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June 19, 1945 Document. This is a U.S. transmission of one of Hungary's first cables reminding the U.S. to protect the property and requesting its return.

News agencies have reported about "valuables, artistic works and historic relics which were robbed and taken by Szalasy regime from Hungary to Austria" and "that custody [over] such valuables was taken by United States troops near Salzburg. Hungarian government does not doubt that United States Army is properly safeguarding above mentioned valuables which represent Hungarian property and that in its generosity to Democratic Hungary the United States government will return them to the Hungarian State."

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TO : SHAEP MAIN TO COMCENTO, AFHQ TO COMCENTO
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BOOK MESSAGE

Initial State representative of Allied Control Commission HUNGARY cable through AFHQ regarding gold and other valuables claimed by National Provisional Govt of HUNGARY has been read by Com-NAV of United States Mission HUNGARY now in WASHINGTON, as follows, substantially reading: xxx

Hungarian Prime Minister BUDAPEST sent following note read 8 June

Note from reliable sources has been read by National Provisional Govt of HUNGARY that about 25,000 kilograms Hungarian gold reserves and other valuables are stored in similar church at GEFERAL A. M. BYRN AUSTRIA. Also that two stacks of gasoline and other war material stored by policeman SZABOSY Regime, likewise part of SAZSCHEN near BRITAN. A. M. BYRN about 100 automobiles are stored by Hungarian officials. United States Mission is asked to take up above matter at United States Army HQ so that Hungarian Govt can receive delivery and take control and gold, valuables, automobiles. Hungarian Govt anxious to obtain possession these valuables because of urgent need gold reserves which have disappeared from SZABOSY Regime. Cars needed at once in view of lack of Hungarian transportation.

Only part of HUNGARY gold reserve (above). Reuter News Agency and New York Times have reported reference to gold reserve. Information also works and historic records which were seized and taken by SZABOSY Regime from HUNGARY to AUSTRIA that currency and valuables was taken by United States troops near SAZSCHEN. Hungarian Govt does not feel that United States Army is properly handling above mentioned valuables which constitute Hungarian property and that in its generosity to Democratic HUNGARY the United States Govt will return them to Hungarian Govt.

Other property, relative to returning HUNGARY, which German and Russian forces may have seized on Hungary territory, the attitude of other ALLIED nations is subject to discussion with a view to United States Govt.

No action on the foregoing cable has been taken by the War Dept and your views are requested.

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