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RESTITUTION OF ITALIAN PROPERTY IN U.S. ZONES OF OCCUPIED
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THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

American Embassy
Rome, Italy.

March 20, 1946.

My dear Admiral Stone:

For your information, I take pleasure in enclosing herewith a copy of a Note Verbale, which, under instructions from the State Department, the Embassy is submitting to the Italian Foreign Office.

Very truly yours,

David McK. Key

Charge d'Affaires a.i.

Enclosure:
As stated.

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone,
Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
Rome.

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NOTE VERBALE

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs and under instructions from its Government, has the honor to submit the following information with respect to the restitution of Italian property located in the United States zones of occupation in Germany and Austria:

The United States Government, pending agreement among the occupying Powers of Germany and Austria with regard to the scope of restitution, has given instructions to the Commanders in Chief of the United States zones of occupation in the above-named countries to institute an interim program of restitution to the Italian Government of property which is capable of being identified, except gold securities and currencies removed from Italy between September 3, 1943, and May 15, 1945.

The United States Government accordingly invites the Government of Italy to submit to the Government of the United States one or more lists setting forth such property which the Government of Italy has cause to understand may

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To the
Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Rome

be situated in the United States occupation zones in Austria or Germany. So far as possible these lists should make reference separately to such property understood to be in Austria and Germany, and should include as much description of the property involved as can be given and as may be necessary to make possible the identification of the property by the occupying authorities. All available information with regard to the location of the property should be included.

After the lists in question -- which may be presented serially and may indicate the properties in the urgency of return -- are received, it is intended to invite the Italian Government, where necessary, to send to the United States zones of occupation in Germany and Austria a small mission for identifying such of the property listed as it may have been possible for each of the occupying authorities to find in his zones.

R o m e, March 20, 1946

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