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To
Office of the
Chief Military Government Officer,
26th Command, Austria,
APO 541 - US Army,
Attention: Colonel H y d e.

1. There is at present no furniture in the Property Control Warehouse.
2. In the Property Control Warehouse are at present 5,225 rugs, ranging in sizes from small scattered rugs to large rugs suitable for reception rooms and large halls, and ranging as widely in value.
3. There are approximately a hundred unopened boxes and other containers of china-ware ranging in value and description from cheap tea sets to expensive dinner sets, some possibly complete, some obviously uncomplete. Some containers apparently contain miscellaneous vases and other art objects. Most of this material was taken from the Waffen Train and it apparently belongs to private owners in Budapest. If the owners are offered for more exact inventory it is probable that the china cannot be re-packed in the same containers and one means of identification of ownership will be lost. Such an inventory would require from 2 to 4 weeks as soon as skilled handlers can be secured.
4. There are no kitchen utensils in the warehouse.
5. There are several 100 miscellaneous containers of silverware ranging from complete and incomplete, plated and Sterling table sets to large crates of flatware

art objects, church paraphenalia and so forth. This also
come from the Warren Train and if some of the containers
would be opened means of identification of ownership
will be lost. It is estimated that a more exact inventory
and valuation would take about 3 months.

6. There are at the present time 9 vacant pro-
perties under the control of this office. These proper-
ties are at scattered points in Lena Salburg and some of th
them are practically inaccessible in this time of the year.
It is estimated that these properties contain sufficient
household furniture, furnishings, chinaware, kitchen uten-
sils and so forth, to furnish more than 9 small establish-
ments. More exact inventory will be completed within a
week.

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