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August 28, 1946 Draft Memo from General Clark. General Clark states:

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This document is an example of how even Generals knew that the U.S. decision to release the stolen Jewish property from Hungary to the IGCR was not in accordance with the Paris Agreement.

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No objection method of procedure outlined reference cable except non-monetary gold now in Austria was not repeat not uncovered in Germany but was discovered in Austria. Does Article 8 Final Act Paris Conference on Reparations apply in this case? Material possibly applicable in this case is Kurt Becher collection and Hungarian train which included approximately 15,000 grams gold bullion and 100 small cases jewelry and watches, but was uncovered in Austria and had never repeat never been in Germany. Hungarian position in this matter according to Nyardi, Under Secretary Finance and in charge restitution for Hungarian Government, is that at least train property should be returned to Hungary for benefit Hungarian Jews for following reasons: (1) this property was looted by Nazis from Hungarian Jews of whom some 100,000 still remain, and, (2) terms of Article 8 exclude Jews in Hungary from benefit of this train which was looted from Jews there. He feels Hungarian Jews should not be made to contribute the property of individuals of their community for benefit of people described in Article 8 D Final Act Paris, which does not include these people. In view of possible exclusion of Hungarian Jews from benefits of their property and political situation, feel that operation of reference cable be suspended in Austria except for Kurt Becher property.

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