard F.M., 6-5, USAF	
13 Sept. 45 12 rugs	Gen. Edwin D. Howard Apartment in Vienna	Edwin D. Howard, Brig. Gen., GSC, AG of SG	
30 March 46 11 silverplate & 12 silver plates			
27 Sept. 45 Silverware, linen, Gen. Ladeu's residence	Jack N. Cole, 1nd Lt., 42d Div. Arty	Chief of Staff Secy., USPA-B, Gen. Ladeu	
14 Sept. 45 20 Rugs, table-	Brig. Gen. Marill Ross, 15 Schwimmschulstr. Salzburg	Charles C. Ross, 1st Lt. ADC	
6 May 46	turned over to U.S.S. John L. Sawhill, Capt., F.A. ADC	John L. Sawhill, Capt., F.A. ADC	
12 March 46 3 typewriters	US Camp Hallein	Chester E. Zutherford, 1st Lt, Inf. Supply Off.	
20 Febr. 46 5 rugs	Hotel Bristol	John A. Dvorak, 1st Lt., Hotel Manager	
24 Oct. 45 Silverware	Brig. Gen. Marill Ross 42d Div. Arty	Charles C. Ross, 1st Lt. ADC	
1 Oct. 45 Silverware	von Trapp Estate 42d Div. Arty Staff	Lt. Ross Trappheim, Rd 42nd Div. Arty	

- Date Item Where in Use Now Hand Receipts Signed by
- 16 Nov. 45 Glassware Maj.Gen.H.J.Collins, Villa Wursberg former Gau-
leiters home/ 1st Lt Mac Mechanic, ADC
- 10 Dec. 45 Pillrugs, candlesticks Maj.Gen.H.J.Collins 1st Lt Mac Mechanic, ADC
- 31 July 45 Furniture & Furnishings Maj.Gen.H.J.Collins Edward R.Coppock, 1st Lt
Courthouse rooms 102-103 Inf. HQ. Commandant
- 2 Nov. 45 2 rugs Gen.Collins private Rail Jack J.Tyner, Capt C/H
road car A 3 1347 Eng. Const. Gr.
- 3 Jan. 46 Rugs, pictures, Gen.Collins Guesthouse Joa. Mao Sehey, 1st Lt
Linden nr.Villa Wursberg ADC
- 8 Jan. 46 Chincarate Maj.Gen.Collins, Villa 3.Mao Sehey, Capt, ADC
- 25 Jan. 46 6 rugs Guard-house, Gen.Collins, Louis Grant, 2nd Lt.
Rummelstr. 26-28, Salzburg Inf. REC.
- 10 date 13 rugs Gen.Collins, Villa Maria E.MacMechanic, 1st Lt.
Theresien Schlössl Inf. HQ 42d Inf. Div.
- 8 Sept. 45 16 rugs Brig Gen Linden, for room Gen. J.Cowling, 1st Lt.
in V.Trapp estate, now in REC. HQ 42d Div.
Fausingerstr.
- 13 Sept. 45 Foot of girl-Bar room in v.Trapp estate, signature illegible
of drapes Brig Gen Linden
- 11 Febr. 46 Photo equipment Brig.Gen.H.Linden Gen. Cowling, 1st Lt, ADC
- 11 March 46 3 rugs Orn Linden's guesthouse Gilbert C.Cochrane,
1st Lt Inf.
- 7 June 46 Rugs, vases, chincarate Gen.Linden, Fausingerstr. Evening Linden, now:
Salzburg Col Inf. Deputy Zone Commander
- 7 June 46 1 rug Klemmler Haus, Salzburg Roy Lundquist, 1st Lt
Inf.
- 7 June 46 1 rug Klemmlerhaus, Salzburg Robert D.Riley, 1st Lt

Property Control Warehouse

Item: _____ here in Use Now: _____ Hand Receipts Signed by:

- 1 Oct 1946 1 rug room 91, Inber-Div. Lt. C. Dornal, Maj. CH. Court House Salzburg - Brief, Inber-Div. Mil. C. Dornal, Maj.
- 16 Oct 45 1 set silver - 601 Woods Capt. Cole Col. Leakey, USAF, dwelling Salzburg - Billeting Officer
- 15 Feb 45 China and silverware Lt. Col. Ellis Davis, former name of Gen. Ladue, 36 Mar. G-3, Imbergstr. 36, Salzburg Commanding
- 20 Oct 45 8 typewriters USACA-Economic Div. Lt. Frank W. Raines, Allianz Building, Vienna 2d Branch Economic Div. GSA
- 26 Sept 45 1 rug, table & Gen. E. Hume, Schloss Fred R. Kromyard, Capt. silverware, table Brief nr. Salzburg P.O., V-5, USAF linens, glassware
- 13 Sept 45 8 rugs Gen. Edwin D. Edwards Edw. D. Edwards, Brig. Gen. Department of Vienna GOC, HQ of 82-2
- 10 March 46 1 set silver ware, 12 silver plates -
- 29 Sept 45 Silverware, linens, Gen. Ladue's residence, Jack Malone, 2d Lt. rug Besselthalergasse 17, Office of Staff Officer Salzburg USAF Brig. Gen. Ladue
- 26 Sept 45 20 rugs, table - Brig. Gen. Marill Ross, Charles C. Ross, 1st Lt. ware 42d Div. Arty., 15 Schwimmstrasse, Salzburg
- 5 May 46 " turned over to U.S.S. John S. Sawhill, Jr. 15 Schwimmstrasse Capt F. J. ADW
- 12 March 46 8 typewriters MEF Camp Hallen Chester M. Hutchins, 1st Lt Inf. Supply Officer, 2nd BN, 202 Inf.
- 20 Feb 46 3 rugs Hotel Bristol John A. Dvorak, 1st Lt. Hotel Manager
- 26 Oct 45 Silverware Brig. Gen. Marill Ross, Charles C. Ross, 1st Lt 42d Div. Arty, Salzburg ADC 15 Schwimmstrasse
- 4 Oct 45 Silverware von Trapp Estate, 42d Lt Ross Trapphagen, HQ, Div. Arty Staff Officers 42d Div. Arty
- 16 Nov 45 Silverware Haj Gen. H. J. Collins, 1st Lt Mechanic ADC Villa Zarsberg/ former Gabletters Home/

- late 11 rugs, candle - Maj. Gen. H.J. Collins 1st Lt Mackenzie, ADC
etc.
- July 45 furniture & furnishings - Maj. Gen. H.J. Collins, Par. Officer, 1st Lt,
Courthouse rooms 102/103 Inf. Sq. Standard
- Sept. 45 22 rugs - Gen. Collins private Jack Dwyer, Capt.
railroad car S-3 1347 Eng. Constr. Cr.
- Jan. 46 7 rugs, pictures, Gen. Collins guest 35. Mackenzie, 1st Lt,
Willaarsberg
- Jan. 46 chinaware - Gen. Collins, Willaarsberg, Capt., ADC
Willaarsberg
- Jan. 46 3 rugs - Guardhouse, Gen. Collins, 1st Lt, Mackenzie, 1st Lt,
Prunnerstr. 26-28, Salzburg - 42d Inf. Div.
- Sept. 46 23 rugs - Gen. Collins, Mackenzie, 1st Lt.
Invasion Schloss 140, 42d Inf. Div.
- Sept. 46 17 rugs - Brig. Gen. Linden, former M.S.C. Staff, 1st Lt,
room in v. Lapp estate, 1st Lt, 42d Inf. Div.
not in Trausnigstr. 17
- Sept. 46 1 rug - room in v. Lapp estate, 1st Lt, Mackenzie
Lindner
- Oct. 46 10 rugs - Brig. Gen. Linden, 1st Lt, 42d Inf. Div.
- March 46 5 rugs - Gen. Linden's guesthouse Gilde, G. Cochrane
et al. 1st Lt, Inf.
- June 46 1 rug - v. Lapp estate, 1st Lt, Mackenzie, 1st Lt
Mackenzie
- June 46 1 rug - Invaliden-Haus, Officers Club, 1st Lt
Club
- June 46 2 rug - Mrs. Hyde, Col. Inf. Regt. John Bennett, 1st Lt
G.M.C. Salzburg, 1st Lt, P. Transport Regt. 11.
Residenzplatz 1 C-5
- July 46 17 rugs - Will. Government buildings, Richard E. Menard,
Courthouse Salzburg, 1st Lt, Inf.
- Aug. 46 13 rugs - Property Control Office H. A. MacKenzie, Capt.
and family billet 1st Lt, Inf. Regt. 11
- Aug. 46 12 rugs - Prop. Control Office, H. A. MacKenzie, Capt.
and family billet 1st Lt, Inf. Regt. 11
- Aug. 46 12 rugs - Prop. Control Office, H. A. MacKenzie, Capt.
and family billet 1st Lt, Inf. Regt. 11

SEARCHED & INDEXED - SERIALIZED - FILED
RECEIVED A BRIEF RECEIVED OF THE FOLLOWING:

APRIL 4C - 100 pieces in Uss Row - 66 Forms Recd.

16 silver sets?

Jack Feldman, 2d Lt,
42 Inf, 411

APRIL 4C - 100 sets?

Jack Feldman, 2d Lt,
42 Inf, 411

APRIL 4C - 100 sets silver - Cavalierhaus, officers - Charles E. Monk, 2d Lt
Inf, 42d Div, 411 Co.
with cigar Club,

APRIL 4C - 100 sets silver - St. Coloman's Charles E. Monk, 2d Lt
Inf, 42d Div, 411 Co.

APRIL 4C - Silver tapestry Col. H. Linden, West. Charles E. Monk, 2d Lt
Inf, 42d Div, 411 Co.

MAY 4C - 100 pieces, Gen-Fate, 40 Himmelstr. Kenneth R. Fisher, 1st Lt
silver glassware Vienna 11X, formerly 1st Lt. issued for use of Maj Gen
Brann, deceased

MAY 4C - 100 pieces, Brig.Gen. W. J. McNaughton, Capt. Forbes, Jr. Capt.
McNaughton, table set - 3A Cheyenne Barracks, Vienna, 42d C/S Office
formerly issued for use of Maj Gen Brann, deceased

MAY 4C - 100 pieces, Chief of Staff Office, Charles E. Monk, 2d Lt
42d Div.C.P. Building, Inf 42d Div 411 Co.

MAY 4C - 1 silver set, Gen. Flory's home in Vienna Donald F.O. Keating,
box E 1142 1st Lt Inf, USA

MAY 4C - 1 silver set, Brig.Gen. Charles Saltzmann, Director Public Administrations, USACA,
box E 1175 - Donald F.O. Keating, 1st Lt Inf, USA
Vienna /?/

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List of Material Loaned from
Property Control Warehouse

Item	Where In Use Now	Hand Receipts Signed By
146 1 Rug	Room 91, Labor Div. Court House Salzburg	J.C. Donnel, Maj. CE Chief Labor Div. MIL Govt. Det. ELB
2/45 1 Set Silverware	Capt. Cate's Billet	Capt. Cates, USFA, Billeting Officer
2/45 1 Rug	F.W. Hyde, Col. Ing. Asst. CMGO, Salzburg Residenzplatz 1	John C. Bennett, 1st Lt. AF Transp. Office, G-5
2/45 8 Typewriters	USACA Economics Div. Allianz Bldg. Vienna	Lt. Frank J. Raines, 2nd Br. Econ. Div. USACA
2/46 China & Silverware	Lt. Col. Ellis Davis, former home of Gen. Ladue Imbergstr. 36, Salzburg	Ellis O. Davis, Lt. Col. 36 Engr. Gp. Commanding
2/5 7 Rugs	Mil. Gvt. Building, Courthouse, Salzburg	Edward E. Menges, 1st Lt., FA.
2/5 Rugs (18); Table; Silverware; table linen, glassware	Gen. E.E. Hume, Schloss Rief, near Salzburg	Capt. Fred R. Brownyard FA, G-5, USFA
2/5 9 Rugs	Gen. Edwin D. Howard's Apartment in Vienna	Edward D. Howard, Brig. Gen. GSC, AC of SG 2
2/6 1 Silver Set & 12 Silver Plates	" "	" "
2/5 1 Rug; Silverware; Linen	Gen. Ladue's Residence Nesselthalerstr. 17, Salzburg	Jack H. Cole, 2nd Lt. Chief of Staff Sect. USFA-B. Gen. Ladue
2/6 3 Typewriters	DEP Camp Hallein	Chester E. Hutchins, 1st Lt. Inf. Supply Off. 2nd Bn. 232 Inf.
2/6 3 Rugs	Hotel Bristol	John A. Dvorak, 1st Lt. Hotel Manager
2/5 Silverware	von Trapp Estate 42nd Div. Arty Staff Officers	Lt. Ross Trappagen, Hq. 42nd Div. Arty
2/5 Glassware	Maj. Gen. H.J. Collins Villa Warsberg (former Gauleiter's Home)	1st Lt. MacKenzie, ADC

Item	Where in Use Now	Hand Recdts Signed By
15 2 Rugs (1 Stolen - Report of Summary being made)	Gen. Collins' Private Railroad Car	Jack J. Joyner, Capt. C/E S 3 1346 Engr. Constr. Gr.
16 3 Rugs; 3 Pictures, Linen	Gen. Collins' Guesthouse nr. Villa Warsberg	Jos. MacKechnie, 1st Lt. ADC
16 Chinaware	Maj. Gen. Collins, Villa Warsberg	B. MacCahey, Capt. ADC
16 6 Rugs	Guardhouse, Gen. Collins, Brunnerstr. 26-28 Salzburg	Louis W. Grant, 2nd Lt. Inf. ADC
16 13 Rugs	Gen. Collins, Villa Maria Theresien Schlössl	W. MacKechnie, 1st Lt. ADC, Hq. 42nd Inf. Div.
15 10 Rugs	Brig. Gen. Linden, for room in V. Trapp Estate, now in Pausingerstr.	Wm. J. Cowling, 1st Lt. ADC, Hq. 42nd Div.
16 Photo Equipment	Col. H. Linden (Taken to States by 42nd Div. Officers. Efforts being made by Col. Linden to have it returned.)	Wm. Cowling, 1st Lt. ADC
16 3 Rugs	Col. Linden's Guesthouse	Gilbert C. Cochrane, 1st Lt. Inf.
16 1 Rug	Himmler Haus, Salzburg	Roy Lundquist, 1st Lt. Inf.
16 1 Rug	Kavalierhaus, Salzburg	Robert R. Filey, 1st Lt.

UNITED STATES FORCES IN AUSTRIA
USACA SECTION

Reparations, Deliveries and Restitution Division
Reparations and Restitution Branch
APO 777, U. S. Army

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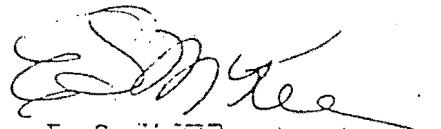
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3 October 1946

SUBJECT: Personal Property and Werfen Train

TO: Office Chief Military Government Officer
Zone Command Austria
APO 541, U.S. Army
ATTENTION: Property Control Officer

1. Requist investigation of property listed in inclosures.
2. It is the opinion of this office that this property can be released to the individual concerned because:
 - a. It was indentified in the company of the former Property Control Officer in July 1945.
 - b. As such, it does not constitute a part of the present property of the Werfen train but has been kept in storage by Property Control until such time as the owner could receive.
3. Please notify this office when this property has been located and collected.

FOR THE DIVISION CHIEF:



E. S. McKEE
Lt. Col., Inf.
Chief, R & R Br.

1. Mail:
2. Obj. file

Telephone: VIENNA A-23448

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7753 MILITARY GOVERNMENT DETACHMENT
LAND SALZBURG - AUSTRIA
APO 541 - US ARMY

RJC/bes
27 January 1947

SUBJECT: Requisitioned Property from Military Government Warehouse Salzburg.

THROUGH: M.O.C.M.G.O., Property Control and Restitution Section.

TO : Deputy Commander, United States Forces in Austria, APO 777, US Army.
ATTN: GENERAL TATE.

1. Reference is made to a verbal request for a list of the property in your villa, which was requisitioned from the Military Government Warehouse in Salzburg.

2. The below-listed items were requisitioned on 18 May 1946 by 1st Lt Kenneth P Fisher, ASE 0.328345, for use in the villa of GENERAL TATE, 49 Himmelstrasse, Vienna XXI.

a. 1 set of dishes for 12 persons, small flowers, gold rims.

b. 1 set of glassware for 12 persons, various types, irredescent.

FOR THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT AREA COMMANDER:

Howard A Mackenzie
Captain - Spec Res
Property Control Officer

JAD/eh

14 March 1947

File: S4.8007

SUBJECT: Household Articles Used in Gen. McMahon's Billet

TO: Military Government Section

Vienna Area Command

Real Estate Office

AFO 777, U.S. Army

ATTN: Major Gates

1. Reference is made to telephone conversation with Mr. Dean RDMR Division on above subject.

2. General McMahon had in use in his billet the following articles which were issued on memorandum receipt to the late General Brann by the Property Control Officer Land Salzburg:

2 rugs /one heavy wool with one blue triangle
in each corner/
/one 5x8 light colored, close pattern/
1 complete set of silverware in 4 drawer chests,
less 1 knife which is missing, and one knife
which is broken, but repairable
1 table cloth and 12 napkins.

3. When General McMahon returned to the 31 he failed to clear the articles with the Property Control Officer. It is therefore requested that the inventory of his former billet be checked to ascertain if the articles are still located there and that this Division be notified accordingly.

JAMES A GARNISON
Chief, RDMR Division

Telephone: VIENNA 8-48423

Signature
James A. Garnison

Balmer.

- 1 complete silver set Box E 1148
12 silver plates
1 set dishes
1 set glassware
2. The following items are in use by Economic Division USACA, Allianz Building.
- 1 Underwood typewriter 23201
4 Royal typewriters 1c, 989459, 12532056, 1134724
1 Ideal typewriter (S-N)
1 Remington typewriter 16
1 Hermes typewriter
3. The following items are located in the billet of James A. GERRISON.
- 1 complete set of silverware.
4. The following item is in use of RD & R Division, USACA, Allianz Building.
- 1 Rug 6x9 4 birds at one end
5. The following item is located in the billet of D.P. Naring.
- 1 Rug 4x6 tree design
6. The following items are located in the billet of Walker M. Treen.
- 1 Rug 6x9 eleven principal figures at one end
1 rug 9x12 10 deer figures at one end
1 rug 2½x3 7 principal figures at one end
7. The following items are located in the billet of James M. Dean.
- 1 Rug 6x9 4 goats at one end
1 rug 2½x3
1 Rug 6x4 8 squares at one end
1 Rug 1½x3 5 diamonds
8. The following items are located in the billet of James N. Schulz.
- 1 rug on blue triangle in each corner
1 rug 6x6 light coloured close pattern
1 complete set of silver (4 drawer Box)
1 table cloth and 12 napkins.

19 March 1947

LIST OF STOLEN TRAIN MATERIAL
LOANED FROM BRUNNENSTEIN CONTROL BOARD AND
RECEIVED BY THE 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION

Date	Item	Where in Use now:	CG Forms Received:
16 July 1946	1 rug	Room 81, Labor Division Landesgericht Salzburg	Capt Victor Miettuny Chief, Labor Div.
16 Oct. 1946	1 set silver- ware	Capt Gates Billet	Capt Gates, Bill. tins Office
26 March 1946	Silverware		Jack Feldman, 2d Lt 42 Inf, AFM 411
23 March 1946	1 rug		Jack Feldman, 2d Lt 42 Inf, AFM 411
26 April 46	1 set silver- ware with case No 411	Kavalierhaus	Charles J. Monk, 2d Lt 42d Div, W Co.
26 April 46	Tableware, 7 rugs	Major R.E. Ball S-4, Zone Command	"
27 Apr. 46	1 rug, 1 tapestry	Col. E. Linsch,	"
		Deputy Zone Commander	"
7 May 46	3 pictures, 3 rugs	Chief of Staff Office, Hq Zone Command	"
10 May 46	1 set dishes 1 set glassware	Gen Tate, 49 Himmelstr. Kenneth P. Fischer Vienna 11A.	1st Lt, 2d Inf. Reg.
Oct. 46	1 silver set box N 1142	Gen. Florys home in Vienna	Donald F. Keeford 1st Lt Inf. VMA
46	1 silver set box N 1175	Brig Gen. Ch. Saltzmann, Director Publ. Adm. VMA	"
16 July 46	Tableware and silverware	1t Col Jevett's Billet	Richard A. Sowett 1t Col, 3d Eng. Combat Group
26 Aug. 46	3 rugs	V.I.P. House	Douglas L. Smith 2d Lt Inf, VMA Sect.
No date	3 rugs	Hotel Bristol Salzburg	James A. Gable, Jr. 2d Lt Inf, Hq Bn.
16 July 46	3 typewriters	AFM Camp Haller	Elton P. Fisher, 2d Lt, Co K, 5th Inf

Date Item Where in Use now: 6G Forms Received

6 February 46 7 rugs CO. Office, Landesgericht Edward N. Hedges
1st Lt, FA

18 July 46 Tableware & Col F.E. Hyde's Billet Lt. E. Hyde, Col Inf
1 silver set Dep. CIC Officer

15 March 1947

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LIST OF WARRENT TRAIT MATERIAL
LOANED FROM PROPERTY CONTROL WAREHOUSE

Date	Item	Where in Use now:	63 Forms Received:
15 July 1946	1 rug	Room 91, Labor Division Landesgericht Salzburg	Capt Victor Fistan Chief, Labor Div.
16 Oct. 1946	1 set silver- ware	Capt Gates Billet	Capt Gates, [redacted] Office
25 March 1946	Silverware		Jack Feldman, 2d Lt 42 QM, AFM 411
25 March 1946	1 rug		Jack Feldman, 2d Lt 42 QM, AFM 411
26 April 46	1 set silver- ware with case No 411	Navalierhaus	Sgt. Maj. Monk, 2d Lt 42d Div, 3d Co.
26 April 46	silverware, 2 rugs	[redacted]	" "
27 Apr. 46	1 rug, 1 tapestry	Col. L. Linden, Deputy Zone Commander	" "
7 May 46	3 pictures, 2 rugs	Chief of Staff Office, Eq Zone Command	" "
10 May 46	1 set dishes 1 set glassware	Gen Date, 48 Himmelstr. Hanns E. Fischer Vienna XII	1st Lt, D.C.P.sco.
10 May 46	1 silver set box B 1142	Gen. Florys home in Vienna	Donald P. O'Reilly 1st Lt Inf. USA
10 May 46	1 silver set box B 1175	Brig Gen. Ch. Bratzmann, Director Labl. Adm. USA	" "
15 July 46	Silversware and glassware	Lt Col Jevett's Billet	Richard L. Jewett Lt Col, 3d Eng. Combat Group
15 July 46	2 rugs	M.I. House	Donald L. Smith 2d Lt Inf, VIP Sect.
15 July 46	2 rugs	Total Bristol Salisbury	James S. Gable, 2d Lt Inf, Eq USA
16 July 46	3 typewriters	MP Camp Nellein	Allen E. Fisher, 2d Lt, 3d R, 3d Inf

Date	From	Where in file now:	No. Forms Received
3 February 46	7 mugs	CO. Office, Landesgericht Edward Ellenges 1st Lt, FA	10
16 July 46	1000 mugs	See W.W. Hyde's letter 1st Lt, FA	10

Date	Item	Where in Use Now:	X/R Received:
No date	1 rug	Mr Schwartmanns billets	F.W.Schwartzmann USID Civ. 7753 MG Det,
23 July 46	3 rugs & 9 scatter rugs	Mr.Kennedy's Office.	Vernon R Kennedy Chief, PC Sect
7 June 46	1 rug	Kavalierhaus	Robert R Riley, 1st Lt, Cav.
8 Sept.45	3 rugs	VIP House	E.J.Cowling, Capt, Lt ADC, HQ 42d Div.
16 Apr.46	4 rugs	Prop.Control Office & family billet	H.A.Mackenzie,Capt MG Det 7735
3 Apr.46	2 sets of silverware	Schwimmschulstr.15	John G.Heyn, for E.P.Barry, Maj. MI
24 Oct 45	1 silver set marked "Emma"	Brig.Gen.Horrell Ross, Schwimmschulstr.15	Charles C.Ross, 1st Lt, ADC.
14 Sept.45	Rugs & Table- service	Gen.K.Ross, Schwimmschulstr Ch.C.Ross, 1st Lt 15, later taken over by Inf. ADC. SSU, John E.Sewhill, Capt FA	
26 Sept.46	Rugs,table-& silverware, table linen & glassware	Gen.D.E.Hume, Schloss Rief Fred R Brownyard, Capt FA, G-5, USAFA <i>/A portion of this property was returned by Lt Carl Roberts on 18 March 1947/</i>	
No date	3 rugs	Mr Garrisons billet, Vienna	Maj.Jameson, Exco.Officer RD & R Div.Hq USAFA
No date	Tableservice 6 pieces	Col Kellers billet Schwimmschulstr.15, Salzburg.	Direct Control, PC Officer, 7753 MG Det.

Date	Item	From Party Received from:
30.Feb.1945.	One rug	J.C.Donnal, Major, CE, Chief, Labor Div. EIB
1.Oct.1945.	one set of silverw. ColLeakey, USFA Billeting Office,	
15.Dec.45.	One rug	John C.Bennett, officer, G - 5 Transportation
1 date	8 typewriters	Lt.Frank J.Ramus Ind.Branch Economics Div.USACA
30.Nov.1945.	two radios	Lem.H.Greene, Capt. USACA for Gen. E. H. Noyes
15.Feb.46.	Silver & Chinaware	Ellis O.Davis, Lt.Col., 36 Engr.Gp.Co.
1.Feb.1946.	7 rugs	Edward E.Menges, 1st Lt., FA for EIB
15.Sept.1945.	rugs,silverware etc.Capt.Fred.R.Brownyard, F-5, USFA for R.Gen E.E. Hume	
17.Sept.1945.	Dishes,rugs,silverw.Capt.Oppermann, Salz 1193 or 1985. Glassware,tablelinen, for Gen. Braun	
15.Febr.1946.	Silverware & tablewar	Robert C.Ruske, 1st Lt.,CAC,Ass,t,Exec. USACA
1 Oct.1945.	" " Donald F.O,Keeffe,1st Lt.Inf., for Brig Gen J. Long	
3.Sept.1945.	8 rugs	Edwin D.Howard,Brig.Gen.GSC.AC of SG 2
27.Sept.1945.	Silvwr,tablelinen & Jack H.Cole,2nd Lt.,Chief of Staff Sect rug.	USFA - B.GenLadue.
30.March 1946.	Silver:1 set&12 plates	Edwin B.Howard,Brig.Gen.USA
16.Feb.1946.	rug	David E.Beverly, 1st Lt., F.A.USFA G-5.

Gen. Feldmann 42nd Div.

28 Dec.1945.	Silverware & Chinaware	R.W.Cutler Jr.Major GSC,AC of S,G-4. for use of H. Col. E.O.Davis.
16.Nov.1945.	Glass-ware	Mac Kechnie,1st Lt.,Aide-de-Camp for use of Brig Gen H.J. Collins
No. date.	silvercandletickes	Mac Kechnie, Aide de Camp for use of Brig Gen H.J. Collins
24.Oct.1945.	silver-set	Charles C.Ross,1st Lt.,ADC for use of B.G. Morill/Ross
21 March 1946.	3 pictures,3 rugs,	Edwin A.Gerlikowski,1st Lt.Inf.Adj. to furnish chif of staff office 42 Div CP
12.Febr.1946.	4 rugs,3 pictures,	Edwin A.Gerlikowski,1st Lt.Inf.Adj. to furnish chif of staff office 42 Div CP
18.Sept.1945.	1 picture	1st Lt.,Aide de Camp for Gen.Linden Dis p/c office
0.March 1946.	1 rug	Jack Feldmann,2nd Lt.,QMC,Div.P&C., Dis p/c office

Date

Received from:

22.March 1946. 3 rugs GElbert C.Cochrane, 1st Lt., Inf.,
for gen. Lindens Guest House
12.March 1946. 3 typewriters Chester E.Hutchins, 1st Lt., Inf., Supply
Officer DEF Camp Hallein, 2nd Bn, 232 Inf.
21.July 1945. furniture&furnishings Edward R.Coppock, 1st Lt., Inf., HQ Co.
for Gen. Collins Office
21.Feb.1946. 2 cameras, tripod, William Cowling, 1st Lt., ADC.,
5 teacups&sauciers for Gen. Linden
29.Feb.1946. 3 rugs John A.Dvorak, 1st Lt., Hotel Manager.
for use in Hotel Bristol
23.Jan.1946. 6 rugs Louis W.Grant, 2nd Lt., Inf., ADC.
for Gen. Collins Grand Room
No date. 13 rugs J.A.MacKechnie, 1st Lt., ADC.
for Gen. Collins Villa
3.Jan.1946. 3 rugs, 3 pictures & Jos.MacKechnie, 1st Lt., ADC
7 different covers for Gen. Collins Guest House
3.Jan.1946. dif.table dishes B.Mac CAREY Capt. ADC, 8-440433
for Gen. Collins
22.Sept.1945. 10 rugs Wm J.Cowling, 1st Lt., ADC, HQ 42nd Div.
for Gen. Linden
2.Nov.1945. 2 rugs Jack J.Joyner, Capt. C/E, S-3, 1347 Engr.
constr. group, 42nd Div. CP, Mozart Platz
for Gen. Collins Railroad car
4.Sept.1946. rugs, table ware Charles C.Ross, 1st Lt., Inf., ADC.
for Gen. Ross
14.Oct.1945. silverware, 2 chests Lt.Ross TRAFHAGEN HQ. 42nd Div. Arty.
v.Tropp Estate
for 42 Div. Arty. Staff Office

HEADQUARTERS
MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAND SALZBURG, AUSTRIA
DETACHMENT 7753
APO 541

RECEIVED RD&R
Time MAR 27 1947
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RJC/bes
20 March 1947

SUBJECT: Material Loaned from Werfen Train.
TO: Property Control Branch, Reparations, Deliveries
and Restitution Division, USACA Section,
US Forces Austria, APO 777, US Army.
FROM: Property Control and Restitution Section,
Zone Command Austria.

1. A revised list of Werfen Train property
loaned from the Military Government Warehouse Salzburg
on H/R and Forms 6-G is forwarded herewith.

2. This office will keep your headquarters
informed as to changes in this situation.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Howard A. Mackenzie
Howard A Mackenzie
Captain - Spec Res
Property Control Officer

Incls: Lists of Items Loaned.

A. T. R. U. E. C. O. Y
HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES FORCES IN AUSTRIA
APO 777, U. S. ARMY

AG 400 AG/R 1947 28 March 1947

SUBJECT: Transfer of Accountability and Responsibility
of Property Released from Property Control
Warehouse, Salzburg.

TO : Commanding General
Zone Command Austria
APO 541, U. S. Army

1. Attached is a list of properties released from the Property Control Warehouse, Salzburg, to United States Forces in Austria and military personnel. It is directed that the property listed herein be accounted for in accordance with the provisions of letter, this Headquarters, AG 524 GDS, 17 December 1946, subject: "Accounting for Furniture and Household Furnishings as Post, Camp, and Station Property".
2. Property listed herein in the hands of units and individuals will be adjusted in accordance with the scale established in letter, this Headquarters, AG 524 GDS, 29 October 1946, subject: "Supply Procedures and Scale of Allowances of Household Furnishings for Dependents, Bachelor Officers and Civilians, American and Allied."

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL HUNTS:

/S/ D J Wickland
/T/ D J WICKLAND
Captain AGD
Asst Adj General

Incl:
As above

Telephone: VIENNA 3-48133

HEADQUARTERS
MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAND SALZBURG AUSTRIA
DETACHMENT 7753
APO 541

RJC/bes
16 April 1947

SUBJECT: Transfer of Accountability and Responsibility
of Property Released from Property Control
Warehouse, Salzburg.

TO : Real Estate Officer, Land Salzburg, Austria,
APO 541, United States Army.

1. Reference is made to letter Headquarters
United States Forces in Austria, AG 450 AG/R, subject
as above, dated 28 March 1947 and 1st Indorsement,
Headquarters Zone Command Austria, dated 31 March 1947,
copies of which are attached.

2. This headquarters has been directed to transfer
the responsibility for property released from the Property
Control Warehouse, Salzburg to your office. A list of
the items concerned indicating their present location and
true copies of the respective Memorandum Receipts or
Forms GFA RTO 66 are inclosed.

3. Request that your section assume the responsibility
for the subject property, recording it in such a manner that
it retains its original identity, and that this headquarters
be furnished with appropriate receipts for the same. The
Property Control Officer of this detachment will be glad
to render all possible assistance in the accomplishment
of this transfer.

1 copy, 1st Ind., 28 Mar 47
List, 1 copy to be transferred.
Copies, 1st Ind AGC.
Distribution:
1 - Copy AGC.
2 - Copy AGC, PC and R Section.
1 - Copy CO.
1 - Copy File.

EUGENE WELLER JR.
Lt Colonel AGC
Commanding

A T R U E C O P Y

Ltr., Hq USA, subj: "Transfer of Accountability and Responsibility of Property Released from Property Control Warehouse, Salzburg", dated 28 March 1947.

AG 400 GREN 1st Ind

HEADQUARTERS ZONE COMMAND, AUSTRIA, APO 541, US Army, 31 March 1947

TDY Commanding Officer, 7753 Military Government Detachment,
APO Mil, U.S. Army.

ATTN: Property Control Section

For compliance with basic letter.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL COLLINS:

/S/ R.G. KNEE

/T/ R.G.Knee
Haj AGD Mil
Aest Adj Gen

Incl:
S/a

Telephone SALZBURG 4704

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HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES FORCES IN AUSTRIA
APO 777, U S ARMY

AG 524 ODS

9 May 1947

SUBJECT: Transfer of Property (Household furnishings) Released from Property Control Warehouse, Salzburg

TO : Commanding General,
Zone Command, Austria
APO 541, U.S.Army

1. The property listed below, consisting of items of household furnishings, formerly under the control of Property Control of Reparations, Delivery, and Restitution Division, USACA, which was directed by letter, this Headquarters, AG 400-ACA/R, dated 23 March 1947, subject: "Transfer of Accountability and Responsibility of Property Released from Property Control Warehouse, Salzburg," to be picked up and accounted for in accordance with directives of this Headquarters, will be transferred not later than 10 June 1947 to the Commanding General, Vienna Military Community.

2. An Officer from Vienna Military Community will contact Headquarters, Zone Command, Austria, in the near future in order to effect physical shipment of the property involved and to insure proper transfer between accountable records.

3. Property to be transferred:

a. Items which were located at 36 Imbergstrasse, Salzburg:

- 1 complete set for six (6), sterling silver
7 soup dishes
7 dinner plates
7 salad plates
3 serving plates
1 gravy dish
1 sugar bowl, salt and peper shakers
1 blue and gold vegetable dish
6 butter plates
6 cups and saucers (oriental set)
5 demitasse cups
3 large saucers
3 sugar saucers
1 coffee pot
1 tea pot
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Ltr., Hqs. USA, "Transfer of Property (Household Furnishings)
Released from Property Control Warehouse, Salzburg."

- 1 sugar bowl (lid) one creamer
- 1 small sugar bowl without lid
- 1 teapot
- 1 coke plate
- 7 individual coolie plates

b. Property located at 17 Nesselthaler Strasse, Salzburg:

- 1 complete set silverware for 12 contained in a 4-drawer chest (Army Karoly)
- 20 large white monogrammed napkins
- 3 tableclothes (one with blue border, 2 white)
- 11 yellow napkins
- 12 sheets
- 3 fancy bordered pillow cases
- 1 rug, 4 x 9, light inner background, 3 main center designs

c. Items located in Von Trapp property, a 15-room House:

- 1 rug, 14 x 12, or 7 x 10, or 9 x 14, whichever is appropriate
- 1 rug, small, pastel shade in modernistic design
- 1 rug, small, pink and brownish flower-like figures
- 1 rug, small, reddish, 5 center figures
- 1 rug, small, blue dragons and birds
- 2 sets of silverware for 12

d. Property at Colonel Linden's guest house:

- 1 rug, 12 x 15, red valeur, blue flower
- 1 rug, 12 x 15, valeur, brown flower design in center
- 1 rug, 3-1/2 x 6, valeur, black border

e. Property in Room 92, Labour Division, Salzburg:

Rug, 3-1/2 meters x 5-1/2 meters, light green, 5 heart-shaped designs on each end

f. Property in Military Government offices, Courthouse, Salzburg:

- 1 rug, 2.65 x 3.70 meters, valeur, buff background, white border
- 1 rug, 2.70 x 3.60 meters, valeur, light blue border, 29 oblong shaped designs, large 8 pointed star in center
- 1 rug, 2.40 x 3.50 meters, valeur, 7 red flower designs

• Hqs., USPA, Transfer of Property (Household Furnishings)
Released from Property Control Warehouse, Salzburg".

- 1 rug, 2.80 x 4, knipfer rug, red and blue designs,
7 oblong flowers on each end
- 1 rug, 3.90 x 4.80 meters, valeur, 17 hour glass
designs in center, red border
- 1 rug, 2.40 x 3.40 meters, valeur, red border, 35
small flower designs.
- 1 rug, 1.80 x 3.00 meters - valeur, 2 large square
designs and 2 rectangular designs with red centers

e. Property located in billet of Captain Cates, Salzburg:

- 1 complete set of silverware for 6 persons

h. Property in Schloss Rief, near Salzburg:

- 1 complete set of silverware for 12
- 4 boxes containing two drawers of silverware - plain
patterns for 12 people including 5 serving spoons
and one serving fork and seven types of forks,
spoons and knives
- 1 tablecloth, 12 x 6
- 1 tablecloth, 6 x 8
- 1 tablecloth, 12 x 6
- 1 tablecloth, 6 x 24 (Hungarian initials in corner)
- 46 napkins, large, heavy linen
towels, face-hand, good quality
- 1 tablecloth, 4 x 4
- 6 small napkins to match
- 1 tablecloth, yellow, leaf design and six matching
napkins
- 12 yards of sheet material taken for the purpose of
making three or four sheets
- 8 wine glasses on stems - leaf design etched in
6 smaller of above
- 8 liquor glasses of above
- 5 beer glasses in short stems
- 12 water glasses with leaf design etched in
- 23 glasses, 3 inches tall
- 13 water glasses
- 12 wine glasses on stems, 7 inches tall
- 3 decanters, two without, one with, a stopper
- 16 champagne glasses
- 16 liqueur glasses
- 8 small glasses without stems of above

Cut Glass:

- 1 large fruit bowl
- 1 pedestal
- 2 smaller fruit bowls
- 2 large ash trays (5 pointed)
- 1 round ash tray
- 1 vase, (5 inches high)

2 flower vase (approximately 15 inches high)
1 flower vase (12" high and 8" diameter)
2 serving dishes (1 with light points) (one with eight points) (one oval shaped)
5 small glass salt shakers with silver top
1 cigarette container, no top
1 celery serving dish
Crockery for 18 people - the pattern consists of individual roses with gold edging - soup, serving dishes, tea pots, etc.
Tea set - manufacturer (Rosenthal of Bavaria) - Pattern of flowers with a gold border consisting of a large tea pot, sugar bowl, creamer, lump sugar bowl, service for 12 people.
6 egg cups (double rose pattern)
6 saucers to match
7 fancy little dishes suitable for ashtrays
Moliere bavarie (3 of 1515 and 4 of 1624).

4. Attached for your information is a copy of the letter forwarded to the Commanding General, Vienna Area Command.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL CLARK:

HOWARD V JUNSON
Major AGD
Asst Adj General

Incl.:
Ltr. Hqrs., USA
to VAC

Tel: VIENNA R-48062

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SUBJECT: Regarding Disposition of Household Articles.

TO : Col. William C. McMahon ASN 0-5300
Adj. General's Office
War Department
Washington, D.C.



1. Attached is a copy of a buckslip and also a copy of a receipt signed by your former aide, Capt. L.H. Jorden, for house - hold articles requisitioned from the U.S. Military Government Warehouse in Salzburg.
2. Investigation and search by this Headquarters has failed to locate the items.
3. It is requested that you supply this Headquarters, attn: EMDR Division, Property Control Branch, with information concerning the disposition or whereabouts of the items on the attached receipt.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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1. Cy of buckslip
this Hqrs. 26
26 Mar 46
2. Cy of receipt
std 27 Feb 46

HEADQUARTERS
MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAND SALZBURG AUSTRIA
DETACHMENT 7753
APO 541

RJC/me

12 June 1947.

Subject: Transfer of Accountability and Responsibility of Property Released from Property Control Warehouse, Salzburg.

To : Real Estate Officer, Land Salzburg, Austria
APO 541, United States Army.

1. Reference is made to letter Headquarters United States Forces in Austria, AG 400 AGA/R, subject as above, dated 28 March 1947 and 1st Indorsement, Headquarters Zone Command Austria, dated 31 March 1947, copies of which are attached.

2. Attached is a list of items which are to be added to that list which was forwarded with letter, this Headquarters, subject as above, dated 16 April 1947. These items were omitted from the earlier list, because they were believed to have been transferred from Land Salzburg.

3. Request that your section assume the responsibility for the subject property, recording it in such a manner that it retains its original identity, and that this headquarters be furnished with appropriate receipts for the same. The Property Control Officer of this detachment will be glad to render all possible assistance in the accomplishment of this transfer.

Enclosures:

List of property to be transferred.

Copies, W/No and G/C.

Disposition:

2 - copies W/No

1 - copy AGA, CO and R Section

1 - copy, CO

1 - copy, G/C

JOHN F de V PATRICK

Lt. Colonel FA

Commanding.

STATION COMPLEMENT UNIT 78,2)
REAL ESTATE OFFICE
APO 541 US ARMY

OFC/ds
13 June 1947

SUBJECT: Transfer of Accountability and Responsibility of Property Released from the Property Control Warehouse, Salzburg.

TO : Commanding Officer, 7753 Military Government Detachment, APO 541, c/o US Army.
ATTENTION: Property Control Section.

1. In compliance with letter Headquarters United States Forces in Austria, dated 28 March 1947, subject as above, with 1st Indorsement Headquarters, Zone Command Austria, dated 31 March 1947, and letter Headquarters 7753 Military Government Detachment, dated 16 April 1947, subject: as above, the Real Estate Property Section of the Land Salzburg Real Estate Office, is unable to accept responsibility and accountability for the property listed below as it was impossible to locate the property.

a. Property missing at No. 36 Imbergstrasse:

- 1 Sterling silver dessert spoon - missing
- 1 Salad plate - broken
- 1 Cup - broken
- 5 Saucers - broken
- 2 Cups demitasse - broken
- 1 Tea pot - broken

Responsible Officer: Lt. Col. Richard L Jewett,
Eqs 36th Engr Gp.

b. Property missing at Trapp House:

- 2 sets silverware, service for 12, Inventory numbers E - 921 and E - 1214

Responsible Officer: Lt. Ross Trapphagen
Eqs 42nd Div Arty

- 1 Rug, 12 x 15, velour, white tassels, brown flower on back of center - missing

1 rug, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 6, velour, white tassels, black border

Responsible Officer: 2nd Lt. Douglas Smith
42nd QM Co.

c. Property missing from Military Government Office,
Courthouse, Salzburg

1 Rug, 2.65 x 3.70 meters, velour, buff background,
white border

1 Rug, 2.40 x 3.40 meters, velour, red border, 35
small flower designs

Responsible Officer: 1st Lt. Menges

d. Property missing at Bristol Hotel:

1 Rug, 2.85 x 3.70 meters, red with 15 light red
figure designs narrow border, white tassels

Responsible Officer: 1st Lt James E Gamlan, Hotel Bristol.

e. Address unknown:

1 Rug 9 x 12, oriental

Responsible Officer: 1st Lt. Charles Honk, Inf.

f. Items missing from Schloss Rief.

1 Rug, 5 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$, 4 stout lines in border

1 Rug, 4 x 2, light principal figures in center

1 Rug, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 4, light colored with black in border
3 black scroll - like designs at one end

1 Rug, 4 x 3, 9 designs at one end

1 Rug, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$, 46 small squares in outside row,
at one end

1 Rug, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ red, 1 light point star in center

1 Rug, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$, two and two half designs at one end

1 Rug, 3 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$, center designs, staggered rows of 3
scrolls - type designs

1 Rug, 7 x 11, 14 designs at one end.

1 Table cloth, 12' x 6'

1 Table cloth, 6 x 8

1 Table cloth, 12 x 6

1 Table cloth, 6' x 24', Hungarian initials in center

5. Cont'd.

46 Napkins, large, heavy linen
 1 Towels, face-, hand, good quality
 1 Table cloth, 4 x 4 with 6 napkins to match
 12 yds Sheet material
 23 glasses, water, 3" tall, crystal
 13 glasses, water, misc. crystal
 12 glasses, wine, misc. crystal
 3 decanters, 2 with stopper
 8 glasses, liquor, small, crystal
 5 glasses, wine with leaf design, stemmed
 4 glasses, wine, small, leaf design, stemmed
 4 glasses, liquor, leaf design, stemmed
 4 glasses, beer, leaf design, stemmed
 4 water glasses, leaf design, stemmed
 8 glasses, liquor, etched, stemmed

Cut glass

1 ash tray, large 5 points
 1 ash tray, round
 2 dishes serving
 2 shakers, salt, with silver top
 1 container, cigarette, without top
 1 dish celery, serving
 Misc. pottery, service for 18
 1 tea set, Rosenthal, service for 12
 6 egg cups with matching saucers
 7 dishes, moliere pottery

Responsible Officer S. Hartman, 1st Lt Inf.

2. The original memorandum receipts for this property were signed prior to May 1946 and many of the responsible officers have departed to the Zona of Interior. It appears that no arrangements were made to transfer responsibility upon the part of the responsible officer or to return the property to the Property Control Warehouse.

FOR THE AREA COMMANDER:

Telephone: SALZBURG 4373

LAWRENCE A LALIBERTE
 Major 16th Inf
 Real Estate Officer

HEADQUARTERS 523rd ENGINEER SERVICE BATTALION
REAL ESTATE OFFICE

APO 541

US APLY

OFO/IMM/ds
31 July 47

SUBJECT: Transfer of Accountability and Responsibility of
Property Released from Property Control Warehouse
Salzburg.

TO: Commanding Officer
7753 Military Government Detachment
APO 541, U.S.Army
ATTENTION: Property Control.

1. In compliance with letter, Headquarters, United States Forces in Austria, dated 28 March 1947, subject: as above, with 1st Indorsement Headquarters Zone Command Austria, dated 31st March 1947, and letter, Headquarters 7753 Military Government Detachment, APO 541, subject as above, the following listed property is accepted by the Real Estate Property Section of the Land Salzburg Real Estate Office:

- 1 Rug, 2.65 x 3.70 meters, velour, buff background, white border.
- 1 Rug, 2.40 x 3.40 meters, velour, red border, 35 small flower designs.

2. This property was listed on letter, Headquarters, United States Forces in Vienna, 9 May 1947, subject: Transfer of Property (Household furnishings) released from the Property Control Warehouse Salzburg, but was not shipped to Vienna on 10th June 1947, as it had not been located at this date.

FOR THE AREA COMMANDER:

Lawrence Laliberte
LAWRENCE A LALIBERTE
Major 16th Inf
Real Estate Officer

Tel: SALZBURG 4773

was then added to the RE Salzburg to bring it up to date. New list of property released from Property Control Warehouse, Salzburg, to War Department personnel and agencies in Land Salzburg.

1. The following items are located in General Collins Guest House near Villa Warzburg
- 1 rug 28x11 (3 inch brown border strip).
 - 1 strip rug 22x6 (bright color blue, red with black edging on the design)
 - 1 red cover 3x5 with 2 large designs
 - 1 picture (gold frame showing Japanese woman in petit point)
 - 1 picture (kneeling crab peddler and two women customers)
 - 1 picture (house and garden scenes)
 - 1 large lace piano cover
 - 6 linen sheets with fancy edgings
 - 3 linen sheets plain
 - 3 linen pillow cases
 - 1 table cover, white linen 4x3
 - 3 small table covers (size of large napkins) Rolling 15 yards, red flour design, name of Katherine woven into it.

2. The following items are located in General Collins billet.
(Villa Warzburg)

- 52 Wine Glasses
- 11 Champagne glasses
- 84 Water glasses
- 57 Liquor glasses
- 21 glasses (matched set)
- 1 silver punch bowl and ladle
- 6 Highball glasses
- 1 water picture
- 8 glasses and silver bottoms
- 11 silver candle sticks
- 1 rug 3x12 light color, flower design
- 1 rug 3x4 dark red, light blue pattern
- 1 rug 3x12 reddish color
- 1 rug 3x4 reddish color, 3 center figures
- 1 rug 2x6 red with yellow design
- 1 rug 3x4 light blue center design
- 1 rug 3x10 with 5 center designs
- 1 rug damaged (hole in corner) light blue
- 1 rug 2x6 reddish oriental
- 1 rug 3x4 3 principal design at one end

Chinaware:

- 27 dinner dishes, blue and gold border
- 25 soup dishes, blue and gold design
- 4 soup plates, pure border
- 11 cups and 10 saucers rose design, Rosenthal
- 1 catsup bowl, rose design, Rosenthal
- 1 coffee pot, white, silver border

Enclosed No Letter 7753 Regd Service
Rec'd 16 April 1947.

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List of property released from Property Control Warehouse, Salzburg, to War Department personnel and agencies in Land Salzburg (continuation page 2)

- 24 plates wimifred design, Rosenthal
- 2 vegetable dishes, blue border
- 1 meat platter, one red flowered border
- 1 meat platter, one blue border
- 4 blue border cups and saucers

3. The following item is located in General Collins private railway car.

- 1 rug. 8x12

4. The following items are located in the guard-house, Brunnenstr. 26-28, Salzburg.

- 1 rug. 8x12 8x12 7 circular designs at one end
- 1 rug. 8x12 14 angle designs at one end
- 1 rug. 6x8 2 circles on each end
- 1 rug. 7x7 brown shades
- 1 rug. 8x11 17 complete circular designs in center pattern
- 1 rug. 8x12 Persian type, 9 circular designs at one end

5. The following items are located in General Collins villa, Montafonstrasse, Schlossgut.

- 1 rug. 4x8 six red figures
- 1 rug. 9x12 center design of red and blue on a white back-ground.
- 1 rug. 6x9 animal patterns
- 1 rug. 9x12 cloth backing olive color, light blue
- 1 rug. 9x12 S design on border
- 1 rug. small white and dark blue
- 1 rug. small reddish border, blue bordered center
- 1 rug. 3x12 white, blue, brown
- 1 rug. 4x5 blue design on a white back ground
- 1 rug. red, white, and blue
- 1 rug. modernistic with long fringes
- 1 rug. 3 cloth figures
- 1 rug. cloth backing, wooly nap - blue center

6. The following items are located in the billet of Lt. Col. Richard L. Jewitt, Imbergstr. 36, Salzburg.

- 1 complete sterling silver set for 6
- 7 soup dishes
- 7 dinner plates
- 7 salad plates
- 3 serving plates
- 1 gravy dish
- 1 sugar bowl, salt and pepper shakers
- 1 blue and gold vegetable dish
- 6 border plates
- 6 cups and saucers (oriental set)
- 5 diamond glass cups
- 8 larger saucers

List of Property released from Property Control Warehouse, Salzburg,
to War Department personnel and agencies in Land Salzburg. (continuation page 3)

3 small saucers
1 coffee pot
1 tea pot
1 sugar bowl (lid) one creamer
1 small sugar bowl without lid
1 teapot
1 cake plate
7 small individual cookie plates

7. The following items are located in the billet of Col. E.
E. Hurne, Schloss Fieß, near Salzburg.

1 complete set of silverware for 12
A box containing two drawers of silverware-plain pattern
for 12 people including 3 serving spoons and one serving
fork and seven types of forks spoons and knives.

1 table cloth 12x6

1 table cloth 6x8

1 table cloth /12x6/

1 table cloth /6x24/ (Hungarian initials in corner)

46 napkins large heavy linen

towels face - hand good quality

1 table cloth 4x4

6 small napkins to match

1 table cloth, yellow leaf design and
six matching napkins

twelve yards of sheet material taken for the purpose of
making three or four sheets.

eight wine glasses on stems - leaf design etched in
six smaller of above

eight liquor glasses of above

five beer glasses in short stems

twelve water glasses with leaf design etched in

fifteen water glasses 3 inches tall

thirteen water glasses

twelve wine glasses on stems / seven inches tall/

three decanters /two with stoppers with a stopper/

sixteen champagne glasses

sixteen liquor glasses

eight small glasses with-out stems of above

Glasses

one large fruit bowl

one crimped

two smaller fruit bowls

ten large ash trays (5 pointed)

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List of Property released from Property Control Warehouse, Salzburg to War Department personnel and agencies in Land Salzburg. (continuation page 4)

one signed ash tray
one round ash tray
one vase (5 inches high)
one flower vase (approximately 15" high)
one flower vase (12" high and 8 inches diameter)
two serving dishes (one with light points) (one with eight points)
(one oval shaped)

three small glass salt shaker with silver top
one cigarette container, no top
one celery serving dish
crockery for 18 people - the pattern consists of individual roses with a gold edging-soup-serving dishes-tea pots etc.
tea set - manufacturer (Rosenthal of Bavaria) - Pattern of flowers with a gold border
consisting of a large tea-pot-sugar bowl creamer-lump sugar bowl-service for 12 people

6 egg cups (double rose pattern)
6 saucers to match

7 fancy little dishes suitable for ashtrays
Molino Bavaria (3 of 1515 and 4 of 1624).

8. The following items are located in the billet of Col. Lodus, Kesselskiallerstr. 17, Salzburg.

1 complete set silverware for 12
contained in a 4 drawer chest (Army Karoly)
20 large white monogrammed napkins
3 table cloths (one with a blue border, 2 white)
11 yellow napkins
12 sheets
3 fancy bordered pillow cases
1 rug 4x9 light inner background
3 main center designs.

9. The following items are located in von Trapp property.

1 rug 9x14 reddish
1 rug 7x10 reddish, diamond shaped center design with 3 principle figures
1 rug 14x12 light colored, pink flower design
1 rug small 3 center designs
1 rug small blue center with 6 pillar like figures

List of Property released from Property Control Warehouse, Salzburg
to War Department personnel and agencies in Land Salzburg. (continuation
page 5)

1 rug small pastel shades, modernistic design
1 rug small pink and brownish flower like figures
1 rug small reddish 5 center figures
1 rug small blue dragons and birds
1 rug small 7 principle figures in center design.

10. The following items are located in Col. Lindens guest-house

1 rug 12x15 red valeur, blue flower
1 rug 12x15 valeur, brown flower design in center
1 rug 3x6 valeur, block border.

11. The following items are located at the Hotel Bristol, Salzburg.

1 rug 2.35 meters by 3.70 meters, red with 15 light red
figures along narrow border
1 rug 4.90 meters by 6.35 meters - color predominantly red with
blue, green and tan design with 32 red and blue figures
along narrow border
1 rug 4.90 meters by 6.35 meters color mainly red, with dark blue
and green pattern.

12. The following item is located in room 92, Labor Division.

1 rug 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ meters by 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ meters - light green, 5 heart-shaped
designs on each end.

13. The following item is located in the Humles Haus, Salzburg

1 rug (signed for by Roy Lundquist, 1st Lt. Inf.)

14. The following item is located in the Kavalierhaus, Salzburg

1 rug (signed for by Robert R. Filey, 1st Lt.)

15. The following item is located in the billet of Lt. J. C. Bennet,
Salzburg.

1 rug 9x14 7 principle designs at one end.

16. The following items are located in the Mil. Gov't. Edg. Court-
house, Salzburg.

1 rug 8x10 meters, valeur, buff background, white border
1 rug 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ x10 meters, valeur, light blue border, 29 oblong
shaped designs, large 8 pointed star in the center

List of property released from Property Control Warehouse, Salzburg
to War Department personnel and agencies in Land Salzburg. (continuation
page 6)

- 1 rug 3.40x3.50 meters - valeur, 3 red flower designs
- 1 rug 3.30x4.00 meters - knipfer rug, red and blue designs
7 oblong flowers on each end
- 1 rug 3.90x4.80 meters, valeur, 17 hour glass designs in the center, red border
- 1 rug 2.40x3.40 meters, valeur, red border, 35 small flower designs
- 1 rug 1.80x2.60 meters - valeur, 2 large square designs and 2 rectangular designs with red centers.
17. The following item is located in the billet of Capt. Gates:
- 1 complete set of silverware for 6 persons.
18. The following items are located in the von Trapp property, Salzburg, for use of staff officers:
- 1 set of silverware for 12 in chest bearing name of Gergely Henrik
- 1 set of silverware for 12 in 2 drawer chest bearing name of Victor Mayer & Son, Vienna.
19. The following items are located at the ~~D.P.~~ Camp, Hallein
- 1 typewriter Hermes No. 5371
- 1 " Halda
- 1 " Triumph.

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HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES FORCES IN AUSTRIA
APO 777, U. S. ARMY

JAMES A. GANIGE

Chief, EDD&R Division

SUBJECT: Transfer of Accountability and Responsibility
of Property Released from Property Control
Warehouse, Salzburg

TO: CEC, Comanding General

Vienna Area Command

APO 777, U. S. Army

RE: Attached is a list of property released from the
Property Control Warehouse, Salzburg, to U. S. Forces in
Austria, military personnel and U. S. War Department civ-
ilians.

2. You are directed to pick up accountability and
responsibility of the items enumerated as the Reparations,
Deliveries and Restitution Division, Property Control
Branch, is being relieved of such responsibility.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL KEYES:

1 Incl:

As above

LIST OF PROPERTY RELEASED FROM PROPERTY CONTROL WAREHOUSE, SALZBURG, TO WAR DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL AND AGENCIES IN VIENNA.

1. The following items are located in the billet of General Balmer.

1 complete silver set	Box E 1142
12 silver pistes	
1 set dishes	
1 set glassware	

2. The following items are in use by Economic Division USACA, Almanz Building.

1 Underwood typewriter	23201
1 Royal typewriter	10,969459, 12332058, 1134724
1 Ideal typewriter	(S+N)
1 Lexington typewriter	16
1 Hermes typewriter	

3. The following item is located in the billet of James A. Garrison.

1 incomplete set of silverware

4. The following item is in use of R&R Division, USACA, Almanz Building.

1 rug	6x9	4 birds at one end
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5. The following item is located in the billet of D.P. Wering.

1 rug	4x6	tree design
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6. The following items are located in the billet of Walker M. Treece.

1 rug	6x9	eleven principle figures at one end
1 rug	9x12	10 deer figures at one end
1 rug	2x3½	7 principle figures at one end

7. The following items are located in the billet of James M. Dean.

1 rug	6x9	4 goats at one end
1 rug	2x3½	
1 rug	2x4½	8 squares at one end
1 rug	12x5	5 diamonds

8. The following items are located in the billet John N. Schulz.

1 rug	one olive triangle in each corner	
1 rug	6x6	light coloured, close pattern
1 complete set of silver	(4 drawer Box)	
1 table cloth and 12 napkins		

List of property released from Property Control Warehouse, Salzburg, to War Department personnel and agencies in Vienna.

The following items are located in the billet of General Balmer.

1 complete silver set BOX E 1142

12 silver pistes

1 sat dishes

1 set glassware

2. The following items are in use by Economic Division USACA, Allianz Building.

1 Underwood typewriter 23201

1 Royal typewriter 10,969459, 12332058, 1134724

1 Ideal typewriter (S+N)

1 Lexington typewriter 16

1 Hermes typewriter

3. The following item is located in the billet of James A. Garrison.

1 incomplete set of silverware

4. The following item is in use of Radar Division, USACA, Allianz building.

1 rug 6x9 4 birds at one end

5. The following item is located in the billet of D.P. Bering.

1 rug 4x6 tree design

6. The following items are located in the billet of Walker M. Trebeck.

1 rug 6x9 eleven principle figures at one end

1 rug 9x12 10 deer figures at one end

1 rug 2x13 $\frac{1}{2}$ 7 principle figures at one end

7. The following items are located in the billet of James M. Dean.

1 rug 6x9 4 goats at one end

1 rug 2x13 $\frac{1}{2}$

1 rug 2x4 $\frac{1}{2}$ 8 squares at one end

1 rug 1x2 $\frac{1}{2}$ 5 diamonds

8. The following items are located in the billet John N. Schulz.

1 rug one blue triangle in each corner

1 rug 6x6 light coloured, close pattern

1 complete set of silver (4 drawer box)

1 table cloth and 12 napkins

C O O T E E T S

Box 2

- 1 brauner Schafmantel
 1 Herrenrock m. Opossum-Rücken-
 futter
 1 Damenmantel, m. Sealkaninfutter
 1 Damenmantel, schwarz
 1 Damenmantel m. Hamster
 1 Herrenmantel m. Kippdachs
 1 Herrenmantel mit Plüschartfutter
 1 Herrenmantel mit Bismarfutter
 1 Herrenmantel mit braunem Lamm-
 futter
 1 Damenmantel mit schwarzen Sei-
 denfutter
 1 Damenmantel mit schwarzem Hamster-
 futter
 1 Herrenmantel mit Nutriafutter
 1 Herrenmantel mit Nutriafutter
 1 Damenmantel mit schwarzem Seiden-
 futter
 1 brauner Lammfelljacke
 1 Herrenmantel mit Hamsterfutter
 1 Herrenmantel mit Bismarfutter
 1 Damenmantel mit Lyarakatzenfut-
 ter
 4 Herrenmantel mit Bismarfutter
 1 Herrenmantel mit Plüschartfutter
 4 schwarze Damenstoffmantel
 1 Herrenmantel mit Katzenfell-
 futter
 1 Herrenrock mit Opossumfutter
 1 Herrenrock m. br. Kidmfutter
 4 Das zu Mantel m. Hamsterfutter
- 1 brown sheep-fur-coat
 1 great-coat with Opossum back-
 lining
 1 ladies-coat with rabbit-lining
 1 ladies-coat, black
 1 ladies-coat with marmot-fur
 1 men-coat with badger-fur
 1 men-coat with plush-lining
 1 men-coat with musk-fur-lining
 1 men-coat with brown kid-lining
 1 ladies-coat with black silk-
 lining
 1 ladies-coat with black marmot-
 fur-lining
 1 men-coat with Nutria-fur-lining
 1 men-coat with Nutria-fur-lining
 1 ladies-coat with black silk-
 lining
 1 brown kid-jacket
 1 men-coat with marmot-fur-lining
 1 men-coat with musk-fur-lining
 1 ladies-coat with Lyarecat-lining
 4 men-coats with musk-fur-lining
 1 men-coat with plush-lining
 4 ladies-coats, black stuff
 1 men-coat with cat-fur-lining
 1 great-coat with Opossum-fur-
 lining
 1 great-coat with br. kid-lining
 4 ladies-coats with marmot-fur-
 lining

C O N T E N T SBox 3

12 Persian-fur coats
23 Persian-fur coats
2 Persian-fur jackets
1 Persian-fur wrapper
2 Plush coats

40 pieces

12 Persianerklauenmäntel
23 Persianermäntel
2 Persianer Jacken
1 Persianer Cape
2 Plüschnäntel

40 Stück

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CONTENTS

Box 4

26 Persian-fur coats
5 Persian-pears fur coats
1 Lamb-skin coat
1 Persian-pass-fur jacket
1 Rabbit-fur-/type Seal/ wrapper
1 Rabbit-fur-/jacket /Type Seal/
1 Rabbit-fur-coats /Type seal

26 Persianer Mantel
5 Persianer Klaenemantel
1 Lamm Mantel
1 Persianerklaenjacke
1 Sealkenin Cape
1 Sealkeninjacke
10 Sealkenmantel

Pieces

45 Stück

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Box 5

- 1 Foal-fur wrapper
- 2 Foal-fur jackets
- 21 Foal-fur coats
- 1 Rabbit-fur wrapper /Type Seal/
- 6 Rabbit-fur jackets /Type Seal/
- 27 Rabbit-fur coats /Type Seal/
- 2 Persian-peau-fur coats

- 1 Fohlen Cape
- 2 Fohlenjacken
- 11 Fohlenmantel
- 1 Sealkanin Cape
- 6 Sealkaninjacken
- 27 Sealkanin Mantel
- 2 Persienerzleinenmantel

10 pieces

50 Stück

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Box 6.

- 1 brauner Damenstofmantel, mit
Kaninstückefutter
- 1 grauer Herrenrock mit Bisam
- 6 schwarze Herren-Stoffmäntel
- 9 schwarze Damen-Stoffmäntel
- 1 schwarzer Damenmantel, m. Bisam
gefüttert
- 1 schwarzer Damenmantel, Klippdachs
- 1 * " " , m. Katze
- 2 graue Damenmäntel mit Bisam
- 1 brauner " Seehkanin
- 1 grauer " "
- 2 braune Stoffmäntel, Damen
- 1 brauner Herrenmantel, Stoff
- 2 schwarze Herrenmäntel m. Opossum
- 1 schwarzer Herrenrock mit Lamm
- 2 schwarze Herrenröcke mit Bisam
- 1 schwarzer Herrenrock mit Hund
- 1 brauner Damenmantel mit Hamster
- 1 Uniformmantel mit Schaffell.

36 Stück

- 1 ladies-coat, brown cloth, with
rabbit-fur lining
- 1 great-coat, grey with musk-fur
- 6 men-coats, black cloth
- 9 ladies-coats,
- 1 ladies-coat, black with musk-fur
lining
- 1 ladies-coat, black with ~~badger~~
fur
- 1 ladies-coat, black with cat-fur
- 2 ladies-coats, grey with musk-fur
- 1 ladies-coat, brown with rabbit/
type Seal/
- 1 ladies-coat, grey with "
- 2 ladies-coats, brown cloth
- 1 men-coat, brown cloth
- 2 men-coats black with Opossum
- 1 great-coat, black with lamb-fur
- 2 great-coats with musk-fur
- 1 great-coat, black with dog-fur
- 1 ladies-coat, brown with marmot
- 1 Uniform-coat with sheep-fur
- 1 Uniform-coat

36 pieces