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Subcommission for Monuments Fine Arts and Archives
(Tel. 489081, ext 442 & 254; 478480)

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4 Dec 49

SUBJECT: Missing Painting from PESCOOSTANZO.

TO : ALLIED COMMISSION FOR AUSTRIA (BRITISH ELEMENT)
MPAA Branch, VIENNA.

1. In December 1943 there was removed from the church (S. Francesco) of the Convento di Gesù e Maria, at PESCOOSTANZO (Aquila Province), a highly prized painting on wood of the Madonna and Child between two saints, size 1.07 x 0.62 meters.

2. Local testimony is that the painting was taken by German troops by order of General Heydrich of the Parachute Division and removed first to the General's quarters at INTROBACQUA (Aquila Province). The local assumption is that the painting "was transported from there to Berlin". Its present whereabouts is in fact unknown.

3. The loss has been known for some time and has been reported. A photographic reproduction has now been discovered and is attached hereto with a copy of the statement of the Superior of the Convent.

4. All concerned are requested to be on the watch for the painting and to send to this office any news of its discovery.

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27 Nov 45

SUBJECT: Manuscript at TRIESTE.

TO : HQ, Military Govt Kärnten,
KLAGENFURT, Austria.

1. Ref your MSG/MF/10 of 5 Sept 45, transmitting request of Dr Josef Turk from Liens.
2. Careful research at Trieste by AMG has produced completely negative results.

hda
NORMAN T. HUSTON
Major, Air Corps
Director.

Copy to:

Allied Commission for Austria
(British Element), VIENNA
SCAO AMG 13 Corps, Venezia Giulia
(ref 13C/AMG/ED/1.10, 9 Nov 45)
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