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YUGOSLAV GOLD

I. Amount of Gold seized by Italy in Yugoslavia

Three writings on this subject were found in the files of the Precious Metals Department, Reichsbank Berlin, and photostatic copies are attached as follows:

- A. Statement by Graupner in connection with investigation by U.S. authorities in 1945,
- B. Extract of memo or letter from Reichsbank-Direktorium to Bernhuber
- C. Third report re liquidation Yugoslavian N/B signed by Zabel

While it is indicated that of the Banca d'Italia gold brought to Germany an amount valued at approximately RM 26,000,000. was to be set aside for account of Yugoslavia this was not physically accomplished in the Reichsbank vaults nor reflected in the accounting record of the Precious Metals Department. It is impossible therefore to determine the portion of the Banca d'Italia gold which might have been of Yugoslavian origin.

II. Rahn-Mazzolini Agreement of 5 February 1944

The examination of the records of the Precious Metals Department did not confirm the Italian assumption that the portion of the Italian gold alleged to have originated from Yugoslavia had been shared by Germany among other States in accordance with the provisions of the Rahn-Mazzolini agreement. All the bars in the Italian shipment, including those remelted by the Prussian State Mint because not in good delivery form, were recovered at Merkers Mine. As to the portion of coin remaining under the control of the Reichsbank, this likewise was recovered in Merkers Mine with the exception of RM 4,287,900. in Misc. Francs of the Foreign Office Depot which amount was disbursed over a period of time in a series of transactions the final destinations of which could not be traced. The disposition of the RM 20,000,000. in gold coin delivered to the Foreign Office could likewise not be determined except as to coins approximating RM 2,600,000. subsequently returned to the Reichsbank for sorting and weighing

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and later evacuated to Merkers Mine.

III. Ostrog Monastery Gold

The records of the Reichshauptkasse (Main Cash Office of the Ministry of Finance of the Reich) are not held by the Foreign Exchange Depository. No receipts of gold reflected in the records of the Precious Metals Department of the Reichsbank could be identified with the approximately 471 kg of fine gold alleged to have been removed from the Ostrog Monastery.

IV. Ustacha Gold

The Yugoslavian claim that 117.5526 kg of gold in various forms as more specifically described in Addendum paragraph I had been transferred during May 1945 from the State Bank of Croatia to Germany by certain Ustacha leaders and probably handed over either to German or to allied authorities can not be substantiated from the records available at the Foreign Exchange Depository.

Such records likewise failed to disclose any connection with a further amount of gold estimated as 47.1142 kg alleged to have been confiscated by Ustacha authorities in April 1941 and presumably removed to Germany as described in Addendum paragraph II.

V. "BOR" Mines Gold

The records of the Precious Metals Department disclose only one transaction involving gold of the BOR Copper mine which occurred in October 1944 when a total of 85 bars weighing 355.9941 kg brought transported from Vienna were received by the Reichsbank, Berlin and first stored as a deposit in the name of the Reichministerium fuer Ruestung und Kriegsproduktion which name was changed on 29 January 1945 to BOR Kupferbergwerke und Huetten A.G., Belgrad. The records further indicate that authorization as to disposition of this gold both before and after change of name rested solely with the Reichsbankdirektorium. It is possible that these 85 bars form part of the 445.571 kg claimed by the Yugoslavs to have been in the form of refined bar gold, which fact can be definitely ascertained however only on receipt of particulars as to smelt numbers and weights for comparison with relative bars held by the Foreign Exchange Depository.

No substantiating data regarding gold obtained from blister copper is reflected by records available at the Foreign Exchange Depository.

VI. Transfer of Gold from Germany to Yugoslavia

The records of the Precious Metals Department disclose that a shipment of 33 gold bars from the Reichsbank, Berlin to the Croatian State Bank Zagreb took place on 2 May 1944 as indicated in first part of Addendum, paragraph III. The particulars of this shipment are as follows and appear entirely unrelated to gold assertedly removed by the Ustachas:

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<u>Bars:</u>	<u>Bank Nos.:</u>	<u>Kg fine:</u>
(a) 30	27394-27423	355.0380
(b) 2	37126, 37127	2.0001
(c) 1	37260	1.0001
(d) <u>Fine Gold(Misc.Gold)</u>		<u>.3847</u>
<u>33</u>		<u>358.4229</u>

- (a) Redelivered Prussian Mint bars originating from smelted German Reichsmark gold coins.
- (b) Originated from gold deliveries of the Reichskreditkasse, Brussels.
- (c) Originated from fine gold redelivered by Prussian Mint.
- (d) Gold from "misc. coins" category of Goldankauf, origin unknown.

There was no reference in the records concerning a further coin shipment of 8.2049 kg of the Croatian Bank as listed in Addendum, paragraph III.

As to the 1338.87067 kg gold also referred to in Addendum III and allegedly transferred to the credit of the State Bank of Croatia at the Banque Nationale Suisse, Berne during 1944 no such physical transfer can be identified. There were twelve shipments of gold to the Banque Nationale Suisse, Berne, during 1944 but the records do not reveal on whose behalf these shipments were made. The Foreign Exchange Depository has no records reflecting disposals out of the Reichsbank gold deposit at the Banque Nationale Suisse.

It may be pertinent to this inquiry to disclose that the Slovakian National Bank had a gold deposit account at the Reichsbank, Berlin from 3 Jan 1941 to 22 Jan 1942. All entries during this period were transfers of hochwertige bars from or to the "Asservat DER", Reichsbank account, with the exception of one shipment on 5 June 1941 of 129 bars weighing 1,604.005 kg fine to the Swiss National Bank. The sources of the gold or the reasons for the transfers were not ascertainable.

DANZIG GOLD

A gold inventory record of the Precious Metals Department entitled "Bestand des Haupttresors" reveals that the Bank of Danzig had a gold deposit at the Reichsbank Berlin since December 1934. From a high of 170 bars during May 1935 the deposit dropped to 27 bars in November 1935 and remained constant until April 1939. On 14 April 1939 the balance of 27 bars was augmented by 330 bars coinciding with reductions in the Reichsbank accounts "Asservat Der" and "Goldankauf" of 270 and 60 bars respectively.

Following a series of further transfers to and from the "Asservat Der" and "Goldankauf" the Bank of Danzig gold balance stood at 352 bars on 4 Sept 1939.

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when the account closed. On the same day the "Goldankauf" account increased by 351 bars. The records available at the Foreign Exchange Depository however yield no information as to the reasons for these entries nor is it possible to determine any further particulars such as numbers, weights of gold bars.

GREEK GOLD

It is impossible to identify in the records of the Precious Metals Department any of the gold coin in the amounts submitted by the Greek Government as having been removed from the Bank of Greece.

AUSTRIAN GOLD

Whether or not the Austrian Gold held by the Bank of England for the account of the B.I.S. was ultimately shipped to Germany or elsewhere for account of the Reichsbank directorium can not be determined from the records of the Precious Metals Department.

External Gold Custody in Name of German Government,
Reichsbank, or other Official German Agency.

The responsibilities of the Precious Metals Department pertained solely to gold on hand in the Reichsbank, Berlin, and its records therefore are not a dependable reference for data concerning gold held by foreign banks for account of German Government, Reichsbank, or other official agency.

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Colonel, GSC

Chief, Foreign Exchange Depository

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Subject: Yugoslavian Gold claim

Reference: Bureau memorandum of 30 July, 1947.

Para I) The records of Prei-habels Papt. give no details with respect to the Yugoslavian gold seized by Italy and turned over to Germany with the Banca d'Italia gold - in February 1944. Photostatic copies of 3 statements concerning this problem which had been already attached to the memorandum written in reply to the Yugoslavian Restitution Bureau claim of 15 July, 1947 - also the annexed copy and translation of a report - 110-29379 of 16 November 1944 - of the Reichsbank say that only question that an amount of approxim. Rh 26,000,000 gold has to be segregated as Yugoslavian gold. However, there are ~~not at all~~ ^{no} indications as to the type or number of bars or coins.

Para II) The study of records of Prei-habels Papt. did not confirm the Italian assumption that the gold originating from Yugoslavia had been stored by Germany amongst other States according to the provisions of the Rahmen-Mazzolini agreement. All bars which had been transferred from Italy and which party had been remitted by the Prussian State but were recovered at Herkem have with respect to the gold coins removed from Italy it is to say that in the course of time the Papt., Foreign Office (Rh 10,000,000) consisting of small France, and small amounts of other

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types of gold coins had diminished by approx. 4,287,900 French Francs by series of transactions of different kind. The final destinations of which can not be traced. All other gold coins originating from the Banque d'Italia and first held in Reichsbank Berlin were likewise found in Merkers' safe. On the other hand the part of the Italian Gold delivered to the Foreign Office, and exclusively consisting of coins amounting to Rh 20,000,000., is shut out from this research with exception of an amount of approx. 2.6 million Reichsmarks. Those coins had been turned over to the Reichsbank for sorting and re-weighing purposes. When the evacuation to Merkers became imminent they were still held in the Bank, and consequently removed as Asset II (Foreign Office) with the other valuables.

Para III. The available Reichsbank records show no entries and give no indications with respect to approx 471 kg of fine gold which are said to have been removed from the monastery "Ostrog" to Germany, and probably had been turned over to the Reichshaupthaus, the main cash office of the Ministry of Finance of the Reich. It is unknown, if the records and deposits of this office which was located at Berlin had been seized by Allied Forces or where they are now held. It was also impossible to trace a gold-delivery of the above-mentioned quantity which possibly

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would be effectuated by the Reichsbank have to the
Reichsbank.

Para II of Brusels memo of 30 July, 1947 and Para I & II of Brusels memo of 7 August, 1947

The Yugoslavian assumption that 117.5526 kg of fine gold had been carried to Germany in May 1945 by certain Ustasha leaders, and then must have been handed over either to German or to Allied Authorities can not be verified by the study of records being at hand. It seems rather unlikely that these men should have succeeded in reaching the western zones of Germany with their booty at that time. On the contrary they might have been already apprehended in the eastern territories by the Russians.

It is also impossible to trace the final disposal regarding the 47.1142 kilograms of fine gold confiscated by the organs of the Ustasha authorities in April 1941 and said to have been removed to Germany. There are no entries in the records of Tres Metals Popt. which may refer to this transaction.

Para I of Brusels memo of 30 July, 1947.

The records of Tres Metals Popt. disclose only one transaction concerning gold of the "Bar" Copper Mine. In October 1944 85 gold bars weighing 355.9941 were brought to Reichsbank Berlin and stored as a deposit of the before-mentioned Mine. The owner of the bars

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was not examined. However, according to a remark in the acknowledgement of the Reichsbank-Directorate to the Reichswirtschaftsminister for armament and War-production 17 assay-certificates had been added to this deposit. At present the gold is held in the vault of "F&GJ".

No entry in Reichsbank-records being at hand can be brought into connection with delivery of gold or silver originating from refined blister-copper of the Bor-hine. If these precious metals should not have been transferred to the Yugoslavian Nationalbank according to the ruling regulations they were used in all probability for industrial purposes. In this case the Reichsstelle für Edelmetalle and the "Degussa" - besides the German refineries - may be informed of the definitive dispositions.

Para 4 of Trunel's memo of 30 July 1947 and Para 14 of Trunel's memo of 7 August 1947 state that physical transfer of gold took place on 2 May, 1944 from Reichsbank Berlin to the Croatian State Bank, Zagreb, as Reichsbank records show. This gold shipment included:

30 gold bars 900/1000 Bank No's 27394-27423 kgrugh 394.330,0 kufine 355.038,0	a)
2 " small bars " 37126, 37127	2.000,1
1 " " " " 37260	1.000,1
Total gold (marked "a")	0.384,7
	0.384,7
	b)
	c)
	d)
	e)
	f)
	kgrough 397.714,9 kufine 358.422,9

Remarks: bars marked a) were reconditioned German hurt bars.

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originating from melted German Reichsmark gold coins.
Bars marked b) originated from gold-deliveries of the Reichsbank.
Rare Rounds.

Bar marked c) originated from fine-gold redelivered by the Prussian State Mint.

Fine-gold marked d) was a small quantity of gold of unknown origin taken from, small coins in the amount "Goldankauf."

The assertion that furthermore gold coins not kilos 8.2049 were removed to Croatia could not be confirmed by the study of records of Prei-Metals Pept. The attempt to clear up the transfer of 1338.87067 kg fine gold to the credit of the State Bank of Croatia at the Swiss National Bank, Berne, in 1944 failed likewise. Possibly this gold was disposed of the Reichsbank gold-depot at the Swiss National Bank or it was included in the shipment carried out in 1944 under supervision of officials of the Banca d'Italia to Switzerland. —

With regard to the gold claims of the Balkan-states the following statement may be of interest. The records being at hand reveal that in 1941 the Slovakian National Bank held a gold-depot at the Reichsbank Berlin established by the transfer of goldbars from the Reichsbank-amount account Drs. On 5 June, 1941

123 hoolonge bars Bank Nos. 26381-26438 27638-27708;

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Wg rough 1,607.0445. Wg fine 1,604.0050.
were shipped to the Swiss National Bank, Berne.

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Subject: Polish Gold Claim (Danzig Gold)

Reference: Trunk Memorandum of 30 July, 1947.

The Bank of Danzig held a deposit of gold bars at the Reichsbank Berlin since November 1934 according to entries found in the book "Bestand des Hauptkassen" of Prei Metals Report. The highest number of bars (-170 bars) were stored in May 1935. From November 1935 until April 1939 this deposit consisted of a constant amount of 27 bars. On 14 April, 1939 it augmented by 330 bars and on the same date the Reichsbank accounts "Schatz-Ter" and "Goldankauf" diminished by 270 and 60 respectively later entries in the book "Bestand des Hauptkassen" reveal series of increases and decreases ^{of} goldbars ~~transaction~~ between the deposit of the Bank of Danzig and the account "Ter" as well as the account "Goldankauf" resulting in the termination of the Danzig Report on 4 September, 1939. However, it is not possible to clear up indiscernment and background of these goldtransactions.

The entry in the book "Bestand des Hauptkassen" of Prei Metals Report refers among others to a transfer of 100,000 Danzig Gilders to the account "Goldankauf" on 9 February, 1940 without any indication as to the origin of these coins. This transaction possibly may be connected with the Bank of Prussia.

There is a chance that the preceding insufficient statement may be completed by an interrogation of Reichsbank.

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Promotor Dr. Works former President of the Bank of Danzig
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Subject: External Gold Custody Accounts for the German Government, Reichsbank or other Official German Agency

Reference: Brussels memorandum of 7 August, 1947.

Enclosure No 4

It is impossible only by the help of the bankers being at hand to give detailed information of any gold custody accounts which at the time of the outbreak of hostilities with the various Allied Nations, were held by foreign banks for the German Government the Reichsbank or Official German Agency. The book, Statistics of gold and silver of German hotels kept showing the amounts of gold which were regularly published in news papers contains the following entry on 31 August, 1939:

Gold:

<u>at home:</u>	<u>abroad</u>	<u>Total</u>
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Switzerland

Rh 65,755,028	Rh 5,017,012	Rh 70,772,040
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However, it seems to be ~~improbable~~ ^{improbable} that only the small amount of Rh 5,017,012 in gold

should have been held abroad. Further indications could not be ascertained.

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Subject: Austrian Gold Case.

Reference: French memorandum of 7 August, 1947

Enclosure No. 3

The dispositions regarding Austrian gold deposited in the Bank of England and turned over to the B.D.S. in March 1938 for account of the German Reichsbank can not be traced by the study of records of Prex-hoteles Dept. In all probability the original bars had not been transferred to Germany but the B.D.S. might have withdrawn gold in the requisite quantity from its credits at other National Banks entries in bar books of Prex-hoteles Dept. concerning fragments of.

- a) 3 shipments of 440, 300 and 304 bars in April 1938 from the Swiss National Bank, Berne, to Berlin
 - b) 1 shipment of 672 bars in May 1938 from the Bank of France, Paris, to Berlin.
- may have reference to the Austrian Gold.

John Thaw.

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GoldSubject: Greece gold claimReference: Brussels memorandum of 7 August 1947.Annexure II-2

The records of Prec. Metals Dept. reflect no special transactions with respect to gold of the National Bank of Greece. However, the following deposits primarily stored at Reichsbank Berlin may be connected with gold originating from Greece:

a) Deposit of Ambassador Dr. Neubacher, Athens,

established 5 February, 1943 Govt. 4,000. Miss. France 22,570.

Delivered to the Foreign Office, Berlin, on 9 Feb., 1943 Govt. 2,500. " 22,570.

Rest-amount Govt. 1,500. "

shipped to Berlin Mine in February 1945 and marked Assortment I.

b) Shipment from Reichsbank Vienna

for amount of 1) Ambassador Dr. Neubacher

2) Oberkommando Wehrmacht

3) Generalgouvernement South

4) Marinegruppenkommando South

consisting of various types of gold coins, established

as Assortment 8 on 12 February, 1945 and sent to Berlin Mine.

Albert Tamm

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2 February 1948

FROM : CICUS
TO : CHIEF OF STAFF
UNITED STATES ARMY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Reured WX-96654, WX-90566, WX-85682 and State Department Telegram from Layett to Dorn, 31 December 1947. Disposition of gold in subject.
1. WX-96654 ruled that all monetary gold go to gold pot and that no monetary gold, despite of source, be disposed of under WX-85682, excepting only monetary gold coins whose numismatic market value exceeds their monetary value. WX-90566 narrowed down this definition of monetary gold to gold held by governments central bank or monetary authority as part of that country's monetary reserve which, "at time of its looting or wrongful removal" was "held by respective governments central bank or monetary authority as part of that country's monetary reserve". We now question classification of gold bullion and gold coins of following origin:

a. Gold surrendered to Germans by individuals of occupied countries pursuant to laws promulgated by Germans forcing surrender of monetary gold. We are in possession of such gold some of which is clearly identifiable as to former individual owner.

b. Minted gold looted by Germans from individual owners which was not held by a government's central bank or monetary authority as part of country's monetary reserve.

Gold discussed under a. and b. does not fit new monetary gold definition nor non-monetary gold definition. Since a country can file gold claims only for gold held at time of looting or wrongful removal in government central bank or monetary reserve, to request your decision as to its disposition. Though present restitution directives exclude gold from restitution, we suggest that gold described under a. and b. be restituted to original individual owner upon presentation of properly documented claim.

c. Monetary gold coins whose numismatic market value is less

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and their monetary value found among looted shipments from concentration camps or from similar source indicating disposition pursuant to IX-X-5682. According to para 24 of IX-X-5682 we withheld such monetary gold coins from disposition under IX-X-5682 and earmarked them for gold pot. However, since such coins were not held by a government central bank or authority's monetary reserves at time of looting, request your decision as to whether they should not be dispensed of pursuant to IX-X-5682.

2. Disregarding the present distinction between monetary and non-monetary gold we would like to pose the following considerations which are apparent from above paragraph. If there are four different kinds of gold according to the four different sources from which gold held by us originated:

a. Monetary Gold

Gold held as part of a country's reserves in a government central bank or other monetary authority at time of removal from enemy Germany. This gold already has been classified as "monetary gold" as incorporated into the gold pot, and claims by USA countries can be filed for liquidation of monetary gold through the gold pot.

b. Non-monetary Gold

Gold which represents loot seized or obtained under circumstances political, racial or religious victim of the Nazi Government or its satellite governments or nationals thereof found, seized or confiscated by USFIP or by local authorities acting under the direction of control of U.S. Forces. In addition to above condition, this gold will have to have one of the following other attributes:

- (1) It is unidentifiable as to its national and individual origin.
- (2) It originated from a concentration camp regardless of geographical location of concentration camp.
- (3) It is heirless property.

Such gold represents basically classified "non-monetary gold" and it turned over to the DDC for the settlement of unpatrizable victim of Nazi action.

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c. Restitutable Gold.

Gold which had to be surrendered to the Germans by individual residents of occupied countries according to a foreign exchange law promulgated by the Germans or gold which the Germans wrongfully removed from individual owners and which is still in its original form and identifiable as to individual ownership. Such gold should be called "restitutable gold" and restituted to the rightful owner or his heirs. In order to distinguish between restitutable, monetary and non-monetary gold, it should be made necessary that the claimant's Restitution Mission produce original claim documents submitted by individual claimant supported by documents showing that he is a resident of country represented by the respective Restitution Mission.

d. German Gold.

Gold held by us under Law 53 which is neither monetary, non-monetary, nor restitutable. Such gold should be classified as "German gold" if proven to be bona fide German property and turned over to German gold pot to be redistributed to the German economy according to principles similar to those governing the distribution of monetary gold from the Allied gold pot by the Tripartite Gold Commission.

b. CASH

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APPRaisal CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that I have made an inventory and appraisal of diverse objects held in the Foreign Exchange Depository, described on the Inventory Forms listed on the attached 2 sheets. This appraisal covers 36 Inventory Forms, representing a total appraisal value of Danish Kroner 139341.-

I declare to have made the inventory and appraisal of the diverse objects laid before me by the Foreign Exchange Depository, to the best of my ability, taking as basis of the appraisal, the average price between the bid and asked price at the rates in use in Denmark in the month of December 1946.

Peter C. Petersen

Peter C. Petersen

Witness to signature

Jakob W. Kettler

Witness to signature

Edwin P. Keller

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SHIPMENT INVENTORY SHEET

Shipment No 20

Checked out by _____ Vault _____

Time _____ Date _____

Date 16 May 45

Received by _____ Vault _____

Time _____ Date _____

From 3rd U.S. Army, Spital

Opened by _____

Appraised by _____

Vault Loc.	No. Original Items	Now or Breakdown	Contents	Checked from Storage by	Date & Time	Returned to Storage by	Date & Time	Pew Loc.	Now Br.
7 LIV	633 Bags		Said to contain gold bullion and coins						
8 LIV	2 Cases		Said to contain Foreign currency and coins						
8 LIV	20 Cases	Breakdown	Said to contain safekeeping deposits						
	11 Cases	Now 1 bag	Gold bars						
	33	33	Gold anodes						
		1 pkg.	Cathodes						
		9 Bars	Gold and Silver						
		54 Bars	Gold						
		2 Bars	Silver						
		45 Bars	Gold						
		8 Pags	Gold						
		3 Bags	Gold coin						
8 LIV	3 Container		Said to contain platinum and other precious metals.						
8 LIV	1 package		Said to belong to Hungarian Military Police						
4 ARS	28 Cases		Said to be deposits of Trust Company for Orphans Budapest						
8 LIV	1 sack	Breakdown	Said to contain						
		1 case	Sealed envelopes re Jewish properties						
		1 pkg.	Said to belong to Minister-President Ferenc Szalazi						
		1 Case	Deposited by Commercial Bank of Budapest						

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SUBJECT: Discussion of Suggested Plan for Valuation of Treasure held in Foreign Exchange Depository.

TO : Director, Finance Division, Office of Military Government for Germany (U.S.) APO 742, U.S. Army.

In an effort to simplify the inventory two arbitrary assumption were made.

1. Prices as of December 31, 1945 were taken as a basis for most valuations.

This was done because of the impracticability of attempting to continually revise the inventory to current market. It was felt that December 31, 1945 was reasonably close enough to the present time to make such prices fairly realistic. It is also more practicable to obtain year end prices, which are generally compiled for statistical purposes.

2. The official military rate, as outlined in War Department circular 63 of March 15, 1946 was taken as a general basis for currency conversion.

It was felt that it was necessary to make such an arbitrary assumption in view of the impracticability of finding any more realistic figure without long and perhaps fruitless study by economists, and discussions with many varied authorities and agencies. It is realized that such rates are only adopted for bookkeeping purposes and may not represent a realistic liquidating value.

3. Revised Inventory and Appraisal Sheet and Suggested Plan are enclosed.

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Tel. Frankfurt 24583

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Colonel GSC.
Commanding

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General

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SUBJECT: Suggested Plan for Valuation of Treasure held in Foreign Exchange Depository.

TO : Director, Finance Division, Office of Military Government for Germany (U.S.) APO 742, U.S.Army.

1. Valuation of Securities.

Valued at bid prices, as of December 31, 1945 in the markets in which such securities are either denominated or principally dealt in with additions, deductions or qualifications to such valuation as covered in notes A.,B.,C.

Note A Interest due on bonds figured from date of last unpaid coupon to December 31, 1945.

Note B Dividends, both cash and stock, declared and not received up to December 31, 1945, to be allowed for.

Note C Exchanges, redemptions, invalidations, outlawing, defaults, partial payments, reorganizations, split ups and deposits of securities under plans, to be allowed for.

Note D Determination of valuations for securities without active markets or published quotations to be made through consultation with proper authorities.

2. Conversion of Valuations arrived at under this plan into terms of one currency.

All valuations not expressed in U.S. Dollars to be converted into U.S. Dollars at the official military rate as outlined in War Department Circular 63 of March 15, 1946. If there is no official military rate the market bid rate, as of December 31, 1945 shall be employed.

3. Valuation precious, semiprecious and industrial stones.

Valued at market prices as of December 31, 1945 on basis of appraisal made by competent technical advisor. Any such valuation expressed in terms other than U.S. Dollar to be converted into U.S. Dollars on basis outlined in Section 2.

4. Valuation jewelry and other valuable items.

Valued on basis of appraisal made by competent technical advisor at estimated value as of December 31, 1945.

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Any such valuation expressed in terms other than U.S. Dollars to be converted into U.S. Dollars on basis outlined in Section 2.

5. Valuation of Currency.

Converted into U.S. Dollars on basis outlined in Section 2.

6. Valuation of Gold. (including industrial)

Valued on a net fine weight basis at the U.S. Gold price, namely 35 Dollars per fine ounce.

7. Valuation of Silver (including industrial)

Valued at net fine weight basis at the approximate U.S. price for foreign silver, namely 71 cents per fine ounce.

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Colonel GSC
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MEMORANDUM

26 September 1946

SUBJECT: Inventory of Shipment No. 2

TO : Chief of Branch
FROM : Depository Section

1. Inventory of Shipment No. 2 has been completed.
2. Lists of the contents of this shipment, namely Shipments Nos. 2 A through 2 F are attached hereto.
3. The contents of Shipments 2 D and 2 E apparently belong to various separate individuals or companies with French names (Shipment 2 D has 121 names and shipment 2 E has 193 names).

4. Shipment No. 2 was received by the F.E.B. on 25 April 1945. It was found at the Reichsbank in Halle. 2 C, 2 D and 2 E are believed to have been removed from France by the Germans. According to a letter from the Leiter, Devisenschutzkommando, France, dated 13 September 1944 found with these assets, they are identified as large sums of gold and foreign exchange brought back to the Reich when the office retreated from Paris. The 16 boxes comprising 2 C are described as being gold bars of the firm of Dollfus-Mieg, Külhausen, Alsace. 2 D and E are described in the same letter as gold and foreign exchange assets from Banks of Tours, Blois, Orleans, Chartres, Meaux and Chateaudun. The above assets (2 C, 2 D and 2 E) were first stored, by instructions of Reichsbank Director Reinel, at the Reichsbank in Eisenach. Later they seem to have been moved to Reichsbanknebenstelle in Naumberg, Saale and from there to Halle, Saale in April 1945.

Shipment 2 F appear to be personal deposits at the Falle Reichsbank plus coins and foreign notes which had accumulated in the bank in the usual course of business during the 3 weeks previous to April 20, 1945 when the bank was visited on a reconnaissance mission by Col. Bernstein. 2 A and 2 B appear from the records, to have been sent from "Place X" to the Reichsbank Halle, and the Reichsbank Nordhausen by order of the Reichsbankdirectoriuns. They seem to constitute currency from the "Reserve Berlin."

Edwin P. Keller

EDWIN P. KELLER
Head, Depository Section

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UNINVENTORIED ITEMS

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Shipment No	Description	Date recd.	Rec'd. from	Possible Ownership
1	204 containers	15 April 45	Salt Mine MERKUR	no indication
16	319 boxes	7 May 45	G-5 Financial Sch. 1st U.S. Army	Captured at BUCHENWALD no indication ownership
7	314 boxes and 1 metalbox	9 May 45	G-5 Financial French 12th U.S. Army Group	found in vaults Reichsbank apparently deposited by Finance Minister
16	4 boxes 3 valises 28 bags 114 bags said to contain foreign Currency and Coin	13 May 45	MG Det. VONICHE	found in Reichsbank TOWER might be SG-loot
20	2 cases said to contain foreign Currency and Coin 3 containers said to contain platinum and other precious metals	16 May 45	3rd U.S. Army SPITAL	National Bank of Hungary SPITAL AV FRYHEN
21	8 bags said to contain coin 4 boxes and 2 mail bags	19 May 45	7th U.S. Army AUGSBURG	see shipment this number on 'Silver Bullion Sheet'
22	58 containers and 14 bags	26 May 45	9th U.S. Army MORASBURG	found in FRIMMINGHALL no indication ownership
23	1 bag said to contain jewelry	30 May 45	G-5 12th Army Group	found Reichsbank HOLEN no indication ownership
25	96 bags	8 June 45	Asst. G-5 10th Inf. Div.	received from Reichsbank HALLE no indication ownership
27	26 bags	10 June 45	7th U.S. Army TRIERBACH	no indication ownership

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UNINVENTORIED ITEMS

Shipment No	Description	Date recd.	Rec'd. from	Possible Ownership
1	bags said to contain jewelry and silverware	18 June 45	10 Det. F1 HS RAUBIS	no indication ownership for locating discovery see Silver Bullion Sheet
2	bags 1 box and 1 bag	23 June 45	13 Det. (Prov) 20 APO 339	see Commercial Silver Sheet
3	bags silver coin	26 June 45	11 Det. H5 09 APO 658	received from Reichsbank JENA no indication ownership
4	bags silver coin	28 June 45	MAG Det. H3 H3	received from Reichsbank SONnenburg no indication ownership
4	bags of which 235 silver coin	29 June 45	10 Det. H3 C9	235 bags from Reichsbank GERA others from Reichsbank in ZWICKAU, CRIMITSCHAU and VERDAU no indication ownership
	bags of which 8 silver coin	29 June 45	M1 Det. H3 B9	1 bag received from Reichsbank WEISSENFELS 1 bag and 8 bags silver coin received from Reichsbank ZEITZ
	bags silver coin	30 June 45	10 Det. G1 C9	received from Reichsbank, WEIJMAR
	bag silver coin	30 June 45	Battery 3 690 th FA	received from Reichsbank, LEIPZIG
	1 metal case and 1 sack	1 July 45	Det. I 6 C 9	received from Financial Institutions Landkreis, SCHWERIN
	8 bags silver coin	3 July 45	Carl S. Sector 2 ad Lt. O - 2000476	received from Reichsbank, GBEIZ
49	6 bags silver coin	5 July 45	Vernon A. Bulot 1 st Lt. Inf. O - 531067	received from Reichsbank, SAALFELD
52	1 bag and 1 tin box 4 bags and 2 cartons said to contain effects of persons from Dachau Concentration Camp	7 July 45	3rd U.S. Army	found in hills south of WALCHENSEE no indication ownership

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UNINVENTORIED ITEMS

Shipment No	Description	Date recd.	Recd. from	Possible Ownership
53	11 cardboard cartons 182 bags 3 wooden boxes, 1 suitcase	11 July 45	Reichsbank SCHWEIZ	no indication
57	15 bags British Silver Coins	30 July 45	Det. 16 F3	from GARMISCH-PARTENKIRCHEN stored in the Stadtsperresee C. File states "Records indicate taken from British deceased ev"
58	1 bag various coins	31 July 45	Finance Officer Det. GI F3	received from Reichsbank WIEN no indication ownership
63	16 bags coins	24 Aug 45	HQ Det. G-4 C Co. C	received from Reichsbank FULD
65	362 bags silver coins	25 Sept 45	Reichsbank SCHWEINFURT	no indication ownership
66	23 boxes silver coins	27 Sept 45	Reichsbank WURZBURG	no indication
67	20 boxes silver coins	27 Sept 45	Reichsbank Aschaffenburg ARCHAFTENBURG	no indication
68	14 boxes silver coins	28 Sept 45	6 boxes from Reichsbank ASCHAFTENBURG & boxes from Reichsbank WURZBURG	no indication
73	1 bag	30 Oct 45	Hq Co 2 nd Bn. 359 th Inf.	no indication
74	927 bags of which 299 bags silver coin	1 Nov 45	Det. B2 C2	received from Reichsbank, BREM
76	1 chest said to contain silverware 1 suitcase with silverware	8 Nov 45	C 2 Doc Control Sec. USFET	believed to be property Eva Braun
77	various coins	26 Dec 45	British & American Embassies MADRID Spain	property German legation in Spain

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1 July 1946

Status
SUBJECT: /Report on Assets Held in Foreign Exchange DepositoryTo : Director, Finance Division, Office of Military Government
for Germany (US), XRC 742, U. S. Army

1. In accordance with your request for information concerning assets held in the Foreign Exchange Depository, together with our estimate of the time required to inventory such assets, the following report is submitted. This report has been prepared from available information and records and is complete only to the extent such records permit and also to the extent of time available to investigate the records and prepare this report. The following information is classified according to the type of assets held and also shows an estimate of the time required to inventory them:

a. Gold Bullion

A total of 12,636 gold bars are held. Of this amount 8,907 bars were received from the Markers Mine; these bars weigh 113,853.523 fine grams. Items such as the Hungarian gold are included in the above total gold bar amount.

b. Silver Bullion

Silver bullion shown by existing records amounts to over 3,000,000 fine ounces. The complete inventory is not available.

c. Commercial Silver

Commercial silver shown by existing records amounts to over 3,450,000 ounces, in the form of ingots, plates, pipes, wires, shot, etc. The complete inventory is not available.

d. Other Precious Metal

There are also other metals such as 25,000 ounces of platinum, and small quantities of iridium and palladium and other platinum bars. The complete inventory is not available.

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Detailed inventory count is not available. c.l.s.

f. Silver Coin

There are approximately 300 bags of silver coin. Detailed inventory count is not available.

g. Currency

There are approximately 1,700 bags of currency, comprising practically all important issues. As an example, there are about 210 bags of French currency totaling over two bags one-half billion French Francs. The inventory of currency has been started.

h. Securities

There are about 500 bags of assorted securities. The largest class of securities in volume seems to be Columbia and Concordia shares.

i. Jewelry

This classification includes US loot and items from other shipments, such as jewelry, watches, tableware, etc. It is contained in about 500 assorted containers, such as suitcases, sacks, and boxes. This item has not been inventoried.

j. Other Assets

This classification consists of other items such as: 150,000 carats of industrial diamonds, engraving plates, some cultural objects, some rare coins.

2. The following is an estimate of time required to inventory the above items:

<u>Classification</u>	<u>No. of Weeks</u>
a. Gold Bullion	None
b. Silver Bullion	2 weeks
c. Commercial Silver	4 weeks
d. Other precious metal	1 week

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9.		
f.	Silver Coin	1 week
g.	Currency	6 weeks
h.	Securities	6 weeks
i.	Jewelry	3 weeks
j.	Other Assets	4 weeks

3. Paragraph 2 indicates a total required inventory time of 9 and 1/2 months, assuming that the necessary personnel is present and that the items are inventoried consecutively. However, if inventory teams are established, it is believed that the inventory operation could be completed in 6 months.

WILLIAM C. DUNN
Colonel OSC
Chief, Foreign Exchange Depository

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Memorandum By J.J. NARA Date 6/22/95

Number 1945

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In accordance with your instructions we submit herewith a report on the physical count of items inventoried by the U. S. Treasury Department and Bank of England experts, and the comparison of the experts' work sheet with the physical count.

On 13th, 14th and 15th of August 1945 values in the Main Vault were counted by Capt. Schilling and Lt. Kelso in the presence of Mr. F. H. Schiercke. The procedure used in counting each compartment was as follows:

1. Each officer took an independent count.
2. The officers compared and agreed their count totals.
3. The total per the officers was compared and agreed with the total per Mr. Schiercke.
4. The compartment was sealed by the officers and Mr. Schiercke with a tag showing the items in the compartment.

On the 15th of August 1945, after completing the count in the Main Vault, the silver inventoried by the experts and stored in the Basement Vault and Air Raid Shelter Vault was counted. This count was made by Capt. Schilling and Lt. Kelso in the presence of Mr. F. E. Coulton. The same procedure was used as for the Main Vault except that the rooms were not sealed after the count. However, Room 9, Air Raid Shelter Vault, was sealed on the same day that the silver therein had been counted.

The total of the physical count is summarized as follows:

Gold Bars	12,686
Bags, Gold	63
Ingots	36
Nuggets	2
Pkg. Samples	1
Anodes	53
Pkg. Cathodes	1
Gold and Silver Bars	5
Bags, Coin	5
Metal Boxes	3,730
Bag Medallions	2
Silver Bars	651
Bags Silver	16
Boxes, Silver	168
Bare Platinum	25
Boxes Platinum and Platinum	16
Group Metals	16
Lots Platinum and Platinum	36
Group Metals	1

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 Bottles missing

This count was found to be in agr except with the work sheet with the following exceptions:

(a) Count of Gold Bars	12.636
Gold Bars, per work sheets	<u>12.634</u>

Difference - Count over 2

The difference is in Compartment #7. No explanation for the overage can be determined.

(b) Count of Coin Bags	3.700
Coin Bags, per work sheets	<u>3.699</u>

Difference - Count over 1

This difference is in Compartment #13. It apparently arises from coins found in bags after the inventorying was completed. On Page 7, Schedule III, of the Gold Report there is an item "Coins found subsequently, 1.295 oz." This item is not on the work sheets and it is presumed that these coins were placed in a bag and put in Compartment #13, but were not entered on the work sheets or the location charts.

In addition to the above differences, the silver section of the report listed 335 pot-end, 33 bags granulated silver, and sundry coils, tubes, plates and boxes of silver, the weights of which were shown as unknown. Inasmuch as there was no accurate count and no weight on these items determined by the experts, we did not count them nor include them in the above summary of physical count.

The work sheets were checked against the report prepared by the experts and many discrepancies were found. Most of the differences do not affect the weights shown in the report, but only the number of items. The differences are set forth in detail as follows:

Sheet No.	Not Affecting Weights
41	Report lists and count shows 27 bars and 1 bag. Sheet lists 27 large bars and 3 small bars. Apparently the three small bars were placed in a bag but sheet does not definitely show this.
41B and 42	Report lists and count shows 40 bars and 1 bag. Sheet lists 40 large bars and 2 small bars. Apparently the 2 small bars were placed in a bag but sheet does not definitely show this.

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HEADQUARTERS, U.S. FORCES, EUROPEAN THEATER

FILE NO:

SUBJECT: Tracing of 36 bars of Gold

DATE 20 July 1946

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

No.	From	To	Date	Has This Paper Been Coordinated With All Concerned?
1	For. Exch. Dep. Fin. Div. OMGUS (Rear) APO 757 U.S. Army	External Assets Branch, Finance Div. OMGUS APO 742 US Army	20 July 1946	<p>1. Reference telephone conversation 19 July 1946 regarding location of deposit of Witterman with De Twentsche Bank, Amsterdam of 36 bars gold, gross weight 458.59867 kiles, fine weight 443.66023 kilos.</p> <p>2. In accordance with your request a search has been made of available records of the Berlin Reichsbank.</p> <p>3. Information obtained from these records is submitted on attached sheet, and seems to indicate that bars referred to may be in the Merkers Salt Mine shipment.</p> <p>WGB/D Tel. Frankf. 34245</p> <p style="text-align: right;">WILLIAM G. BREY Colonel, GSC Chief, Foreign Exchange Depository</p>

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Information found in Reichsbank books concerning
36 bars gold

A. An entry on the journal (Tagebuch) of the Precious Metals Department 16 October 1943. Shipment of the Devision-Schutzhauptamt Niederlande, Amsterdam, to Reichsbank, Berlin, from a deposit of (Generalstaatsanwalt) Advocate-General in Frankfort o/m of 36 gold bars, gross weight kilos 458.5975.

B. A booking of the Precious Metals Department in the books, "Asservate und Depots" and in the "Tresorarbeitsbuch" after having checked the weight of the bars 25 November 1943 36 bars, gross kilos 458.5850 fine kilos 441.6471.

C. The gold was transferred from the deposit of the Advocate-General, Frankfort o/m on 8 July 1944 to the accounts "Goldankauf" and "Asservat Der" as follows:

	" Goldankauf "	" verschiedene Barren "	gross kilos	net kilos
	11 bars (numbers 37286 - 37296)		151.306	136.8318
	25 bars (numbers 48762 - 48786)		107.279	90.6153
Totals	36 bars		458.585	441.6471

D. All bars were shipped to Wackers Salt Mine (see Overall gold report - schedule I).

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12 July 1946

1. Italians assets in F. E. D.
shipment No. 1

gold bars	23.070.000
gold coin	44.000.000
total gold	67.070.000

2. Austrian assets in F. E. D.
Germany originally took \$ 108.000.000 gold from Austria.
Gold was mixed up and what we have here cannot be definitely
identified at moment, as far as Austrian gold is concerned.

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EDWIN P. KELLER
Head, Depository Section

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File Nr. 960-12

COLLECTOR AND INVESTIGATOR: DIRECTOR, FBI, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

25 June 1968

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
SUBJECT: THE DALLAS KID
Priority: ORG 100
Delivery: AIR MAIL
Reference: 760-702

1. Confirm telephone conversation of today with Director of FBI, Los Angeles, concerning information concerning the whereabouts of fugitive subject, DALLAS KID, 1966 California 1-2-1000, and his associates.

2. In 1970, the California Department of Motor Vehicles issued a license plate number 6H-1000 to a man identified in above matter. Check records.

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Non-Monetary Gold

4 June 1946

For: DIAF.
Exch. Fin.
Dep. Div.
OMGUS CHGCUS
Rear

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1. Reference is made to memorandum dated 28 May 1946, from Office of Political Affairs to Director Finance Division, concerning non-monetary gold held in the Foreign Exchange Depository, and to the telephone request from Fin. Div. (1 June 46) for an estimate of the value of such non-monetary gold.

2. In compliance with above request, a search was made of the existing records and a physical inspection made of the vault, in an effort to determine as accurately as possible, the quantity of such non-monetary gold on hand.

3. a) As a result, it is estimated that there are approximately 50,000 ounces of non-monetary gold on hand, in the form of watches, chains, tableware, jewelry, dental gold, rings, pins and similar items.

b) This quantity, valued at 35 Dollars per ounce, results in an estimated value of 1,750,000. Dollars.

4. Attention is invited to the fact that this amount has been estimated by non-technical personnel and after a final and detailed inventory and appraisal, such estimate is subject to revision. Based upon quantities of root which have not been inventoried, it is believed that the final value available for turn-over, will be higher than the above estimate.

WILLIAM G. BREY
Colonel GSC
Chief, Foreign Exchange Depository

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MAY 23, 1946

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MEMORANDUM

TO : Mr. C. W. Strode, Director,
Political Division

FROM : Office of Political Affairs

Estimated value of non-monetary gold, Article A of the PAT or Report 11001. A memorandum provided by the FBI indicated that the available gold was sufficient to cover all monetary obligations of the FBI. Non-monetary gold included in the available gold was estimated to be approximately \$10,000.00. This amount was determined by the FBI and is believed to be accurate. It is recommended that no further estimate be made of non-monetary gold. The non-monetary gold should be held in the Director's possession. No documents concerning its possession or disposition should be issued or released. The non-monetary gold should be held by the Director until further notice.

As you know, non-monetary gold includes the entire contents of Boxes 101-104 taken from Economic Section cases involving the Hitler regime, including banknotes, bullion, securities, etc. According to your letter of 12-11-45, gold is nothing to speak of and most of it is of little value. It is suggested to provide to Director ONI-6, the term "gold" in column "Jewelry, Bonds, Currency, Securities, Etc."

The remaining of non-monetary gold is described with lesser than the term "gold". If your office will supply me with this information, we shall be directed to supply the meaning of the above powers in the above statement.

Loyd V. Steere
Deputy Director

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE DEPOSITORY
APO 757

SHIPMENT	ITEM	CONTAINER	VALUE
1	Gold rings & Jewelry	✓ 8 bags	\$ 10,000
2	Jewelry & Scrap	✓ 1 box	
3	Silverware	✓ 2 suitcases	148 pieces
5	Gold scrap	✓ 4 packages	227.85 gr
16	Jewelry & Fillings	✓ Buchenwald	
18	Jewelry & Watches	✓ 90 Watches	17 rings & Jewelry
20	Jewelry & Watches	✓ Various items	
23	Jewelry & Gold Dust	✓ Watch cases & Rings	
26	Jewelry & Accessories	✓ Various items	
31	Jewelry & Watches	✓ Various items	
52	Jewelry	✓ Unknown	
59	Glass tube containing gold particules		
64	Jewelry	✓ Unknown	
70	Emma Goering jewels	✓	
76	Eva Braun jewels	✓	

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Reurad WX 99675 dated 16 April 48.

1. Inventory of precious stones and jewelry FED completed.
2. Restitution in 1947 included 23,000 carats diamonds to Netherlands and unidentified jewelry to IRO. *7280.000 French francs*
3. Now awaiting disposition is about ~~150,000~~ dollars unidentified jewelry for turnover to IRO ~~150,000 francs~~; ~~one~~ Goering and Eva Braun collections; one collection of a German national; ~~one~~ jewelry included in assets originating from Czechoslovakia.
4. There will remain 150,000 carats industrial diamonds not yet investigated and ~~one~~ for disposition.

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MEMORANDUM

21 November 1946

SUBJECT: Current Inventory of S.S. Loot.

1. Total valuation to 21 November 1946 of Shipment No. 1 items inventoried about French Francs 70 millions (\$ 580,000.)

2. This valuation includes such items as precious stones, jewelry, tableware, watches - and scrap metals, precious and non-precious in such forms as dental fillings, broken and damaged tableware, watch cases and ornaments.

3. This valuation does not cover inventoried currency, coin (small amounts of securities) of which the only ones of any substantial value are small amounts of British shares. Nor does it include worthless "Ghetto currency" counted by piece only - odd items of travelers checks, lottery tickets etc. Lists of these items are in course of preparation.

4. This valuation also does not include 1000 silver coins and 194 metal coins - both unidentifiable as to country and denomination - and conceivably of numismatic value.

5. All valuations are believed to be conservative and ascribe practically no value except as scrap to damaged items, imitation jewelry etc. Some of these objects might bring considerably more in careful liquidation.

6. Scrap gold in the form of dental fillings - rings, pieces of metal watch cases and damaged watches is valued at about French Francs 20000,000 (\$ 18000) and scrap silver in similar form at about French Francs 1,500,000 (\$ 12800).

7. The most recent item (which has required 3 weeks to complete) is been 2 cardboard cartons and 1 sack containing thousands of imitation stones (about 130 pounds). There were found mixed in with these imitations, diamonds, rose diamonds, rubies, emeralds and sapphires.

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Current Inventory of S.S. Loot

It was necessary to probe through this mixture piece by piece to pick out the precious stones. The result of this search is listed below:

(a)	2798 cut diamonds	weight 286.51 carats	value French Francs	2,257,000
(b)	rose diamonds	weight 1369.55 carats	French Francs	3,000,000
(c)	71 emeralds	weight 12.55 carats	French Francs	59,000
(d)	3 rubies	weight 1.75 carats	French Francs	10,500
(e)	1 sapphire	weight 0.53 carats	French Francs	500,-
(f)	large diamonds in mountings	-	French Francs	35,000
(g)	cameos	-	French Francs	2,500

The total of a to g is French Francs 5,414,000
(X 45677).

b. A list of some of the interesting items of precious stones and jewelry is attached. These items were picked at random and the list does not purport to be complete or fully descriptive.

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List of some interesting items in Shipment No. 1

		Value
1	lot of imperfect pearls, weight 21 1/2 carats	French Francs 215,000
13	necklaces of cultured pearls	75,000
1	lot of platinum gold and silver ornaments decorated with diamonds	25,000
1	lot of silver scrap decorated with rose diamonds	80,000
1	lot of rose diamonds weight 63.15 carats	125,000
2	lots diamonds weight 14.10 carats	62,500
20	diamonds weight 12.15 carats	90,000
1	diamond weight 1.75 carats	45,000
4	platinum and gold rings with diamonds	130,000
72	platinum and gold rings with diamonds	150,000
168	platinum gold and silver articles with rose diamonds	110,000
1	lot of diamonds weight 5.18 carats	75,000
4	lots of gold wedding rings and bracelets	295,000
29	diamonds weight 16.11 carats	238,500
3	diamonds weight 4.53 carats	225,000
1	pair diamond earring and diamond ring weight 7.50 carats	175,000
1	lot scrap silver with diamonds	200,000
1374	gold watches	2,350,000
23	gold bracelets and 7 lot rings	160,000
1	silver necklace covered with diamonds	240,000
1	bracelet, center large diamond surface covered with small diamonds	400,000
1	branch in flower, 5 large parts, 3 smaller ones, center of each part a large diamond surface covered with small diamonds	1,000,000
14	diamond rings	175,000
1	diamond ring	190,000
1	solitaire about 4.25 carats	150,000
1	diamond about 3.25 carats	265,000
10	diamond rings, platinum gold and silver	135,000

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valuation
French Francs

1 lot of wedding rings, medals and chains (gold)		255.000
55 gold bracelets		290.000
1 lot of wedding rings (gold)		600.000
1 lot of rose diamonds	71.25 carats	175.000
1 lot of rose diamonds	295.50 carats	725.000
31 diamonds	17.40 carats	210.000
12 diamonds	31.45 carats	200.000
470 diamonds	16.72 carats	250.000
1 lot small diamonds	22.70 carats	275.000
2 diamonds	9.25 carats	400.000

27 November 1946

TELETYPE MESSAGE

PRIORITY
RESTRICTED

TO : Mr. Jack Bennett, Director, Finance Division, Office
of Military Government for Germany (US), APO 742,
US Army

FROM : Chief, Foreign Exchange Depository, Finance Division,
OMGUS Rear, APO 757, US Army

"1. Following is a proposed reply to AGWAR regarding
WI-85682, turnover of loot to IGCR."

"RESTRICTED

"TO: AGWAR FOR JOS
"FROM: USFET SIGNED MCNARNEY

"1. Reference used WI-85682 dated 16 November 1946.

"2. Detailed inventory of subject property held in
Foreign Exchange Depository, OMGUS (Rear), Frankfurt, now
one-third completed and estimated final completion date
is 31 May 1947.

"3. Foreign Exchange Depository prepared to start
partial and periodic releases to IGCR on 1 February 1947.
Tentative administrative turnover procedures now being
formulated. However desirable that representatives IGCR
arrive for discussion with interested organizations here
before turnover procedures can be firmed.

"4. Request advice as to expected arrival date of
IGCR representatives for preliminary discussions."

"2. While there will be many problems arising in connection
with this turnover, it is believed advisable to dispatch an interim
reply and to resolve questions concerning it upon the development
administrative turnover procedures.

"3. USFET, G-5, desires to concur in this reply and it is
suggested the proposed reply be sent to them for final dispatch to
AGWAR.

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BELGIAN MISSION FOR
RESTITUTION TO BELGIUM

No.: M.95/7500/7629

Inventory - Securities

File Nr. 960.16

Höchst, 8th Feb 1947

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depository section

SUBJECT : Concordia shares.

TO : Col. William G. Bradley,
Actg Chief OMGUS(Rear)
Frankfurt/Main.

1. We forward herewith to your Office the list
of the Concordia Shares taken by the Germans from two
of the most important owners of such shares.

The Nos of the shares are included between
131 and 4 060 000.

2. Our Central Office is listing shares of other
owners who let know themselves since our first steps
about the matter to the Restitution Control Branch.

Ref.: AW/SCH
Frankfurt.14-536

André J.E. SURNY,
Lt Colonel
Chief of Mission.

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From: BUDAPEST

Date: February 5, 1947

No.: Unnumbered

Rec'd: February 7, 12 noon

Action: Mr. Vinson

TO OMGUS FOR RESTITUTION BRANCH, ACTION WDGPT, OMGUS, POLAD, USFA,
FROM ACC HUNGARY.

British mission here advises that U.S. authorities in Frankfurt are holding 137,000 bearer shares of Elso Magyar Gernagyaru and 2,879 bearer shares of Mezroger. Shares owed by British nationals. Further advise that these shares are to be taken over by Hungarian National Bank after signing of peace treaty.

British object to the return of these British owned shares to Hungarian National Bank and request that U.S. authorities return these shares direct to the British owners in Britain. Signed WEMS. Reference No. ZC 673.

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File Nr. 960.16

17 July 1945

Re: Attached bound stock certificate book consisting of 60 bearer certificates of 2000 shares each totaling 120000 shares numbered 202001 to 320000 inc. of the:

Ford Motor Company
(Belgium)
Societe Anonyme

Each certificate bears authentication signature of R. H. Schmidt as "Commissaire nommé par le Commandant Militaire de Belgique" who according to documents found loose in stock certificate book was awarded the Kriegsverdienstkreuz etc., and appointed Wehrwirtschaft-Führer of the Ford-Werke AG Köln-Lühl. on 20th April 1941.

By reason of the fact that the above loose documents (obviously the personal property of R. H. Schmidt) were found inserted in the stock certificate book it was felt that the book itself was retained originally by said R. H. Schmidt in some official capacity.

This conclusion is concurred in by Mr. Albert Thoms, formerly precious metals expert of the Reichsbank, who recalls that R. H. Schmidt together with other prominent officials was held in protective custody in Frankfurt during the summer of 1945, and that these same officials (including Farben representatives) turned over many records and papers to the American authorities.

It would appear that while this stock was authorized it was never actually issued for value, but this fact can best be determined thru direct contact with said R. H. Schmidt who according to the records of the Provost Section of the Decartelization Branch was released in Sept. 1945 and is now probably in Köln (Cologne).

FRANK J. ROBERTS

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19 July 1947

1. FOR. DIR.
Exch. FIN.
Dep. DIV.
OMGUS OMCUS
Rear APO
APO 742
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1. Various estimates have been made from time to time by the F.E.D. with respect to Dollar value of "non-monetary gold" in its custody.

a. An estimate was made about June 1946 of 1,750,000 Dollars. This was based upon a quick visual examination and guess.

b. An estimate of 1,600,000 Dollars was made about December 1946. This was based upon valuations in French Francs made by FED experts on assets inventoried to that date, a projection (by estimate) of assets still to be inventoried and conversion into US Dollars at the official exchange rate of about 120 Francs to the Dollar. The prices taken by the experts to establish their valuations were those existing in Paris in September 1946.

c. An estimate of about 800,000 Dollars is currently made. This is based upon present mutually agreed upon valuations between IGRM experts and FED experts on assets jointly inventoried to date, and a projection (by estimate) based upon these results, on assets remaining to be jointly inventoried.

d. The differences between these valuations may be accounted for as follows:

1. Estimate in Par. 1a was purely a guess.

2. Difference between Par. 1b and c is due to the following:

(1) It is understood that precious stones below the highest grade have dropped 50% in market value since August 1946 and that the majority of precious stones jointly inventoried are not of the highest quality. This would account for a difference of about 200,000 Dollars on items valued at September 1946 prices.

(2) It is claimed by IGRM that French prices to-day are still unduly high as compared to American prices, due to flight of capital from the France, and it was agreed, on the basis of their claim, to take a conversion figure for Francs into Dollars of 180 Francs to the Dollar rather than 120 Francs. On items valued at present French prices, this would account for a difference of another 200,000 Dollars.

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be accounted for by:

(a) understandable desire of IGOR to fix very conservative figures to provide for margin in liquidation,

(b) IGCR considering many such jewelry items as rings, watches, etc. as practically scrap, whereas FED experts inventoried some of these items as saleable jewelry and accordingly fixed a higher value.

(c) withholding for the time of currencies and securities pending clarification War Department directives would account for about 150,000 Dollars.

3. There are further reasons for the differences cited above, for example: originally a somewhat larger group of shipments were classified by the FED as "non-monetary gold". These included Shipments 3, 18A, 18F, 21A, 23B, 26B, 27E, 52E and 64. Shipment 26B subsequently developed restitutable to Czechoslovakia on the basis of later evidence discovered. Shipment 52E from Dachau contains thousands of envelopes with jewelry therein. A full examination of this latter shipment is currently being made and indications are that, at least for the time being, this Shipment cannot be classified as "non-monetary gold". The other shipments mentioned, as further information has become available, do not seem to be susceptible of inclusion in "non-monetary gold". This leaves only Shipment 1, 16 and a small part of Shipment 52C and 53. Shipment 16 which was great in volume proved to contain a large amount of tableware of very little value.

4. It is accordingly believed that FED estimates have at all times been fair, based upon the amount of information available and the progress of the inventory.

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

WGB/D
Tel. Frankfurt 33225

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REF ID:
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File # 960-20

19 August 1945

SUMMARY: Value of Gold and Silver Bullion and Coin Held by Commanding General USMC at the Reichsbank building, Frankfurt.

To: General Douglas D. MACARTHUR
Supreme Military Governor

Information received from the U. S. Treasury Department and the bank of England have just completed the job of weighing and appraising the value of the gold bars, gold coins and silver bars that are being held under the control of the Commanding General USMC. The more significant amounts which you may be interested can be summarized as follows:

The total value of all gold found in Germany at the rate of \$35 per fine ounce is \$262,205,000. Of this \$101,750,000 was in the form of gold bars, and \$160,455,000 was in the form of gold coins. In addition there were 6 bags of rare gold coins which had been held by the Reichsbank, the numismatic value of which has not been as yet determined.

Of the total gold found in Germany \$239,284,000, or 91 percent of the total, was found in the Wartberg mine.

In addition to the gold found in Germany there was found in Austria gold to the value of \$2,135,000, which at the time of its discovery was in the possession of officials of the National Bank of Hungary.

The total amount of silver in our possession at the rate of 45 cents per fine ounce is valued at \$270,469, consisting almost entirely of silver bars. All of this silver was found in Germany, though much of it has uncertain origin.

In addition slightly over 35,000 ounces of platinum and small amounts of other metals in the platinum group (iridium, rhodium and palladium) were inventoried but the value of which has not been determined.

In addition to the foregoing there are certain quantities of silver coins, melt silver, silver scrap and miscellaneous items like wire and plate said to be silver, which were not valued though some of it was weighed.

The foregoing does not include any gold or silver contained in the quantities of loot held at the Reichsbank building in Frankfurt. No attempt was made to value such loot, as well as the considerable quantities of currencies and securities also held in the name of the Commanding General USMC.

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Attached hereto and forwarded is a copy of the technical report submitted to the Service. It contains a detailed statement of the methods employed by those who removed the gold bars from the Berlin Wall. You may be interested to know that all of the gold bars found in the Berlin Wall and several other documents we have been able to reconstruct the exact position in which each bar was originally stored in the Reichstag. Berlin, before it was moved away, and how easy the gold bar manager made it for us to quickly locate and identify the location.

It is recommended that a copy of this report, together with photostatic copies of the rock sheets, be transmitted to Washington.

B. MURVYN
Colonel, USA
Director, Technical Division

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MEMO FOR FILES

File Nr. 760.20

17 October 1946

SUBJECT: Preliminary Estimate of Value Shipment No. 79

1. Examination of items contained in Shipment No. 79 was made on 17 October 1946 by Messrs. De Tonnereault and Habirian, jewelry experts attached to Depository Section.

2. Said examination was made in presence of Messrs. Garell and Keller, and Capt. High.

3. Approximate valuations was made purely on the basis of commercial sale value of the items involved without ascribing any additional value due to cultural or historical significance or because of special previous ownership of the item involved.

4. Certain items were not included in the estimate because of lack of knowledge by the jewel experts of factors determining their value. These are listed below:

1 silver hymnal book - year 1683

1 Holy picture

1 oil lamp

1 picture by Catherine the Great of Russia

1 oil painting

1 colored lithograph

1 Bible

2 photographs of women

5. The estimates were made on the basis of French prices, exclusive of duty and do not reflect higher United States prices, particularly in the case of precious stones, on which there is a 100% U.S. duty.

6. The estimate was divided into two categories, Silver Objects and Tableware and Jewelry. The estimates are as follows:

(a) Silver Objects) \$ 30,000.-

and Tableware) \$ 180,000.-

(b) Jewelry

7. Items of particular interest and their appraisal values are listed below:

1 large plate gilded silver (old English) \$ 1,400.-

1 set of 72 each spoons forks and knives

gold with porcelain handles (deemed

irreplacable) \$ 2,000.-

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Preliminary Estimate of Values Shipment No. 79

1	crown with diamonds	\$	14,000.-
1	crown with diamonds, damaged	\$	15,000.-
1	crown with diamonds, damaged	\$	32,000.-
1	necklace with 38 large diamonds	\$	42,000.-
1	silver necklace with pendant of diamonds and drop emerald	\$	3,300.-

S. It should be noted that this estimate is believed to be conservative and was completed in haste. Much of the silver was said by the experts to be only plated and not solid silver.

EDWIN P. KELLER
Head, Depository Section

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FIRST MILITARY GOVERNMENT BATTALION (SEP)
APO 154
US ARMY

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JAF/jst/as
STUTTGART, GERMANY

12 January 1948

SUBJECT: Transfer of certain valuable personal property to Foreign Exchange Depository Frankfurt

TO : Office of Mil Govt for Germany (US (Rear Echelons))
Finance Division, Foreign Exchange Depository Frankfurt/Main
APO 757, US Army

1. Reference is made to Omgus directives as per attached copies.
2. Research in files at this office disclosed that the following two items, at present under jurisdiction of this office, are subject to the aforementioned Omgus directives:
 - (a) Prop. Ser. No. WG 3041-213
property consisting of jewellery evaluated at RM 524.-
 - (b) Prop. Ser. No. WG 3041-220
property consisting of drawings, evaluated at RM 12.500.-
3. Details of these properties are reflected in attached MG/PG 2 records.
4. Physical shipment of these property pieces to your office will be arranged upon receipt of your consent.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

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ZINN GARRETT
Land Property Control Chief

Enclos.: -6- 4 rel.papers
Tel.: 91055, 225

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FILE NO. 960.30

Records of the Reichssicherheitshauptamt

24 March 1947

1. P.E.D. Director 24 March
 FinDiv Finance 1947
 OMGUS Division
 Rear OMGUS
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1. It is believed that several shipments of assets of unidentified origin received in the Foreign Exchange Depository may consist of Reichssicherheitshauptamt funds, since they were found in the region where Reichssicherheits-hauptamt valuables were hidden.
2. From interrogation of Speer, former Head of Art IV of the Reichssicherheitshauptamt, it is known that many of the assets of the Reichssicherheitshauptamt were removed from Berlin to Bad Sulza in October 1944 and April 1945 and subsequently buried near Zall am See. However, the amounts of currency, gold and securities involved are not known here.
3. Since there is a possibility that the Berlin Documents Center may have some of the financial records of the Reichssicherheitshauptamt it would be appreciated if inquiry could be made and if possible information obtained as to the assets of the Reichssicherheitshauptamt, which were removed from Berlin to southern Germany.

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 WILLIAM G. BREY,
 Colonel, GSC.
 Tel.: PFM 24583 Chief, Foreign Exchange Depository

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17 September 1947

FINAL RECEIPT

Received for storage purposes only on 16 September 1947 from Criminal Investigation Division, Office of the Chief Agent, Headquarters Berlin Command, OMBUS, APO 742 A, US Army, through Agent Gill, Badge No. 1879 two (2) boxes containing the following items:

- 1.) 1 gold brooch adorned with rose diamonds and a cultured pearl.
- 2.) 1 gold and silver brooch adorned with rose diamonds with the initial G H
- 3.) 2 pieces of jewelry adorned with topaz and rose diamonds
- 4.) 1 desk watch (Cartier) mounted on crystal adorned with rose diamonds (held in felted silver)
- 5.) a. 1 imitation pearl necklace, with gold clasp decorated with diamonds and rose diamonds
b. 2 imitation pearl necklaces with gold clasp decorated with diamonds and 2 imitation pearls
c. 1 necklace formed of 3 imitation pearl strands with silver clasp decorated with imitation stones.
d. 1 necklace formed of 2 cultured pearl strands with silver clasp adorned with imitation stones
- 6.) 2 gold inflexible bracelets
- 7.) 1 diamond and 2 brooches in gold decorated with stones of which one piece broken
- 8.) 2 gold men's pocket watch
- 9.) 1 gold woman's wrist watch with gold bracelet
- 10.) 1 bracelet decorated with 3 pieces all in silver
- 11.) 1 gold and silver chain necklace decorated with pearls and a silver pendant decorated with imitation stones
- 12.) 2 silver ear-pendants decorated with imitation stones
- 13.) 1 small brooch in platinum decorated with pearls
- 14.) 1 metal brooch decorated with imitation stones
- 15.) 1 gold brooch forming the name "William"
- 16.) a. 1 gold man's ring decorated with 2 diamonds and an imitation emerald
b. 1 gold ring decorated with diamonds and an emerald mounted in platinum
- 17.) 1 silver ring decorated with imitation stones
- 18.) 1 pair of silver ear-rings decorated with imitation stones
- 19.) 1 diamond in gold and silver decorated with diamonds, emeralds and opals (2 point broken)
- 20.) 2 gold and silver ear-rings decorated with diamonds, emeralds and opals.
- 21.) 3 gold and silver brooches decorated with diamonds, emeralds and opals (on one of the brooches the emerald is detached and wrapped in a paper with 10

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- 22.) 1 platinum chain end adorned with 2 pearls
23.) 1 gold and silver ear-ring with 4 imitation pearls

NOTE - Items Nos. 22 and 23 are not mentioned on the original list sent in by CID.

EDWARD P. KELLEN
Chief, Depository Section

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File Nr. 960-30

11 January 1947

SUBJECT: Valuables at Kronberg Castle

TO : Mr. GATELL Col. DREY

1. Inspection made of valuables which belong in Kronberg Castle and which it has been requested be stored in the F.E.D. on a custodial basis.

2. There are approximately two rooms of silverware, dishes, bric-a-brac, medallions etc., much of which have no intrinsic value but which are family heirlooms. No exact inventory has been made of these and it would take approximately one month to pack and list these items. No less than 150 cases would be required.

3. Lt. Col. Bilbo Mess Officer in charge, realizes the problem and will attempt to get authority to leave the valuables in Kronberg and to seal the rooms which seems to be the most feasible solution in view of the difficulties involved. It is the opinion of the undersigned that we have neither the space or the facilities to adequately take care of the articles and it is felt that the authorities concerned will view the matter in the light and will allow the articles to remain in Kronberg.

Murphy
Captain DUNNING

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BILBO IS TO SEND US A WRITTEN REQUEST.
WE ARE TO REPLY.

HE WILL THEN TRY TO ACCOMPLISH

G - Please re-write this so we can
send it to Mr. Bell

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9 September 1947

SUBJECT: Deposit of Unidentifiable Personal Property

TO : Office of Military Government for Bavaria,
APO 407, U.S. Army
Attn: Mr. J. H. Lennon,
Land Property Control Chief

1. Reference is made to your letter of 4 September 1947 concerning your desire to deposit various unidentifiable pieces of jewelry at present in the custody of Bankhaus Seiler & Co. in Munich and under control of the Bayerische Landesamt fuer Vermoegensverwaltung und Wiedergutmachung.

2. Since you state that the custodian is the Bankhaus Seiler & Co. our receipt will be made out to that organization with a copy to your office. This custodian may appoint any desired agent (including the Bayerische Landesamt fuer Vermoegensverwaltung und Wiedergutmachung), approved by your office, to effect the transport and delivery. The transport must be accompanied by an armed guard, which may be German police.

3. It is requested that this delivery be made to us on September 22nd between 0900 hours and 1600 hours and that the representative making the delivery carry and present proper authorization.

4. The shipment should be properly packed and sealed in Munich before release by the custodian so that no security threat is involved in handling or in transit. A list of items contained in the shipment and historical data citing where and how acquired and any other available information, should accompany it. A temporary "said to contain" receipt will be given the bearer. A formal Tally In will be substituted after examination and counting.

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5. It is called to your attention that any items accepted by the Foreign Exchange Depository are held subject to the instructions of the Director of the Finance Division, COMGUS, in accordance with existing directives, and without further reference.

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

WGB/D
Tel. Frankfurt 33225

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OFFICE OF MILITARY GOVERNMENT FOR BAVARIA
MUNICH, GERMANY, APO 407, US ARMY

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AG 386 MGBFP

4 September 1947

SUBJECT: Deposit of Unidentifiable Personal Property.

TO : Colonel Wm. G. Brey,
Chief, Foreign Exchange Depository,
APO 757, U.S. Army.

1. In response to a letter of CPCB OMGUS, dated 26 November 1946, copy of which is attached, this office desires to deposit certain unidentifiable personal property which has been taken under control in the Foreign Exchange Depository.

2. The property consisting of various pieces of jewelry is at present in the Bankhaus Seiler & Co., Munich, and is under control of the Bayerische Landesamt für Vermögensverwaltung und Wiedergutmachung (Bavarian Land Office for Administration of Property and Restitution). Inasmuch as the Bayerische Landesamt für Vermögensverwaltung und Wiedergutmachung is responsible for this property, permission is requested for representatives of the Bayerische Landesamt für Vermögensverwaltung und Wiedergutmachung to make this deposit.

3. This jewelry formerly belonged to KZ inmates and was recovered from one of the officials of the concentration camp near Deggendorf.

4. This office is in receipt of a letter from Captain Dunning your Headquarters, dated 12 February 1947, outlining the procedure in making deposits. Since this letter is rather old, this office requests to be informed of current procedure. It is further requested that a date for delivery of the property be set by your office in order to facilitate delivery.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

J. H. Lennon

J. H. LENNON

Land Property Control Chief

Incls.:

- 1 - Cy ltr OMGUS to OMGB,
dtd 26 Nov 46 w/1 incl.
(Cable AGWAR)
- 2 - Cy ltr Capt. Dunning,
dtd 12 Feb 47

Tel.: Munich Military 4-330

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FILE NO. 960.30

TO : AGWAR FOR WDSCAMES
 FROM : OMGUS SIGNED CLAY
 REF NO : CC-8323

Reurad WX-93347. Gold bar received here by officer courier Feb 20. Request complete details concerning acquisition and history this bar.

WX-93347 is AGC IN 51177

ORIGINATOR : FIN
 INFORMATION : O/SS
 POL AFF
 CONT OFF

AUTH: THEODORE H. BALL

*Duplicate
Original OMGUS
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11 March 47

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2 October 1946

R E C E I P T

File No. 460-30

1. Received one wooden box from Helmut Klestadt, U.S. Civ., in behalf of AG of G-2, HQ, USFET, said to contain:

(a)	Box 1	43 1/2 grams	Scrap gold plate
	Box 2	920 "	18 k gold squares
	Box 3	518 "	gold bars (flat)
	Box 4	697 "	cast gold nuggets
	Box 5	175 "	small gold rods
	Box 6	166 "	18 k small gold plate
	Box 7	267 "	plate gold
	Box 8	87 "	scrap gold plate
	Box 9	98 "	dental crowns
	Box 10	262 "	silver plate
	Box 11	18 "	20 karat gold plate

(b) In addition to the above one (1) bar marked 10.75 g supposedly mixed gold and silver.

2. To be returned to Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, HQ, USFET, APO 757, U.S. Army if the Foreign Exchange Depository does not have authority to retain custody.

For Section Head:

JOHN W. BOWLER
1st Lt CMC
O-55 2471

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SEARCHED INDEXED SERIALIZED FILED
CIVILIAN INTELLIGENCE
EXPOSURE NO. 22
REGENSBURG GERMANY

BY 1st Lt. US INF. APC 1, US ARMY, X 27 August 1946.

TO: COMMUNICABLES CHIEF, 1st Lt. US INF. ENGINEER THEATER, AND 751.

1. Contents of cash-box recovered on 23 August 1946
of BURG KERCHEN, Germany:

Box 1	43 1/2	grams	Scrap gold plate	etc
Box 2	920	"	18 k gold squares	"
Box 3	518	"	gold bars (flat)	"
Box 4	697	"	cast gold nuggets	"
Box 5	179	"	small gold rods	"
Box 6	166	"	18 k small gold plates	"
Box 7	267	"	plate gold	"
Box 8	87	"	scrap gold plate	"
Box 9	98	"	dental crowns	"
Box 10	262	"	silver plate	"
Box 11	18	"	20 karat gold plate	"

2. In addition to the above one (1) bar marked 10.75 kg
supposedly mixed gold and silver.

2 Incld.
Incld 1 - 1st Lt. Causgrove
Incld 2 - INVENTORY OF WEAPONS
Telephone No. REGENSBURG 2002-3172

s/ B. T. Causgrove
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1st Lt FA
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TO:

Messrs. Ball
Dirks
Freeman
Col. Brey ✓From Switzerland
to HS - via
France

1. The Stars and Stripes recently carried an account of the arrest of a person attempting to smuggle bullion gold from Germany into Switzerland. My recollection is that the amount involved was rather large. I believe that it behoves us to make inquiry concerning the source of the gold. If the gold had not been deposited with the Reichsbank under Law 53, we should look into the method employed in this evasion of the Law with the idea of taking remedial measures. If the gold was taken after it had, in fact, been deposited with the Reichsbank under Law 53, an even more serious question arises concerning a possible laxity on our part in not having already centered these deposits in the Foreign Exchange Depository in Frankfurt.

2. It would be appropriate also that we examine again the whole question of the desirability of bringing in various categories of deposited items along with the MOAX forms to the Foreign Exchange Depository. Since I believe that External Assets has the major interest, I am asking Mr. Ball to assume the responsibility of discussing the subject with the other interested branches. It would be helpful if some brief preliminary discussion could be had at an early Saturday morning staff meeting. I believe that the files of the Foreign Exchange Depository will disclose some considerably earlier memoranda directly in point.

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FILE NO.

SUBJECT

Numismatic Coins FROM REICHSBANK MONEY

MONEY.

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- 1 FED FD 7 1. Since investigations indicated that the coins contained in certain 29 bags now held at the FED originated from the Reichsbank Money Museum, they are numismatic coins and as such should be turned over to the Monuments, Fine Arts and Archives Section of the Restitution Branch, Economics Division.
- FD ONGUS Jan 2. Mr. Howard of that Section was informed today that subject coins were being held at the FED and agreed to accept responsibility for them in the future.
- ONGUS APO 1948 (Rear) 742 3. In your reply of 26 November 1947 to our carrier sheet, subject: Numismatic Gold Coins Held at the FED, dated 5 November 1947, you informed us that about half of the coins from the Reichsbank Money Museum have been examined, classified and appraised by an expert. Since this Division is transferring the responsibility for these coins to the Economics Division, we believe that the completion of this examination can be dispensed with.
- APO 757 4. However, we would like you to prepare a detailed schedule of the coins examined so far and a schedule showing the weight of bags not yet examined so that an authority for the release of subject coins from the FED can be prepared. Mr. Howard promised to have one of his representatives contact you directly.

Mrs. E. J. Kagan
Tel.: BERLIN 42485E. J. Kagan
for THEODORE H. BALL
Director

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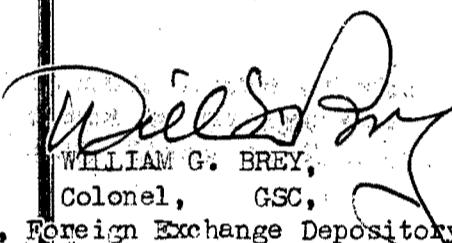
FORCES, EUROPEAN THEATER

E NO:

SUBJECT: Jewish Religious Objects

DATE 31 March 1948

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draw a line across the sheet. Use entire width of sheet for long memoranda.)

No.	From	To	Date	Has This Paper Been Coordinated With All Concerned?
1.	F.E.D. APO 757 U.S. Army	Property Division OMGUS Berlin MFA&A Section APO 742 US Army	31 March 1948	<p>1. Foreign Exchange Depository is custodian of approximately 80 kilograms of diverse objects of Jewish worship.</p> <p>2. These objects are unidentifiable as to ownership. It was impracticable to prepare a detailed inventory by item and description. These items were found among the boxes of concentration camp loot recently turned over to PCIRO; these religious pieces were withheld from delivery to PCIRO as directed by cable WK-85682.</p> <p>3. The Foreign Exchange Depository would like to turn these religious objects over to MFA&A for disposition and if such a plan meets with your approval would you please call this office to arrange for this turnover.</p>
			Tel.: Frankfurt 21191	 WILLIAM G. BREY, Colonel, GSC, Chief, Foreign Exchange Depository
2	Prop F.E.D. Div APO 757	8 Apr 48		<p>It is believed that the subject Jewish material should be transferred to the Offenbach Archival Depot where all Jewish Religious Objects in the custody of MFA&A are concentrated. The Offenbach Archival Depot is hereby authorized to receive the objects mentioned in item 1.</p> <p><i>J. R. Hause for</i> PHILLIPS HAWKINS Director</p> <p>Telephone 43255, Berlin Rm 1108 Econ Bldg</p>

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CONFIDENTIAL Report of Missing Men in THE CHINESE

TO : International Refugee Organization

1. In 1946, 1947 and 1948, the Chinese Government has been unable to account for the whereabouts of about one of the 100,000 Chinese citizens who were repatriated from the United States to New York City after World War II. The Chinese Government has requested assistance by IRO and International Red Cross in search for the missing men. The results of the search are as follows:

a. The International Refugee Organization has received information from the Chinese Government that approximately 100,000 Chinese citizens were repatriated from the United States to New York City after World War II. The Chinese Government has requested assistance by IRO and International Red Cross in search for the missing men. The results of the search are as follows:

b. The Chinese Government has informed IRO that the Chinese Government has been unable to account for the whereabouts of about one of the 100,000 Chinese citizens who were repatriated from the United States to New York City after World War II. The Chinese Government has requested assistance by IRO and International Red Cross in search for the missing men. The results of the search are as follows:

c. The Chinese Government has informed IRO that the Chinese Government has been unable to account for the whereabouts of about one of the 100,000 Chinese citizens who were repatriated from the United States to New York City after World War II. The Chinese Government has requested assistance by IRO and International Red Cross in search for the missing men. The results of the search are as follows:

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, George Wenzel, Representative of the Reparation Division, International Refugee Organization, have called on the Foreign Exchange Depository, Frankfurt, Germany, and have stated verbally to Mr. Keller, Chief of the FED, that I was informed by Mr. David L. Rolbein, Reparation Representative, IRO, New York, N.Y. that upon unpacking of four crates of Nongold shipped from the FED one lot (No. 6162) was missing.

Mr. Keller at once arranged a jointly executed search and examination of all materials rejected by me at the time of transfer to ascertain whether lot No. 6162 was mistakenly left among the rejected items. The careful check was negative.

I, then requested that Mr. Keller put in writing the measures of security established for operations in the FED, and to state at the same time the extent of security precautions applied in this particular transfer of Nongold to IRO.

George Wenzel
George Wenzel
Reparation Representative
IRO

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FILE NO:

Disposition of Assets

DATE 8 August 1947

SUBJECT:

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1.	Chief F.B.I. OMGUS Rear APO 757	Dir. Fin. Div. OMGUS APO 742	8 Aug 1947	<p>1. Recently a trip was made by representatives of the Foreign Exchange Depository to Munich to inspect various assets held in German banks for account of Military Government, for the purpose of determining whether any of these assets might fall under the categories of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. property subject to release to the PCIRC, b. foreign currencies subject to restitution under the provisions of AGWAR case W-80078, c. subject to release to the Tripartite Gold Commission as monetary gold, d. other property subject to restitution to foreign governments, e. sub-accountants funds deposited in German Banks. <p>2. Some assets apparently of the above nature were located. However, German banks holding these assets had practically no information concerning the source and history of these items and it was therefore impossible to determine the proper category.</p> <p>3. Discussions were held with Col. R. R. Lord, Chief of Finance Division of OMGUS. Col. Lord expressed his desire to have the source and history of the various items thoroughly investigated by his organization. He requested, however, that a letter be addressed to OMGUS stating the reasons why such information was desired and what was proposed to be done.</p>
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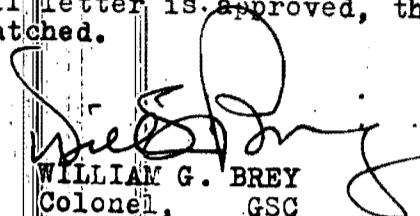
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4. Accordingly a suggested letter from the Director, Finance Division, to the Director, Office of Military Government for Bavaria, is attached.

5. Request, if letter is approved, that it be signed and dispatched.



WILLIAM G. BREY
Colonel, GSC

Chief, Foreign Exchange Depository

WGB/D
Tel. Frankfurt 33225

Incl.

Letter to Director OMGB

2 Dir., Chief, 18 Your letter to the Director, Office of Military
 Fin. FED, Sept Government for Bavaria, was signed and dispatched
 Div., OMGUS 1947 according to above request.
 OMGUS, Rear,
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Mrs. E.J. Kegan
Telephone BERLIN 42485
Rm 220, FD Bldg

for
JO FISHER FREELAN
Acting Director

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14 Sept.
8 August 1947

SUBJECT: Disposition of Assets

TO : Director, Office of Military Government for Bavaria,
APO 407, US Army
Attn: Col. R. R. Lord

1. Under current directives OMBUS (Finance Division through the Foreign Exchange Depository) will:

a. Marshal, inventory and release to the PCIRO, unidentifiable valuable personal property of all kinds, seized by the Nazis from racial, religious or political victims and uncovered in Germany by U.S. armed forces, in accordance with the provisions of AGWAR cable VI-66682.

b. Marshal, inventory and restitute to various governments all foreign currencies found in Germany, in accordance with the provisions of AGWAR cable W-90078.

c. Marshal, inventory and eventually release to the Tri-partite Gold Commission in Brussels, all monetary gold bullion and gold coin found in Germany, in accordance with the Paris Conference on Reparations.

d. Assist in the restitution to various governments of any other valuable assets found in Germany, and looted by the Nazis from those countries, subject to proper identification of such property.

e. Make final settlement and disposition of Mil. Govt. sub-accountants funds deposited in German banks.

2. A copy of a Consolidation of Reports received by OMB from German banks in Bavaria, is enclosed. This consolidation shows certain assets which may conceivably be of the nature described in Para 1. It is requested that you investigate the source and history of such assets and inform the Chief, Foreign Exchange Depository, OMBUS (Rear), APO 757, of the results of your investigation.

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3. In the event that any of these items should fall in the categories enumerated in Para 1, particularly Para 1 a, it will be requested that you arrange for their prompt delivery to the Chief, Foreign Exchange Depository, OMSUS (Rear), APO 957, Reichsbank Building, 4 Pariser Anlage, Frankfurt/R, or his representative, against receipt.

THEODORE H. BALL
Director

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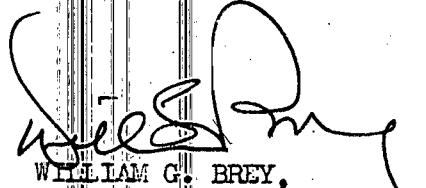
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Change Depository
APO 757

17 February 1947

SUBJECT: Marshalling of Assets

TO : Director, Finance Division, Office of Military Government for Germany (U.S.)
APO 742, U.S. Army

1. The attached proposed Staff Study recommends the marshalling of financial assets and valuables for which the Finance Division has responsibility. It is believed that the concentration of assets with recognized official depositories having organizations already set up for inventory purposes would materially enhance the informative value of inventories submitted and facilitate eventual disposal. It is possible that there are assets scattered throughout the U.S. Zone in Germany in unknown quantities and perhaps under inadequate control. The implementation of the recommended plan should result in all assets being either in the Foreign Exchange Depository or in the German Land Central Banks. The preliminary comments of the Property Control, External Assets, Financial Institutions, and Foreign Exchange and Blocking Control Branches would be helpful.
2. The attached Staff Study is a preliminary proposal which, before final preparation, would be based on discussions with other interested Branches and Divisions.
3. After consideration of the proposal, request an indication of the action desired.



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

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SUBJECT: Marshalling of Assets

TO : The Chief of Staff

I. DISCUSSION

1. The Office of Military Government for Germany (U.S.) is responsible for the custody and disposal of millions of dollars worth of valuables and foreign exchange assets, consisting of large quantities of securities, paper currencies, coins, gold, silver and platinum in various forms, jewelry, precious stones and other valuable items.
2. The major quantities of these assets are now in the custody of the Foreign Exchange Depository, Frankfurt, and the German Land Central Banks throughout the U.S. Zone of Germany. There are additional undetermined amounts of such assets in the custody of Land Military Government agencies.
3. Directives have been received covering the disposition of non-monetary gold and proposals have been received covering the disposition of looted securities and currencies. Further disposal directives covering other categories of assets are expected. Prior to application of disposal directives it is necessary that these assets be concentrated in official depositories.
4. The issuance of the directive at Tab A will result in the concentration of assets in official depositories and will thereby simplify the task of inventory and disposal.

II. Recommend that the letter at Tab A be signed

III. Concurrences.

Economics Division (Restitution Branch)

JACK BENNETT
DIRECTOR

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SUBJECT: Marshalling of Assets

TO : Director, Office of Military Government for Bremen
Director, Office of Military Government for Bavaria
Director, Office of Military Government for Greater Hesse
Director, Office of Military Government for Wuerttemberg/Baden

1. The Foreign Exchange Depository, Frankfurt, and the German Land Central Banks are official depositories for the custody of certain financial assets and valuables. These assets are to be concentrated in these depositories for the purpose of inventory, accounting, and eventual disposal.

2. The terms financial assets and valuables as referred to herein include currencies, coins, securities, drafts, checks, precious metals in various forms, precious and non-precious stones, jewelry, precious and non-precious metal ware. These terms exclude works of art, books, and objects of cultural, historic or religious value for which separate depositories exist, and also exclude articles of insignificant value. Assets under administration by Property Control are also excluded.

3. All custodians located in the U.S. Zone of Germany are authorized and instructed to deliver such assets subject to the following procedure:

- (a) A representative of the Foreign Exchange Depository, will present a letter, signed by the Chief of that Branch, authorizing him to accept delivery of assets in the possession of the custodian and to sign a temporary receipt therefor. After identification, the custodian will further telephone the Foreign Exchange Depository (Frankfurt 24583) and receive verbal confirmation of the authority and presence of said representative, before making the delivery.
- (b) Assets will be packed and an inventory list prepared in triplicate. The custodian will retain one signed copy as a temporary receipt. Upon examination of these assets at the Foreign Exchange Depository a formal Tally In will be prepared and substituted for the temporary receipt.
- (c) A statement of the time and manner in which the assets were acquired by the custodian, any historical data, and information regarding their ownership will be attached to the inventory lists.
- (d) In the event that no assets of this nature are held by the custodian a written statement to that effect will be made.

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- NO. TO FROM DATE (Has this been coordinated with all concerned?)
- 1 Mr. T. H. FE&BC 6
BALL, Branch March 1. This branch does not concur with the
Deputy, 1947 attached staff study.
2. It is the opinion of this branch that
the proposed instruction to the Offices
of Military Government should indicate specifically the nature
and type of assets to be marshalled.
3. In the event that it is proposed to
concentrate with the Foreign Exchange Depository all foreign
exchange assets deposited under Military Government Law No. 53
and now held by the Land Central Banks this branch cannot agree
with such a proposal. We are now in the process of tabulating
these assets and a change of the location thereof at this time
is not considered advisable. Moreover, the control which we
now exercise over these assets is effective and serves our
purposes satisfactorily.
4. As to assets delivered to financial
institutions by US Army or Military Government Officers, we have
just completed a survey of the three Laender and reports indicate
that no such assets are held in the Zone.
5. Aside from the foregoing types of
assets, we do not understand that there exist assets which
should be concentrated. For this reason it would appear that
the proposed staff study and instructions are unnecessary.

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JO FISHER FREEMAN
Branch Chief

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